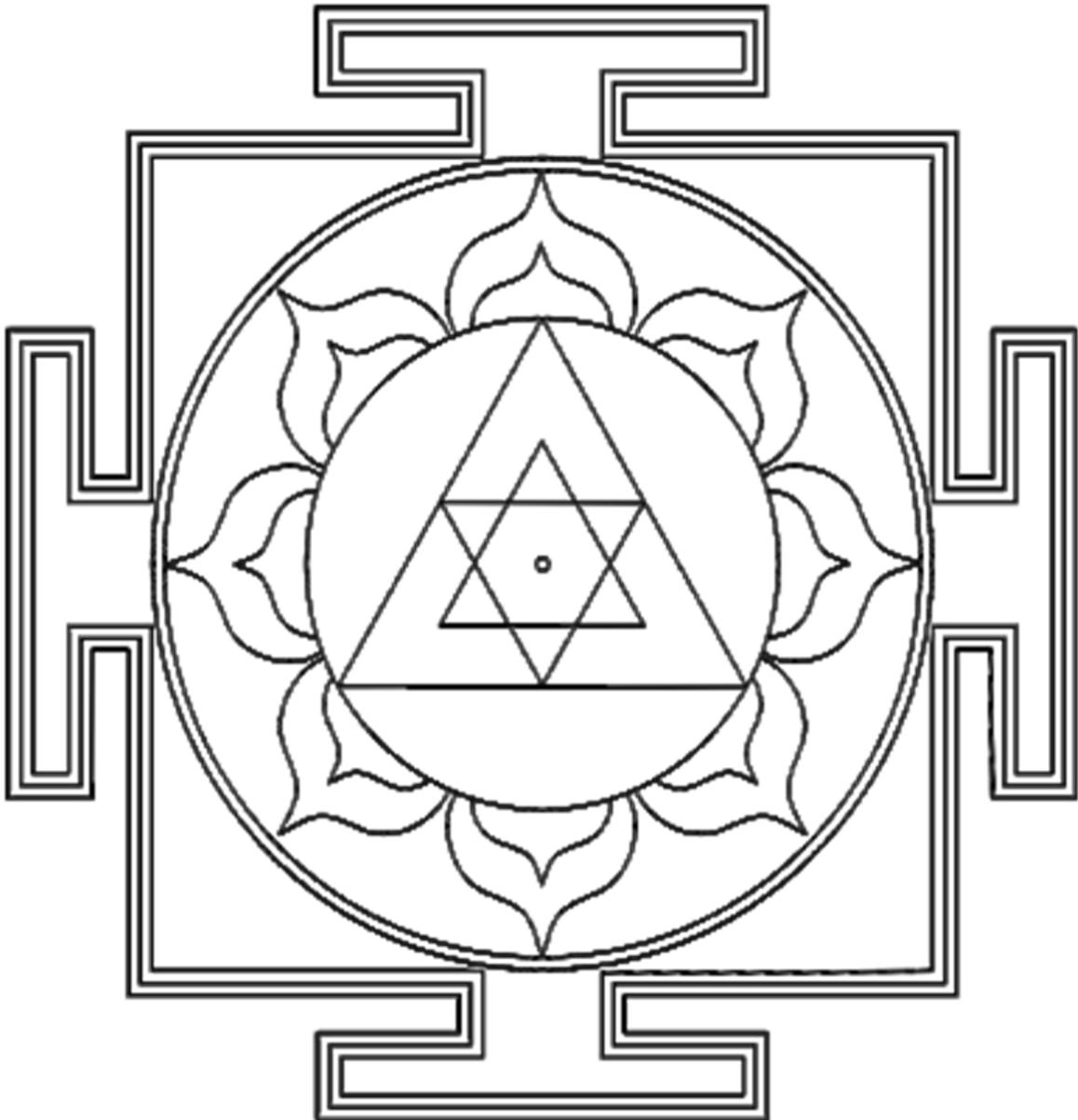


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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(continued)

One could justifiably add a question: You tell us "Be calm", but what should we do to be calm?...The answer is always more or less the same: you must first of all feel the need for it and want it, and then aspire, and then try! For trying, there are innumerable methods which have been prescribed and attempted by many. These methods are generally long, arduous, difficult; and many people get discouraged before reaching the goal, for, the more they try, the more do their thoughts start whirling around and being restless in their heads.

For each one the method is different, but first one must feel the need, for whatever reason it may be – whether because one is tired or because one is overstrained or because one truly wants to rise beyond the state one lives in – one must first understand, feel the need of this quietude, this peace in the mind. And then, afterwards, one may try out successively all the methods, known ones and new, to attain the result.

Now, one quickly realises that there is another quietude which is necessary, and even very urgently needed – this is vital quietude, that is to say, the absence of desire. Only, the vital when not sufficiently developed, as soon as it is told to keep quiet, either goes to sleep or goes on strike; it says, "Ah! no. Nothing doing! I won't go any farther. If you don't give me the sustenance I need, excitement, enthusiasm, desire, even passion, I prefer not to move and I won't do anything any longer." So there the problem becomes a little more delicate and perhaps even more difficult still; for surely, to fall from excitement into inertia is very far from being a progress! One must never mistake inertia or a somnolent passivity for calm.

Quietude is a very positive state; there is a positive peace which is not the opposite of conflict – an active peace, contagious, powerful, which controls and calms, which puts everything in order, organises. It is of this I am speaking; when I tell someone, "Be calm", I don't mean to say "Go and sleep, be inert and passive, and don't do anything", far from it!...True quietude is a very great force, a very great strength. In fact one can say, looking at the problem from the other side, that all those who are really strong, powerful, are always very calm. It is only the weak who are agitated; as soon as one becomes truly strong, one is peaceful, calm, quiet, and one has the power of endurance to face the adverse waves which come rushing from outside in the hope of disturbing one. This true quietude is always a sign of force. Calmness belongs to the strong. And this is true even in the physical field. I don't know if you have observed animals like lions, tigers, elephants, but it is a fact that when they are not in action, they are always so perfectly still. A lion sitting and looking at you always seems to be telling you, "Oh, how fidgety you are!" It looks at you with such a peaceful air of wisdom! And all its power, energy, physical strength are there, gathered, collected, concentrated and – without a shadow of agitation – ready for action when the order is given.

I have seen people, many people, who could not sit still for half an hour without fidgeting. They had to move a foot or a leg, or an arm or their head; they had to stir restlessly all the time, for they did not have the power or the strength to remain quiet.

This capacity to remain still when one wants to, to gather all one's energies and spend them as one wishes, completely if one wants, or to apportion them as one wants in action, with a perfect calm even in action – that is always the sign of strength. It may be physical strength or vital strength or mental strength. But if you are in the least agitated, you may be sure there is a weakness somewhere; and if your restlessness is integral, it is an integral weakness. So, if I tell someone "Be calm", I may be telling him all kinds of things, it depends upon each person. But obviously, most often it is, "Make your mind quiet, don't be restless all the time in your head, don't stir up lots of ideas, calm yourself."

For most people an experience exists only when they can explain it to themselves. The experience in itself – contact with a certain force, a widening of consciousness, communion with an aspect of the Divine, no matter what experience, an opening of the being, the breaking down of an obstacle, crossing over a stage, opening new doors – all these experiences, if people cannot explain them to themselves in so many words and materialise them in precise thoughts, it is as though these did not exist! And it is just this need for expression, this need for translation, which causes the greater part of the experience to lose its power of action on the individual consciousness. How is it that you have a decisive, definitive experience, that, for instance, you have opened the door of your psychic being, you have been in communion with it, you know what this means, and then – it does not stay? It is because it does not have a sufficiently tangible power unless you can express it to yourself. The experience begins for you only when you are able to describe it. Well, when you are able to describe it, the greater part of its intensity and its capacity of action for the inner and outer transformation has already evaporated. There it may be said that expression, explanation is always a coming down. The experience itself is on a much higher plane.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 17 October 1956

MOTHER

The
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When we are consciously the soul and when mind, life and body take their true place as its instruments, we are aware of a guide within that knows the truth, the good, the true delight and beauty of existence, controls heart and intellect by its luminous law and leads our life and being...

Sri Aurobindo
ref. *The Life Divine*, p.653

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

Annual Work Plan - Updated June 2017

In the 8 April 2017 edition of the News and Notes we published our annual work plan. For six weeks at the end of May and through June we reviewed, among other aspects of our experience and responsibilities, the work plan. During this time of deeper reflection we gained more clarity on it. The outcome of our deliberations is presented to you here. Changes are denoted by underline: ie objective wording clarifications/added activities. The previously noted objective concerning restructuring of HRT will not be pursued during this plan period.

Objective: Increase financial transparency and accountability by simplifying and strengthening basic regulations and policies. Activities include: accounting manual; unified chart of accounts; publish current contribution guidelines and develop tools to monitor contributions [BCC as resource]; policy on qualified business expenses; document processes that have already been implemented when dealing with mismanagement/ embezzlement - consider systemic weaknesses and possible 'early warning indicators' [MT/SB as resource]; ask RAS to survey the community about needed training, workshops for project management including budgeting, etc. [IEL as resource]; review Budget Coordination Committee mandate, membership, functioning in collaboration with the Auroville Council.

Objective: Increase the accessibility of data related to assets and finances to ensure accurate documentation (as reference point) and more efficient use of Auroville's collective wealth. Activities include: assets application, utilization (tracking & monitoring); create databases for assets and financial information, import existing data and analyzing missing data and fill the gaps; database of Trusts and units; training related to using the database and activities.

Objective: Grow Auroville's income-generating activities to increase work opportunities for Aurovillians to provide more community wealth. Activities include: create "How to" manual for people to start a unit, etc. (in cooperation with IEL); facilitate a workshop session with key stakeholders to explore actual income-generating ideas; identify internal and external financing that is currently available to grow the income-generating activities.

Objective: Restructure the Government of India (GOI) grant allocation and monitoring process to ensure fairness, transparency and efficient use of GOI grant monies as well as to ensure proper monitoring and accounting of received funds. Activities include: finalize FAMC proposal with Gol subgroup (in progress); review existing manual and regulations [reference SAIER documentation]; review grant application and approval procedures; set up central Gol grant accounting office.

Objective: Explore the restructuring of the maintenance system to ensure that it provides sufficiently for all in need (e.g. food, child maintenance, 'life-long maintenance', etc.). Activities include: get a clear picture of the current situation (in collaboration with the BCC); after problems are identified, collaborate with maintenance subgroup (ref former FAMC) to explore priorities and ways to address the problems [alternative systems and additional means of support]; explore alternatives of individual Aurovilian contributions; distribute a questionnaire about what people feel are basic needs (recurring and one time); use the responses to create a baseline (average cost of living); data analysis (anonymous) of personal FS expenditures; facilitated workshop with community after information gathering (ie questionnaire) is complete.

Objective: Redefine the structure of all income - generating activities (units, services, activities) in order to create consistent guidelines. Activities include: if Code of Conduct is implemented, review current structure / organization for

income generating activities; raise awareness of role and responsibility (legal) of trustees, and support accountability; succession plan.

Objective: Increase the amount of unspecified income to City Services (CS). Activities include: review contribution guidelines; contribution - monitoring; improve awareness, communications, and training concerning contribution to CS [BCC as resource]; conduct a brainstorming session with ABC and BCC representatives; improve CS efficiency.

Objective: Explore innovative solutions to provide affordable housing opportunities for Newcomers and Aurovillians (e.g. renting & leasing agreements, alternate sources of funding, etc.). Activities include: Chandresh refines a proposal to present to the FAMC team; review Ulli's proposal concerning "rental" scheme; review previous initiatives to create affordable housing: What worked? What didn't and why?; review pro-bono housing criteria, process, allocation, etc.

Objective: Facilitate the development of a food strategy towards greater food security. Activities include: consider plans to increase food production in Auroville.

Objective: Ensure optimum utilization of assets in keeping with Auroville values. Activities include: develop stewardship guidelines; supporting and developing the Industrial Zone in order to provide space for new activities / units.

Objective: Administrative and routine/regular tasks. Activities include: FAMC Resolutions (unit changes); loan applications; Site and building applications financial review; approving land transactions; reporting [monthly]; budget approvals [annually]; investigations / reviews (ref non-compliance).

Objective: Improve process/guidelines. Activities include: loan applications; land stewardship allocation; site and building applications financial review; request recommending bodies to provide clear documentation of their process/criteria in support of their decision when submitting information to FAMC; FAMC Resolutions; housing asset valuations.

Overall: Communicate with the community all along the way. All of this work requires input from individuals as well as groups. Please consider how you can help.

In community, *Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Ulli, and Yuval (FAMC)*

FAMC Monthly Report - June 2017

To begin with, we would like to introduce Ayesha, who has joined our team as a full-time secretary this month. You will find her at the FAMC office, along with Angelo, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm on all working days except Thursdays. In this context, please also note revised meeting times and public hours below.

Secondly, the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) informed us that we can choose an interim member to replace Stephanie until the next selection process. However, this member would be without decision-making authority, according to the participatory working group document. It was agreed that such a member would be of little help to the group. And taking into consideration other factors, it was agreed and approved by RAS and AVC that FAMC will continue with just 8 members with the mandated quorum reduced from 6 to 5 till the next selection process.

Lastly and perhaps most importantly, this summer we conducted a systematic review of our processes over 5 weeks guided by Elvira, in order to work more efficiently and effectively as a team and to make work a more joyful learning experience. Specifically, we prioritized four aims, which were: review the mandate, create a sense of team, reassess annual work plan objectives, identify tools and processes to support the work. Then for each of these aims, we worked out in consensus, who our key stakeholders were, measurable achievements, and the criteria for those achievements.

At the end of the 5-week period, we noted that there were still details to be fleshed out. So at present, we are continuing this work by dedicating our Thursday morning meetings for this exercise. As one BCC member commented "the result of your work is apparent in your faces. All of you are smiling more!"

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

• Wednesday 9:30 to 11:30 / • Friday 9:30 to 11:30

FAMC meeting times: As a whole group we meet on:

• Tuesdays 2:00 to 4:30 / • Thursdays 9:30 to 12:00

COMPLETED ISSUES

Units

HERS executive reappointment: A comprehensive report on financials and operation of HERS under the new management team was reviewed by FAMC. As recommended by the unit and ABC, M. Palani was reappointed as an executive. The reappointment was made for one year only. Gillian is the other executive. It has been communicated to ABC and the unit executives that FAMC would like to see Kumar (of WCOM) be appointed as an executive because he is involved in the day-to-day operations of the unit and a transition period be planned.

Rangoli: The unit Rangoli was moved from Team Trust to Artisana Trust as per their request and in collaboration with all concerned.

Auroville Forex: Auroville Forex has moved out of Auroville Service Trust with effect from 2013. It has been consolidated under Auroville Maintenance, an Auroville unit, since then and only the paperwork needed catching up.

Auroville Health Services: The unit was moved from Auroville Village Action Trust to Health and Healing Trust in collaboration with all concerned.

Auroville Transport Service (ATS): The unit has now been closed with a zero balance sheet as is necessary for closure. A small debt of the unit in Financial Services has been currently taken on by ABC Trust. Saroja, as the main executive of the unit has submitted a statement that she is responsible for all other off-book liabilities. It was noted that some Aurovilians are helping Saroja to work out strategies to pay off these remaining debts. An FAMC member also volunteered to be part of this support group if needed. Future use of ATS assets, namely a leased plot of land and ATS phone numbers, will be dealt with by a subgroup of ABC Trustees and FAMC members.

Swagatam Guest House and Ms. D. Vijaya's executive status: After 8 months of trying to work out solutions, which included the involvement of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, we decided to endorse the Bharat Nivas Pavilion of India Trust resolution to dismiss D. Vijaya as an executive of the Swagatam Guest House. The Working Committee endorsed our decision and we have jointly dismissed Vijaya as executive. This has been communicated to her as well as the Guest House team, Bharat Nivas Trust, and Auroville Foundation.

Policies and Guidelines

Unit contribution policy amendment: We amended the unit contribution policy to specify that exceptions given to units to count specified contributions as part of the 33% unspecified are valid for one year only and need to be reviewed yearly by BCC for renewal. BCC and ABC have been informed of the same.

Contribution clarification: The BCC proposed to FAMC that the incorrect calculation of specified contributions by units to City Services should only apply to the last two years. The FAMC did not approve because it would have resulted in foregoing 3% of the total amount pending.

Housing

Staff quarters and Fraternal Contribution: Miniature requested a waiver on fraternal contribution for staff quarters. As individuals building houses in Auroville donate both the house and give a fraternal contribution to Housing, we did not

see the reason for exempting units from this guideline. It was also noted that pros and cons of letting units build staff quarters needs to be studied.

Additional Housing Board member: We agreed to the recommendation from the Housing Service that K. Sundar, working in the Housing Service, will join the Housing Board as a member. According to the Housing Organization Mandate, this will be for an initial 3 month trial period.

Land related

Protection:

Kamataru security situation: The FAMC received notice from Rishi, steward of Kamataru Forest, of a difficult security situation and the need for protecting isolated plots there. Rishi's request for emergency funds for fencing was approved by FAMC and sanctioned by Land Board.

Land purchase:

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

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

Land allocation: FAMC approved the decision of the Green Group and the iTDC to allocate the following plots to Bumadevi Farm under stewardship by Mani:

- AL 65/7: 1.63 acres
- AL 65/2: 0.49 cents
- AL 66/3: 0.14 cents
- AL 65/5: 0.12 cents
- AL 61/5, 61/6, 61/7, 61/8, 61/10: 1.79 acres

ONGOING ISSUES

Units and Trusts

Auroville Vehicle Service new unit application: A new unit application has been received with endorsement from the Auroville Board of Services (ABS). As this will be an income-generating service, we see the need for a few agreements in place before granting permission. This has been communicated to the proposed executives and ABS.

Auroville Service Trust: We are in conversation with the Trustees to see how best we can strengthen this Trust.

Tamil Heritage Centre construction audit: FAMC in collaboration with Auroville Foundation has contacted an outside forensic auditor and, as requested, we are collating the documents needed for this.

BCC-related issues

Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) mandate: We are in an on-going process with BCC to revise the BCC mandate.

Housing

Big Boys Boarding: Big Boys Boarding rooms have been occupied without authorization from Housing. In collaboration with the FAMC and Working Committee, the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, as Estate Officer, issued an eviction notice to a non-Aurovillian after which this person vacated the place. At the end of this reporting period, Aurovillian Kittu, however, continued to occupy the building, despite requests and offers by Housing Service for other suitable places.

Loans

Abundance Guest House loan: Selvam of Douceur has applied for a loan of Rs. 25 lakhs to finish Abundance guest house before the 50th anniversary. The loan application is still being reviewed.

Miscellaneous

Goods and Services Tax (GST): As of the moment, all units are individually shifting to this new taxation framework, while we continue to explore the implications of this tax on our local economy and other legally accepted alternatives.

FAMC (Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Ulli, Yuval)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feedback on the draft Entry Policy (2017)

Dear community,
It is time to give your feedback on the draft Entry Policy (2017).

Please note that you received the same via RAS mass email, on Friday, July 7. The feedback period is ongoing and will run until Friday, July 21. Please click this link to proceed:
<http://mailchi.mp/auroville/entry-general-meeting-report-997217>

With regards,
The Working Committee, the Auroville Council.

Regarding lost Residential Permit

Dear Community,
In the case of a lost Residential Permit one must immediately lodge a police complaint and obtain a proof of the registered police complaint. The proof of the registered police complaint is essential when applying for a new Residential Permit.
The Working Committee

It's Working Group Nominations Time! We Need You to nominate new members.

Dear Friend,
As you are aware, every year, according to the community's Participatory Working Groups system, a number of working group members are replaced.

New TDC Interface Group Selection

This year we're also selecting a new TDC (L'Avenir d'Auroville) Interface Group. Based on our experience, we will run a separate three-day process for the selection of the new group. You're invited to participate in both events by nominating those community members that you think could be potential working group members and/or participants of the selection process.

Nominations for new members for AVC WC and FAMC (Selection process dates Nov 3, 4 & 5)

The working groups that will have members replaced are:

1. The Auroville Council - three members;
2. The Working Committee - three members; and
3. The Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) - two members.

Nominations for the New TDC (Selection process dates Oct 20, 21 & 22)

This year, the community will also select an entirely new Town Development Council (L'Avenir d'Auroville). Please familiarise yourself with the new TDC structure and Terms of Reference (ToR). Please see supporting material linked below.

Nominations for Working Group members and Selection Process Participants: According to the community's Participatory Working Groups selection process, the community doesn't just nominate potential working group members, it also nominates participants to be involved and actively engaged in the selection process. Potential members and participants must attend all three days of the selection process.

Participants and Members can change their role at any time: Participants in the three-day selection process can at any point up to the last day of selection, step forward for nomination as working group members.

How to nominate: Online - Nominations forms will be emailed to all residents currently subscribed to the RAS mailing list. If you're not on this list and would like to receive the form, please email us at raservice@auroville.org.in.

In person - Feel free to visit the RAS office to make your nominations in person. Helpful staff will be on hand to assist you with the nomination process at the following times: Monday till Friday - from 10 am till 12 am.

The deadline for nominations is Saturday August 5, 2017!

Please make sure that those you nominate, including yourselves, have the necessary capacities for the work, by reading the groups' mandates online at these links:

[New TDC Structure with ToR](#)
[Working Committee mandate](#)
[AV Council mandate](#)
[FAMC mandate](#)

Alternatively, you can pass by the RAS office for hard copies of the mandates.

Special Nomination Help Sessions: If you need help with making your nominations, the RAS will be available for special help sessions 10 am - midday on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information: For more information, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email the RAS at raservice@auroville.in or call us on 9486623749.

Much love, *Your RAS Team*

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 22nd Jul 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. R. Abhimanyu, house in Duceur on plot no. BO 135/3 for total area of 100 sq.m.

Building Applications: No New BA

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

Site applications: No New SA

Building Applications: No New BA

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall. For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the Auronet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

Amendment: This is to inform that TDC has approved an expansion of 2273 sq mts on plot no. IR 281/4 of Auroville Consulting in Industrial Zone.

Houses available for transfer

Gaia's Garden - Rene & Nelly House: Area 292.77 Sqm approximately. Double Storied Ground floor Load Bearing Structure and first and second floor R.c.c Framed structure Residential building with Brick walls un-plastered, Ferro cement and R.c.c roofing with covered R.C.C roof consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen, Bedrooms & Toilet with wooden stair and Open portico.

Promesse - Velu & Suguna House: Area 72.33 Sqm approximately. 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.

Arati III - Ex Kuyng Nam' House: Area - 130 Sqm approximately. Two bedroom apartment on the first floor plus a studio on the ground floor. First floor: Living, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/toilet. Ground floor: studio suitable for therapist etc. Shared bathroom with other studios. Ready now.

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

Housing Project under construction:

1. Kalpana: 21 apartments of different size available.

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

Will be ready 30th May 2018. Contact person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

He is available on the site on: Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm / Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm.

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

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

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

From the Entry Service - N&N #707 Dated 22-07-2017

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Naimeh Ghabaie (Iranian)

LEFT THE PROCESSE ON THIER OWN:

Saravanan MUNUSAMY (Indian)

Swarpreet KAUR (Indian)

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

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

Wednesday and Thursday for Interview by appointment only.

At your service, *the Entry Service Team*

O B I T U A R Y

Luciano



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On Sunday evening, 16 July, our good friend and Italian brother, Luciano Gemo, left his body in Italy at the age of 71 after a prolonged struggle with cancer and other complications.

In 2001 Luciano joined the team of Annapurna Farm and has worked with them ever since, taking care of the farm's daily deliveries of milk and cheese, transporting Tomas's daughter Usha to and from school in Auroville, and passionately studying Tamil in Auroville's library in between. In 2004 he officially joined Auroville and moved in 2011 to Realization, where Usha could join him in his flat for her further studies. She will deeply miss her second father.

Due to his illness, Luciano went back to Italy in 2014 where he was hospitalised and now passed away. Our love and sympathy go out to his family, and Usha.

Thank you for having been with us, Luciano.

F O R Y O U R I N F O R M A T I O N

YouthDay

Hello Community!

We are very happy and excited to share with you that International Youth Day is coming up on Saturday the 12th August. This is YouthLink's annual event. This year the UN Youth have chosen 'Youth Building Peace' as their focus. We discussed this value and decided that we would like to add 'Prosperity' to the theme. Thus, this year YouthLink would like to invite you to participate in an event where we will be 'Exploring Peace & Prosperity in Auroville'.

The focus of the event is to look inwards and be re-inspired as a collective. We call on all Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers to join. We would especially like to invite the previous generations to come and share your stories and wisdom with the younger generations.

We will host this event in a humble way, with a few tents and simple activities, at the Mahalakshmi park area, probably around 4-8 pm.

If you have a creative idea, some art, a stall, a game... do let us know, and we can create a space for you at the event.

Warmly,

YouthLink & Exploring Prosperity Teams
youthlink@auroville.org.in

Call for Grant Proposals Fall 2017

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

- Projects to be submitted to Stichting De Zaaier for possible funding in September
- MT&D Programme applications

- Micro-projects (under INR 1.4 lakhs) in the categories of:

Informal Education
Innovative Initiatives
Women's Empowerment
Youth

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

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

FINAL DATE for submission is MONDAY, 31 July 2017

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

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

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

Also, please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by the Auroville and/or Outreach School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. (*Please be sure to contact all individual schools before submitting your proposal to the School Boards.*) Therefore, it is important that

all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school board, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

POSTINGS

Mother's Agenda CDs: House of Mother's Agenda is pleased to inform you that it has redone all CDs of Mother's Agenda, 13 volumes, in French. We listen to the CDs of the Agenda or Questions and Answers of the Mother in French every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 4 pm to 5 pm. Moreover, we have offered all the old CDs of Mother's Agenda to Ramchandra Das, who knows French and is responsible for the Ashram of the Sri Aurobindo Yoga Mandir at Kathmandu in Nepal, where numerous French visitors stay. He gave us a short introduction with fotos for the House of Mother's Agenda. With deep gratefulness, At the Service of the Divine, *GangaLakshmi* [House of Mother's Agenda - Savitri Bhavan]

Water Saving Tip: Reconsider Your Taps: Earlier we mentioned the purchase of aerated taps in order to save water. We challenge you to take it to the next level. A lot of water is wasted when shaving or washing dishes, simply because both of your hands are occupied. So try to install foot taps where you can, which helps you control the flow of water. Unfortunately, foot taps aren't readily available on the market, so we encourage you to Do It Yourself (DIY). You can find a handy step-by-step guide to creating your own foot taps here: <http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Foot-Taps-to-Conserve-Water>. Wouldn't it be great to see foot taps in public places like Solar Kitchen and the Visitors Centre? *Water Group*, watergroup@auroville.org.in

Let's know Auroville through the mother: *In Italian for Italians* - Readers group Mother's Agenda: L'Agenda di Mère in italiano per avvicinarci il più possibile al viaggio di Mère nella nostra lingua madre. "...C'è come una favola dietro a tutto questo....Qualcosa di indicibilmente bello, una storia che Sri Aurobindo ha cercato di far scendere sulla terra: e adesso è certo che si sta realizzando!" - Tutti i mercoledì ore 17 alla Library in Creativity con Janaka. Le fotocopie dei passi proposti sono gratuite...perché come ha detto Mère: "Questa Agenda è il mio regalo a quelli che mi amano" - Per informazioni contatta *Janaka* al 948.762.96.48 oppure janaka.om@auroville.org.in

Film Making Apprenticeship (NoSchool Prod.): Dear fellow Aurovilians, since the last school year we have started a film making apprenticeship program with a few students, as a trial. Thanks to the support of SAIER, we are now ready to welcome and open the program to new students for this new school year. This program is for pre-adults and adults. The student should have a project for a film. This is an individual tuition, the course of study is done depending on the student needs and his/her project. The schedule is designed based on those parameters and also on other activities that the student may have elsewhere.

To know more about it, contact *Claire and RV* by phone: 9585139142 or by email: aurovillepictures@gmail.com



Auroville Film Festival 2017 (December 16-23): To submit films into the 3 categories (by Aurovilians, about Auroville, by students of Auroville) please go to the same link given below. The deadline is July 31st. after you

register your film please bring a copy or copies (if you are submitting more than 1) on a pen drive to our office in Sharnga - the AVFF team [Ph: 262 3187]

<https://filmfreeway.com/festival/AurovilleFilmFestival>

News from AV Bakery: The bakery welcomes you with new items: Sour dough baguettes, artisan bread and olives bread on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Pizza base, pitta bread,

focaccia and a gluten free bread on Monday and Friday. Vegan granola bar, vegan muffins, gluten free cakes and the round pizza (around 12:00) will be available daily. Happy to see you again. *The AV Bakery*

[Infoday from the German Consulate General Chennai]
Konsular-Sprechtag des Deutschen Konsulates Chennai:
Am Freitag, den 4. August 2017, findet ein Sprechtag des Deutschen Konsulates im Saiier Building (Erdgeschoss rechts) von 14.00 Uhr bis 17.00 Uhr statt. Es wird jemand von der Passabteilung und jemand von der Visaabteilung anwesend sein. Sie beantworten gerne alle Fragen die aufkommen und werden einen Kopienbeglaubigungs- und Unterschriftsbeglaubigungsservice anbieten. Jeder, der eine Kopien- oder Unterschriftsbeglaubigung machen möchte, muss alle Unterlagen vorbereitet mitbringen (Original, evtl. Kopie und Ausweisdokument) sowie ausreichend Bargeld zum Zahlen der Gebühr. Die Höhe der Gebuehren ist sehr unterschiedlich und deshalb nicht vorauszusagen.

Außerdem werden sie für die kommende Bundestagswahl Anträge zur Briefwahl mitbringen und Merkblätter zu allen Themenkomplexen. Direkte Passanträge und Visaantraege koennen außerhalb der Konsulats-Amtsraeume nicht angenommen werden.

[On 4. August 2017 from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at SAIER Building (downstairs right) - There will be also somebody from the visa department to do attestations and to answer questions of all kind, but he cannot accept visa applications directly. If you want to have an attestation, you have to bring everything necessary (original, copy and identity card) as well as enough cash money to pay for it.]

Submitted by Karin

A reflection: The former IAC has sent a letter to us. I found very important what they said about some aspects: "we must share areas which we feel deserve your greater attention" - All are important, but I feel that we have to pay attention to one that is crucial at the door of 2018 and its development i.e. "A more rigorous effort to welcome and induct new Aurovilians" - Are we sincerely doing our best for that? In Her Love and Certitude, *Anandi (Realization)*

Nandini tailoring: No new order taken from Saturday 22 to Saturday 29 of July 2017. We start again on Tuesday 1st of August 2017. Thanks for your patience and strong support Please, don't forget your cloth bag when you give your order. *Ira & Anne*

Sunrise Taxi: Dear All, we are happy to announce that Sunrise Taxi was inaugurated on 16th July 2017. Our office is right next to the restaurant Dharma Swasti, Auroville main road. Sunrise Taxi was registered as an Auroville Unit which was approved by FAMC on 14th October 2016. Having operated and served virtually for the past 9 months post FAMC approval, we've now opened up an office space to serve you all. Our drivers have 15 years of experience in driving and customer relationship and some of them are from former Auroville Transport Service. We take this opportunity to request you all your kind support towards our service. We'll be happy to see or hear from you at our office or at the following contact information: Phone: 2622101 / 2622688 / 9787085283 / Email: sunrisetaxi@auroville.org.in / Web: www.aurovillesunrisetaxi.com - Alternatively, our contact details can be also found in Auroville Telephone Directory & Auronet. Thank You, *Boobalan. M and Mohan. J* on behalf of Sunrise Taxi Team

AVAILABLE

Kitten: Hello All! We are 2 kittens, born the 12th of May, we are still drinking milk from our mother but we are looking for a nice and sweet family. Do you want to adopt us? We are rather cute and if you want to see us please WhatsApp *Coralie*: 00917867937700 or Call *Siddharth*: 00917845726955 (Siddhartha Forest).

Fridge: Samsung, almost new, gross volume 192 liters, storage volume 183 liters. For more info, please, call me: 915-905-2743 - *Olesya*

Seagate External Hard Drive 1TB (Black): An unused and sealed hard drive is available with 3 years warranty. I bought it for backup but it arrived too late so it's no use to me anymore. If interested, please contact *Ahmed*- Mob: +91 9146807123 or ahmedibrahim30@gmail.com.

Super Juice Extractor Cold Pressing, multi use: If you want to see it here is the link: <https://www.energiseyourlife.com/samson-advanced-juice-extractor-gb-9004-in-white/> - This absolutely new and I

sell it as it exceeds my needs. The price, of course, is lower. Please call me at: 9849066787 12 to 1 pm. Thanks! *Ana*

Beds etc.: Beds (made of cotton- single, double and queen sized) with pillows, one bed frame (double size), juicer, modem, ups, carpets, some kitchen items are available. Please call *Ally*: 7639318959

Second-hand Adidas football shoes: To be sold at ½ price - size UK4. Call *Anne*: 0673704945

Photographer: Hello Everyone, I am a professional photographer and if anyone of you need help with photos please contact me, I would be happy to help. Please contact *Eve* at: evej88@gmail.com / 94 43 340126

Repairing work: Carpentry work, electrical work, plumbing Work, metal work, aluminum channel work painting work, small electronics, fencing, gardening, and water dripping system. Contact Sundaramoorthy (Auromodele): 9489214020

LOOKING FOR ...

Keikogi: Dear friends, some of our Aikido students need a "keikogi" (practice kimono). If your child or yourself is not coming back to Aikido this year and still have their/yours, it would be nice if we could retrieve them for others to use. They can be brought to the Budokan or given to the Free Store - Kamala will give them to me. With thanks in advance, *Surya, Murugan, Cristo*

A watchman: For Srma Tanto Far Beach guest house. Contact *Sheril*: 944 3427919

A child's cycle: I am looking for a cycle for my five year old son Monish. I have one, which is now too small for him and I could give it in exchange. You can contact me in Transition School at: 2622145 or at: 9787702180 - Thank you so much! *Meena*

Guitar / Aloe Vera plants: 1) Dear All, we are looking for a guitar to borrow for a year or so for Sanata. He is very

passionate about playing guitar, but it's a little early to invest into a good instrument. He will take good care of it. Also 2) Looking for Aloe Vera plants - You can reach me on: 9751633084. *Love Ra*

Some work as an Amma: A proficient, experienced "Amma" is looking for some work - house-keeping, office cleaning, guesthouse work or similar. Little English but much goodwill and kind nature. Mobile number to contact: 8610451323." *Submitted by Manohar*

2nd hand kindle: Contact *Prem Shakti* 9489244823 and premsakti@auroville.org in

Cycles: We are a Slovenian-Italian family, recently arrived in Auroville. We are looking for second hand bicycles: two for adults and one for each child (the kids are 7 and 11 years old). Please contact us at: merianichiar@gmail.com / 8270599656 - Thanks! *Chiara & Jan*

LOST & FOUND

A small bag (Lost): Nylon, red and green stripes - containing a phone, key and a purse. It was lost on July 18 on the road between Solar Kitchen and Courage. If found please contact *Steve*: 8006779298 / asithappens108@gmail.com

A red backpack: with some Trekking shoes and a sleeping bag at the Skatepark. Contact *Florent*: 8489753734

APPEAL

An appeal to the community for the August 15th Basketball League.

This year's Auroville basketball league will start in the beginning of the 2nd week of August and end on the 15th of August. This is an internal basketball league for the 6 Auroville basketball clubs registered with the Puducherry Basketball Association.

The concept of this league is to celebrate Sri Aurobindo's birthday and the Indian Independence day through a basketball league in Auroville. This league has been organized since 2003 with the support of all the Auroville Basketball players and the non-playing members. There are about a 100 to 150 players

that participate every year in this league including sub-juniors, juniors and seniors. This is the only event where all the members of basketball come together to celebrate Sri Aurobindo's birthday and the Independence Day of India. This year too, we would like to carry on with the tradition of celebration and make it a very special one, because it leads to the 50th Anniversary of Auroville!

We kindly request your support to organize this league; even a small help will be appreciated...

Our financial service account number is: 105144 Independence BB League.

E. Ganesh and Virya for New Creation basketball club

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1: Looking for long-term house-sitting from the end of September 2017. My name is *Coralie* and I Am a 31 years old, Belgian girl who was volunteering for 6 months at the Botanical Garden and who will come back as a newcomer at the end of September, still to work at the Botanical Garden. I like making handicrafts, gardening, and so on. I m a quiet, vegetarian and reliable person and I have one cat. Can take care of your animals, garden and so on. Please contact me: soshaparis@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 00917867937700

House-sitting 2: We are a Slovenian-Italian family, 2 adults and 2 kids (7 and 11 years old), recently arrived in Auroville. We are looking for a long-term housing opportunity, needed from end of August / beginning of September 2017 to April 2018. Please contact us at: merianichiar@gmail.com / 8270599656 - Thanks! *Chiara & Jan*

House-sitting 3: Hello! I am looking for a cozy place for a single mother with two lovely children for a long or short

period. I have just entered the Newcomer process and really need a place where we can develop our experiences in Auroville in the most loving way possible. If you can offer this precious help, please contact me! *Brindha*: brindha.auroville@gmail.com / Tel: 8940288090

House-sitting 4: Hey guys, my name is *Eve* and I recently became a newcomer and am currently looking for a long-term

house to care for (over a year). I enjoy gardening a lot, love any pet, and I'm an organized young woman who will keep your house in perfect shape until you return. I'm a photographer and a graphic designer currently beginning to work for the botanical garden and have volunteered in the Aha Pre-crèche for about 6 months. Contact: 94 43 340126 / evej88@gmail.com

TAXI SHARING

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

July 23rd: I am arriving with my daughter in Chennai airport on Sunday 23rd July at 5:30 pm. Sharing both ways is possible. Contact *Prem Shakti* 9489244823 and premshakti@auroville.org in

July 27th: Taxi will leave Auroville on July 27th around 12.00 pm for Chennai Airport with no passenger and will return from

there at around 3.00 pm with one passenger. If you want to share, please contact me, *Fred C*: fred1@auroville.org.in

August 3rd: Thursday - Leaving Auroville/ Fraternity at 2 pm for Chennai Airport. 1 place to share. Email: simone@auroville.org.in / cell: 99 43 31 28 26 - *Simone*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish native speaker

Avitra is looking for a Spanish native speaker for a 1-month long, office-based, language-related (Spanish website review) project.

A good command of Spanish is a must, while fluency in English would be welcome, along with a general familiarity with working on the computer. Working days/times during the 1-month period are 5 days a week, 8 hours a day, Mon to Fri. The work would need to be done on-site and requires an outstation stay.

If you're interested, please send us an email and we will give you more information. If you're not interested yourself but may

know someone in your surroundings, feel free to pass on this message.

Avitra - *Auroville international translators*
[\[avitra@auroville.org.in\]](mailto:avitra@auroville.org.in)

At Bamboo Centre Auroville

We are inviting Aurovilians & newcomers to come work with us on a full time basis as workshop coordinators. Skills required, site supervision, administration and communication of workshop. Dealing with students and volunteers coming to learn with us. All training will be provided. Maintenance will be provided. Please contact: 0413-2623806, 9487216103

HEALTH

Visit of the Tibetan Doctor

Dear Friends, this is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor based in Chennai from Mentsee- Khang is coming to Auroville on Friday the 28th full day and Saturday 29th half day. For your appointment call us at 0413 2622401 during our office timings from 9 am till 12.30 pm and 2 to 5 pm. Consultation is happening at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International Zone.

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy; hypnotherapy; midwifery; child care; coaching

Sigrid, Peter and Ingo will be taking up homeopathic clinic from July 24th onwards.

Camille is providing "psychomotricity for children" and Sigrid sessions in transpersonal regression therapy.

Angelika, a German psychologist and psychotherapist (psychoanalysis, body centered therapy and gestalt therapy) is available for consulting German speaking community members, Guests and volunteers: Phone 2622806 or email anlika@auroville.org.in

Malar has done several trainings in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow-up remedies etc.

Intro to homeopathy in Tamil: Malar can come to your women's group, Service Unit etc. and present homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in your choice of language: English, French, German and NOW TAMIL.

PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood pressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and Samata. Just come and take them anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

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

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

You are welcome to contact us at integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

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SPORTS

MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) and Self-Defence for Women

MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) and Self-Defence for Women start again from Monday 24th: every Monday and Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00 at Dehashakti Gymnasium.

MMA is the most complete combat sport: it includes striking, grappling, ground and pound. Have a look: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnOU912C_J8

Open to everyone starting from the age of 14. Please be punctual and in sportswear. Stay at home if sick or if you have open wounds or skin diseases.

Free for Aurovilians, Newcomers, SAVI Volunteers. By the way contributions are very welcome: I want to buy the flight ticket for my Master and invite him in Auroville for a couple of months. We also buy gloves and other protections with that money. Guests: Rs.150 per class ...sees you in the fray... *Giacomo*: 9487340778 / giacomoauroville@gmail.com

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

Our live streaming can be heard on:

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

Solgi and Kendan are with us this week as part of Future School community service.

Here is their first interview [Life Experiences](#).

From our volunteers and internship students we have:

Internship Ishana held [A Conversation with Denoh and D](#).

D shares with us a glimpse of his poetic short fiction stories [Dragonfly Kiss](#).

Leela and Yona (Futures School students) visited [Mana Fashion Design Studio](#) at their opening. They also did interesting [VOX POP on summer](#) and heat.

Denoh talks about his [Healing Journey](#).

From the regular programs:

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

Marlenka continues with [Synthesis of Yoga](#).

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

Among the musical podcasts Yona share his passion on [Trap Music](#), Leela goes down the memory lane with [Throwback Rock Playlist](#), Kendan shares [Beats by K](#). For your ears reggaeton with [Despacito](#), Jazz with [Tribute to Freddie Hubbard](#), and scared music [Between Earth and Sky](#).

Happy listening

Your AV Radio Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]

EATING OUT

Tandoori at Cafeteria Visitors Centre

The Cafeteria now offers a range of tandoori dishes, including delicious organic naans and rotis.

Come and enjoy! *Cafeteria team*

Lunch Special on August by Kyonghyonlee

Hosted by Kyonghyon Lee, the chef at the right path cafeteria at VC, cooks

Auroville , local, seasonal, creative and experimental food consciously.

One registration for 20 lunches from 1st of August till 28th of August: Monday to Friday

Can be shared with 2-4 people. You can organise the group and register for it at: add.kyounghyou@gmail.com with the list of names in your group.

When: from August 1 to August 28 - Only from Monday to Friday for 20 days at 12:30.

Where: Zephyr (upstairs of VC cafeteria)

Who: anybody, only 20 numbers of people required to reserve for the whole 20 day - lunch in advance by email.

Contribution 2,000 rupees for 20 lunches - must be transferred to the acc.no (once you book at Kyounghyou@gmail.com, I shall reply and give you confirmation and acc no.

If you receive the reply with more details of this lunch by email from me, it means you are confirmed.

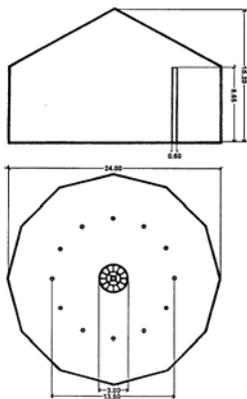
Kyonghyon Lee

Youth Centre Pizza Nights

Hey Everyone! The youth Centre pizza nights are back on, starting on Saturday the 22nd of July, and every Saturday and so forth. Everyone is welcome to try our fantastic fire baked oven pizza, so come by between 7 pm and 9 pm to indulge your taste buds in orgasmic organic flavours and much more! See you here! The YC crew

Notes

A Thousand - Pillared Chamber (Aayirakkalmandapam)



Knowledge of the Universe with its different planes of consciousness is necessary to understand the writings of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. The Mother had seen the different features of the chamber in Matrimandir in her visions. She explained them to Udhar (Ashram constructing engineer), who made sketches of those features to be shown to the architects of Matrimandir. She told the architects not to make any change in the sketches and pointed out that the chamber with all those features should be placed inside a building. The architects have done their job splendidly. While we are familiar with the Crystal, The Mother's symbol and the symbol of Sri Aurobindo, we know little about the twelve pillars in the chamber. What is the significance of the pillars?

The Vedic Rishis in their pursuit to conquer the Truth-Consciousness found a chamber with thousand pillars in Heaven (Upper hemisphere of the Universe). Sri Aurobindo calls it 'A Thousand- Pillared Home' and gives a good account of it as described by the Vedic Rishis in 'The Secret of the Veda'. It is said that Varuna and Mitra who made that chamber are overmental gods. That is why we are supposed to believe that the chamber in Heaven is in the overmental plane of consciousness. The twelve pillars in the chamber in Matrimandir are made of steel. Surrounding the Mother's symbol, they stand erect and abruptly end in the middle of the chamber with their open ends pointing towards the ceiling, indicating the continuity of their lengths. Thus the chamber with twelve pillars in Matrimandir represents 'A Thousand-Pillared Home' in Heaven. Varuna employed Maruts, his heroes, to make the thousand pillars

having iron like strength and stability by using the Life-Force from the vital plane of existence. This huge mansion in Heaven is used by the gods, the Rishis and men who are capable of ascending to the overmental plane of consciousness. They give so much importance to the chamber in Heaven because they think that Ananda in the chamber would give them immortality and that they could become Swarat (Self-ruler) and Samrat (World-ruler) by the power of the Truth-Consciousness.

Aayirakkalmandapam in certain temples in Tamilnadu represents 'A Thousand-Pillared Home' in Heaven. There is one Aayirakkalmandapam in Madurai Sri Meenakshi Amman Temple and another in Chidambaram Natarajar Temple. Here the pillars are made of granite and have occupied a large space within the temple premises. But people do not go there for meditation. They were built by kings one thousand five hundred years ago. Following the Puranic period, worshipping the gods in temples became popular in Tamilnadu. The Vedic culture was easily inculcated among the people through sculpture and paintings depicting the Vedic ideals and to

practise the Vedic Yoga. They had a good knowledge of the Universe and its different planes of consciousness. The presence of Aayirakkalmandapam in the temples was only a source of inspiration for them. Nowadays people in Tamilnadu do not have any interest in Aayirakkalmandapam because they do not recognize any spiritual value in it.

The Mother calls 'A Thousand-Pillared Home' in Heaven as 'My Home'. On 24 November 1924 Sri Aurobindo succeeded in bringing down the overmental Consciousness-Force to the earth consciousness. He calls it as the descent of Krishna Consciousness. Every year this day is celebrated as 'Darshan Day' in Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

Ref: The Secret of the Veda, pp.465 - 488, p.534

Submitted by Somasundaram

A mango story

I am Aurovilian and I work as a volunteer twice a week in AuroOrchard farm, on the fruits side (I love fruits - it is their purpose to be eaten for the reproduction of the species - unfortunately I still go to the toilets instead of going in the nature - yes, I am not fully coherent).

I really enjoy climbing mango trees which can be huge - nothing compare with the tiny ones in mass production which are easier to harvest.

Almost every time, I am challenged by my little friends who like so much mango trees - red ants...until now they have been gentle - really sorry for the few I had to push to another dimension...

We are a nice team harvesting with joy those mangoes, me, sometimes at 20m high, my friend with the long pruner stick, eyes turned towards the shiny sky (good for his blue eyes) and sometimes some other volunteer who might get some mango massage when some are falling...

Totapuris, mulgoa and other species are harvested on those trees which have not been treated by any chemical product against puchies, red ants, etc... AND that have been harvested and ripened not in one go (I went to «classic» mango orchards, I know what I am talking about).

At that point you might wonder... What is this guy talking about...What's his point?

So, those nice organic mangoes - without chemical products that we know they are not good for the soil, for farmers and probably for the consumers - are delivered to Foodlink which apply the criteria of the consumer - most of YOU - to determine the grade (the price) of them. Our mangoes unfortunately don't have always a shiny texture I could look myself like in a mirror and also not a color aspect telling me, please, take me, please!!! So most of our mangoes are taken as grade B (around rs.42 for 1kg) or grade C (around rs.32 for 1kg), the lowest, and the cheapest. BUT the shiny ones from Pondicherry or other places - full chemical (healthy ?) puchies free and good looking, that are mostly at the grade A (around rs.55 for 1kg).

In Baraka where I live, we found the solution... We don't deliver to Foodlink anymore; we sell directly the mangoes (and some other very nice products) to the people who are aware of those issues. At the beginning of the season, Hers was also willing to sell our mangoes but costumers were not taking them, we had to stop.

Also, for instance, totapuris mangoes are known to have puchies... and so it is! Puchies forever! Luckily, I am not into «static» beliefs so I try always again those ones to test and ...miracle, this year, puchies ille! Nada!! Or perhaps very few.

And if I find those little animals, 95% of the mango without them is already in my belly making this body even more joyful...

Now, you see what I mean? I could have replaced the word mango by rice, tomato, etc...

I've heard several times the speech: « Farms don't provide enough food for Auroville blablabla...»

Am I coherent in my actions with my speech and for what I am here in Auroville? Not fully, I totally agree...Work in progress...

Someone told me some time ago: "Sight is the sense related with the most conditioning"

If I close the eyes, perhaps I might feel mangoes telling me their story.

A crazy frog,
Eric C.

"NIMBY -- Not In My Back Yard"

I hesitate to write, and at the same time something tells me to speak up more...

I feel discouraged sometimes when I read some of our reports and announcements in the News. I find that our languaging (or at least the way that it lands for me) can so easily carry an undertone of right and wrong, which just adds to the separation and division amongst us as a community.

When I read that the iTDC is struggling with the "NIMBY" phenomenon and people's apparent blocking of development, and that they feel that "this NIMBY attitude goes against the Auroville spirit" (reference provided below), I find that we're missing the point altogether...

[From iTDC Report, May-June 2017: "After more discussions on this, the iTDC feels that awareness needs to be raised within the working groups as well as the community with regard to the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) syndrome. NIMBY, for any kind of planning, is not a natural phenomenon: it is a social construct that needs to be addressed. Generally, NIMBY takes place because people do not want to lose what they have and they do not trust the larger development bodies that try to site major facilities near their homes or near their work places. In the context of Auroville, this is absolutely against the community spirit and is affecting our growth."]

I'm simply citing this example, because it's the one that jumps out at me in this week's News, but I'm by no means trying to direct any criticism towards the iTDC. For me, this languaging shows up in many aspects of our community life, and I see it as a "community problem," not necessarily or simply iTDC's problem. However, I would like to use this example to make my point, as it's what's in front of me right now...

I also fully acknowledge that I do not sit in any Working Group, so I'm clearly not exposed to the multitude of complexities and challenges they have to deal with on a daily basis and with every topic that emerges. So I can imagine that my perspective may be seen as being too naive... And yet, I hold it dearly...

To me, saying that some behaviour "goes against the community spirit" is loaded with judgment and moralistic nuance... First, what is our so-called "Auroville spirit"? Has it ever been defined as a community? I'm sure that we could all come up with what it means to us as individuals, and we would even likely have many similar responses -- but still, here the phrase comes across as some "final conclusion or assessment of somebody's behaviour." And unless we have an actual document stating what our community spirit is, and have an

agreed-upon process whereby we assess someone's behaviour to be abiding by it or not, I'd prefer us to not make such sweeping statements. For me, it subtly implies that some of us know better and have given ourselves the privilege of being able to assess who's a "spirit-abiding Aurovilian" and who isn't...
It's like a dead-end. I don't think this leads us to any constructive outcome -- be it concretely linked to a particular development project, or on a more general energetic plane.

The so-called "obstructor" could have the same feeling about the Working Groups, and claim that their way of functioning isn't in the spirit of Auroville. He/she could probably even provide some very valid examples of "questionable" behaviour on the part of Working Groups and/or their members. So this just leaves us all pointing the finger, each trying to prove someone else's wrongness (and therefore not a true Aurovilian...?), round and round...

And if we come back to what we imagine our Auroville spirit is, wouldn't it include qualities such as care, respect, inclusion, humility, patience, not jumping to conclusions before trying to understand, etc...?

I want to live in that Auroville, where we are genuinely curious to know each other, to really understand, without compromise, what's going on beyond the outer behaviour (or worse, behind our limited perception of someone's outer behaviour). I want to trust that each of us may have something valid to say; that we each carry a piece of the truth, and that the only way to build this magical place together is together... I want to trust that if there's an apparent obstacle (in this case, a resident being vocal about some development), it's actually an invitation to look deeper, an invitation to catch something that we may not have been considering thus far...

And I'm certainly not saying that we should just accept any behaviour and thereby give away our power and never get anywhere in building our city. I'm saying let's dialogue, for real, let's face each other -- and from there, let's figure it out, together. With honesty and transparency, instead of lofty assessments of one another's alignment or not with what Auroville is supposed to be...

And interestingly, I've wondered over the past few months, whether some Groups behind closed doors might have this assessment of me, that I'm a "NIMBY." And without an open curious dialogue, they might never know what I actually stand for, and instead conveniently label me as "one of those nuisance-obstructors."

In inquiry, *L'aura*

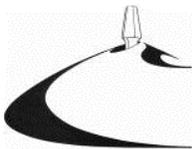
Lluvia - Rain

La lluvia acaricia mi piel
Bailo desnuda debajo del neem
¿Dónde está la voz de los pájaros ?

The rain caressing my skin
I dance naked under the neem
Where the birds' s voice is?

Anandi (Realization)

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every THURSDAY at sunset
We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

6.00 to 6.30 pm

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!
Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm.
Please be seated by 5.55 pm.
Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

CULTURAL EVENTS

Taiwanese Cultural Events

Taiwanese Pavilion team is happy to invite you to a series of cultural events.

1. Traditional Chinese Calligraphy workshops on July 23 and July 30 at 10 am. Location: Unity Pavilion
Space limited to 15 people, to ensure your space place email: taiwan@auroville.org.in
2. Taiwanese traditional Earth Oven experience on August 5th from 2-5 pm. Location: North East Asian zone, next to Language Lab.
3. Taiwanese Cuisine workshop and tasting on August 13th, details will be announced.

Warm regards from *Taiwanese Pavilion Team (Allison, Bruce & Pattii)*



CLASSES, WORKSHOPS



HOLISTIC presents
"Explore your mind"
3-day workshop in
hypnotherapy on 4-6th
August

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

What is hypnosis?
How do right and left brain function practically?
How do conscious and subconscious interact?
Explore the depths of your mind and relax!
Meditate with ease!
Expand your therapeutic toolbox!
Apply Self-hypnosis

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

Certified course from Ekaa www.ekaa.co.in

Aug 4- 6th at Sharnaga Guesthouse Yogahall

Friday, 4 - 7 pm: Intro, Theory of the Mind and Self-hypnosis
Saturday, Sunday, 9 - 6 pm: Theory and Practice of Hypnotherapy techniques

Info meeting Aug2, 5- 5.30 pm at Sharnaga Guesthouse Terrace

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

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

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

25th July (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: 'The Inner Being'

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

SCHEDULES



Mohanam PRESENTS Youth Talent Show

10 minutes to show your talents! This stage is waiting for you.

Singing-Dances-Music-Youth Voice-Painting-Sculpture

You are eligible to participate in two acts.

Registration Starts: 25th of July 2017

Registration Ends: 5th of August 2017

Show your Talent! This stage is waiting for you.

Exciting Awards!

Cleaning the Northern side of Auroville and Cleaning the Alankuppam Lake and Seed ball Making

A pre-monsoon activity

Want to have some fun while making the world greener, a more environmentally friendly place, make exploding balls of seeds that are both fun to throw and an easy way to grow native trees.

The event is free and open to all age groups

Time: 9 am onwards

Place: Mohanam Campus Auroville (opposite Imagination)

More information: contact Anand - 9159468946 / 0413-2623806

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mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Mohanam Youth Link Space, on the Northern side of Auroville, bridging Auroville and the villages, invites you to an interesting event!!

FILMS



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, July 28th, Friday.

Schedule of Events: 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour / 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest / 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club / 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films / 20:00 Dinner is served / 21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen - Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest / After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

PLANET EARTH II: ISLANDS

60 mins / English / 2016 / Directed by Elizabeth White

For some, remote islands offer sanctuary away from the mainland: the tiny pygmy three-toed sloth only survives because of the peace and safety offered by its Caribbean island

home, while seabirds like albatross thrive in predator-free isolation. But island life isn't always easy. In the barren, volcanic islands of Galapagos, marine iguanas have been forced to find food in the ocean, but their ingenuity allows a raft of other animals to survive - including deadly racer snakes. At the end of the Earth, more than 1.5 million penguins appear to have found their version of paradise on an active, wave-battered volcano.

(Reminder: Friday 21/07 - The Last Explorers: John Muir)

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

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 24th of July 2017, at 6:30 pm

"SRI AUROBINDO'S INTEGRAL YOGA - Evolution Fast Forward, Part 2 - PSYCHOLOGY, COSMOLOGY, TRANSFORMATIONAL PRACTICE"

The film in 3D Motion Graphics by Sopanam Auroville gives a broad overview of the process leading towards psychic, spiritual and supramental transformation.

The long process of evolution on earth can be understood as the unconscious Yoga of Nature, a development without self-conscious will in plant and animal life. But human beings are self-aware and the evolutionary process can become conscious. Sri Aurobindo developed the methodology of Integral Yoga with exploring the profound depths and heights of human psyche and also for an integral evolutionary transformation of the human nature. Consciousness - and being aware of the oneness beyond - is the most fundamental thing in existence and the exploration opens up the full spectrum of consciousness and its evolutionary process. Duration: 50min.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 24 July 2017 to 30 July 2017

Indian - Monday 24 July, 8:00 pm:

- TRAPPED

India, 2017, Dir. Vikramaditya Motwane w/Rajkumar Rao, Geetanjali Thapa, Yogendra Vikram Singh, and others, Thriller, 105mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

Shaurya must pluck up the courage to stay alive after he accidentally locks himself up in his new rented apartment in a desolate Mumbai high-rise, for almost a week. He is a 'cast-away' but not in a no man's land - in middle of a bustling city. To make things worse, his phone battery dies and since the building is devoid of residents, electricity and water or food, Shaurya must take extreme measures to survive this nightmare. This brilliantly acted, directed, and critically acclaimed film, true to its genre, will keep you at the edge of the seat.

Potpourri - Tuesday 25 July, 8:00 pm:

- PETELINJI ZAJTRK (Rooster's Breakfast)

Slovenia-Croatia, 2007, Dir. Marko Nabersnik w/ Vlado Novák, Primoz Bežjak, Pia Zemljic, and others, Drama-Comedy, 124mins, Slovenian-Croatian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

After being fired, a young car mechanic Djuro gets recommendation to look for another job in a remote village. He lands a job at a car-mechanic shop. His new boss, Gajaš - is warm, old fashioned and naive - completely opposite from the world he's coming from. The peaceful atmosphere is shaken when Djuro falls for a regular customer and local don Lepec's wife Bronja.

Cultural - Wednesday 26 July, 8:00 pm:

- NOTRE DAME DE PARIS: Ballet de Roland Petit.

France, 1996, Dir. André Fledericck w/ Nicolas Leriche, Isabelle Guérin, Laurent Hilaire and members of Opera de Paris, 86 mins, Rated: NR

This choreography created by the famous French choreograph Roland Petit is based on Victor Hugo's famous novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". Played many times since its creation, it is now a classic. The dancers are all excellent: Legris as Phoebus, L Hillaire as Frollo and I. Guerrin as the beautiful Esmeralda but the performance of the young Nicolas Le Riche as Quasimodo is the most impressive. The music is from Maurice Jarre and the costumes from Yves St Laurent: A beautiful performance.

Nature Series - Thursday 27 July, 8:00 pm:

- PLANET EARTH II : GRASSLANDS

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

Grasslands cover one-quarter of all land and support the vast gatherings of wildlife, but to survive animals must endure the most hostile seasonal changes on the planet. From Asia's saiga antelope to the giant anteaters of Brazil, grassland animals have adapted in extraordinary ways to cope with these extremes. In

the flooded Okavango, lions take on formidable buffalo in epic battles, on the savannah, bee-eaters take advantage of elephants to help catch insects and, on the freezing northern tundra, caribou embark on great migrations shadowed by hungry Arctic wolves.

International - Saturday 29 July, 8:00 pm:

- OKJA

South-Korea-USA, 2017, Writer-Dir. Joon-ho Bong w/Tilda Swinton, Paul Dano, Seo-Hyun Ahn, and others, Action-Adventure, 118mins, Korean-English w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG-13)

For 10 idyllic years, young Mija has been caretaker and constant companion to Okja, a massive animal and an even bigger friend, at her home in the mountains of South Korea. But that changes when family-owned, multinational conglomerate Mirando Corporation takes Okja for themselves and transports her to New York, where an image-obsessed and self-promoting CEO has big plans for Mija's dearest friend. With no plan but single-minded Mija sets out on a rescue mission.

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

- MOANA

USA, 2016, Dir: Don Hall, w/ Auli'i Carvalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House, Animation, 107mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

In Ancient Polynesia, when a terrible curse incurred by the Demigod Maui reaches an impetuous Chieftain's daughter's island, she answers the Ocean's call to seek out the Demigod to set things right.

WOODY ALLEN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 30 July, 8:00 pm:

- THE CURSE OF THE JADE SCORPION

USA, 2001, Dir. Woody Allen w/Greg Stebner, Woody Allen, John Tormey and others, Crime-Mystery, 103mins, Englishw/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In 1940, CW Briggs is the top insurance investigator in New York - or so he keeps telling the firm's new efficiency expert, Betty Ann Fitzgerald. Briggs prides himself on being able to crack any insurance caper by getting into the mind of the thief, but now, thanks to the hypnotic powers of the Jade Scorpion, the mind of a thief is getting into Briggs. Here's an entertaining crime story set in 1939 with nice atmosphere and colors and the normal Woody Allen wacky humor.

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

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