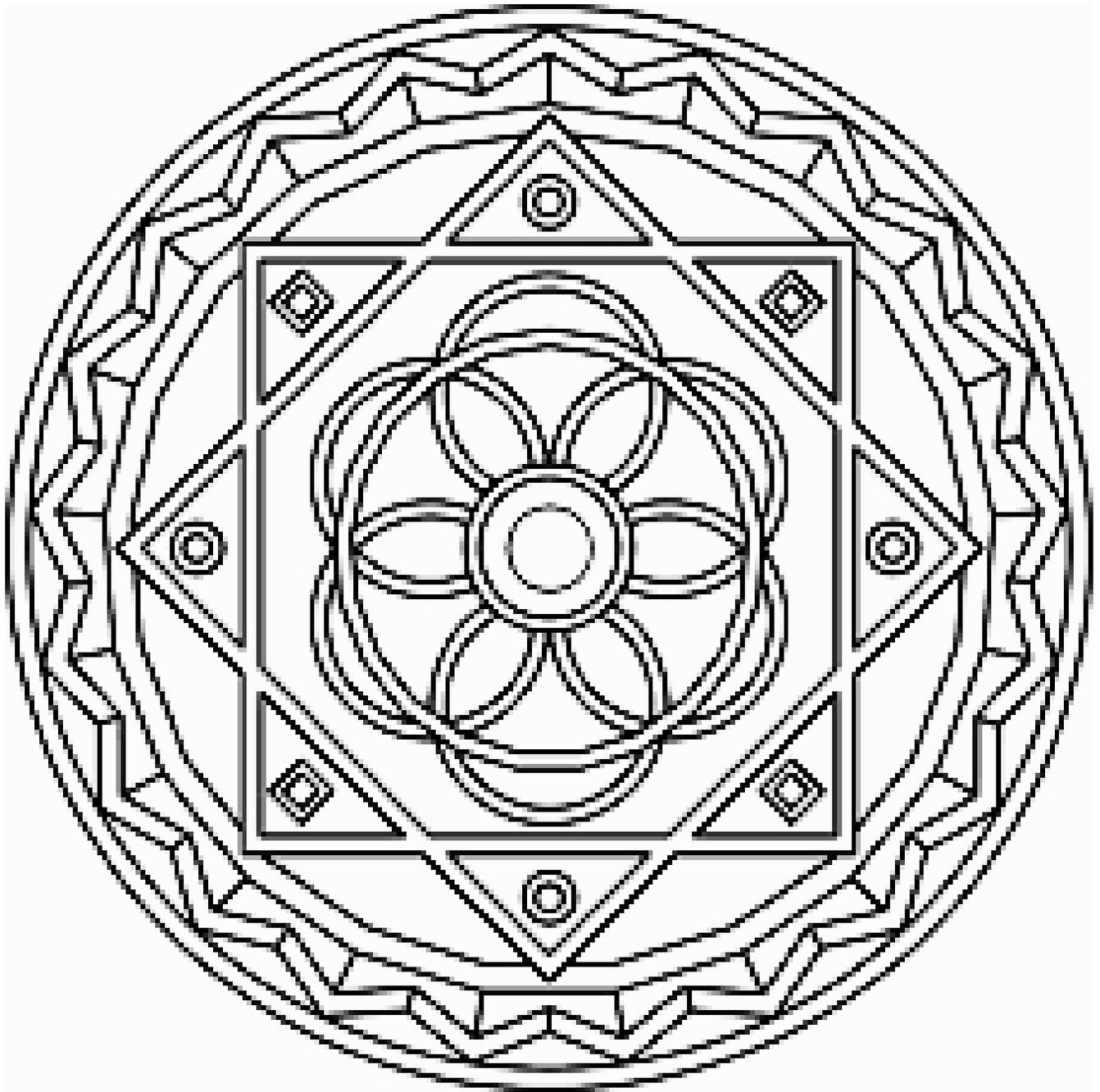


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(Continued)

We have seen that the Mother's withdrawal had become a necessity because she was entering a new phase of the yoga. Till now she had focused her effort on the realization of the overman, the transitional being between mental man, which we are, and the full-fledged supramental superman. From now onwards her effort would be concentrated on the transformation of the body – of her body and therefore of the body of humanity, because her body would become the body of humanity. This does not mean that she had not known about this before or that many elements of the new effort were not already present and even partially worked out in earlier years, some as early as in the years the Prayers and Meditations were written. This is an Integral Yoga, a global effort from the very beginning, 'a war on all fronts' to recall Sri Aurobindo's simile; every gain made a further progress possible and therefore the tackling of a new aspect of the integrality. The Mother had many names for this new aspect. She called it the yoga of the body, the yoga of the cells, the physical yoga, the yoga of the physical vibrations, the yoga of Matter, etc. The many names of this yoga define the centre of its attention and endeavour.

We are fairly well informed about this yoga of physical transformation due to a series of regular conversations, extending over many years, which the Mother had with Satprem, a French disciple. [...] However, during his brief stay in Pondicherry he had had the darshan of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, probably in 1949, and he carried 'The Life Divine' with him wherever he went. Ultimately he joined the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, reluctantly, in 1953.

The published correspondence between the Mother and Satprem in the following years shows the endless patience, understanding and love the Mother showered even on restless disciples like him. Gradually she won him over by taking him into her confidence, even during and after he had gone out of the Ashram several times, always dreaming of new adventures and discoveries in the most exotic places of the globe. She began talking to him on every subject under the sun, including her own past and her ongoing yogic experiences. When Satprem realized the importance of these conversations, he began recording them on tape, and from 1964 onwards published, with the Mother's consent, some passages in the Bulletin of Physical Education under the title Notes on the Way. Since its inception the Bulletin was published in English and French, and Satprem had become the French editor.

After the Mother's departure these recorded French conversations were published under Satprem's editorship as L'Agenda de Mère (later translated as Mother's Agenda) in thirteen volumes. They are an indispensable source of information not only about the Mother's yoga in the years 1960-73 but also about her and Sri Aurobindo's lives and their yoga in general. It is impossible to really know what their avataric mission and their yoga were and are without being knowledgeable about the contents of these conversations.[...]

To get an idea of the Mother's Work in the following years, an understanding of some general elements of her yoga is necessary, for here we are entering a terrain where nobody has ventured before. We will have a closer look at these elements in brief and in the simplest possible way. It should be remembered that the Mother had to discover most of it by herself and for the very first time. In some cases she moved forward step by step, all the time groping for a formulation which might be comprehensible to others. True, all spiritual experience is incomprehensible as such because it belongs outside the domain of the mind. 'I am using words for what is not expressible in words,' she said, and: 'It [i.e. her experience] is difficult to put into words, it is still too much only an action.' Moreover, what the Mother has told is but a minute part of what she actually experienced; she said that to describe one minute of her experience a whole volume would be needed, and that a single one of her experiences represented a complete teaching. Still she made it possible for us to discern some broad outlines, and the marvel of her crystal-clear language lies in the way she managed to formulate the inexpressible in the simplest, though often unforgettably coined phrases.

To begin with, it should be kept in mind that the Mother in the body was also the Great Mother, the eternal divine Creatrix of the worlds. What could be seen of her with physical eyes – and many saw nothing more – was only an outer shell. Once, when a question was put to Sri Aurobindo concerning the Prayers and Meditations, he wrote: 'It is the Mother in the lower nature addressing the Mother in the higher nature, the Mother herself carrying on the Sadhana of the earth-consciousness for the transformation praying to herself above from whom the forces of transformation come.'

THE MOTHER, The Transformation of the Body

Georges van Vrekhem

The
Ponder
Corner

This taste for supreme adventure is aspiration - an aspiration which takes hold of you completely and flings you, without calculation and without reserve and without a possibility of withdrawal, into the great adventure of the divine discovery, the great adventure of the divine meeting....

The Mother - ref. Works of The Mother, vol.8, p.40

Report from the Working Committee on the Governing Board meeting in August 2017

The new members of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, Chairman Dr. Karan Singh, Dr. Prema Nandakumar, Dr. Nirima Oza, Prof. Sachindanand Mohanty and Dr. Anirban Ganguly met on Sunday morning August 13th for a personal interaction, and afterwards were introduced to the members of the Working Committee. Lunch followed at Samarpan

In the afternoon that day, the members listened to presentation of Wasteless, Humanscapes, the Auroville Institute of Applied Technology, the Sustainable Livelihood Institute and the Auroville Sports Resource Centre. This was followed by the members presenting themselves to the Aurovilians, the inauguration of Bharat Nivas' bi-annual journal "Bhavishyate" and Prisma's book "The Inauguration of Auroville - Concept and Purpose" and an interaction between the Board members and the community.

On 13th evening, the Working Committee members and other invitees, including officials from Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, attended a dinner hosted by Dr. Karan Singh at Hotel Ashok.

In the morning of August 14th, the Board was joined by Mr. A.K. Gopal, Under Secretary Ministry of HRD, representing ex-officio member Joint Secretary Mr. Rakesh Ranjan IAS, who could not attend the meeting himself.

The day started with Dr. Karan Singh inaugurating the new building of the Auroville Electrical Service and Solar Service. This was followed by the Board's interaction with the Working Committee and other working groups. The following points were raised:

1) By the Working Committee

- a. GB. We expressed our thanks to the outgoing Board members Dr. Aster Mira Patel, Shri Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi, Dr. Mallika Sarabhai, Ms. Ameeta Mehra and Shri Y.S.V.S Murthy for their dedication and support to Auroville and requested the HRD Ministry to soon appoint the two remaining members.
- b. IAC. We also recorded our gratitude to the former members of the Auroville International Advisory Council, Sir Mark Tully, Dr. Vishaka Desai, Dr. Kabir Shaikh, Dr. Shaunaka Rishi Das and Mr. Julian Lines whose presence and support have helped Auroville to grow and to become more conscious of needed developments in many directions. We requested the HRD Ministry will soon appoint new members to the Council.
- c. Working Committee constitution. We informed the Board about the upcoming changes in the composition of the Working Committee.
- d. GOI grant. We informed the Board about the constitution and the work of the newly appointed Government of India Grants subgroup; discussed the height of the GOI grant; and requested the Board's approval for the proposed allocations of the regular GOI grant for the year 2017-2018 made in consultation with the Secretary and the Under Secretary.
- e. Visa. We discussed pending visa issues including volunteers' issues, and requested the Board to promote an interaction with the Home Ministry.
- f. Land. We discussed the need to obtain the relevant government permission to sell outlying lands of Auroville, as approved by the Resident's Assembly some years ago, so that funds become available to purchase lands within the city and greenbelt areas.
- g. Institute of National Importance for Human Unity. We discussed the possibility for Auroville to be recognized as an Institution of National Importance dedicated

towards Human Unity. This status would help Auroville in many ways to accelerate its development.

- h. Fundraising issues. The Board was requested to write to the relevant ministries asking them to inform the public sector undertakings functioning under their ambit that they can make donations to Auroville from their Corporate Social Responsibility budgets.
 - i. The Humanscapes project. The Board was informed about the status of this project and was requested to approach the Hon'ble HRD Minister to instruct the granting of the funds agreed upon.
- 2) Topics presented by various working groups (most groups had already submitted a written report to the Board).
- a. The 50th anniversary core group detailed its plans for the 50th anniversary celebrations.
 - b. The Auroville Council introduced itself and its work.
 - c. The new Matrimandir executives highlighted the work done and to be done in the next year.
 - d. The Land Board and the Acres for Auroville group reported on progress and issues of constraint regarding land acquisition, land protection and fundraising for the land.
 - e. The Land Protection Group briefly informed about the need for land protection and the status of the research on the desirability and possible form of a New Town Development Authority for the Auroville area.
 - f. The Funds and Assets Management Committee informed the members about its functioning and presented an overview of Auroville finances.

The morning meeting was followed by a lunch at Le Morgan. In the afternoon, the Board had its own meeting.

Observations and lessons learned.

We would like to share the following observations:

- 1) Available time. The time of the interaction between the Board and the working groups is extremely limited. Everything has to be packed within 3 hours. We observed that some of the verbal presentations made to the Board were too long, and contained information which was not to the point. We will inform the various presenters about our view.
- 2) Information overload. Within a period of 3 hours, the Board members are supposed to take in all that is being said. This is not humanly possible. Relevant information has to be presented in writing, and the oral presentations should only be used to highlight areas of concern. Written presentations have to be submitted long before the meeting, and not during or even after the meeting. We will henceforth ask for presentations to be sent to us a month before the scheduled meeting.
- 3) Too many people. A few working groups thought it necessary to introduce all members of their group and their backgrounds to the Board. This is not necessary and takes time. A presentation of a few representative members will henceforth be sufficient.
- 4) Unknown person. One working group introduced a person who was unknown to the Working Committee and Secretary, and who subsequently addressed the Board. This is incorrect. The members of a working group chosen by the community alone should address the Board.
- 5) Behaviour. It was observed (and not only by the Working Committee) that some members displayed irreverent behaviour towards the Board, e.g. by 'sitting on their shoulder blades' or speaking amongst themselves during the presentation. This is disrespectful to the Board.

The Working Committee

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) Monthly Report - July 2017

July found us still in the flux. As a team, we continued the review process for some weeks in July, fleshing out details of how we wanted to work and what we wanted to achieve together. As a result of the continued reflection and review process, Auralice proposed to step down as chairperson for the FAMC meetings and instead to take on the role of facilitating activities related to our annual work plan. Says Auralice: "It was a pleasure and valuable learning experience to chair FAMC meetings for 6 months." The group appreciates Auralice's warm, goodwilled presence and positive attitude, so we are grateful for her continued offer of help as a resource person. Angelo has meanwhile stepped in to chair the regular FAMC meetings.

As was requested, we have informed the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) that FAMC is looking for replacement of two members this year--Stephanie, who had resigned earlier this year, and Ulli who had previously agreed to step out after a one year term.

COMPLETED ISSUES

Units and Trusts

ABC Trust trustee changes: the following trustee changes were endorsed by the Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) support group and then approved by the FAMC and Working Committee (WCom): reappointment of Mr. Daniel Emdin, and Mr. Torkil Dantzer; resignation of Ms. Heidi Fellensiek (aka Chinmayi); and appointment of Mr. Nicola Porro. A letter to the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, was sent from the WCom office, to issue a revised Office Order.

Freeland executive changes (under Swagatam Trust): the following changes were endorsed by the ABC and then approved by the FAMC: resignations of Mr. Remi Boutinet, and Mr. Denis Henley; and appointment of Mr. Lemaire Arnout Jozef Fernand (aka Arnout). The other current executive is Mr. Yannick Rolland (aka Yagna). An FAMC Resolution was issued.

Auroville Road Service executive changes (under Auroville Service Trust): the following change was endorsed by the Auroville Board of Services (ABS) and approved by the FAMC: appointment of Mr. Jacques Rosier. The other current executives are Mr. Alain Grandcolas, and Mr. S. Manickam. An FAMC Resolution was issued.

Atithi Griha Guest House executive changes (under Bharat Nivas Pavilion of India Trust): the following changes were endorsed by the trustees and then approved by the FAMC: appointment of Ms. Divya Karun, and Mr. Aamit Bawa. The other current executive is Ms. Kiran Singh. An FAMC Resolution was issued.

Auroville Consulting executive changes (under Swagatam Trust): the following changes were endorsed by the ABC and approved by the FAMC: resignations of Mr. Vikram Devatha, Mr. Chandresh Patel, and Mr. Raghu Kolli; appointment of Mr. Vimal Bhojraj. The other current executive is Mr. Martin Scherfler. An FAMC Resolution was issued.

Svaram executive resignation (under Swagatam Trust): the following resignation was endorsed by the ABC and approved by the FAMC: Mr. Chandresh Patel. The remaining executives are Mr. Jan van der Dikkenberg and Mr. Alfred Hammer (aka Aurelio). The FAMC Resolution was issued.

Auroville Vehicle Service, a new unit (under Auroville Service Trust): the FAMC approved the creation of the unit, Auroville Vehicle Service with Mr. Krishnaraju Subrayan (aka Raju), Ms. Lea Alidiere, and Mr. Prabakaran Munusamy (aka Prabhu) as executives, as recommended by the ABS. The FAMC Resolution was issued.

CAG Audit issues (Discussions with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, Mr. Chunkath (IAS) and Mr. P. R. Srinivasamurthy (Finance and Administration Officer (FAO)):

Late submission of Trust balance sheets: At the time of our meeting, approximately 15 of 47 Trusts/entities had not

submitted their balance sheets as per the given deadline. Delay in submitting Trust balance sheets means a consolidated balance sheet cannot be created and this in turn can have unintended consequences for Auroville. For example, delayed submission of accounts can affect future grant allocation from the Government of India. It was suggested that a meeting be held in September or October 2017 to discuss problems encountered and propose solutions to improve the annual submission of the balance sheets.

Straight line depreciation method for assets: Unfortunately, lack of clear guidance has resulted in confusion and not all units have switched from the declining-balance method to the straight line method. This means that this is likely to be a continuing CAG audit point into the next financial year.

Policies and Guidelines

Proposed Code of Conduct: This document, which will replace the "Guidelines for Commercial Trusts & Units of the Auroville Foundation", August 2014, is due for presentation for approval by the Governing Board at their upcoming meeting. To come up with the final version, the FAMC, WCom, and ABC had a joint discussion as well as meetings with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. The document was posted on the Auronet

Eatery contributions: The FAMC decided that the City Services contribution for Aurovilians working in eateries is considered part of the 5% contribution on turnover, and we have accordingly informed ABC, ABS, and the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC).

Loans

Mallika housing loan request: FAMC approved a housing loan request of Rs. 6 lakhs to Mallika, in accordance with the recommendation from the Housing Board.

Housing

Big Boys' Boarding (BBB): We are happy to announce that both unapproved and illegal occupation of BBB have been resolved. The Auroville Foundation Office played a significant role in resolving this long standing problem. Housing Service is now looking into improving the dilapidated structures and making arrangements for future stewardship.

Land

Land exchange proposal:

FAMC approved the Land Board proposal for the land transaction negotiation that would result in Auroville acquiring BO110-3b2 located between Ami and New Lands in exchange for the Auroville plot TH170-5 located near Aurobrindavan.

Miscellaneous

FAMC representative for an appeal decision, implementation and monitoring: at the request of the Auroville Council (AVC), Chandresh has joined the Implementation and Monitoring Group. The appeal Sheril made concerning a decision by L'avenir, involving a building asset in Progress community, is completed. The appeal decision will now be implemented.

FAMC project budget: the FAMC has been allocated funds from the Government of India (GoI) grant in the amount of Rs. 9 lakhs for the current financial year. It was agreed to utilize Rs. 3.7 lakhs to create Asset Registers that will consolidate data for the Town Development Council, FAMC, and the Land Board. Further consideration for use of the grant balance allocated to the FAMC is under discussion.

Promesse community support request: Promesse residents requested financial support of Rs. 20,000 to move their entrance gate and establish a waste-management system, as well as Rs. 25,000 for loss of cashew harvest income (Rs. 5,000 per year for 5 years) due to exchange of non-residential land in Promesse. Both the Land Board and the FAMC are considering support for the entrance gate. Regarding compensation for reported loss of income, the FAMC asked the residents to submit evidence that they were earning Rs. 5,000 per year previously. No documentation has yet been received.

ONGOING ISSUES

Units and Trusts

Auroville Service Trust: We are in an ongoing dialogue with the trustees and the ABS to strengthen the Trust by appointing new active trustees.

Interim Town Development Council (ITDC) aka L'avenir d'Auroville) related

Building Permission for Invocation Radial Project: The Invocation Radial Project envisages having ground floor units allocated for commercial activities, while upper levels will be residential. The FAMC is concerned that this arrangement might reduce interest in the residential units and could impinge upon the financial viability of the project. We have asked ITDC if the ground floor units could be made convertible and used for either purpose. We also need some additional financial information from Sumark Construction, the project holder before we can make a decision.

Miscellaneous issues from previous months:

The following issues that were mentioned in previous monthly reports are still pending: Abundance Guest House loan request; BCC mandate revisions; Martuvam Healing Forest fencing request and homestay application; learning about the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

"In community - Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Ulli, and Yuval"

SAIER report of Bajaj CSR process

Dear community, we would like to share an update on our work managing the Bajaj CSR grant.

SAIER learned in May 2017 that it had been chosen by Bajaj Auto to receive a grant of Rs. 1,00,00,000 (1 crore) under the Bajaj Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme. The SAIER Board made a call to the Auroville community for projects that might be supported with the grant, taking into consideration the purpose for which the grant was given, namely 'Promoting Education'. An announcement was made via News & Notes and AuroNet.

48 abstracts were submitted to SAIER by members of the community. These were reviewed by a sub-group of the SAIER Board (Chali, Lucas, Jean-Yves, Sanjeev A., Sanjeev R., Sauro) for their applicability and potential for support under the Bajaj CSR scheme. 20 of the 48 abstracts were selected for elaboration, and the project holders for these were requested to submit a detailed project proposal.

Once received, the detailed proposals were reviewed and discussed by the sub-group. Clarifications were solicited from the project holders as needed, and a decision was made for each project. Of the 20 projects, 13 were chosen to receive full or partial support. The 13 projects are listed below. Descriptions of them can be read at: http://wiki.auroville.org.in/w/images/0/0c/Report_from_the_SAIER_office_ANNEXURE.pdf.

1. Completion of Watchtower at Auroville Botanical Gardens (Rs. 88,080)
2. Garden of Indian Culture and Heritage (Rs. 18,03,000)
3. Isai Ambalam School Transformation Program (Rs. 6,52,370)
4. STEM Smart Classroom and Training Center (Rs. 10,90,954)
5. Blue Rays Ultimate Frisbee Development Program (Rs. 1,31,000)
6. Research & Development of a New Integral Music Pedagogy (Rs. 5,00,000)
7. Creating Awareness of Azolla Production among Adolescents and Promoting Azolla Cultivation by Farmers in the Auroville Bioregion (Rs. 3,53,100)
8. Scholarship Fund with enlarged budget (Rs. 10,00,000)
9. EcoPro Sanitation Education in Boodheri (Rs. 4,50,000)
10. Promotion of sports and culture in Auroville and the Bioregion (Rs. 10,00,000)
11. Awareness programs for a plastic-free world (Rs. 2,69,500)
12. Upcycling Studio Gallery and Permanent Exhibition (Rs. 7,19,500)
13. 'kNOW PLASTICS' Educational Programme (Rs. 6,50,000)

Thank you,

The SAIER Board (Ashoke, Chali, Clare, Jean-Yves, Jyoti K., Lucas, Michael H., Sanjeev A., Sanjeev R., Sauro)

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

AADHAAR Registration Camp in Auroville

Dear friends,

A second camp is about to be held in Auroville from Tuesday, September 5th till Friday, September 15th (the final venue will be announced later).

We need volunteers to facilitate the registration process and the enrolment. If you are willing to help for the duration of the camp (part time or full time), please write us an email.

This camp is open to Aurovilians, Newcomers and their children. To register and help us organise better, please follow the following steps.

- 1) Write an email to: aadhaar@auroville.org.in
- 2) You will receive a link to register online. Select a preferred date.
- 3) A confirmation will be sent to you with all necessary instructions.

In case you need the card ASAP, you can go to the centre in Pondicherry:

Aadhaar Enrolment Center - 28, Near First Cross, Krishna Nagar Main Street, Puducherry, 605008 0413 221 4166 / <https://goo.gl/maps/5YLbrMoUFPT2>

Moving towards no cash transactions in the city centre of Auroville

Dear residents and operators of guest houses, homestays, rental services, restaurants and eateries, and all who deal with cash in our midst,

FAMC team would like to encourage all to move towards a cashless economy in the city centre of Auroville. In order to support and help this re-emergence of our ideal at the 50th Anniversary year, let us all try and sincerely work towards its implementation.

Aurocards have been implemented as one such means to support the short term needs of the guests and volunteers. All are welcome to provide additional suggestions by writing to us at: adminfamc@auroville.org.in on how we can take up this opportunity and remove cash transfers from all of our income-generating activities in the city centre.

Thank you,

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

Entry Policy - latest version after integrating community feedback (with track changes)

Dear Community,

You may recall that the Resident's Assembly Service, on behalf of the Auroville Council (AvC), the Working Committee (WCom) and the Entry Task Group (ETG), had published the draft Entry

Policy for community feedback. Click here: <https://goo.gl/GVMd6z>

The Entry Task Group has integrated the community feedback in the Entry Policy document and submitted this document to the AvC and WCom. Please click here: <https://goo.gl/HMHYZO> to see a track-changed version of the Entry Policy.

The WCom then looked at the legal part of the document and adjusted it. The key adjustment is that the names have had to be changed:

- Entry Policy is now called the Admission Policy
- Entry Service is now called the Admission Service
- Entry Board is now called the Admission Committee
- Entry Secretariat is now called the Admission Service Secretariat
- Mentor Pool - no change in name

Please click here: <https://goo.gl/d8q7ys> to see a clean version of the final draft of the policy proposed for ratification by the Resident's Assembly.

Reminder: We wish to see you at the upcoming General Meeting on Saturday, 26th August, 2017, at the Unity Pavilion, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

With best wishes - *The AvC, WCom, ETG.*

A note from Housing Service

Dear Community

As you are probably aware, a lot of Aurovilians and Newcomers are in urgent need of housing solutions.

The Housing Service would kindly like to ask all Stewards in need of a House-sitter to privilege Aurovilians and Newcomers for any long term house-sitting offered (long-term being more than 2 months) and not to give it to Guests or Volunteers. House-sitting agreements can be signed by the Housing Service. Templates that can be personalized to your needs can be obtained upon request.

Thanking you all for your kind help and understanding
The Housing Service

Your Feedback Please - Selection Process & Working Group Nominations

Dear Friend,

This week and next week the Residents' Assembly Service is publishing two lists of selection process nominees for your feedback.

Your feedback is important because these nominees will either become working group members or participate in the selection of the new working members, as per our Participatory Working groups selection policy.

This selection period will hold two selection events:

1. A combined event to select members for the Auroville Council, the Working Committee and the FAMC; and
2. An event dedicated to the formation of the Interface Team for the newly restructured l'Avenir d'Auroville/Town Development Council (TDC).

The following list includes all the nominees for both events who so far have:

- a) accepted the nomination; and
- b) sent their profile and photo to the RAS.

We need your feedback by September 9

We're now inviting you to offer your feedback on the current nominees. The feedback period will run for two weeks and end on September 9.

How to Submit Feedback

- a) Feedback form - To submit feedback, please click here to open the feedback form: https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/2017_feedback_form_on_nominees,
- b) By email - You can also write to the Temporary Feedback Review Committee at: tfrcom@auroville.org.in. To submit feedback by email, the mail must come from an auroville.org.in address.
- c) In writing - You can also submit feedback in writing, in which case the feedback statement must include your name (legibly written) and your signature.

Please see the section on feedback from the policy here:

- Feedback must be factual and signed. Observations, which lack either, will be discarded.
- Feedback will not be confidential. However, if there is a strong valid concern combined with apprehension for repercussions, and the feedback is of pressing significance, the Auroville Council or the Working Committee may take up it up for further action. In such a case there will be strict confidentiality for the individual who provided the feedback.
- The Temporary Feedback Review Committee, an independent, temporary body created by the Auroville Council at the beginning of the process and accepted by the community at large after a 2-week feedback period, will study the received feedback for a period of 4 weeks. This omni-partial Feedback Review Committee consists of long-term Residents of Auroville who have shown deep commitment to the ideals of Auroville, and will dissolve after the feedback is processed.
- The task of the Temporary Feedback Review Committee is to look through the feedback in depth and determine if there are nominees who are not eligible. They base their evaluation on the 'Material Conditions for Living in Auroville' and the Law of India.
- Feedback with regard to any nominee(s) containing strong valid/factual reservation related to the 'Material Conditions for Living in Auroville' and the Law of India will be communicated to the concerned nominee(s).

Your feedback goes the Temporary Review Committee

Your feedback will be compiled and sent to the Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRC), a committee created by the Auroville Council for this process. The TFRC will assess the feedback it received and where it considers it has received what constitutes a significant, substantiated objection to a nominee with regards the "Material Conditions for Living in Auroville" and the Law of India, it will remove that nominee from the selection process and they will not be eligible to join a working group or participate in the selection process in this selection round.

Don't see your name in the list?

If you're a nominee and you've already sent us your profile and photo and you're not in the above list, and/or you notice inaccuracies in this announcement, please contact us immediately by email at: raservice@auroville.org.in.

For more information

For more information on this, please don't hesitate to email us at: raservice@auroville.org.in or call us on 948 6623 749.

The List of Nominees and Participants For Your Feedback - List One

First Name, Second name, Community, Selection Process

Anand R, Gokulam, AVC/WC/FAMC	Judith Robinson, Grace, WC, FAMC"
Ananda, Fraternity, AVC/WC/FAMC	Juergen Puetz, Aurobrindavan, WC
Aneeta, Sailam, AVC/WC/FAMC	L'aura, Centre Field, AVC/WC/FAMC
Angelo, Certitude, AVC/WC/FAMC	Louis Cohen, Citadines, TDC
Anu Majumdar, Citadines / Sunship, AVC/WC/FAMC	Manohar Fedele, Realization, AVC/TDC
Arun, Arc-en-Ciel, AVC/WC/FAMC/TDC	Matriprasada, Prayatna, AVC
Aurore, Tranformation, AVC/WC/FAMC	Michael, Aurodam, TDC
Aurovici, Impermanence, TDC	Natasha, Creativity, AVC, TDC
Balaji S, Kottakarai farm, AVC	Parthasarathy Krishnan, Maitreya, WC
Bunty, Auromodele, WC	Paul Vincent, Courage, TDC
Carel, Samasti, AVC/WC/FAMC	Pino, Creativity, TDC
Christian Tarpin, Auroorchard, TDC	Rajendran, WDK, TDC
Christine, Fertile, AVC	Rama Narayana, Courage, AVC/TDC
Cristo Mabilat, Revelation, TDC	Ranjit Kumar, Mangalam, AVC/WC/FAMC/TDC
Daniel Emdin, Sri MA, FAMC/TDC	Renuka, Arc-en-Ciel, AVC/WC/FAMC
Dheena, Aspiration, FAMC	Rita, Centre Field, AVC/WC/FAMC
Diego Zecchin, Samridhi, TDC	Satyakam, New Creation, TDC
Divya Lieser, Kalabhumi, AVC/TDC	Sauro Mezzetti, Grace, FAMC
Elvira, Pitchandikulam, AVC	Selvam Saminathan, Simplicity (Matrimandir), TDC
Fabian Ostner, Pitchandikulam Forest, TDC	Selvaraj Arumugam, Surya Nivas, WC/TDC
Gerhard, Petite Ferme, TDC	Sindhuja Jagadeesh, Aurodam, AVC/TDC
Gijs Spoor, Udumbu, FAMC	Srimoyi, Samasti, AVC/WC/FAMC
Giorgio, Surrender, TDC	Suhasini Ayer, Prarthna, AVC/TDC
Ingeborg Rieck, Angiras garden, WC/TDC	Susmita Ferrero, Arati3B, AVC/TDC
Ingrid, Arati, AVC/TDC	Uma Gimenez, Surrender, AVC
Isabelle, Invocation, AVC/WC/FAMC	Venkatesh, Aspiration, AVC/TDC
Jan Imhoff, Akashva (Auromodele), TDC	Vikram, Gaia, AVC/TDC
Jana H Dreikhausen, Sukhavati, TDC	Vladimir Ivanov, Grace, TDC
Jean-Francois, Pion, Sharnga, FAMC	Yves Laborde, Udumbu, FAMC
Jill Navarre, Prarthana, FAMC	Zsolti Erdelyi, International Zone, AVC/TDC

Please check the following links:

- Potential Members of WCom, AVC, FAMC: <https://goo.gl/CNrVzR>
- Potential Members of TDC: <https://goo.gl/dR9qe5>
- Participants of the three-day selection process: <https://goo.gl/hjkCZK>

Much love, *Your RAS Team*

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 26th Aug 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. Mohanam Cultural Heritage project, bore well on plot no. At 65/7 (partly).

Building Applications:

Building Applications:

2. Peter Klingspies and Kevin Hauser for Invocation Radial Project in Residential Zone - along the Invocation Radial, between Humanscapes and Water Serviceon plot no. IR 414/3B2, IR 414/4 for total built up area 3700 sq.m.

Project Title: Invocation Radial Project

Proposed Site Location: Residential Zone - along the Invocation Radial, between Humanscapes and Water Service

Project Holder: Kevin and Peter

Architect: Imago Auroville

Contact Persons: Kevin/Peter - sumark@auroville.org.in / 2622472

Description:

Plot No: IR 414/3B2, IR 414/4

Total Area of the project: 2,520sqm

Build up Area: 3,700sqm

Target Group: Aurovillians and Newcomers

Background: The new Invocation Radial building will be located along the radial road between the Water Service and Humanscapes. It will be comprised of 18 residential flats of varying sizes spread over 3 floors and public amenities on the groundfloor (G+3). The public amenities will be strictly noncommercial and only serve AV residents. These are planned to include office spaces, laundromat, a small grocery store as well as other low impact services. We would like to invite people who might be interested in purchasing such a space or have ideas/suggestions of facilities that would be convenient to have, to contact us.

Triggers: We had good feedback from residents of earlier stages of Invocation and people who visited their flats and this motivated us to continue in the same spirit. Although there are already several ongoing housing projects, we feel there is still a need for housing and that Auroville is ready for a shift to more urban living.

Goals/Objectives: This building will serve as a link connecting Invocation and the purely residential buildings in the area with the Radial and Ring roads. While creating an urban space along the radial, the building will also act as a buffer for the quieter residential areas further from the road. The design strives to create harmonious living spaces that are convenient and practical while taking into account the realities of Auroville - hot summers, torrential rains and motor traffic.

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.

Houses available for transfer

1) Sunship (behind Town Hall) Fourth Floor (last floor), 100M2, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room with equipped kitchen and cupboard in each bedroom. Common facilities: collective UPS, Aquadyn filter water, collective kitchen, office for management, laundry, technical maintenance, 5th Floor terrace, big halls and corridors. *Available at the end of September.* For more information or visit louis@auroville.org.in

2) Quiet - Andreas house: Area : 115.33 Sq.m. Single storied load bearing structure residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, Bamboo roofing consisting of front veranda, living cum Kitchen & Toilet with open stair.

3) Arati III Ex Kuyng Nam' House: Area - 130 Sqm approximately. Two bed room 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.

4) Promesse - Velu & Suguna House: Area 72.33 Sqm . Single standing house residential building with inner and outer plaster brick wall, RCC roofing with covered front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet. Suitable for Family.

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

Housing Project under construction:

Kalpana: 17 apartments of different size available. Studio - 6 1 BHK - 7 2 BHK - 2 3 BHK - 2

Will be ready 30th June 2018. Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

Satyakam is available on the site on: Thursday: 3pm to 5.30 pm / 1st and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm. Surya is available the second and fourth Saturday

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 # 712 - Dated: 26-08-2017

Our team is happy to recommend the following individuals as Aurovilians, Newcomers, Friends of Auroville and Youth joining Auroville. Prior to Newcomer and Aurovillian status confirmation, there is a (1) month window for community feedback. Kindly forward your support or grievances to entryservice@auroville.org.in

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

Anastasiia TOKAREVA (Russian) Staying at Surrender and Working at Auroville Online Store.

Lara FORTI (Danish) Staying at Minati and Working at Deepanam.

Kalaiselvi MURUGAN (Indian) Staying at New Creation Field and Working at Deepam Candles.

Maheshwari KALIYAPERUMAL (Indian) Staying at Ilaignarkal School and SEWA & Ilaignarkal School.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Matthew TILDESLEY (British)

Yangmi LEE (Korean)

Jan Pieter DERKSEN (Dutch)

Lisa ARPI (French)

Jean Claude BARRAS (French)

Pascal GUNZINGER (Swiss)

PARTNER OF AUROVILIAN:

Marie Pierre LEDUC-CORBET (French) Staying at Utility

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Bidyutparna (Mimi) CHAKRABARTI (Indian) Staying at Center Field Forest and Working at Kalakendra

Manas CHAKRABARTI (Indian) Staying at Center Field Forest and Working at Auroville Today

Karen AALDERS (Dutch) Staying at Sailam and Working at Housing Service

Marlene DENG (Austrian) Staying at Surrender and Working at Botanical Garden

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Veronique MEILHAC (French)

Xavier MAYSONNAVE (French)

NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORM and meeting with the Secretary of the AVF.

The appointment date for these is set and communicated by the Entry Service to the individual at the respective time, and NOT AT THEIR PERSONAL REQUEST.

This is the last step of the Newcomer process where the status of Newcomer Resident is switched to Aurovillian Resident.

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS

Monday, Friday 09:30 am-12:30 pm / Wednesday, Thursday (via an invitation and by appointment only)

Yours, *The Entry Service*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



A reflection on STS - 6 months on....

The Shared Transport Service (STS) has been in existence for over 6 months now. We have offered hundreds of shared rides, saved thousands of rupees and reduced emissions by thousands of tons of CO2.

We have also learnt that this is a volume based activity. More bookings lead to more sharing possibilities. However, the volumes of sharing have not grown as we expected.

The biggest challenge has been dealing with various Taxi companies both within Auroville and outside. None of them want to open their booking registers in a transparent way (except Auro Cabs) as this will result in reduction in their revenue.

FAMC may have to mandate a common booking platform for all Auroville bookings which will guarantee sharing for anyone who wants as there is enough volume across Auroville.

In the absence of this, STS is coming up with a different strategy where we do not affect the profits of Taxi companies from their existing booking while utilising the cars one way to offer a better deal to users who book with STS.

With this we continue to produce financial savings and reduce emissions.

STS

KINISI - Sustainable Mobility for All

KINISI is a new unit dedicated to bringing e-mobility to Auroville. We are located at C.S.R., first floor to the left on the spiral staircase. You can call us at 97875 58837 or come

to see us any day except Sunday from 9:30 to 12:30 and 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

We offer several options for moving towards sustainable mobility:

Cycle conversion to turn your favorite cycle into an e-cycle, we install:

- A very silent and strong 250W motor;
- A powerful 480Wh removable Lithium-Ion battery that can be charged from any AC outlet in 2.5 hours from zero to full charge. The smart charger has overcharge and short-circuit protection, so you can recharge at any time, also when the battery is not empty. This battery is good for at least 1000 full charge cycles (3-4 years depending on use). Without pedaling, you get a range of 30 km, extended if you pedal at the same time. Maximum speed is 25 km/h;
- A 5W very bright LED front light and back brake light;
- A charge indicator and a horn.

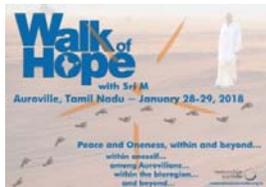
Please come with your cycle, so that we can determine the possibilities according to your cycle's frame. A converted e-cycle is available for testing on our premises. You can also buy a new normal cycle and we will electrify it for you.

Purchase of a ready-made e-cycle or e-scooter - We can help you choose the model of e-vehicle that fits your needs.

Buy-back options: We offer buy-back options on newly purchased e-scooters to long-term guests or volunteers who need e-mobility during their stay.

We look forward to seeing you at C.S.R.!

Marlyse (for the KINISI Team)



Walk of Hope (Restorative Auroville)

Dear Friends,
Our Restorative Auroville Team would like to inform you that we have invited Sri M to Auroville, for a "Walk of Hope" in January

2018 (January 28-29).

Sri M is a social activist, educator and spiritual guide who grew up in Kerala, and then spent a few years wandering through the Himalayas, in search of a higher Truth. Sri M has walked kilometers in the name of peace, in India and abroad. Find out more about Sri M and his Walks here:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=L3fnlzYBbJY>

In line with our project, we have asked him to come and walk with us in and around Auroville and the surrounding villages, as an invocation for peace, within and without.

Dr. Karan Singh is also a good friend of Sri M, and he is very happy to know that a Walk of Hope will take place in Auroville. We are still working on the route, although it will likely include a circuit that goes through Auroville (maybe starting or ending at the Matrimandir), and including as many of the neighbouring villages as possible.

We hope you will WALK with us...!

With love,

Restorative Auroville (L'aura, Kati, Shanti, Helene, Kati) in collaboration with Franz, Shankar, Moris, Tixon, Banu, Mala and others...

The Green School Program by MGEcoduties

The Green Schools Programme (GSP), were born in India in 2005 after the Supreme Court made Environment a compulsory subject in schools. The Green Schools Programme Awards Ceremony, impelled by Down To Earth magazine in Delhi, is an annual event, where top 25 performers from across the country are rewarded for their enterprise and innovative skills. The objective is to acknowledge the effort, and also to encourage more schools to come forward and take part in this movement.

The GSP 2017 started with the follow task: "NOT JUST CLEAN, WE WANT GREEN SCHOOLS", and MGEcoduties - Probiotics House along with our partners in Proklean - Chennai, decided to join the movement, and provide free of cost to Auroville

schools and institutions, the All Natural Probiotics Multi-cleaner named DEEP IMPACT. The responsibility for the schools was:

1. To train the ammas in AV places were other ammas have been trained and using the product.
2. Avoid at all the use of Phenol and Chloride or Chlorine or Bleach.

Since April 6th, 2017, we are providing totally free of cost Deep Impact in re-fill-able plastic cans in our place in Reve - Auroville.

A few schools started on April and slowly one by one, even during the hot 2017 summer, more AV schools and institutions were joining the GSP movement, till today with a total of 19. They are:

Auroville Language Lab - Tomatis / Brahmanaspati Kshetram / Unity Pavilion / Last School / Future School / Nandanam Kindergarten / Transition School / Deepam School / Kailash Youth / Lilaloka / Thamarai / TLC / Auroville Village Action / Life Education Centre / Udavi School / Pitanga / Aikyam School / Tibetan Pavilion / Isaiambalam School / AVHC

A big Thank You to you all, for your response and commitment to keep safe: students, teachers, personnel staff, animals, water and AV schools and institutions environments, with the Power of Probiotics.

For MGEcoduties - Margarita and Guidelma (Probiotics House - Reve)

The Restorative System

What is a Restorative Circle?

A Restorative Circle (RC) is a process designed to hold space for dialogue and conflict, within the context of community. It aims at re-building trust and communication, and probably most importantly, at increasing willingness to co-exist.

What's the role of RC in Auroville?

RC is offered as one of our Conflict Resolution options (among others offered by Koodam: Mediation, Arbitration, etc). We're still in the beginning phases of developing this process in Auroville, although it is being used more and more frequently.

Who can call Circle?

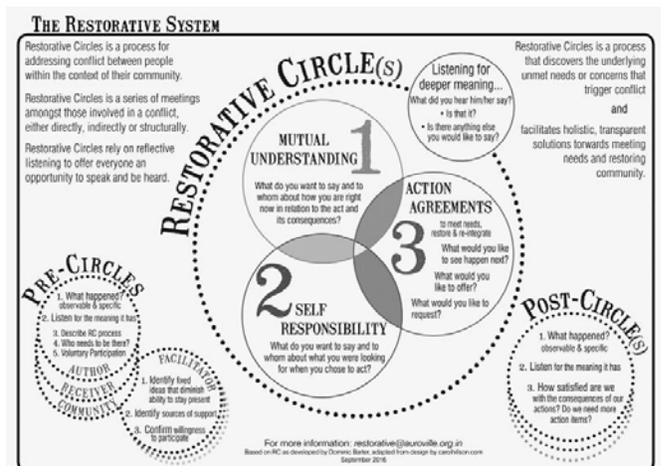
Anyone can initiate a Circle - whether you are upset, you upset someone else, or you're not directly involved but feel affected by an interaction between others, you can call a Circle.

How do I call / initiate a Circle?

Send an email to: restorative@auroville.org.in or speak in person to any of the following: L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Hélène or Kati.

How do we get more information or learn about the process?

Join one of our workshops, join the practice group, read about our project, speak with someone who has taken part in an RC, etc. Or contact us!



Love, L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Helene and Kati (for Restorative Auroville) [\[restorative@auroville.org.in\]](mailto:restorative@auroville.org.in)

POSTINGS

Baby born: Dear Community, we are so happy to announce the birth of our daughter 'Pragna', born on 28th July 2017. *Tixon, Vanitha and Mihiran*

Water Words: What would you do? (1/2): Here's the scenario. You belong to a group called the Water Group, mandated by the iTDC to look at long-term water management strategies for the township. Someone calls you one sweltering summer morning and says that her neighbour is using 8000 liters of water per day. (Note: the average Aurovilian in the Res Zone uses about 250 liters/day; the average urban Indian uses 135 liters/day.) "8000 liters per day?!" you say. "How is that even possible?" The person replies that her neighbour has a lush garden. She confronted her neighbour in person, but the woman replied that she doesn't care about reducing her water usage. So, what would you do? What steps would you take? All answers welcome. Email them to us and we'll post possible solutions next week. Water Group, watergroup@auroville.org.in

Please go and enjoy: I've gone twice to a lovely accomplished landscape show done in acrylics by A. Sathya. He's an Aurovilian artist who has worked continually on his passion for years. It shows. The color and vitality of our countryside, people and animals is expressed in his own unique way. It excited my interest for I felt it, as well as saw the landscape.

The show is scheduled to come down Aug. 28th but hopefully will stay up longer. Please go and enjoy, *Audrey*

Auroville Short Theater Festival reminder: 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 or email us at: avshorttheaterfest@gmail.com Love, *Elke and Francesca*

Monkeys - Beware: I wholeheartedly agree with Mona on her article re. "Monkeys..." , having been victim of attacks by them on several occasion. A friend of mine, here in Vikas, had his apartment ransacked and the mess and loss of food was unbelievable; I even heard that they can manage to open refrigerators. On the road, if they think that they can get food from you, they can become extremely aggressive, Tiruvanmalai is a good example for that. So, let's be careful before we get seduced into letting them come into AV - *Sylvia*

Missing puppy: Dear Community, on Monday, August the 21st our puppy disappeared from Aurodam/Visitor Parking site, around 19.00 pm. It is a German shepherd mixture with a creamy fur and a black nose, around 3 months old. We love him very much and hope that someone will find him. In case you see the dog somewhere please call: 9943374763. Thank You! *Nadia*

AVAILABLE

HP 1022+ black and white A4 laser printer: For sale, not much used. If you are interested please contact me per email. b4tasttd@auroville.org.in - *Juergen (Creativity)*

Artist's easel: retracts (folds) metal, used. SHURE PGA58 vocal microphone, new in original packing. Call 2623 615 to have a look. *Marlenka*

Woman bicycle...boy bicycle...tennis racquets...for beginners: to be given for small contribution. Mobile 7358867273 - *Anne M.*

Office Space for Rent: Completely newly renovated office space (40-Sq Mtr / 21- Sq Mtr / 8-Sq Mtr) very quiet and green surrounding for rent at Auromode with following facilities: 24 hours Security service / 24 hours Generator back-up / Aquadyne drinking water / Car & Bike parking / Best regards, *Auromode Trust* - Auroshilpam, Auroville - 605101 / Ph: 0413-2622193-161 / Email : auromode@auroville.org.in - Contact: *Pandian* - Mob: 99433 90391 / Email: pandian@auroville.org.in

LOOKING FOR ...

House items: Hello, I'm looking for items for a new home! Second hand: stove, refrigerator and mattresses in good condition to buy or donation. If you have one of these items available, please contact me: voadeiras@gmail.com / 7598260379. Love and Smiles, *Marcia*

Bicycle: I am a volunteer for 1 year in Auroville and I am looking for a bicycle. Contact Sebastien: darysebastien@gmail.com

English teacher: We are 2 volunteers (*Chloe and Sebastien*) and we are looking for an English teacher - If possible preferably on Tuesday and Thursday evening. Contact us at: darysebastien@gmail.com - Thanks

Washing machine: Dear Everyone, Aikiyam School is looking for an old washing machine. Do you have one you'd like to have move on? Please feel free to call our office and we will come and pick it up. Thanks for your help! Office number: 0413-2622-358 - *Aikiyam School Support Group*

Some work: Sarasu, a fantastic Amma is looking for part-time work in Auroville. She is very thorough, clean, understands English and is a great cook. We're sad to see her leave our home but we really need full time help. If you're looking for an excellent part-time Amma, please call me. Thanks, *Ribhu:* 9488483871

House mate: Hi, my name is *Tarek*, volunteering in Auroville. I am looking for a house mate for 4 weeks until September

23rd. If you are interested, kindly contact me on WhatsApp on +201275369291 or call me on: 7094385368. Looking forward to hearing from you. *Submitted by Megan*

Someone in Switzerland / France: I am looking for someone who can take a small parcel with some food supplements from Switzerland (or France) to Auroville. The parcel could either be brought to Geneva, or sent by mail to a place in Switzerland or France. Contact *Shivaya:* shivaya@auroville.org.in, 9489601312 - Thank you very much!

Juice Extractor: Dear all, I would need an extractor of juice - a new one - can you lend me one for 10 days. Thank you, *Menaig:* 2622867

SABCL: If anyone has the 30 volumes of Sri Aurobindo's Birth Centenary Library to give or sell to a devotee, please contact *Dorothee* in the afternoons. Ph: 2622727

Bi/tri cycle: We need a little bi/tri cycle for our little 'Aura', who's going to be 2. Contact *Manisha* on 9999955321. Thanks!

Professional Hairdresser: I offer professional haircutting, coloring, bleaching and highlights any day of the week Monday to Friday as a home service. I am also keen on hairstyling for Theatre, Fashion shows, Films or anyone interested in having their hair done for photo-shoots etc. For appointments anytime soon please call / message *Ladina* at: 9787337465. Thank you and see you soon.

LOST & FOUND

Garden tool (Found): A garden tool was found on the path inside Creativity. Contact:

creativitycommunity@auroville.org.in or meet *Suresh* at maintenance office.

Hero Honda Key (Found): Found at the Financial Service - Comes with a "bimobject" strap. Please pass by the News office to pick it up.

USB stick (Found): Please pick it up at the News office after verification.

THANK YOU

Youth Auroville
Dear community,

We would like to extend our immense gratitude to Mahalakshmi park caretakers - Alain G. Jacques, and Glen for welcoming our Youth Day 2017 event and for allowing us to plant some beautiful Prosperity Trees in the park together. We would also like to thank the Governing Board members for taking an interest in our work by visiting the youth event activities and blessing the occasion by lighting the lamp. We were also thrilled to see so many kids, older youth, parents and mentors attending the event. Thank you to Asia, the Cooking Apprentices and to the Neem Tree cafe for the delicious food. Thank you to the Joy of Impermanence team, Fire Dancers, Treasure Hunt team, Face Painters, Sky Lantern lighters, Film Makers, Origami Experts, Ecofemme and Lampshade Ladies, etc. etc. for adding to the many activities. And a special thanks to the Prosperity Team for inspiring us with this theme for the year. We hope to continue to 'Explore Peace & Prosperity' together in Auroville.

With love and gratitude to be part of such a wonderful big family,

The YouthLink Team

On behalf of the European Pavilion

Dear Friends,

2 days ago, on the 15th of August, under the auspicious Energy of Sri Aurobindo's Birthday, we were about 60 people attending the celebration of the foundation laying of the Temporary European House. It was a great gathering, full of goodwill and simplicity. Everyone offered their help and kindness to make this event a success.

I would like to thank especially:

The AVI who could make this event possible / Mme Nirima OZA, Member of the Governing Board, for her kind presence / Tapas, from the Bharat Nivas, for introducing me to Mme Nirima OZA / Nicole, from the Visitors Centre, for the glasses and the cool water / Claude, from the French Pavilion, for the glasses and the water tank / The Auroville Sisters: Shakti, Swaha and Vera, for their spontaneous singing / Kalsang, from the Pavilion of the Tibetan Culture, for her chairs and her kindness / Manu, from the International House, for the table / Svenja, Elke, Sonja, Umberto, Patricia, Arlet, Jose Luis, for their kind help in the setup of the event Prasad, Rakhal and Manohar for the pictures / All those attending for creating this wonderful moment, and all those who couldn't attend but were with us in their heart

Please find the link to some pictures: <http://bit.ly/2uTfKZM>

The work has started yesterday, and the buildings will be ready by the end of January.

Now is the time to start to think of what we could create together in order to give life to this European Place. Please share your ideas and your feelings at: europaean-pavilion@auroville.org and

<http://fb.me/europaean.pavilion.auroville>

Thank you, *Denis*

Gratitude to the share taxi service

I would like to share my gratitude to the share taxi service started in Auroville. Last week I had to rush to Mumbai on a

short notice, even though I made a last minute booking, they gave me unbelievable price and best service. Plus they are available 24/7 to give assistance or do booking. I am very proud Auroville has the best taxi service which is efficient, effective and ecofriendly. Thank you again. *Romel Chhadva*

Magic at TLC base camp

Last Monday evening The Learning Community (TLC) hosted around 150 people for a "Tastes of Auroville" fundraiser dinner.

The goal? To raise funds to complete a partially-built new classroom in TLC's base camp.

The outcome? MAGIC! 15 Auroville food units donating delicious dishes, 36 kids serving the tables with efficiency, patience and the sweetest of smiles, teams of parents and well-wishers running the kitchen, washing dishes, serving drinks, making tea...it was an evening of beauty, of unity, of community.

We would like to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, the Auroville units who have donated the food for the dinner:

Neem Tree, for the parrotas and raita, Solitude Farm for the salad and millet, Bread and Chocolate for the truffles and focaccia, AV Bakery for the bread, La Ferme for the cheese, M&M Cheeses for the pizza, Aurosoya for the tofu, Tanto for the fresh basil, Light Fish for the lemons, Well Cafe for the potato salad, GP cafe for the biryani, Le Morgan for the spinach sauce, Visitors' Centre Cafeteria for the lasagna, Naturellement for the brownie and juice syrups and PTDC for the muffins. Our gratitude also to the many TLC parents who brought additional dips, soups, cookies, etc with love and commitment, also to Laura for the lasagna and to the Unity Pavillion, Nandanam KG, the Korean Pavilion and Upassana for trusting us with your bowls and plates.

We would also like to thank Regina for the wonderful posters, Johnny for his amazing DOZZAS (soon to be declared as a new superfood!) and Jesse for his ongoing support both before and during the event. And last but not least, a big thank you to all those who have bought tickets for the dinner or made contributions to our cause ... we are touched and humbled by your support.

These words, expressed by one of TLC's parents after the dinner, seem to sum up what many of us felt:

"An overwhelming sensation of being part of a oneness embraced me. I believe this - and similar moments - are expressions of the unity that Auroville stands for, and that humanity should aim at."

We thank you, *The Learning Community*

Thank you to Lee and Mikyoung

An enormous thank you to Lee and Mikyoung for the wonderful lunches they've been serving up at the Zephyr cafe every weekday this month. The diversity, quality, and affordability of the meals, which are made up almost entirely of ingredients from Auroville farms, have been consistently incredible. Thank you so much for your contribution to a compassionate food future for Auroville. May this project take shape again in another form before too long!

Mike

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Accommodation available: I will be away from 8th - 15th Sept and am looking for someone to house-sit for me and look after my dog and cat at my house in Quiet. If you are interested, please email / SMS me - nandita@sharan-india.org or 9488483286 - *Nandita Shah*

House-sitting 1: Hello, we are a French family of four with two children aged 5 and 7. We are looking for a place to house-sit from November to February. We are happy to look after your pets and plants while you are away and pay for the amma, gardener and utilities. Short periods welcome. Please send email to *Delphine* (working in PTDC kitchen): dee_pixylady@yahoo.com

TAXI SHARING

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

August 24th: Leaving at 17:00 on August 24 for Chennai Airport. Sharing either direction possible. Contact *Priyal*: Ph: 9991270902 / mail: priyal96@outlook.com

August 27th: Pick-up from Chennai International Airport at 1.00 am going to Auroville. Get in touch if you want to share either direction! Contact *Priyal*: Ph: 9991270902 / mail: priyal96@outlook.com

August 29th: I'll be at Chennai Airport at 1 pm to return to Auroville. Sharing a taxi is welcome both ways. I can be contacted by email at the latest on August 27. *Galina*: svetgalina@list.ru

September 1st: Looking to share a taxi to Chennai Airport, leaving Av on Sep.1 at 2.30 am (Returning empty). Contact *Peter*: 780 709 4073 / thesahdude@gmail.com

September 2nd: Taxi leaves AV at around 8 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. If you are interested in sharing, please contact me. *Michael Z.* (262 2865 / 94866 50268)

September 2nd: I am returning 2nd of Sept from Chennai after 1 pm, share welcome to onward journey, *Sigrid*: sigrid@auroville.org.in / 2623888

September 6th: Wednesday - Leaving Arati 3 am to Airport Chennai. Taxi can be shared, only 1 Person is going. Ph: 9443843976 - Thank you, *Ingrid*

September 7th: Devayani (Aurovilian) arrives at Chennai airport from Rome with Emirates at 8.25 am on Thursday the 7th of September. An empty taxi will leave Auroville in the early morning to be there in time for her. To share the taxi both ways please contact *Silvana*: cell 9047654157.

September 13th: From Chennai airport to Auroville, leaving the airport around 2.30 or 3 pm - From Auroville to airport the taxi will be empty and leave around 12.00. Please contact: plenitude123@gmail.com - Thanks, *krishna*

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

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

From our volunteers we have:

Volunteer Kshithij interviewed [Suhasini](#) on her work and life in Auroville, was present at TLC for [Fun Dimension](#) fundraising event, and was present at [A4A and Green acres](#) inaugurating the 4th phase.

Volunteer Alara made an interview with some of the artists from Bengal - [Exposure to Bengali Culture](#).

Volunteer Gino recorded [Taiwanese Pavilion](#), [Project Presentation for GB](#), [Vox Pop on GST](#).

Steve recorded within Alpona Festival recorded concert of [Rabidnra Sangeet](#).

116 years old (hidden till recently) dramatized interview with Nikola Tesla - [Everything is the Light](#).

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](#) by Sri Aurobindo.

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

Out of the musical podcast we suggest to younger generation [Beats by K](#), new age oriented might like [Enmiential Rythm of Ancestors](#), and we have as well indestructibility of Congolese rumba - [Libanga](#).

Happy listening!

Your AV Radio Team [www.aurovillerradio.org]

SPORTS

Change in Darkali Fitness Track closing hours

Starting 19th August Darkali Fitness Track is open every day from 4.30 pm to 6.30 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/dpdTef
Darkali Team

Auroville Basketball league

The Auroville Basketball league was ended on Tuesday August the 15th with a very special and happy moment which was organized to celebrate Sri Aurobindo's birthday and the Independence Day of India.

Here we take the opportunity to thank all the Players, all the seniors of Auroville basketball and of course the supporters and donors who helped us to finish the league successfully. As we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Auroville next year, we would like to make a different and more special one next year when we will need more and more support from you all. Once again we thank each and everyone.

For New Creation Club, E. Ganesh.

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



Let's Talk Trash Week 4

This Sunday we will be covering from Aurovelo to Pitchandikulam bridge. We will meet at 6 am at Certitude.
Gloves will be provided .. All are Welcome :)

C.A.L.I (House of Latinoamerica) and the Youth Link invite you to the:

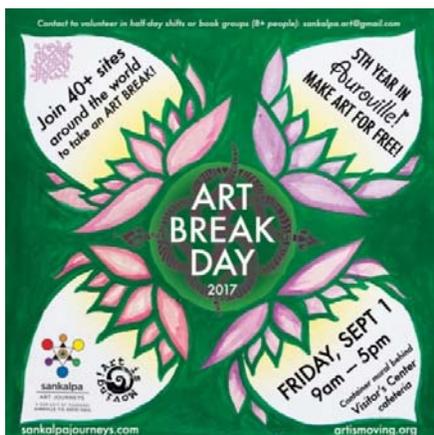
PACHAMAMA (Mother Earth) Celebration,

as the Peoples from the Andes of South America do during the month of August.

We will give thanks for the things we received from Her this year by offering food and drink, incense candles and flowers.

At the American Site International Zone: Opposite the Matrimandir, take the Nursery road, entrance from the Darkali Fitness Track, go to your right. Please bring your offerings for Mother Earth. Thanks.

Monday the 28th at 5 pm
Everybody Welcome



Art Break Day 2017!

Reminder: our 5th annual celebration of a global event in 40+ locations is on Friday, September 1st from 9am-5pm.
This year we will focus on a kolam mural on the container behind the Visitor's Center cafeteria. Volunteers welcome to sign up and all are welcome for the event!
Please write to: sankalpa.art@gmail.com to sign up (only for groups of 8 or more). See you soon! –Sankalpa: Art Journeys

Nature outing for children, come and enjoy nature and mud pool @Sadhana Forest

SPIRIT - Conscious Living

On Saturday, September 2nd

You are welcome to see, feel, sense the beauty and the energy of the Sadhana Forest community, and experience the harmonious, peaceful and conscious way of living. Most of the time we'll spend in the natural pool to swim, have fun, play with the logs, and cover your body with mud. After the mud pool, there is dinner in the main hut.

After dinner, it's time to return to Auroville.

Logistics: the children will travel by van, from Solar Kitchen at 3.30 pm and will return at 7.30 pm to the same place.

Who can join: any child who is interested to explore the mud pool at Sadhana Forest is welcome, maximum 16 children. Young children who are not able to swim should be accompanied by an adult.

What to bring: comfortable 'outdoor' clothes, mud-pool-proof swimming clothes/costume, towel, water bottle.

Where to register: for more information and registration, kindly email: megangonlag@auroville.org.in or call: 9787416417

The outing is free of charge.

Let's have a beautiful afternoon

Megan and Yorit

Kindness & Compassion



You are invited to join us to explore the cultural qualities of kindness and compassion together. After some discussion of what kindness and compassion are and how to cultivate and apply in daily life, there will be a guided meditation to go deeper. Taiwanese tea ceremony will be followed.

Venue: Swayam Pavilion.

Time: September 3rd, 3pm.

Drop in, space limited, please come early, organised by Taiwanese Pavilion team (Any questions or to ensure your space for tea ceremony, email: taiwan@auroville.org.in)

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

Dear friends,

The summer break is over and after this time of introspection we are planning the coming CATs. Trying to capture the essence of what it is all about, we realized that there has been a natural development, a development towards co-creation. A natural movement expressing gratitude and openness and interest in projects and voices of others has emerged.



Sometimes it feels like one particular current is "taking over", but we realized that it is only one multifaceted current towards a common alignment to the aims of Auroville. It is entirely up to the Community how many colors are expressed in the CATs. Our intent is to make sure that CATs are coming from a truly inspired inner space and that the project is contributing to the "Dream" and the manifestation of Auroville.

If you are interested to offer your heartfelt project within a CAT please get in contact with: cats@auroville.org.in

You can find video documentation of some of the previous CATs under the link: <https://vimeo.com/album/4616008>

Next CATs in September will be:

Tuesday 5th September: 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm at the Unity Pavilion
"Exploring Prosperity" by Pashi, Luigi and Exploring Prosperity team

Tuesday 12th September: 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm at the Unity Pavilion
Restorative Circles by Restorative Auroville (L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Helene (and Kati TOS))

Tuesday, 19th September: 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 pm at the Unity Pavilion
The Universal Mother according to Sri Aurobindo: The Matrimandir as a symbol of this.
By Deepti Tewari

See you there!

Love and warm regards - Inge, Mita, Sandhya.

International Peace Day at Unity Pavilion

Call for volunteers and program ideas

As in previous years Unity Pavilion plans to celebrate the International Day of Peace (September 21) with various activities.

This year's theme, as decided by the United Nations, is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All" focusing in particular on the plight of refugees and migrants throughout the world. However, it is a theme which is relevant in every community and every country.

Unity Pavilion invites ideas from the community for programs/activities that can be held on the day in which school children and adults can participate. Also we request the services of a few volunteers to help with organization and conduct of the event.

If this interests you please contact *Shivaya/Rema at Unity Pavilion*. Ph: 0413 2623576 e-mail: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

EXHIBITIONS



BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother and Sri Aurobindo Centre
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

Brahmanaspati Kshetram team invites you to:
An exhibition (gulu) dedicated to Ganesha as the Divine Collaborator of the Supreme.
Opening on Ganesh Chaturdi 25th of August 5:30 pm for 7 days!
We will be open daily for visitors 5:30-6:30 for the exhibition only.

TALKS, SEMINARS



The Environmental Experience

As a construct in-between numbers and poetry, architecture can only be holistic when responding to both the rational measurable and sensual immeasurable aspects of its environment. This lecture aims at emphasizing this immemorial multi-faceted connection between Architecture and the Environment, through critically examining selected examples of genuine quality—from the primordial, historical, to the modern, post-modern, and contemporary—initiating a dialogue on the essence of architecture that expands from the Auroville experience, towards the vast global discourse.

Lecture by Omar Rabie
On 28/08/2017 at 5 pm
At Bharat Nivas, Bhavishyate

The Life of Pee - Almost Everything about Urine.

A presentation by Lucas, EcoPro
Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 3-4.30 p.m. at EcoPro, Aurosarjan Complex

This talk on urine - mostly human - will elaborate on the contents of urine and on its relevance to textile industries, tax matters, alchemy, survival skills, body care, space travel, doping, sewage and agriculture; finally also introduce to some work of the EcoPro team.

In his series of talks on subjects of environmental health, public hygiene, agriculture and related issues, Lucas tries to present topics with sufficient scientific basics while keeping the subject readily comprehensible to non-experts. The talks are supported with power point presentations and a lot of visual material.

Presentations are being made on Saturdays at 3 pm at EcoPro (Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam).
The program starts latest by 3.05 pm.

Presentations may last about one hour, but there is always space for questions, and the sessions can last up to one and a half hour depending on interest and discussions.

All interested are welcome. Refreshment will be served. No charges.

“Restorative Dialogue across Cultures”



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).

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

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)

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).

CULTURAL EVENTS

KALABHUMI GOES LIVE

Concert in the small amphitheatre
Saturday 26th of August
At 7:30 pm.
Blues, Jazz, Reggae and more...

AVAG Annual Women's Festival



AVAG ANNUAL WOMEN'S FESTIVAL is an annual collaboration between the Udhayam Women's Federation and Auroville Village Action Group. 5,000 men and women will gather to honour and celebrate women on Sunday, October 1st at the AVAG campus in Irumbai. This annual event is a co-operative initiative involving women's and men's groups, Paalam youth club members, government school teachers, Auroville community and services, local government officers and AVAG team.

Currently pre-events and trainings are happening with weekly gatherings of women for games, debating and cultural activity training and competitions. These events are being supported by teachers from the local government schools who act as trainers and competition judges and there will be training given in traditional dance forms such as Thappattam with small drums, Kolattam Stick dance and Karagattam which is performed with a pot on the head.

Please join us at AVAG, office in Irumbai for the following pre festival event competitions where we expect 500-600 women to take part each day:

Cultural Performances - Tuesday August 29th, 10.am-3 pm for traditional song, drama and dance.

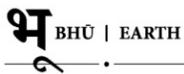
Traditional Games: Tuesday, September 5th, 10am -3 pm for traditional games and competitions including Koko and Kubadi.

The pre-event training and competitions gives a chance to every woman to participate, it helps to build confidence and empower the women to believe in themselves and the richness of their heritage, which is rapidly eroding in this age of mass media. All the above events will culminate in the final celebration where everyone will come together to honour and celebrate women. For now, welcome to join us for the pre - event competitions followed by lunch at the dates above.

For further details of Auroville Village Actions work please contact: avagoffice@auroville.org.in, 0413-26278871, <http://avag.in/> and <http://www.auroville.org/contents/805>

Directions to the events: We are located in Irumbai on the same campus as Auroville Institute of Applied Technology - If you are coming from the Visitors centre direction you pass by Sustainable Livelihood Institute and the Irumbai temple on the right then come to the T junction of the main highway and go directly across to the road on the other side and follow it for about 800 metres, you will see AVAG and AIAP sign boards, turn in left and through the gate.

"Ritam Auroville , Kalarigram, Les Porteurs d'eau, in partnership with Auroville art service, present:



Bhu/ Earth

A dance theatre show inspired by the oldest martial art of the world: Kalaripayattu.
The journey of a man looking for connection with himself and Nature.

"BHU a tribute to Mother EARTH. Special performance where not only the players, dancers go through an experience, but also the audience. Captivating and beautiful." - Aikya Nathalie Verburgh from Auroville

"Yesterday I watched a work in progress performance of BHU by kalari dancers, percussionists from Kerala, Auroville and the island of Reunion at CRIPA, Auroville. Put together by Philippe Pelen and Moucazambo Thierry this is a powerful work that brings together kalari, aboriginal, tai chi and kathakali vocabularies with extraordinary grace, perfection and depth of experience. They perform next to Adi Shakti soon. I hope it travels" - Anu Majumdar from Auroville

The performances will be on 1, 2, 3 of September at Kalarigram at 7.30 pm. Please take care to the new schedule

Venue: Kalarigram, "Udayan", Edayanchavadi road (near Adi Shakti) - Auroville P.O, Tamil Nadu-605101

bhuexperience@gmail.com / www.bhuexperience.com

fb:@bhuexperience / ph: 0413 2622091 / cell:+91 7736656156

Direction and choreography: Philippe Pelen

Light design: Ashwin Ezhumalai

Sound design: Suresh Sauman

With: Thierry Moucazambo, Nikhil Varagiri, Swaroop Kanan, Suresh Kalyath, Madhu Jayamoorthi, Prakash Sathiya.

Special thanks to: Barbara and Ritam, Lakshmanji, Lavanya and Kalarigram, Aurelio and Swaram, Christophe and Cripa, Jean, Joy, Tapas and Bharat Nivas, Claude and french Pavillon, Krishna, Nilen and Auroville art service, Orly and Well paper, Miriam and Auroville Radio, Kali and Sebastien, Kalou and Eluciole Circus, Savitry and new creation, Last School video students, Vinay, Lalit and the French alliance Pondicherry."

The French Pavilion
Publication of the audio book:

«Sita et la forêt chantée»

An ornitho-radio tale by Chloé Sanchez (Aurovilian)
Illustrated by Marie Demont (Aurovilian)

Presentation, listening session and signing
Saturday 2nd September 2017 at 5 pm
Cinema Paradiso
Presentation in French

As she walks through the forest, Sita listens to the birds and realizes that she can dialogue with them ... On her way five birds convey to her the secret of their songs. This initiation leads her little by little, to discover her own song.

An initiatory tale, poetic and pedagogical to learn to recognize the song of five birds must know of Auroville.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS



Family constellation workshop
Saturday 26th of August
9 am to 6 pm at Creativity
Contact Moghan: 9751110486 /
moghan@auroville.org.in

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

29th 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: 'The Collective Yoga'

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

Odissi Dance Classes



Devasmita is starting ODISSI for those interested in discovering the beauty and the rhythms of an Indian Classical Dance, which is originated in Orissa.

The first two classes that will be held on 26th August and 2nd September are open for all, after which it will be a regular class.

It is open to complete beginners.

The classes will be held at New Creation every Saturday evening,

starting 26th August.

The timings are 5:30-6:30 pm on Saturday. The first two weeks we will be meeting on Saturdays, after that we could decide a date and time convenient to all.

Registration important. To sign up, please drop an email with your contact details at: divyanshi.0222@gmail.com.

The money raised for these classes will go to the 'Nriytra Vastra and Ahara' Fund, i.e. a fund for the ornaments and the costumes of Auroville and Volunteer Dancers.

About Odissi: Odissi, one of the eight Classical dance of India takes its name from Orissa. Odissi combines Lassya, the feminine aspect of Grace and charm, depicted through Tribhangi, and Tandava the masculine aspect depicted through Choka a symmetrical and balance posture.

About Devasmita: *Devasmita is a immensely beautiful Odissi dancer, choreographer and story-teller. She has studied under the two greatest gurus of Odissi, Guru Durga Charan Ranbir and Kelucharan Mohapatra, the founders of the two schools of this style of Indian classical dance. She excels in Abhinaya, giving form to the subtleties of emotion through delicate facial expressions. The audience is fascinated by the fluid movements, the intricate rhythms and the sacred atmosphere created on stage during the performance.*

To know more about Devasmita, click: <http://www.devasmita-odissi.com/index.php?lang=en>

Love, *Divyanshi*

Introduction to Sri Aurobindo's World Vision

A series of illustrated presentations delivered by Muriel

On Mondays from 11:00 am to 12 noon

At Savitri Bhavan (Sangham Hall)

Topic this week (Monday 28th - 3rd session): Avatarhood

The course covers some of the basic concepts of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. It will answer the fundamental questions: Why are we here? What is the nature of reality? Who are we? What is the aim of life? What is 'God'? etc. It is designed to be quite intense but still accessible to a larger public.

All are welcome.

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group for September



Hosted by L'aura, NVC Trainer

Dates: Sept 6, 13, 20, 27 (4 Wednesdays)

Time: 4.30-6.30pm

Theme of the month: "Engaging with Silence..."

Advance registration and contribution required. Full commitment (4 sessions) and prior NVC experience.

For more info and to register, contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016. [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Dancing Authentic Collaboration



Intermediate Nonviolent Communication

With L'aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer

Do you want to deepen your NVC practice and feel more confident in creating authentic connection?

A 1-day Deepening for those with prior NVC experience. Not for absolute beginners...

Tues, Aug 29: 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating

and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We'll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others' true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we're connected as human beings, we're in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.
More info & register (and for venue info): contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com
Limited seats. Registration required. [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Theatre Sports - Improvised Theatre Games for everyone!

Theatre Sports is back! If you're a lover of performance and the stage but can't be bothered with all that boring rehearsal, then Theatre Sports is for you. Suitable only for ages between 3 - 103.

What is it? Theatre Sports is a collection of super-fun, super-easy (and some super-challenging) games designed to get you quickly into performing short improvised theatre scenes. Some games are wordless, some are very wordy, some are very physical, some are slow and some are quick, but they're all brilliant!

Who's it for? Theatre Sports is for anyone who loves to perform or who would like to perform, or who would like to overcome a fear of performing. You can sit and watch and join

in at any time or not at all. It's totally up to you! The hardest part is getting out of your chair.

WHEN: 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm, Thursday, Aug 31

WHERE: Visitors' Centre Stage

More information: call Jesse on 9486623749, email at jesse@auroville.org.in.

See you there!

Best of woman

"Nourishing women, mothers and babies."

We are inviting you to an exploration week full of knowledge, strength and love. We will learn and share information about (pre-) conception, fertility, menstruation and hormone cycle, pregnancy and birth, the first days and months after birth, we will chant, practice hatha yoga, massage, laugh and love together.

Time: individual sessions on 27th August, we will come together 30th August till 2nd September, 10 to 12 noon

Place: Sanjana

Contribution: not required

Facilitator: medical professional, acupuncturist, Shiatsu practitioner

Participation in all the classes is highly recommended.

Registration required in order to nourish your needs. Ulrike Urvasi: 9442069249 / ulrikrishna@gmail.com

SCHEDULES

VERITE

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

WORKSHOPS IN VÉRITÉ: (24 hour advanced registration required)

SOMATICS - AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY! with Maggie

Monday, 28 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.

AN INTRODUCTION TO TRADITIONAL THAI YOGA MASSAGE with Andres

Saturday, 2 September - 9 am to 4 pm

In this introductory workshop to traditional Thai Yoga Massage you will learn a short practical sequence (booklet included), plus the theory/spiritual background which is the foundation for a healthy therapy.

Traditional Thai Yoga Massage is an Ancient technique used to unblock energy stagnation and awaken our inner healer. This is achieved through both pressure on the energy lines (Nadis) and movements of the body and joints based in Yoga Asanas. It embraces people of all background who feel drawn to it as a transformative practice. Most important, the practice is not just about some exercises; it's about giving from the heart with compassion.

Andres is certified in Yoga Thai Massage by the Sunshine Massage School. Meditation is part of his practice, and he has completed courses in Vipassana meditation, Pranic Consciousness, and Vision Quest of the Native Americans

Cancelled Classes:

Aligned Vinyasa Yoga with Suryamayi from 5 to 6.30 pm - cancelled for Saturday 26 August 2017.

Hatha Yoga with Sakshi from 9 to 10.30 am - cancelled for Tuesday & Thursday 29 & 31, August 2017.

QUIET

Somatic Movement Workshop with Maggie

Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 September 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.

Watsu Basic & OBA Basic with Dariya & Daniel

Friday 1 -- Wednesday 6 September 2017 (6 afternoons)

1.30 AM -- 6.00 PM (31 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; OBA Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with nose clip). During this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of moving another person in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Watsu 1, Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & OBA 1, or WaterDance 1. No previous experience required!

Watsu 1 (TF) with Darya & Daniel

8 - 12 September 2017 (5 days)

9.00 AM - 6.00 PM (34 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

In Watsu 1 (Transition Flow) you learn to connect the Watsu Basic movements and positions with long, gracefully flowing transitions and to adapt this work to people of different sizes, shapes, and dispositions. You also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible.

Prerequisites: Watsu Basic or Watsu & OBA/Liquid Flow Basic.

Watsu 1 (TF) is recognized by WABA (Worldwide Aquatic Bodywork Association) as part of the Watsu training program and gives 34 hours of credit for registration with WABA and Watsu India.

CREEVA

Center for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA) is a platform for people to experience art first hand and overcome their fears, doubts, and myths. It is a place where art enthusiasts can experiment with mediums, form, themes, etc. and hone their art skills. CREEVA lets you explore deeper and find your language and comfort. It helps you practice your yoga of art regularly and peacefully.

Mother on Art: "Supreme art expresses the Beauty which puts you in contact with the Divine Harmony."

You are welcome to come and practice the discipline of Art every day from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at our studio in Creativity. To further understand the craft, you can participate in our daily evening workshops from 5 pm to 7 pm. This week our schedule is as follows:

Monday, 28th Aug - Explore Collages with Sathya

Tuesday, 29th Aug - Drawing Hands with Lakshay

Wednesday, 30th Aug - Not Scheduled. Call to know.

Thursday, 31st Aug - Understanding Spaces with Audrey

Friday, 1st Sep - Creative Art with Helgard

Also, you can get your or loved one's portrait done by Sathya, against contribution. Contact him on 9486145072.

Pls. call/email and make an appointment before coming. Everyone in the studio practices, no excuses. Pls. maintain silence and decorum in the premise. It's a cooperative; pls. feel free to use the studio's art materials. If possible, bring your personal art materials and donate unused ones for others. Donate generously for art to flourish. It's free for Aurovilians and Newcomers. AV Volunteers pay Rs.100 and Guests pay Rs.200 per session. These workshops are for adults, if you want to bring your child along, pls. confirm with the facilitator. Call Lakshay at 9810052574 or email to: creeva@auroville.org.in

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help us with our cool art projects. Join us!
Lakshay For CREEVA

FILMS



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, September 1st, 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!

Special Report: A Plastic Tide

46 Minutes / English / 2017 / Directed by Halen-Ann Smith

Every minute, the equivalent of a rubbish truck load of plastic goes in to our oceans, it never decomposes and will remain there forever. If nothing changes, by 2050 all the plastic in the ocean could weigh more than all the fish. Plastic impacts on an entire ecosystem, marine life get caught up in it, eat it and live in it. It also has a direct impact on our health, acting as a sponge for toxins which can end up in our food.

(Reminder: Friday 25/08 - The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil)

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

UNITY PAVILION

Eye Opening Movie Series

Wednesday, August 30

HOME - English, 120min

All of Earth's problems are shown to be interlinked through footage from 60 countries.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm at Unity Pavilion

All are welcome-No contribution required

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 28th of August 2017 at 6:30 pm

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 3: THE BOOK OF THE DIVINE MOTHER

Canto 1-4: The Pursuit of the Unknowable, The Adoration of the Divine Mother, The House of the Spirit and the New Creation and The Vision and the Boon.

"A Heart was felt in the spaces wide and bare, / A burning Love from white spiritual founts / Annulled the sorrow of the ignorant depths;" (Savitri, p.314).

Film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. Duration: 32min.

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

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

<u>Morning Trips:</u> <u>MONDAY to SATURDAY</u>	<u>Afternoon Trips:</u> <u>WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY</u>	<u>Short afternoon Trips:</u> <u>MONDAY & SATURDAY</u>
Dep. 8.20 am - Vérité	Dep. 4.20 pm - Vérité	Dep. 2.50 pm - Vérité
Arr. 9.05 am - Ashram Dining Hall	Arr. 5.05 pm - Ashram Dining Hall	Arr. 3.35 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
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Dep. 12.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall	Dep. 8.10 pm - Ashram Dining Hall	Dep. 6.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
Arr. 12.45 pm - Vérité	Arr. 8.55 pm - Vérité	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	Dep. 11.30 am - Vérité	Dep. 2.30 pm - Vérité	Dep. 3.30 pm - Vérité
Arr. 9.30 am - SriMa	Arr. 12.00 pm - SriMa	Arr. 3.00 pm - SriMa	Arr. 4.00 pm - SriMa
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Dep. 9.30 am - Sri Ma	Dep. 12.00 pm	Dep. 3.00 pm	Dep. 5.30 pm
Arr. 10.00 am - Vérité	Arr. 12.30 pm - Vérité	Arr. 3.30 pm - Vérité	Arr. 6.00 pm - Vérité

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



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 28 August 2017 to 3 September 2017

Indian - Monday 28 August, 8:00 pm:

- NOOR

India, Dir. Sunhil Sippy w/ Sonakshi Sinha, Sunny Leone, Purab Kohli and others, Comedy-Drama, 117mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Noor wants to shine a light on serious issues but is stuck being the torchbearer of mediocre puff pieces. She is stuck between a flawed love life, a flailing career and daily struggles with weight.

Her childhood friend Saad gives her pep-talks from the friend-zone and her mentor reigns her in when she's too enthusiastic about a new exposé. Even as she's coming to terms with the hotness of her new boyfriend, Ayan, her maid Malti brings a major organ-trade racket to her notice!

German - Tuesday 29 August, 8:00 pm:

- GRÜBE AUS FUKUSHIMA (Greetings from Fukushima)

Germany, 2016, Dir. Doris Dörrie w/ Rosalie Thomass, Kaori Momoi, Nami Kamata, and others, Drama, 108mins, English-German-Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Following a botched love story, Marie, a young German, lands in Fukushima, determined to change her life. But it is easier said than done. Marie indeed has difficulty in adapting not only to Japanese life but even more so to life in a martyred city. She ends up finding refuge with old Satomi, the last living geisha in town.

Cultural - Thursday 30 August, 8:00 pm:

- IMPROVISATION

Switzerland, 1996, Dir. Gjon Mili and Norman Granz, documentary, 65mins, English w/ French subtitles, Rated: NR

This movie is combining several footages of Jazz improvisation filmed by Norman Granz and Gjon Mili from 1944 jazz music called Jammin blues. Adding in the 1950 a new film on Jazz improvisation. A new footage has now been combined with other films of jazz improvisation shot by Norman Granz at different times and locations from 60s and 70s which offer real gems from the greatest jazz men as Charlie Parker, Buddy Rich, Lester Young and later in the 60s Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Carter, Dizzy Gillespie: Not to be missed by jazz lovers.

Russian - Thursday 31 August, 8:00 pm:

- GADKIE LEBEDI (The Ugly Swans)

Russia, 2006, Dir. Konstantin Lopushanskiy w/ Gregory Hlady, Leonid Mozgovoy, Aleksey Kortnev, and others, Mystery-Sci-Fi, 105mins, Russian-English-Polish-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

In this film directed by a protégé of Andrei Tarkovsky, a father travels with a UN envoy to the isolated town of Tashlinsk in search of his daughter, who has been institutionalized in a school for spiritually gifted children by a group of "non-humans". He must race against time before the authorities purge this mysterious institution.

International - Saturday 2 September, 8:00 pm:

- QUE HORAS ELA VOLTA? (The Second Mother)

Brazil, 2015, Writer-Dir. Anna Muylaert w/ Regina Casé, Helena Albergaria, Michel Joelsas, and others, Comedy-Drama, Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Val spends 13 years working as nanny to Fabinho in São Paulo. She is financially stable but has to live with the guilt of having left her daughter Jéssica, in Pernambuco, in the northeast of Brazil, raised by relatives. As college entrance exams roll around, Jéssica wants to come to São Paulo to take her college entrance exams too. When Jéssica arrives, cohabitation is not easy. Everyone will be affected by the personality and candor of the girl and Val finds herself right in the middle of it.

Children's Film - Sunday 3 September, 4:30 pm:

- BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

USA, 2017, Dir: Bill Condon, w/ Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans and others, Fantasy, 129mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

An adaptation of the fairy tale about a monstrous-looking prince and a young woman who fall in love.

AKIRA KUROSAWA Movies @ Ciné-Club

Kurosawa is one of the great humanists of cinema. (He has also fashioned a parallel career, and attracted a larger following, as the director of a number of samurai films, including two classics that transcend the genre, Rashomon and The seven samurai.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 3 September, 8:00 pm:

- SUBARASHIKI NICHIOBI (One Wonderful Sunday)

Japan, 1947, Dir. Akira Kurosawa w/Iso Numasaki, Chieko Nakakita, Atsushi Watanabe and others, Drama-Romance, 108mins, Japanese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Yuzo and his fiancée Masako spend their Sunday afternoon together, trying to have a good time on just thirty-five yen. They manage to have many small adventures, especially because Masako's optimism and belief in dreams is able to lift Yuzo from his realistic despair.

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

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

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

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Kalaripayattu

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The journey of a man looking for connection with himself and nature.
Dance and theatre show inspired by the oldest martial art in the world: Kalaripayattu.

Artistic direction : Philippe Pelen Baldini



The Cast:

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Thierry Moucazambo
Swaroop Kannan
Suresh Kaliyath
Prakash Sathiya
Madhu Jayamurthy

Light Designer:

Ashwin Ezhumalai

 1st, 2nd & 3rd of September 2017

 7:30 PM

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