

# News & Notes

29th July 2017.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 708



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

## The Ascent of the Sacrifice - 2 The Works of Love -The Works of Life

Although it is a divine love for the supreme and universal Divine that must be the rule of our spiritual existence, this does not exclude altogether all forms of individual love or the ties that draw soul to soul in manifested existence. A psychic change is demanded, a divestiture of the masks of the Ignorance, a purification of the egoistic mental, vital and physical movements that prolong the old inferior consciousness; each movement of love, spiritualised, must depend no longer on mental preference, vital passion or physical craving, but on the recognition of soul by soul, - love restored to its fundamental spiritual and psychic essence with the mind, the vital, the physical as manifesting instruments and elements of that greater oneness. In this change the individual love also is converted by a natural heightening into a divine love for the Divine Inhabitant immanent in a mind and soul and body occupied by the One in all creatures.[...]

It is here that the emergence of the secret psychic being in us as the leader of the sacrifice is of the utmost importance; for this inmost being alone can bring with it the full power of the spirit in the act, the soul in the symbol. It alone can assure, even while the spiritual consciousness is incomplete, the perennial freshness and sincerity and beauty of the symbol and prevent it from becoming a dead form or a corrupted and corrupting magic; it alone can preserve for the act its power with its significance. All the other members of our being, mind, life-force, physical or body consciousness are too much under the control of the Ignorance to be a sure instrumentation and much less can they be a guide or the source of an unerring impulse. Always the greater part of the motive and action of these powers clings to the old law, the deceiving tablets, the cherished inferior movements of Nature and they meet with reluctance, alarm or revolt or obstructing inertia the voices and the forces that call and impel us to exceed and transform ourselves into a greater being and a wider Nature. In their major part the response is either a resistance or a qualified or temporising acquiescence; for even if they follow the call, they yet tend - when not consciously, then by automatic habit - to bring into the spiritual action their own natural disabilities and errors. At every moment they are moved to take egoistic advantage of the psychic and spiritual influences and can be detected using the power, joy or light these bring into us for a lower life-motive. Afterwards too, even when the seeker has opened to the Divine Love transcendental, universal or immanent, yet if he tries to pour it into life, he meets the power of obscuration and perversion of these lower Nature-forces. Always they draw away towards pitfalls, pour into that higher intensity their diminishing elements, seek to capture the descending Power for themselves and their interests and degrade it into an aggrandised mental, vital or physical instrumentation for desire and ego. Instead of a Divine Love creator of a new heaven and a new earth of Truth and Light, they would hold it here prisoner as a tremendous sanction and glorifying force of sublimation to gild the mud of the old earth and colour with its rose and sapphire the old turbid unreal skies of sentimentalising vital imagination and mental idealised chimera. If that falsification is permitted, the higher Light and Power and Bliss withdraw, there is a fall back to a lower status; or else the realisation remains tied to an insecure half-way and mixture or is covered and even submerged by an inferior exaltation that is not the true Ananda.

(To be continued)

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA, Chapter VI

SRI AUROBINDO

The  
Ponder  
Corner

For nothing is truly vain the One has made:  
In our defeated hearts God's strength survives  
And victory's star still lights our desperate road;  
Our death is made a passage to new worlds.

*Sri Aurobindo [ref. Savitri, Book II: The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds, Canto VI: The Kingdoms and Godheads of the Greater Life, p.194]*

Go deep into yourself (i.e. the heart region)  
and aspire steadily.  
The true meeting of the psychic is unmistakable.

*The Mother*  
*ref. Words Of The Mother, vol. 14, p.358*

## WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

### Forest Group meeting notes, July 7, 2017, Aurodam

Present: Agnes (chair), Kannyappan, Guy, Enea, Rajendran, S Rajkumar, Jan, Ocean, Bernd, Andreanne, Matthieu, Noe, P Elumalai, T Sagardevan, Eric, Rita, Alyona, Dave, Island, D Segar, Shivaraj, Elizabeth, Nina, Suryamayi, Dominik, ... , P Kumar, V Boobalan, Achilles, Vengatesan, Rishi, Adhi, Edzard, Prabhu, Glenn, Hans (notes)

**Continuous drought:** We are facing a long dry period and trees are dying. Each steward is encouraged to stake stock of the situation in the forest and document which species are withering and which survive. This information will help to let the nurseries know which species are most needed in the coming years.

**Planting requests:** All foresters are requested to inform Glenn about planting plans for the hopefully plentiful monsoon. Send a mail and include number of plants (TDEF and/or timber), and if these plants are needed for new or replanting. This year there will be only limited funding, so some choices have to be made.

**Finances:** The BCC has granted the request for a moderate rise in the overall budget. However, considering the financial situation, there will be no rise in individual budgets.

**Hermitage:** Bernd introduced Andreanne and Matthieu. Both are newcomers and both will be active greenworkers. One of their activities will be the creation of a large nursery in Hermitage.

**Workers register:** The Forest Group workers register is out of date. This register should contain data of all paid forest workers (working longer than one year in a forest community). In case a worker stops working, he or she is eligible for gratuity, which is not the same as PF. The BCC can pay the gratuity amount only when a worker is properly registered.

Soon all stewards will receive a worker register form.

**Northern greenbelt:** The security situation in the northern greenbelt remains an area of concern. Recently, the neighborhood support group had to gather twice because of an immediate emergency.

The Forest Group is happy with the newly acquired plots in the Northern greenbelt. But developing and protecting new plots is expensive, and no new money is available for this important work. Something seems to be missing in the equation.

At the same time it is heartening to see a strong sense of community among the stewards and caretakers of the northern greenbelt. The Forest Group is happy that stewards look further than just their own plots and encourages forest workers to work as a team and coordinate activities. The current model of *one plot - one steward* does not necessarily need to be replicated: a stewarding group of committed foresters can work together, support each other and carry responsibilities collectively.

**Botanical Garden:** The Forest Group recommends to grant stewardship of three small plots, less than 2 acres, to Botanical Garden. The plots currently serve as a dumpyard.

**Encroachments:** The Forest Group was informed about possible encroachments in New Lands. In case of encroachments: immediately inform AV Security and the Land Board.

**Forest Group decision making processes:** The Forest Group welcomes Suryamayi, who is studying social anthropology (?) and is now in the last year before earning her PhD. Suryamani wants to attend the group's meetings and observe its decision making processes. We are very curious...

**Next Forest Group meeting:** Friday, August 4, 3 pm. This time really in Fertile 7 Banyans.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Temporary Feedback Review Committee 2017

Dear Community members,  
The Auroville Council invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the composition of the new 'Temporary Feedback Review Committee 2017'. This Committee will have 7 members, selected from the list of nominees by the Auroville Council preferably one or two members from the previous ones will remain to ensure continuity.

This Temporary Feedback Review Committee will be processing/looking into all the feedback received on the new nominees ( TDC, AV Council, Working Committee and FAMC ) for these selection processes happening in October / November as announced by the RAS. Afterwards the TFR committee will be dissolved.

You can propose up to 5 names of those you feel would be ideal for this task, including yourself. They should be long term residents, show qualities such as equanimity, impartiality, integrity, credibility, commitment and actions towards the realization of Auroville. We would like to encourage residents to participate in this process, who are not currently engaged in major working groups.

Please send your proposed names to:  
[avcoffice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcoffice@auroville.org.in) on or before Sunday 13th of August 2017.

Thank you for your participation,  
Warmly,  
For the Auroville Council *Elisa, Enrica, Martin, Marc, Matripasad, Mita, Renuka, Sandhya and Sundar*

### Sign boards bus stop installation

Dear Community, In a joint meeting of the Auroville School board, SAIER transport, Auroville Security, and Auroville Council it was decided to put up school bus stop signs and create bus stop bays (where possible) along the bus route for the safety of our children.

The purpose is to alert the vehicular traffic to slow down, to not overtake the school bus from the wrong direction and to also widen the road where possible, so that the children can get on and get off the school bus safely.

Road service, iTDC, SAIER and all the above groups have collaborated to materialize this project. Presently 10 bus-stop signs have been placed and the work is in progress.

Hopefully these signs will help alert us all with regard to school going children.

Warm regards, *All the Groups in Collaboration.*

### L'avenir d'Auroville - Proposal (under study) for community feedback.

**Project name-** A new access as an alternative to Certitude Road

(See the map to be posted on Auronet within the next few days).

**Reason -** Auroville needs to have a fully controlled and dust-free access. Presently the main access to the Residential Zone is via Certitude which is a public road (vandi poramboke road). We will have no control on traffic if we pave this road. The new road is entirely on Auroville land and the access can be controlled in a way similar to what is being done for Visitor Center. The new road is not a replacement of the existing road

but is meant to take traffic and outside visitors gradually away from the road and the non-AV establishments.

Present Scenario of Certitude Road:

- Type of Certitude road is poramboke.
- At present, serves as main access and primary arterial road of Auroville.
- Auroville has no control over road-side development as well as private lands along the road.
- Insufficient management.
- Costly maintenance.

This being a primary arterial road, at present, is used by residents, employees, workers, villagers with different modes of transports like walkers, cyclists, 2 wheelers (residents and others), 4 wheelers (residents and others), heavy load carriers.

New proposed road (as shown in map attached)- access initiates at 300mts westwards from the certitude corner on the tar road, starts as a radial between sector 3 and 4 of residential zone, and diverts to continue as a link to the radial between sector 2 and 3 to further reach the round-about. Feeder of the poramboke road (i.e. Certitude access) and new access would be regulated by Auroville Security with a check post.

This access road will distribute the traffic load.

This road will be managed by Auroville, fully on Auroville land.

#### Technical aspect

- Material proposed to build a road - Compressed Earth (TDC advises the builder of this road to be Auroville Earth Institute)
- Width - 4.5m as Radial (length approx 317m) and 3.8m as curved street (length approx 522m).
- Total length till round-about - 839m

Need of study / experts / proposals -

- Future streetscape design - to enhance the attractiveness of the urban environment and quality of life.
- Water management study along the new road considering existing run-off, etc.
- Details of 5<sup>th</sup> feeder to the existing round-about.
- Design of regulated access at Certitude corner.
- Detail technical design with road sections, street lights, amenities and furniture req.
- Detail estimate after finalisation of all above factors with validation process.

## L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 29<sup>th</sup> 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: No New SA*

*Building Applications:*

1. Antoliy and Alyona, Staff Quarters in Darkali on plot no. IR 307/2 for 45 sq.m.
2. Edgar Iglesias Lopez & Andre Deplechin, Recreational sports park on plot no. BO 10/1 & BO 9/6 for total site identified area 5.9 8 acres.

Project write-up given by the project holder

Project Title: Recreational Sports Park. (Akemi park beautiful dawn).

Proposed Site Location: Between Transition School and Dana community.

Project Holder: Andre Deplechin/Samai Reboul/Edgar Iglesias.

Architect: NA

Contact Persons:

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[samai@auroville.org.in](mailto:samai@auroville.org.in)

[andred@auroville.org.in](mailto:andred@auroville.org.in)

Description: We want to create a space in the cultural zone where all Aurovilians and students of the surrounding schools can come to as a gathering space or as a study platform in nature where the ambience is right and safe, to enjoy the different interactive areas of this park, such as: the agility fitness maze with climbing boulder, kids play ground, picnic area, single track cycle lap, the already existing skate park, mini golf, and more as the project develops.

Plot no: BO 10/1- BO 9/6.

Total Area of the project: (5.8 Acres).

Build up Area: Not applicable.

Target Group: To all Aurovilians seeking recreational time with family or friends.

Background: This area was given to the youth in 2001 to create a park. Only the skate park and a small caretaker house were developed. Now since last year, a selective forest cleanup has been initiated by the project holders with help from: Tree Care, the regular users of the skate park, and a few residents of the area making this place accessible again.

The developers: Edgar is one of the initial youths who originally materialized the skate park (2001) with Juan and Samai, having as project holders Andre, Prema and as developers Paco and Eric. They have been actively engaged in the area intermittently ever since. This group has grown up in Auroville and is familiar with and already engaged with the youth who would be making use and taking part in the project. This would be a way to contribute to Auroville's ideals of integral education for all. This land was allocated to the skaters back then because they were using public buildings for the purpose of skateboarding socializing and new age sports.

Triggers: Through the years, no active developer or caretaker has been able to successfully develop the project and or properly maintain the forest. The initial team gathered one and a half years ago and decided to finish what once was started, please feel free to inform yourself about this project at L'avenir d'Auroville.

Here we present this to the community for your information and valuable feedback.

Goals/Objectives: To create a social platform in a green environment that will serve as a buffer zone and wild life corridor, where integral education can manifest in a free recreational space service to the community offering different activities that can be self-experienced or guided by instructors like skating, climbing, fitness, and other outdoor activities. To efficiently manage the forest with the knowledge of some long time foresters, the voluntary work of tree care, the project team, supporters and well-wishers.

In order to provide better information about the project approved, L'Avenir D'Auroville would be publishing description of the projects. Here we start with our first attempt and intend to improve the format and content as we move along.

#### COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

*Site applications: No New SA*

*Building Applications: No New BA*

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 Auronet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

## From the Entry Service - N&N #708 = Dated 29-07-2017

Our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Aurovilians and Newcomers. 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)

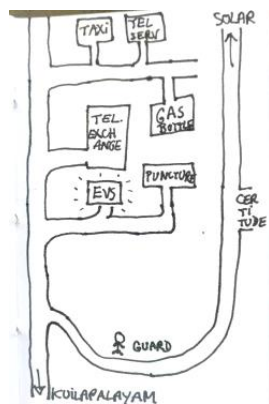
### NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

Deeptendu SARKAR (Indian), staying at Arati, working at Komali & Youthlink

Suvedha SUDHAKAR (Indian), staying at Aurodam, working at Aurobrindavan

### RETURNING AUROVILIAN:

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### The Electric Vehicle Service station is up and running!

The building is now operational and Govindaraj has started servicing existing electric vehicles for Aurovilians and Newcomers. Open hours: every day except Sundays from 9:30-12:30 and from 1:30-4:00 pm.

Telephone n°:9443372418, email:

[govindaraj@auroville.org.in](mailto:govindaraj@auroville.org.in).

Location: Just before the Puncture Service, first entrance on the right after coming out

from Certitude Road towards Edayanchavadi (see map).

Marlyse (for EVS)

Suryamayi CLARENCE SMITH (French), staying at Gaia, working at Social Research Center

### AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

Alice Linda D'ANGELO (Italian) Staying in Gaia and working at Auroville Bakery.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

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

Wednesday and Thursday for Interview by appointment only.  
At your service, *The Entry Service Team*

## Dear Chips lovers and Upcyclers!

We have huge quantity of multi-layer, metallized plastic bags in the Eco service. Our aim is to find creative ways to Upcycle them, as part of the global Project "Start Upcycling", supported by the EU.

Here's how you can do your part:

1. Please reduce consumption of products with metallized plastic film packaging.
2. Try and reuse these packets as much as possible.
3. Dispose of these packets in



the following way: *see drawing*

Please make sure the packets are clean, dry and cut correctly. A collection bin will be placed at PTDC. All of you are welcome to do Upcycling together!

For more information, please call us at Upcycling Studio: Ok: 9344002972 / Marc: 9442006807

## International Zone Exhibition in Visitors' Centre

The Visitors' Center will reprint the panels of the International Zone exhibition, (it is presently situated on the right after crossing the Auroville side entrance). The existing panels, as well as new ones, will be printed on a more resistant and eco-friendly "Tyvek" media.

Let us recall what The Mother saw to understand why an International Zone in Auroville:

*"The most important idea is that the unity of the human race can be achieved neither by uniformity nor by domination and subjection. Only a synthetic organisation of all nations, each one occupying its true place according to its own genius and the part it has to play in the whole, can bring about a comprehensive and progressive unification which has any chance of enduring. (...)*

*All impulsions of rivalry, all struggles for precedence and domination must disappear and give way to a will for harmonious organisation, for clear-sighted and effective collaboration.*

*To make this possible, the children should be accustomed from a very early age not merely to the idea itself, but to its*

*practice. (...)... The cultures of the various parts of the world will be represented here so as to be accessible to all, not merely intellectually in ideas, theories, principles and language, but also vitally in habits and customs, art in all its forms — painting, sculpture, music, architecture, decoration — and physically through natural scenery, dress, games, sports, industries and food. A kind of permanent world-exhibition should be organised in which all countries will be represented in a concrete and living way. The ideal would be for every nation with a well-defined culture to have a pavilion representing that culture,*

*The first aim will therefore be to help individuals to become aware of the fundamental genius of the nation to which they belong and at the same time to bring them into contact with the ways of life of other nations, so that they learn to know and respect equally the true spirit of all the countries of the world."* (Extract from "An International University Centre" by The Mother Bulletin, April 1952)

Aurovilians or newcomers who would like to know more about the possibility to contribute to this exhibition regarding the "genius" of their country are welcome to contact us: [rakhal@auroville.org.in](mailto:rakhal@auroville.org.in) and [deniscopdeville@gmail.com](mailto:deniscopdeville@gmail.com)

## POSTINGS

SPV grid penetration study: Integrating distributed energy generation into the grid is a challenge for grid operators around the world. In 2012, Tamil Nadu Energy Regulatory

Commission (TNERC) limited the amount of SPV grid penetration on the low tension side of the distribution transformer (DT) to 30% of the DT rated capacity. Auroville



Consulting conducted a study of two transformers in Auroville (Matrimandir and Maroma DT) to understand the technical implications if any, of approaching this limit. Measurements indicate that the import of active energy from the grid reduced in proportion to the SPV generation. The study also showed that line voltages across the low-tension terminals of the distribution transformer increases utmost by 1% to 1.2% (monthly average) when SPV is ON, with the phase to neutral voltage remaining within the acceptable range of 230V ± 8%. - Read more in the full report available at: <http://aurovilleconsulting.com/projects/spv-grid-penetration-study> - Regards, *Ahmed*

**Tempeh orders:** Dear tempeh users returning from TOS, please phone in your regular tempeh order so that AuroSoya will start producing this marvellous product again. They make 9 batches at the time and at the moment mine is the only request. Just phone 2623809 and give Akila your order. Price is Rs 140 per package, GST included. (Tempeh is a traditional soy product made by a natural culturing and controlled fermentation process that binds soybeans into a cake form. This is not an advertisement!) - Thank you, -*Mauna*

**Modification of Certitude junction:** Dear Community, Road Service along with AVSST will be carrying out modifications at the Certitude junction to make it safer and allow a more effective control of the traffic.

Please take extra care while approaching it and joining or turning off the tar road in the coming days/weeks. Drive slowly and carefully and with kind attention to other vehicles. Additionally, we will start using yellow metal traffic barriers installed in a chicane pattern to help the guards monitor and filter traffic. New signboards will also be installed to direct visiting traffic to Visitors Centre Parking. *Auroville Safety & Security Team*

**Water Saving Tip:** Do you have an RO water filter? Reverse Osmosis water filters produce a large amount of wasted water. Some reports have suggested that up to 3 liters of water are wasted for every 1 liter produced! We encourage you to collect this water and reuse it instead of just letting it run to the drain. Use it in the garden, for household chores, or in the bathroom. We know of one Auroville family of three that uses all of their RO water to flush their toilet, reducing flushing with fresh water to zero! Check out this article for more tips on how to put that RO wastewater to good use: <http://www.thebetterindia.com/92731/5-ways-to-use-ro-wastewater/> You can also contact the good folks at Aquadyn for advice. *Water Group*, [watergroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:watergroup@auroville.org.in)

**Auroville Short Theater Festival:** Dear friends, we would like to remind you that the deadline to deliver your short theater script is 15th of September. If you want to learn more about this festival just go to Auronet and digit Auroville Short Theater Festival. Thank you and Love, *Elke and Francesca*

**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: 2623197 or by email: [aurovillepictures@gmail.com](mailto:aurovillepictures@gmail.com)

**2018 Auroville calendar:** In preparation for Auroville's 50th anniversary next year, Prisma has produced a small commemorative calendar for the complete year 2018 that should be of interest to everyone connected with the project.

What makes this calendar different to most Auroville calendars that have appeared over recent years, is that - like an earlier one that Prisma produced on the subject of Auroville architecture - it is small in size, almost pocket-size, a tent-fold standing calendar instead of the usual hanging type, that being small can be placed almost anywhere in one's home or work environment.

Richly illustrated with historic black & white photos relating to Auroville's Inauguration 50 years ago, together with texts in Mother's handwriting on the aims and ideals of Auroville and how they are to be achieved, it should have wide appeal both within and outside the township.

The calendar will be at local venues such as the Visitors Centre, Auroville Online Store, Freeland book shop, priced at Rs.150, or from Prisma, Aurelec compound, [prisma@auroville.org.in](mailto:prisma@auroville.org.in).

**Safari accommodations available:** Safari aims to provide a decent sheltering for long-term volunteers of the International Zone. Our Safari project is developing tent sites among the trees and building an enriching ubuntu atmosphere as a base for the journey in Auroville. All skills and resources are invited. Come to one of the regular work sessions - Wednesdays 9 am to 11 am and Fridays 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. This link has a few photos of work and its progress ([https://www.facebook.com/pg/Africa-Safari-Auroville-317194288736684/photos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Africa-Safari-Auroville-317194288736684/photos/?ref=page_internal)). Contact *Tahir* at: 7867899203 or [africasafari@auroville.org.in](mailto:africasafari@auroville.org.in) or drop in during one of the regular work sessions

**Africa Safari Project:** Wanting to send your good camping equipment to a new life? Bring it and stay for a few nights on the beautiful land of African Pavilion in the Safari project where we provide decent sheltering for long-term volunteers of the International Zone. Safari gratefully accepts any contribution for the camp: canvas, rope, tents, bed sheets, money, shopping expertise, hammocks, poles, stakes, tools, first aid and kitchen supplies. Safari invites you to join any of our activities and maybe leave your tent for a volunteer who needs a base from which to work and experience Auroville. Here is a link to photos ([https://www.facebook.com/pg/Africa-Safari-Auroville-317194288736684/photos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Africa-Safari-Auroville-317194288736684/photos/?ref=page_internal)) or see us on Facebook. Contact *Tahir* at 78678 99203 or [africasafari@auroville.org.in](mailto:africasafari@auroville.org.in) or drop in during one of the regular work sessions Wednesdays 9 to 11 and Fridays 4:30 to 6:30."

For Africa Safari Project *Manojkumar and Safari Team*

## AVAILABLE

**Adidas football shoes:** in very good condition size 4 UK to be sold. Phone: 7358867414 - *Anne*

**Hero Honda Super Splendor:** Hello, I sell my lovely, loyal and very well-functioning motorbike because I have to leave Auroville after 1 year of volunteering at the Botanical garden. Please call me at: 8531012719 or [inou.c@web.de](mailto:inou.c@web.de). *Inou*

**Broken tiles:** Hello :) I still have some broken tiles around my house; If you think you need them, give me a call: 944 36 17 308 - *Sara*

**Kittens:** I have three very cute kittens to give away. Two are fully black and one is striped grey. They are about 2 months

old and very adorable. Please give me a call under +918825479625. *Raji*

**Yamaha P-45B Digital Piano:** Nearly new, comes with stand and voltage stabiliser. Please call *Greg*, 890-3980942 or email: [greg@auroville.org.in](mailto:greg@auroville.org.in).

**Super Juice Extractor Cold Pressing, multi-use:** If you want to see it here the link: <https://www.energiseyourlife.com/samson-advanced-juice-extractor-gb-9004-in-white/> - This absolutely new and I sell it as that exceeds my needs. The price, of course, is lower. Please call me at: 9489600787 (12 to 1 pm) - Thanks! *Ana*

Mountain bike: Two month old cosmic mountain 21 gear cycle for sale. Contact: 8973404092 - Namaste, *Joël*

Sweet dog from TLC up for adoption: His name is Paw and he needs a loving new home as we already have too many dogs at TLC. He has been living at base camp for some time and is very friendly and loves children. He appears to be a sheep dog



mix, he has black and white fur and is a very good watch dog. He has been neutered and vaccinated and although we are not sure of his age, he is in good health. We are ideally looking for a new home for him further afield as he is very attached to base camp and the kids and will try to return if he is too close. Please contact TLC at [tlc@auroville.org.in](mailto:tlc@auroville.org.in) if you have anyone in mind who may be interested, have any further questions or would like to meet Paw. Thank you! *TLC*

## LOOKING FOR ...

Everything!: Hello everyone! Our Teachers' Residence needs... absolutely everything! Furniture including bed, chairs, mattress, cupboards, table, lamps! Linens including sheets, blankets, pillows, towels! Kitchen utensils of all sorts including pots, pans, spoons, knives, plates, cups, glasses! Please feel free to call our office so that we can come and pick up items. Thanks for your help! *Aikiyam School Support Group* - Office number: 0413- 2622-358

Somebody coming from France: and ok to bring back a parcel of 2kg back to Auroville. Please call *Hema*: 2622 830 or 7598110262 - Thank you!!

A pair of binoculars to borrow or buy: For bird watching. If you have one that is not being used, I'd be very grateful to have it. Please call / WhatsApp 9443263350 or email: [poonam@auroville.org.in](mailto:poonam@auroville.org.in) - Thank you :) *Poonam*

Transcribing Support: We are looking for someone who would like to support us with some transcribing work. Last year, we held a Restorative Dialogue across Cultures, with 55 Aurovilians from all different nationalities. We would like some of the recordings to be transcribed. If you would like to support, please let us know...! *Laura for Restorative Auroville* ([restorative@auroville.org.in](mailto:restorative@auroville.org.in), 9442788016)

Support for Girl's College Fund: I'd love to support my amma's daughter, Tamilselvi, who wants to attend a nursing college near Cuddalore. The yearly fee is Rs.1,72,000. I don't have the means to support her financially, but would so love to... Tamilselvi is a beautiful girl, and topped most of her class marks during high school. Her mother has worked for me (and my mom) for many, many years, and her father is a gardener at Pitanga. If you have ideas or would like to contribute, please let me know. *Laura*: 9442788016, [laura.joyful@gmail.com](mailto:laura.joyful@gmail.com)

Radio needed: Does anyone have a battery operated radio that we could borrow for a month or two? We are house-sitting and trying to stop the family dog from barking at night. People have suggested that a radio might help. Many thanks, [m.b.tildesley@gmail.com](mailto:m.b.tildesley@gmail.com) or 827 0405 287 - Thanks, *Matthew*

Ganesha: Dear All, we are preparing an exhibition: "Ganesha - divine collaborator of The Supreme" starting on 25th of August in Brahmanaspati Kshetram. We are collecting all kind of idols of Lord Ganesha and related. If you have a piece to give permanently or only for the time of exhibition kindly write to us [kshetram2014@auroville.org.in](mailto:kshetram2014@auroville.org.in) or contact *Rajan*: 7639845821. Gratefully

## TAXI SHARING

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

July 30th: For Chennai, 30th of July at 4 pm - Contact *Sylvie*: [sylvie@auroville.org.in](mailto:sylvie@auroville.org.in) /9486475998

August 1st: To pick up 2 friends from Chennai airport at 18:50 (6:50 pm) on Aug 1st. If you are going earlier to Chennai (before 14:00 (2 pm) and don't need a ride back or need a ride

after 18:50 but don't have any luggage then let's share! *Tlaloc*: [tlalocct@hotmail.com](mailto:tlalocct@hotmail.com)

August 8th: I will arrive at Chennai airport on August 8th at 11.30 pm from Frankfurt with Lufthansa. If anybody would like to share a taxi please let me know under email [sylviazi2000@yahoo.co.in](mailto:sylviazi2000@yahoo.co.in) or telephone *Karin*: 904 701 30 86.

## THANK YOU

Thamarai Learning Centre  
I went yesterday invited by Bridget to see the new space of Thamarai Learning Centre in Anna Nagar (near to Ritam community) and I got deeply touched by the good will of the youth there who help the little ones from this Dalit community. I specially want to thank and acknowledge this team... Many beautiful things happen in Auroville without the community being aware of it!  
One thing that struck me there is the low level of English understanding compared to the children of our closer neighboring villages.

Most of them can hardly read the text of their homework and can't understand them. But as soon as we come and help it is so nice to see that spark in their eyes and the good will to go further. No need to be a professional teacher...  
Bridget could do with many more helpers from the community... May be some of our bigger students could go and help , may be some of our Aurovillian bilingual community members could help them understand better... If you want to give it a try please contact Bridget on 9442270640 or [bridget@auroville.org.in](mailto:bridget@auroville.org.in)  
*Marie-Claire B.*

## APPEAL

An appeal to the community for the August 15<sup>th</sup> Basketball League.  
This year's Auroville basketball league will start in the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August and end on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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*

### YouthLink Service Needs an Office!

YouthLink is desperately searching for a temporary office space in Auroville.

YouthLink is a platform for youth integration in Auroville. Like Savi / Entry... YouthLink is a Service; it is a next step for Newcomer/Aurovilian youth. It is a platform to help make all opportunities visible, and develop new opportunities with/for the youth in Auroville. YouthLink supports ~12 youth in their 20s/early 30s, and works with many Mentors. Our work 'links' to many services/units/working groups, and it focuses on community building (#comm4unity) and integral unending education (#ProSkills).

YouthLink has been offered a space at Bharat Nivas for 2 years now, for which we are very grateful. However, we have recently been asked to vacate.

YouthLink has received a large amount of community support (and GOI grant support) to begin construction of 'the Hive' this year, as the Golden Jubilee project for Auroville's 50th Anniversary. Therefore, YouthLink is looking for a temporary office until we can move into our building.

If you have any suggestions for a space, please let us know, we would be very grateful. Ideally, we would be located centrally, somewhere easily accessible for young people.

In gratitude, *The YouthLink Team* [[youthlink@aurville.org.in](mailto:youthlink@aurville.org.in)]

## ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting available 1: 2 months August and September, flat for a single. Contact *Sylvie*: [sylvie@aurville.org.in](mailto:sylvie@aurville.org.in) / 9486475998

House-sitting available 2: I am looking for a house sitter for my house and 2 animals in Quiet from 8th Aug - 19/20 Aug. My house is best suited to a single person. If you are interested please SMS 9488483286 or email [nandita@sharan-india.org](mailto:nandita@sharan-india.org) - *Nandita, Quiet*

House-sitting available 3: I'm looking for a house-sitter from the 8th of August till the 6th of September, for my little house in the woods, in Baraka Community. No Amma and no Gardener, so you gotta be able to do some work yourself...Call me if you want to have the details: 944 36 17 308 -

House-sitting 1: Looking for short, long term house-sitting from July 2017. We are a family of 3 people starting our newcomers process in July 2017. We are very responsible, tidy and organised people, respectful and understanding of our

surroundings and environment. So, we would be very happy to take good care of your home as house-sitters. So, please contact us on: [pedro.santos.guedes@gmail.com](mailto:pedro.santos.guedes@gmail.com) if you have anything to offer us. All the best, and expect to hear from you soon! *Pedro Guedes*

House-sitting 2: Hello everybody! We are *Elke and Daniel*, a French-German newcomer family with a boy of 14 and a Girl of 10 looking for a serious long-term house-sitting. We have been in Auroville for 9 months. We look for a house with 3 bedrooms or 3 different sleeping places. We would cover all expenses. We love gardens, permaculture and the forest; we both work on farms in Auroville and did so also before. We are not bad at repairing etc., and would happily maintain a house. We are interested in community life, as we lived in a community for the last 6 years. We can take care of pets with much love. If you want to know more look at our profiles on AuroNet, or write to: [elkej@free.fr](mailto:elkej@free.fr).

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Front Desk Manager and Housekeeping Manager  
Atithi Griha, Swagatam & Sharnam Guest Houses in Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India, requires a Front Desk Manager and Housekeeping Manager.

The candidate should be fluent in English & Tamil; knowledge of other languages is a plus. The candidate should oversee the daily operations of the Guest Houses. The candidate has to

plan and supervise the activities of an extensive and diverse workforce to ensure the smooth functioning of the Guests Houses. The candidate should be self-motivated and possess operational skills. Both the positions require a long term commitment. For further details, please write about yourself to [atithigriha@aurville.org.in](mailto:atithigriha@aurville.org.in)

With Warm Regards, *Sandjivy for Atithi Griha Guest House*

## SPORTS

### Darkali Fitness Track is reopened

Starting 9th of July Darkali Fitness Track is open every day From 4.30 pm to 6.45 pm

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/dpdTgf](https://goo.gl/dpdTgf)  
*Darkali Team*

### Auroville Aikido: our classes have restarted.

Adult classes: Advanced: Tuesday-Thursday 6 to 7.30 am with Murugan & John.

- Beginners: (change of timing!) Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30 pm. with Surya

- All levels: Saturdays 6.30 to 7.30 am with Murugan, Surya & John.

Women/young girls: (outreach centers & other) Sunday 8.30 to 9.30 am with Surya.

Children: Juniors classes (7-10 Mon-Wed. 4-5 pm) is FULL so far! Intermediates (11-15): Welcome to join on Monday 5 to 6.00 pm.

- Please be at the Dojo/Budokan 15 min. before the class starts. We do take beginners who seriously consider joining but no drop in. Beginners may wear long loose pants & t-shirt with sleeves for the start (no tight fitting please) then a white "keikogi" will be required. Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required for the Dojo. For more info, please contact Surya: 0413-2623.813 or 9655485487 - e-mail [budokan@aurville.org.in](mailto:budokan@aurville.org.in) Surya, Murugan and Cristo for Auroville Aikido

## TRAVEL

### Latest News from the Travel Shop

Located at Inside India in Auroshilpam.

We are open from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 13:30 to 17:00

Latest offers from Airlines:

Oman Airways has special fares to Europe.

Qatar Airways has special fares to Europe & USA.

Emirates has special fares to Europe & North America.

Spice Jet has introduced their new operations from Puducherry to Hyderabad, effective from 16 August onward and further connection to Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmadabad, Vizakapattinam, Kochi, vijayawada and Varanasai.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us. Insurance: We highly recommend availing of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels. Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & baggage policies of airlines. International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622078, [travelshop@aurville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@aurville.org.in), Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - 2623030, [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com), Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - 2622047, [insideindia@aurville.org.in](http://insideindia@aurville.org.in)



## LOST & FOUND

**Found at Roma's kitchen:** On Sunday night we found a plastic ATM card holder with one Indian Bank card, one SBI Visa card and one visiting card of RK Travels. Will the owner please call *Roma* at 9443399341 and authenticate their ownership of this card holder.

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

Our live streaming can be heard on:

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

From Future School we are having with us this week Surya, and Kenden joining him in his explorations. First interview between two of them on [Different Lives](#).

From our volunteers and internship students we have Internship Ishana shares [An Introduction to Hindu Belief](#).

Volunteer Kshithij conveys story of [Horses in Auroville](#), and an interview with [Supriya](#) and her pottery.

Solgi and Kenden made an interesting [VOX POP on our water](#), and awareness on shortage of it at this moment.

Solgi reads the [Auroville Charter in Korean](#) language.

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

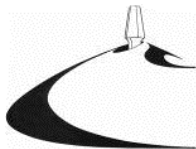
Marlenka continues with [Synthesis of Yoga](#).

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

Within musical podcast we have Ishana's [Some A R Rahman](#) (Hindi Playlist), Solgi shares Korean pop [Gobline](#), and Kenden [Fresh Cuts of R&B](#). There is also [#2 Reggaeton](#) playlist, and you might be interesting in musical futuristic videos of [Far Out Afrofuturism](#).

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

# 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

Saturday mornings @ Aurovelo

July-August  
9.30-14.30  
with SPC & Auoperma

# Perma-Solutions lab

*An introduction to backyard abundance*

Organisms in nature in one way or another give more than they consume, which is why our environment has been so sustainable, resilient and abundant for several billion years. We are beginning to ask whom or what our energy and work primarily benefit. We want to stop choosing between our livelihood and the health of our environment.

Drop us a line to book your picnic meal: [auroperma@gmail.com](mailto:auroperma@gmail.com)



abundance through sharing

## Giving/Exchanging Things at the Auroville Library of Things (ALoT)

Join us in celebrating abundance and generosity at the Auroville Library of Things (ALoT). Bring a thing or two to share and find something that you may need!

Let us reach into our homes, closets and shelves for things that are not being used to their full capacity. And THINGS can be toys, kitchenware, tools, travel gear, hiking gear and cycle equipment.

Juice will be served

Timings: Saturday, 5th August, from 4 pm onwards

Location: Container opposite PTDC

*\*\*There is a deep need to reevaluate the relationship that humans share with the environment which is directly related to patterns of consumption. We tend to own "things" that we think we need, which ultimately sit in the back of our closets and catch dust. The idea is to set these things in motion so that they may then reside in a space of dynamic accessibility as opposed to static ownership. Considerable informal sharing already happens in Auroville, but there is a need for a systematic organization in order to truly enable its manifestation. The proposed space for this is the Auroville Library of Things (ALoT) that will facilitate sharing in the community. A space that will reverberate with generosity, abundance and the pure joy that comes from sharing\*\**

## Restorative Dialogue

### across cultures...



Are we divided in Auroville, among cultures?

Do we live Human Unity to our fullest potential?

**Let's start bridging the gaps between us!**

Oct 7 & 8 (Sat - Sun)  
9am - 5pm

Limited Seats.  
Registration Required.

To register, contact L'aura:  
restorative@auroville.org.in, 9442788016



Dear Friends,

We invite you to register for our upcoming

## "Restorative Dialogue across Cultures"...

On Oct 7 & 8 (Saturday - Sunday), we'll be hosting our second Cross-Cultural Restorative Dialogue in Unity Pavilion.

How do you experience the quality of our relationships across cultures in Auroville?

Do we include and respect everyone, or do we judge and discriminate, even if ever-so subtly, based on cultural background?

Here we offer a space for deep dialogue - to share and be heard for our experiences, as well as our dreams, and to learn to truly listen to one another. Through this journey together, we hope to walk towards a truer embodiment of Auroville's ideals, and to increase our sense of our community's well-being and resilience.

If this invitation speaks to you, please register (seats are limited)... All are welcome!

We hope to have a room full of diverse backgrounds, and we will do our best to arrange for any translation needed (with a special commitment to provide support for Tamil translation).

Some background information: We hosted our first Cross-Cultural Dialogue one year ago, and the journey together was intense -- sometimes extremely uncomfortable, and at other times absolutely inspiring and touching. The feedback was resoundingly positive -- that the experience was meaningful on a personal level, and that it could contribute to forward movement and transformation on the collective level. (To see our original Project Proposal and Final Report, please see here:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/RestorativeAuroville/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=675394839285394](https://www.facebook.com/pg/RestorativeAuroville/photos/?tab=album&album_id=675394839285394))

Our "Restorative Auroville" project aims at exploring the potential for Restorative Circles (RC) in Auroville, and how the practice might support us in developing a Justice System that reflects our Auroville ideals. What we offer during the Cross-Cultural Dialogue is a process based on the principles of RC, although we will not follow the entire RC format (as it's designed for a slightly different set-up).

With warmth,

L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Hélène and Kati [Restorative Auroville]

## CULTURAL EVENTS



## Taiwanese Cultural Events

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

1. Traditional Chinese Calligraphy workshop on July 30th at 10 am.

Location: Unity Pavilion, space limited to 15 people, to ensure your space email: [taiwan@auroville.org.in](mailto: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 Tea Ceremony at Swayam Tea Pavilion at 2 pm on August 6th. (Facilitated by Isha)

Taiwanese organic tea will be served. Space limited, please register to ensure your place, Email: [taiwan@auroville.org.in](mailto:taiwan@auroville.org.in)

4. Taiwanese Cuisine workshop and tasting on August 13th (details will be announced)

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



## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

### Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

1st August (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: 'Soul and Psychic 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](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com)

### Speak to Inspire Retreat

Your body language and voice are instrumental in determining the impression you make on the people around you. Especially in a workplace environment, it is not enough for you or your idea to be brilliant - you must illustrate and communicate your brilliance so that it may truly impact your audience.

Speak to Inspire is a one-day course, during which actor and voice professional Jesse Fox-Allen will help you to overcome your fear of public speaking. As you learn to speak with authority and precision, you will return to your workplace better able to handle challenges with confidence and impact.

Jesse Fox-Allen, will facilitate this program. With a passion for connecting with people through theatre games, Jesse has a thorough understanding of human dynamics. He has worked in a wide spectrum of industries and has a tremendous

understanding of corporate India. Jesse will collaborate with other experts from Auroville to create an outstanding experience for each participant.

For more information/registration send us an email at: [info@aurovillaretreat.org.in](mailto:info@aurovillaretreat.org.in)

### Awareness through the Body

Weekly sessions with Aloka at Transition School ATB Hall Wednesdays at 5 pm Yoga Nidra from August 2nd to the end of January '18: Deep relaxation sessions that last about an hour. Open to everybody.

Thursdays at 4:30 pm ATB explorations from August 3rd to the end of January '18: People interested need to sign up with: [alokamariona@gmail.com](mailto:alokamariona@gmail.com)

### HOLISTIC presents "Trauma - the unseen wound"

2 day workshop with theory and interactive exercises - A toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work.

The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.

Trainer Sigrid Lindemann

Date: January Aug 12th, 13th / 9- 5.30 pm.

Venue Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga hall  
[www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://www.sharngaguesthouse.in)

*Reminder: "Explore your mind" - 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy; 4-6th Aug*

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

*What is hypnosis? Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind"*

*Certified course from Ekaa [www.ekaa.co.in](http://www.ekaa.co.in)*

*Aug 4 - 6th at Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga hall*

*Info meeting: Aug2; 5- 5.30 pm at Sharnga Guesthouse Terrace*

*Trainer Sigrid Lindemann*

*Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville*

[www.auroville-holistic.com](http://www.auroville-holistic.com) / [www.sigridlindemann.com](http://www.sigridlindemann.com)

Register with Sigrid: [sigrid@auroville-holistic.com](mailto:sigrid@auroville-holistic.com) and 09626006961, 0413 2623888

**Nonviolent Communication Practice Group**



Hosted by L'aura, NVC Trainer  
 Dates: Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (5 Wednesdays)  
 Time: 4.30-6.30 pm  
 Theme of the month: "Engaging with Silence"

Advance registration and contribution required. Full commitment (5 sessions) and prior NVC experience.  
 For more info and to register, contact L'aura [joylivinglearning@gmail.com](mailto:joylivinglearning@gmail.com), 9442788016. [Other upcoming NVC events: [joylivinglearning.org](http://joylivinglearning.org)]

**SCHEDULES**

**SAVITRI BHAVAN - August 2017**

Exhibitions

In the Picture Gallery  
*Meditations on Savitri Book Eight to Twelve*  
 Paintings made by with the Mother's guidance and help  
 In the upper corridor

*Sri Aurobindo: a life-sketch in photographs*  
 In the Square Hall  
*Glimpses of the Mother: photographs and texts*

Films

Mondays 6.30 pm  
 August 7: *On Health and Psychology*  
 Video of Dr. Alok Pandey's interview by Narad (Richard Eggenberger). Duration: 43min.  
 August 14: *The Day of The Lord*  
 Video of a talk given by Dr. Alok Pandey at Savitri Bhavan on 28th Feb.2016. Duration: 50min.  
 August 21: *Nirod da - An Inspiration - Honouring the Memory of Nirodbaran*

Nirodbaran (1903-2006) was one of the close disciples of Sri Aurobindo and had a special relationship with the Lord;  
 Film by The Gnostic Centre, New Delhi, in 2007. Duration: 36min.  
 August 28: *Meditations on Savitri - Book 3: The Book of the Divine Mother Cantos 1-4*  
 Film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by the Mother accompanied on her own organ music. Duration: 32min.

Regular Activities

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri Study Circle*  
 Tuesdays 9-12 noon: *Introduction to Integral Yoga* led by Ashesh Joshi  
 Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5 pm: *L'Agenda de Mère*: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi  
 Tuesdays 5-6 pm: *Let us learn Savitri Together* in Tamil led by Buvana  
 Tuesdays 5-6 pm: *Mudra-Chi* led by Anandi

Tuesdays 5.45-7.15 pm: OM Choir (See details below)  
 Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading *The Life Divine*, led by Shraddhavan  
 Thursdays 4-5 pm: *The English of Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan  
 Fridays 5.30-7.00 pm: *Meditations with Hymns of the Rig Veda translated by Sri Aurobindo*, led by Nishtha  
 Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: *Satsang* led by Ashesh Joshi

From August 14th onwards

Mondays & Fridays 11am-12 noon Introduction to Sri Aurobindo's World Vision - Led by Muriel

OM Choir

In 1961 the Mother gave the *adesh* to Narad to bring down a new music. She said that one must go far above words and bring down the pure Music. Mother told us to sit in a circle and have no preconceptions as to what we would sing but to be silent and let the music descend in us. The OM Choir aspires to bring down the New Music for the New World in a collective body. We sing only OM, the creative and effectuating Word, after warming-up and voice exercises given by Narad.

Full Moon Gathering

Monday 7, 7.15-8.15 pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

The Library and Digital Library are now located in the Main Building

The Reading Room is open Monday to Friday from 9 - 4.30 / The Digital Library can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9 - 12.30  
 Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5  
 Everyone is welcome



LEARNING ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Traditional Mantra Chanting By Sonia  <i>Beginners:</i> Thursday 6:15 p.m to 7:15 <i>Regular students:</i> Friday 6: 15 p.m to 7:15 pm	Chanting Sanskrit Mantras 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 and Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in the classes in the traditional way.
Sanskrit Classes By Appointment with Sonia	Sanskrit is the key to enter into the wide world of Indian Traditional Culture. The Sacred Scriptures as well the Secular Scriptures are found to be written in Sanskrit language, thus a fundamental knowledge for students of Yoga and Spiritual Scriptures.
50 % discount for Savi registered Volunteers. Multiple classes discount available. On donation basis for Aurovilians and New Comers.	
Joy Community is located in Center Field, after Nandanam School, next to Center Guest House For info and reservations, please contact us at: 9487272393 / Email: <a href="mailto:joycommunity@auroville.org.in">joycommunity@auroville.org.in</a> / <a href="https://www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse">https://www.facebook.com/joycommunityguesthouse</a>	





## LANGUAGE LAB

We are happy to announce a new Beginners Class in Spoken Tamil, taught by Saravanan. Starting on Tuesday, 1st August. Classes will be Tuesdays from 10-11 am and Thursdays from 1-2 pm. This will be a dynamic, fun course for 1.5-2 months, depending on the energy of the group. The base will be the material from our "Fun With Tamil", with lots of practice with audio clips and film clips as well. We'll try to arrange some Tomatis Tamil listening for this Beginners group outside of the class time (see below). *Please come to the Lab and register for the class in person on Monday 31st July.* Newcomers in particular, from other parts of India and other countries, are specially invited.

A new Beginners French class is also starting. This will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10-11:30 am and Thursdays from 4-5:30 pm. We're happy to work with wonderful Camille (Delobel) who is looking forward to bringing all her animator skills to this class. All students who want to start French are requested to come to the Lab on Wednesday 26.07.17 at 10 am; those who missed this announcement can come on Monday 31st July.

Camille will be backed up by Gwendoline and Romain, whom we are happy to welcome to the Lab. They are from France and have been selected to come to Auroville (along with a third, Remi, who will help out at Tomatis) and will be with us for the entire year under the "Service Civique" programme, thanks to the enormous efforts of Dominique of Savi (Merci, Dominique, chapeau!). They will arrive in the beginning of August and together with them, we will organise a year-long programme to meet the needs of everybody, at all levels, in their French-learning journeys. With all our energies going towards finishing the building construction over the last two years, there was a long-gap for French. That wait is over, and by mid-August, we will announce several other new classes, since they will be with

us full-time. We will be happy to welcome all our old students to the new building and new students as well.

Note that the existing Beginners and Intermediate groups for Tamil taught by Buvana and Saravanan, and for English taught by Malcolm, are continuing. These are still open but you need to come and meet the teachers first to see if you can join.

We're also very happy that Susana will be back very soon and will start Spanish classes in the first week of August as well. The group from before the summer is welcome back and we'll probably start a new Beginners Spanish Group as well.

Tomatis Tamil: Several people have been asking us whether Tomatis is available for Tamil. So the deal is this: The Tomatis language training involves a Passive phase of pure listening training, like a baby in the womb, integrating and assimilating the language. This phase is done at "pedagogic settings", which are the same for every language. Then there is an Active Phase, which involves listening as well as very precise pronunciation training, where one listens and repeats sounds, then words, then small sentences - recreating the natural process of language learning. This phase requires specific Tomatis parameters for each language. Since we don't yet have the parameters for Tamil, we aren't able to offer the entire Tomatis program for Tamil. But, we are able to offer the first purely listening training part. Those who are interested, contact us! We may not have enough headphones for a large group, but we can arrange different timings for the listening sessions.

We're also looking for a second English teacher, preferably someone who has teaching experience.

The phones at the New Language Lab are still not working properly, so please send us email: [all@auroville.org.in](mailto:all@auroville.org.in) or just pass by.

## QUIET

Somatic Movement Workshop with Maggie

Friday 11 - Saturday 12 August 2017 (2 days): 9.30 am - 5.00 pm (12 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.

Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life. You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.

*Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education (IISME). She is also a highly experienced massage therapist and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.*



MOHANAM PRESENTS

### Youth Talent Show

4 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, 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 to 2 pm / Date: 12th of August 2017

Place: Mohanam Campus Auroville (opposite Imagination)

More information contact Anand: 9159468946 / 0413-

2623806

Facebook: [@mohanamyouth](https://www.facebook.com/mohanamyouth)

Mail: [mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in](mailto:mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in)

MOHANAM YOUTH LINK SPACE

On the northern side of Auroville for bridging Auroville and the Villages

!!! Invites you to participate in an interesting event!!!



# August Programs

Phone: 0413 2622045, 2622606  
 Mobile: 7094104329 / Email: [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in) / [www.verite.in](http://www.verite.in)

Classes			
Days	Title	Timings	Facilitator
Mondays	Iyengar Yoga	6.45 to 8 am	Olesya
	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga	5 to 6.30 pm	Andres
Tuesdays	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga	6.45 to 8 am	Andres
	Hatha Yoga (no class 8 Aug)	9 to 10.30 am	Sakshi
	Iyengar Yoga	5 to 6.15 pm	Olesya
Wednesdays	Aligned Vinyasa Yoga	6.45 to 8 am	Suryamayi
	Somatic Explorations	5 to 6 pm	Maggie
Thursdays	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga	6.45 to 8 am	Andres
	Hatha Yoga (no class 10 Aug)	9 to 10.30 am	Sakshi
	Iyengar Yoga	5 to 6.15 pm	Olesya
Fridays	Iyengar Yoga	6.45 to 8 am	Olesya
	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga	5 to 6.30 pm	Andres
Saturdays	Iyengar Yoga	6.45 to 8 am	Olesya
	Inner Dance	5 to 6.30 pm	Yoffi
	Aligned Vinyasa Yoga	5 to 6.30 pm	Suryamayi
Workshops			
Day & Date	Title	Timings	Facilitator
Fri, 4 Aug	Fate or Choice (Family Constellations)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Yuval
Mon, 7 Aug	Somatics - an introduction for everybody!	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Maggie
Tue to Sat, 8 to 12 Aug	Yoga Immersion - workshop (for beginners and intermediates - 5 Sessions)	9 am to 11 am	Sakshi
Mon, 28 Aug	Somatics - an introduction for everybody!	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Maggie
Therapies			
For appointment: Phone 0413-2622606 Mobile 7094104329 <a href="mailto:treatments@verite.in">treatments@verite.in</a>			
Andres Acosta	Traditional Thai Yoga Massage		
Andres Lokuta	Chiropractic Adjustment and Energy Alignment with Acupuncture		
Bebe	Chi Nei Tsang (Abdominal Massage) Thai Yoga Massage		
Chetna	Neurofeedback Therapy		
Mila	Craniosacral Therapy		

*Please note: To support the work of the presenters and staff, we ask all participants to please come in time for all classes and workshops. Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)*

Please contact Vérité to register for the following workshops: 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or [programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in)  
 Contributions requested from guests/volunteers (volunteer reduction by advance application only)

### WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ: (24 hour advanced registration required)

**Fate or choice?(family) constellations - with Yuval**  
 Friday, 4 August from 9 am to 4.45 pm  
 In our lives hidden dynamics can unconsciously create our fate. To become aware of them, we can bring back choice by applying (family) constellation techniques.  
*Yuval is a life & business coach.*

**Somatics - an introduction for everybody! With Maggie**  
 Monday, 7 August - 9.30 am to 12:30 pm  
 Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.  
*Maggie is a professionally trained Somatic Movement Educator and offers workshops, classes and clinical sessions in highly effective technique.*

**Yoga Immersion - Workshop (For Beginners and Intermediates - 5 Sessions) - With Sakshi**  
 Tuesday to Saturday, 8 - 12 August - 9 am to 11 am  
 This workshop is aimed at introducing Yoga in a holistic way to the participants. We will focus on asanas and further delve into Yoga philosophy, pranayama and meditation. Each day will involve yoga practice (hatha yoga style) and theory.  
 We Focus on:  
 1st day: Surya Namaskar / 2nd day: Standing postures / 3rd day: Core strength and balancing postures / 4th day: Backbends / 5th day: Pranayama and meditation postures  
*Sakshi has 5 years of practice. She has trained under Yana Luis (student of BKS Iyengar) for 3 years. She did teacher training course with Yogacharya Bharath Shetty in Mysore in June 2015. She is certified with RYS 200, Yoga Alliance. She has a teaching experience in Hatha yoga for 1 year*



## Programme for August 2017

### Yoga Iyengar

Āsana- Self practice	all levels	Tues (from 8 <sup>th</sup> )	07.00 - 10.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in	Tues (from 8 <sup>th</sup> )	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in	Tues (from 8 <sup>th</sup> )	16.30 - 18.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in - all levels	Tues	18.00 - 19.30	Delphine
Āsanas for women	drop in - all levels	Wed (from 9 <sup>th</sup> )	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in - all levels	Wed	09.00 - 10.30	Didier
Āsanas for the spine	drop in	Wed (from 9 <sup>th</sup> )	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas	drop in - all levels	Thurs	08.00 - 09.30	Didier
Āsanas restorative	drop in	Thurs (from 10 <sup>th</sup> )	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	drop in - all levels	Thurs	16.30 - 18.00	Didier
Asanas	drop in - all levels	Fri (from 11 <sup>th</sup> )	07.30 - 08.45	Angela
Āsanas for the spine	drop in	Sat (from 5 <sup>th</sup> )	16.30 - 18.00	Angela

Note: For Iyengar classes, please come to a drop in class first and talk to the teacher about appropriate level.

### Yoga - mixed style

Vinyasa Flow	drop in - restorative	Mon	10.00 - 11.30	Bebe
Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Natacha/Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - beginners	Tues	09.00 - 10.30	Bebe
Vinyasa flow	drop in - all levels	Tues	17.15 - 18.30	Andres
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Weds	17.00 - 18.30	Bebe
Svastha yoga	drop in - all levels	Weds	17.00- 18.00	Jani
Svastha yoga	drop in - all levels	Fri	10.30- 11.30	Jani
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Fri	18.00 - 19.30	Bebe

### Other Exercises

Aviva exercise	drop in - for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	Suriya/chitra
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### Dance

Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tues	16.00 - 17.15	Rekha
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	16.00 - 17.15	Kanchana

### Health Care at Pitanga

*For the following therapies & treatments please book your appointment on phone, 2622403/2622994*

Ayurvedic Massage	with Ion, Kumar	Thai yoga Massage	with Andres, Bebe, Juan, Kumar
Thai shiatsu massages	with Manu	Shiatsu	with Margaux

Note: (\*) Denotes classes for those willing to commit for a minimum of 3 months

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, (0413) 262 2403/2622994 - [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in).

## New Therapy at Pitanga

Shiatsu with Margaux (By Appointment only)

Two forms of Shiatsu are practiced in Pitanga, traditional and therapeutic Shiatsu. The traditional form aims at giving deep relaxation and restoring the balance of the physical and emotional energies. Therapeutic Shiatsu addresses specific illnesses in the body. It can also help in dealing with emotional problems and exhaustion.

### FILMS

## THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, August 4th, Friday.

Schedule of Events: 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour / 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest / 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club / 18:30 Eco Film Club begins

with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films / 20:00 Dinner is served / 21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen - Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

### CHASING CORAL

93 mins / English / 2017 / Directed by Jeff Orlowski  
Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. Divers, photographers and scientists set out on an ocean adventure to discover why the reefs are

disappearing and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world.

(Reminder: Friday 28/07 - Planet Earth II: Islands)

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>

## AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 at 6:30 pm

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 2: THE TRAVELLER OF THE WORLDS" - Cantos 7 and 9-15 as 'The Kingdoms and Godheads of the Greater Mind', 'The Heavens of the Ideal', 'The World Soul'

*At each pace of the journey marvelous / A new degree of wonder and of bliss, / A new rung formed in Being's mighty stair, / A great wide step trembling with jewelled fire / As if*

*a burning spirit quivered there / Upholding with his flame the immortal hope,... (Savitri, p.277)*

Film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. Duration: 52min.

## At the Unity Pavilion

Eye Opening Movie Series

On Wednesday, August 2 at 8 pm

UNACKNOWLEDGED (English, 100 min)

"Unacknowledged" focuses on the historic files of the Disclosure Project and how UFO secrecy has been ruthlessly enforced-and why. The best evidence for extraterrestrial contact, dating back decades, is presented with direct top-secret witness testimony, documents and UFO footage, 80% of which has

never been revealed anywhere else. The behind-the-scenes research and high-level meetings convened by Dr. Steven Greer will expose the degree of illegal, covert operations at the core of UFO secrecy. From briefings with the CIA Director, top Pentagon Generals and Admirals, to the briefing of President Obama via senior advisor John Podesta, chairman of the Hillary Clinton Campaign, we take the viewer behind the veil of secrecy and into the corridors of real power where the UFO secrets reside. The viewer will learn that a silent coup d'état has occurred dating back to the 1950s and that the Congress, the President and other world leaders have been sidelined by criminal elements within the military-industrial-financial complex.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm at the Unity Pavilion

All are welcome - No contribution required

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS - AUGUST 2017

### **Pondy Trips (summary. See full schedule on Auronet)**

The usual stops are served along the way: Matrimandir office gate, Solar kitchen, Certitude, Kuilapalayam, New Creation Junction, Kuilapalayam( SBI Bank ), (Former) Last School, Quiet, Lotus Hotel

#### Morning Trips:

##### MONDAY to SATURDAY

Dep. 8.20 am - Vérité

Arr. 9.05 am - Ashram Dining Hall

Dep. 12.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Arr. 12.45 pm - Vérité

#### Afternoon Trips:

##### WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Dep. 4.20 pm - Vérité

Arr. 5.05 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Dep. 8.10 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Arr. 8.55 pm - Vérité

#### Short afternoon Trips:

##### MONDAY & SATURDAY

Dep. 2.50 pm - Vérité

Arr. 3.35 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Dep. 6.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Arr. 6.45 pm - Vérité

### **Srima Beach (Tanto Far Beach) – Sunday Trips (summary. See full schedule on Auronet)**

The usual stops are served along the way:

Matrimandir office gate, Solar kitchen, Certitude, Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction), Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank), (Former) Last School

Dep. 9.00 am - Vérité

Arr. 9.30 am - SriMa

Dep. 9.30 am - Sri Ma

Arr. 10.00 am - Vérité

Dep. 11.30 am - Vérité

Arr. 12.00 pm - SriMa

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Arr. 12.30 pm - Vérité

Dep. 2.30 pm - Vérité

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Arr. 4.00 pm - SriMa

Dep. 5.30 pm

Arr. 6.00 pm - Vérité

We are looking forward for feedback from you all. Write to us at: [avbus@auroville.org.in](mailto:avbus@auroville.org.in)





# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium  
Film program 31 July 2017 to 6 August 2017

Indian - Monday 31 July, 8:00 pm:

- TAKE OFF  
India, 2017, Writer-Dir Mahesh Narayan w/ Parvathy, Fahadh Faasil, Kunchacko Boban, and others, Thriller, 139mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: U (G)  
In his acclaimed directorial debut, the director in this film tells a story framed on real life. Filmed in Dubai and Kerala this film starts with a family drama where Sameera, a nurse in Kerala is moving to Iraq for better salary. Her husband and family members are not supportive and finally they get divorced. Shahid a colleague understands her and wishes to marry her. Though Sameera is initially hesitant about another marriage, the two get married before moving to Iraq. In 2014, a group of Malayali nurses was captured when terrorists took over the city of Tikrit in Iraq. This movie recounts the ordeal suffered by the nurses following their capture through the eyes of Sameera and Shahid.

German - Tuesday 1 August, 8:00 pm:

- WIR SIND JUNG. WIR SIND STARK (We are young. We are strong)  
Germany, 2014, Dir. Burhan Qurbani w/ Jonas Nay, Trang Le Hong, Devid Striesow, and others, Drama-History, 123mins, German-Vietnamese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.  
On 24th August 1992 in the eastern German city of Rostock a rampaging mob, to the applause and cheering of more than 3,000 bystanders, besieged and set fire to a residential building containing, among others, more than 120 Vietnamese men, women and children on what has since become known as "The Night of the Fire."

Interesting - Wednesday 2 August, 8:00 pm:

- YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY : END OF THE WOODS  
USA, 2014, A National Geographic Production - Season1 w/ Harrison Ford, Don Cheadle and others, Documentary, 58mins, English, Rated: NR (G)  
Harrison Ford continues his investigation into the global effects of the palm oil industry, exploring the corruption that has deforested the Indonesian landscape and created the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases. Meanwhile, Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger joins an elite team of wild-land firefighters known as "Hot Shots" as they battle a new breed of forest fires made more deadly by climate change, and discovers another killer wiping out trees at an even faster rate than the fires.

Russian - Thursday 3 August, 8:00 pm:

- SLON (The Elephant)  
Russia, 2010, Dir. Vladimir Karabanov w/Sergey Shnurov, Anastasiya Bagrova, Ivan Zhidkov, and others, Adventure-Drama, 88mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR  
Boni, a young lady, works in a Russian circus as a helper. One day, during a performance, the elephant shows signs of illness and the management decides to get rid of the animal. But Boni just cannot let this happen.

International - Saturday 5 August, 8:00 pm:

- XINGU  
Brazil, 2011, Dir. Cao Hamburger w/ João Miguel, Felipe Camargo, Caio Blat, and others, Adventure-Biography, 102mins, Portuguese-Tupi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)  
Inspired by the real life story, the film is set in the 1940s when three Villas brothers Orlando 27, Claudio 25 and Leonardo 23 engage in this saga though much lauded -- opened up ~1000 miles along the unspoiled river, leading to establishment of airbases, new towns, and contact with the forest dwelling Kaiabi Indians. The adventure also leads to the creation of the Xingu National Park, which is one of the world's largest Indian reservations located in Brazil.

Children's Film - Sunday 6 August, 4:30 pm:

- OZZY  
Spain, 2016, Dir: Alberto Rodriguez, w/ Guillermo Romero, Dani Rovira, Jose Mota, Animation, 90mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G  
When his family goes on vacation, a young dog finds himself at a dog prison where he must escape with the help of his new friends.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 6 August, 8:00 pm:

- NO FILM SCHEDULED

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. *Pl 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)

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- 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.*

Bharat Nivas presents a panorama of events focusing on the culture of Bengal: films (feature & documentary), exhibitions (painting & textiles), Rabindra Sangeet, workshops (painting, Bengali 'Alpona' kolam, Kantha embroidery, sari draping in Bengali style) & Bengali cuisine.

Rabindranath Thakur has composed music on his own poetry known as Rabindra Sangeet. His Nobel prize winning 'Gitanjali' poetry will be sung by visiting musicians from Kolkata. Visiting painters from Kolkata will be exhibiting their works of art and interacting with the public.

The following is the calendar of events. More details will be posted on Auronet, News&Notes and our facebook: <https://goo.gl/TpPGbM>

<b>August 12, Saturday</b>	
5:00 pm	<b>Painting Exhibition</b> Inauguration By visiting women artists from Kolkata Kala Kendra
	<b>Exhibition: Textiles from Bengal</b> India Space
6:30 pm	<b>Bengali dinner</b> Annam Kitchen Restaurant
7:45 pm	<b>Rabindra Sangeet</b> Vocal music (Songs of Tagore) Bhavishyate
<b>August 13, Sunday</b>	
7:45 pm	<b>Film Screening</b> Feature Film Bhavishyate Hall
<b>August 14, Monday</b>	
7:45 pm	<b>'Film on Sri Aurobindo'</b> Documentary Film Bhavishyate Hall
<b>August 16, Wednesday</b>	
7:45 pm	<b>Art Film</b> Kala Kendra
<b>August 17, Thursday</b>	
3:00- 6:00 pm	<b>Painting Workshop by visiting artists</b> Kala Kendra
<b>August 18, Friday</b>	
6:30 pm	<b>Bengali dinner</b> Annam Kitchen Restaurant

7:45 pm	<b>Film Screening</b> Feature Film Bhavishyate Hall
<b>August 19, Saturday</b>	
2:00 pm	<b>Alpona Workshop</b> SAWCHU
5:00 pm	<b>Bengali saree-draping workshop</b> India Space
6:30 pm	<b>Bengali dinner</b> Annam Kitchen Restaurant
7:45 pm	<b>Group Singing</b> by Nandita-di & Auroville artistes Bhavishyate Hall
<b>August 20, Sunday</b>	
4:00 – 6:00 pm	<b>Kantha Embroidery Workshop</b> India Space
6:30 pm	<b>Bengali dinner</b> Annam Kitchen Restaurant
7:45 pm	<b>Film Screening</b> Feature Film Bhavishyate Hall
<b>August 21, Monday</b>	
7:45 pm	<b>Rabindranath Tagore</b> Documentary Film by Satyajit Ray
<b>August 22, Tuesday</b>	
6:30 pm	<b>Bengali dinner</b> Annam Kitchen Restaurant
7:45 pm	<b>Art Film followed by discussion</b> Kala Kendra

For more information please contact by E-mail: [bharatnivas@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in) / or phone: 2622 914