

News & Notes

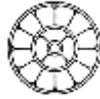
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A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



(Continued)

It's a restriction, a narrowing, while the True Thing is a blossoming, a widening, an identification with everything. When you reduce and reduce and reduce yourself, you don't feel you're losing yourself, it takes away the fear of losing yourself - you become something solid and compact. But the method of widening - maximum widening - there, you must... you mustn't be afraid of losing yourself. It's far more difficult.

What do you have to say?

I was wondering, in fact, how this can be done in an external world that's constantly absorbing you.

Ah, we must pick and choose. Certainly monasteries, retreats, running away to the forest or to caves, are necessary to counterbalance modern overactivity, and yet that exists less today than one or two thousand years ago. But it seems to me it was a lack of understanding - it didn't last long. It is clearly the excess of activity that makes the excess of immobility necessary.

But how to find the way to be what you should be in ordinary conditions? The way not to fall into either excess? Yes, to live normally, to be free.

Mon petit, that's why we started the Ashram! That was the idea. Because when I was in France, I was always asking myself, "How can people have the time to find themselves? How can they even have the time to understand the way to free themselves?" So I thought: a place where material needs are sufficiently satisfied, so that if you truly want to free yourself, you can do so. And it was on this idea that the Ashram was founded, not on any other: a place where people's means of existence would be sufficient to give them the time to think of the True Thing. (*Mother smiles*)

Human nature is such that laziness has taken the place of aspiration (not for everyone, but still fairly generally), and license or libertinism has taken the place of freedom. Which would tend to prove that the human species must go through a period of brutal handling before it can be ready to get away more sincerely from the slavery to activity. The first movement is indeed like this: "At last, to find the place where I can concentrate, find myself, live truly without having to bother about material things..." This is the first aspiration (it's even on this basis that the disciples - at least in the beginning - were chosen), but it doesn't last! Things become easy, so you let yourself go. There are no moral restraints, so you do stupid things. But it cannot even be said it was a mistake in recruiting - it would be tempting to believe this, but it's not true, because the recruiting was done on the basis of a rather precise and clear inner sign.... It's probably the difficulty of keeping the inner attitude unalloyed. That's exactly what Sri Aurobindo wanted and attempted; he used to say, "If I can find a hundred people, it will be enough for my purpose." But it wasn't a hundred for long, and I must say that when it was a hundred, it was already mixed. Many people came, attracted by the True Thing, but... one slackens. In other words, an impossibility to remain firm in one's true position.

Yes, I've noticed that in the extreme difficulty of the world's external conditions, the aspiration is far more intense. Isn't it! It's far more intense, it's almost a question of life and death.

Yes, that's right! Which means that man is still so crude that he needs extremes. That's what Sri Aurobindo said: for Love to be true, Hate was necessary; true Love could be born only under the pressure of hate. That's it. Well, we have to accept things as they are and try to go farther, that's all.

It is probably why there are so many difficulties (difficulties are piling up here: difficulties of character, difficulties of health and difficulties of circumstances), it's because the consciousness awakens under the impulse of difficulties. If everything is easy and peaceful, you fall asleep. That's also how Sri Aurobindo explained the necessity of war: in peace, people become flabby. It's too bad. I can't say I find it very pretty, but it seems to be that way. Basically, that's also what Sri Aurobindo says in *The Hour of God*: "If you have the Force and Knowledge and do not seize the opportunity, well... woe to you." It isn't at all vengeance, it isn't at all punishment, it's just that you attract a necessity, the necessity of a violent impulse - of a reaction to a violence.

(silence)

(To be continued)

MOTHER'S AGENDA, 16 September 1964

MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

I should love my neighbour not because he is neighbourhood,
- for what is there in neighbourhood and distance?

nor because the religions tell me he is my brother,
- for where is the root of that brotherhood?

but because he is myself.

Sri Aurobindo

ref. *Essays Divine And Human, Bhakti, p.491*

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE NEWS&NOTES!



■ **Reminder: the News&Notes' PUBLICATION DAY is now MONDAY (instead of Saturday).**

The News&Notes will still be delivered on Saturdays,
but you will have more time to read it!

The Monday publication will include all events of the MONDAY to SUNDAY week ahead - with delivery on Saturday for all.

The deadline remains the same, the delivery day remains Saturday, so there is little change involved for most of you.

EXCEPT for the WEEKEND EVENTS. These announcements will need to reach us before the Tuesday of the week before.

FOR ALL, it should be a much more pleasant experience, to read leisurely over the weekend about the whole week coming ahead!
ENJOY! News&Notes

Community News

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matrimandir Closure for Maintenance

This is to inform all that Matrimandir remains closed to visitors from 4.6.2018 to 3.7.2018 for renovation and repair works.

Matrimandir reopens for visitors' concentration from 4.7.2018.

The booking services by phone, email and the Visitors Centre Booking Office remain closed from 3.6.2018 to 1.7.2018.

Booking for concentration reopens from 2.7.2018, closed on Tuesdays. Booking requests for July 4th 2018 and onward are to be sent no earlier than July 1st 2018. Please keep in mind that 3rd July is a Tuesday.

The Visitors Centre and the Matrimandir Viewing Point remain open as usual from 9 am to 5 pm, Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm only.

During this period, Aurovilians and Newcomers will be able to access the Matrimandir from 6 to 8 am and 5.30 to 8 pm only.

We regret any inconvenience caused.

The Matrimandir Team.

■ **Garden of the Unexpected**

Dear Friends, **6 days to go! Register before 30 June**, for **Garden of the Unexpected (GoU)**, Open Design Event by Matrimandir.

The Matrimandir executives are calling for design proposals for the Garden of the Unexpected.

If you have a great idea & the capability to, design and implement garden landscaping, we invite you to participate by registering and filling out [this form](#)

You can apply individually or as a team. Please read [the brief here](#). Registrations open on 31st May and close 30th June 2018

You can watch a short presentation on the [design event, here](#). For more information, please write to goumatrimandir@auroville.org.in.

Also announcing [members of the Experts Panel](#) who will review, guide and choose the designs for selection by Auroville community: [Ameeta Mehra](#), [B.V. Doshi](#) (to be confirmed), [Kei Ishikawa](#), [Mallika Sarabhai](#), [Narad Richard Eggenberger](#), [Piero and Gloria Cicionesi](#) (Chair panel).

The [Observing Committee members](#) who will review, guide and maintain integrity of the process: Angelo (AVC), Mandakini (WCOM), Aurosylle (MM), Eric (MM), Hemant (MM), John (MM), Louis (MM), Vladimir (MM).

and managing the call: Natasha Jain (Event Coordinator), Induja (Assessment advisor), Sonali Phadnis (Quantity Surveyor), RAS (Community representation)

- Thank you, *Natasha & Matrimandir executives*

■ **INVITATION TO AN INFORMATION SHARING MEETING TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE FEEDBACK REVIEWING PROCESS**

Dear Community Members,

You are invited to participate in an information sharing meeting aiming to bring into open new ideas about transforming the feedback reviewing process towards inclusion.

Objective of the meeting: Offer space to all community members and the working groups to propose possible ways to improve the existing feedback process and discuss establishment of a clearance procedure, keeping Auroville's values at its core. The meeting is going to be held on:

THURSDAY, JUNE 28
4 pm - 6 pm
Unity Pavilion

This matter is considered as a top priority, and your proposals on how to ensure transparent, effective feedback and clearance processes and to move forward, without compromising on Auroville's principles, would be greatly appreciated.

Time-wise it is important to make the clearance process much quicker (the 2018 selection process is approaching soon) and, at the same time, keep it based on a sense of responsibility and sincerity.

To book your time slot for your presentation, please don't hesitate to contact us at: raservice@auroville.org.in.

Much love, *Your Residents' Assembly Service*

■ **Building Application Cell - update, and resource person needed**

L'avenir d'Auroville is setting up a **Building Application Cell** as one of the technical teams. This is composed of:

- 1 L'avenir d'Auroville Interface member,
- 2 technical persons (architect/engineer),
- 1 resource person from the community at large.

Supported by: - 1 ground coordinator, and
- 1 secretary.

Resource person needed: L'avenir d'Auroville is now looking for an active member of the community to be part of this team. The job is as follows:

- Understanding the process of applications, from reception to NOC.
- Assessing applications without bias and with clarity.
- Bringing knowledge of community and its different aspects/issues, if applicable
- Ensuring that due process is followed for every application
- Engaging in dialogue with neighbors/community relevant to a project as and when applicable.

In case of larger projects or complex smaller structures, this technical team will enlarge itself with more expertise from within or outside Auroville to make a "peer review". If you feel you can serve in this team in the position outlined above, or if you know of someone who does, please write to us at avenir@auroville.org.in as soon as possible.

Warm regards, *L'avenir d'Auroville*

(Anita, Anu, Divya, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 752

Dated: 25-06-2018. Our team is happy to recommend the following individual as Aurovillian:

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Hubert TASSIN (French)

ERRATUM - Correction to N&N #751 Dated: 18-06-2018

Safia RAOUI (Belgian) has been announced Aurovillian prematurely.

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 FOR JUNE:

Monday 09:30AM-12:30PM (Only for the month of June)

From July we will be back to normal schedule.

Yours, The Entry Service

Houses available for transfer:

1. Sanjana Community - Block 4 apartment A of PLINTH AREA: 48.47 sq.m Suitable for Single or Couple.

2. Sanjana Community - Block 2 Apartment A of Plinth Area: 48.7 Sq.m Suitable for Single or Couple.

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

3-From Sunship: Immediately available: One single unit of 42 Sq.m completely furnished and equipped-kitchen, bathroom and cupboard- with Collective cafeteria, Laundry, technical maintenance and management by Aurovillians!!* (*Contact louis@auroville.org.in for visit and more information)

Housing Projects under construction:

1. Auromodele Orchard - Booking available for 9 family house 5 studio house. Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

2. Kalpna Housing Project: OFFICES AND APPARTMENTS STILL AVAILABLE: Project Holders: Satyakam and Devasmita, Architect: Ovoid Atelier / Neel and Supriti, Contractor for the finishing work: Auromira / Jothi Prasad.

UPDATE: The finishing work at Kalpna is going on well The South block with 22 apartments will be completed by mid-July 2018. In parallel the work is going on in the North block and East block. The next works which will start soon are the balcony and staircases railings and the landscaping.

Out of 42 apartments 8 units are still available:

Studios: 3 units, 1BHK: 3 units, 2 BHK: 1 unit, 3 BHK:1 unit
Also available are 2 OFFICES on ground floor in the North block

We are hoping to be ready by 30th August 2018.

Satyakam will be TOS from 17th June till 19th July. He will be available by e mail for any information, and for a request for a site visit. satyakam@auroville.org.in

OBITUARY

Janine Morisset leaves her body

In the morning of 13 June, Janine Wanda Mirra MORISSET, the younger sister of Poorna's (Mother's grand-daughter), passed away in her house in Pondy. She was 94; her remains were cremated in the Ashram's mandappam, on June 14th.

Janine had worked at UNESCO in Paris and, together with her father André Morisset (1898-1982), she played an important role in the Sri Aurobindo Centre there. A few years ago she moved to Puducherry to spend here the last years of her life. Her daughter Fabienne and husband Judson have been looking after her.

Her friendly personality will be missed; our warmest condolences go out to the family.

OM-



Sakhivel has passed

On 14 June, our good friend and brother, Aurovillian Sakhivel Ramasamy, suffered a stroke and passed away at AUM Hospital due to a long struggle with kidney failure. He was just 41 years old.

Hailing from Kottakarai, Sakhivel came to work in Auroville in 1996 and officially joined in 2003.

After working at Solar Service, he started working at Solar Kitchen overlooking the building's entire machinery practically from the beginning. His friendly nature and ever willingness to help out, made him a much appreciated and loved member of the Solar Kitchen team. He will be dearly missed.

Sakhivel lived with his wife Mala and their children, Santhan and Madhan, in Sve Dame. The twins are just about to enter NESS. Our warmest condolences go out to the family.

The body was buried at Auroville's burial grounds at Adventure in the afternoon of Friday 15 June.

OM-

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Yogasana demonstration in nearby villages

On the occasion of International Yoga day, Auroville Arulvazhi School students are giving ten simple yogasana demonstrations in ten villages starting from 19th June until 5th July.



YOGASANA DEMONSTRATIONS IN 10 VILLAGES

Timings: 7 to 8:30pm

	Date and Day	Village Name
1	19/06/2018 Tuesday	Irumbai Chittoor
2	21/06/2018 Thursday	Morattandy Colony
3	23/06/2018 Saturday	Kuilapalayam
4	24/06/2018 Sunday	Ambedkar Nagar
5	26/06/2018 Tuesday	Morattandy Village
6	28/06/2018 Thursday	Periyamudaliyar Chavady
7	30/06/2018 Saturday	Thiruchitrabalam Colony
8	01/07/2018 Sunday	Mathoor
9	03/07/2018 Tuesday	Kasipalayam
10	05/07/2018 Thursday	Annai Nagar

Three short films are produced based on real world problems for which yogasanas' therapeutic value is highlighted. These films are to be broadcasted on Pondy Doordarshan starting from 21st June onwards.

All are warmly invited to attend the program.

At Her Service,
the Yoga project team

(Ashock Chatterjee, Varadharajan, Thillai Ganapathy, Thambidurai, Yatra Srinivassan, Auro Anandou and Muthu Kumari)

Kinisi In-kind Mobility (KIM)

Advantages of non-ownership

On June 5th, we dedicated 15 of our e-cycles to the Kinisi In-kind Mobility (KIM) scheme.

Under the KIM scheme, any resident of Auroville can have an e-cycle for his/her personal use. The contribution is Rs. 850/month.

The e-cycle remains the property of Auroville, and you cannot sell it or rent it to anyone else. You also have to treat it properly, as if it was your own.

You may think this is not a good deal, since you will not OWN your e-cycle. But there are many advantages to being a member of KIM:

1. **Maintenance is free.** KINISI will take care of it, and repair your punctures, brakes, etc. for free.

2. **Battery replacement is free.** Your monthly contribution will cover the cost of battery replacement every 3 years.
3. **Cycle replacement is free.** After 6+ years, when your cycle gets old, Kinisi will give you a new one for free.
4. **You don't need to buy petrol.** You will save huge amounts of money in the long run.

How about that?

Come to KINISI at CSR (in person) to become a member of KIM, and to get your e-cycle. Choose sustainable mobility now!
The Kinisi Team



■ ITS (Integrated Transport Services)

OUR SERVICES - WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

The Integrated Transport Service (ITS) office/charging station is now open to meet all your mobility requirements:

- **Charge your EVs** - We have plenty of charging points so please feel free to charge your electric vehicles at ITS 24 hrs a day.
- **Share a Taxi** - Shared Transport Service (STS) is now ITS. Share a taxi, save money and the environment.
- **Book a scooter for short term use** - Try out our exciting new electric scooters that promote quiet and sustainable mobility in Auroville.
- **Get a scooter** - ITS can help you with access to the best electric scooters in the market for your long term needs
- **Local Pick ups and Drops** - Need a ride to ECR, Kuyilapalayam, Pondy or anywhere in Auroville? ITS has the sustainable solution through our range of electric rickshaws and scooters.
- **Vehicle Repairs** - Tired of travelling all the way to Pondy to get your electric vehicle fixed? Now bring your e-vehicle to the ITS workshop opposite Solar Kitchen.
- **Courier/Delivery Services** - Need something to be picked up or dropped off? A parcel, groceries, a cheque...? Let ITS do it for you.
- **Courier drops from Amazon and other e-tailers** - If you are tired of giving directions to delivery guys, you can get your couriers dropped off at ITS and pick it up from here or we can drop it off at your house.

For any further inquiries please come visit us at our office opposite Solar Kitchen.

We are open from 9AM to 5PM.
Closed on Sunday.



Or contact us at [+91 9787880211](tel:+919787880211)
| [+91 9486991643](tel:+919486991643) | [+91 9840983080](tel:+919840983080) or email us at its@auroville.org.in.

GREEN MATTERS

■ GOOD THINGS HAPPENING AT ECOSERVICE

Dear Aurovilians and All,
The Eco service would like to share with the community some of the good things that has been happening lately at the Eco service.
We have built a wonderful shed with recycled materials such used bottle old solar panels and shredded Styrofoam blocks. Please come and visit to see how much can be done with materials we think is waste.
The Eco service is very happy to let the community know that we are constantly trying to find buyer to get rid of some of our never ending stock of plastic bags, multilayer packages, tetrapacks and many other non-recyclable materials.
We have been stocking them not having the heart to land fill these items knowing it will sit under the earth for hundreds of years.
The good news is.....

YES, we found someone that came and bought for a petty amount our stock of plastic carry bags. 88 bags of 1-meter-wide by 2-m-long. A total kg of 2054 kgs.
These thin plastic bags are handed over in every shop from small to big have invaded the empty fields the gutters the oceans and even the Eco service.

We request all of you to please do an extra effort to avoid these plastic by carrying a cloth bag with you or choosing a paper bag.

We thank you for your support, Eco service (Palani.K and Kali.B)

■ WHAT TO AVOID USING IN PRIORITY IN AUROVILLE

This list has been compiled by Eco service. These are the main problem right now in Auroville, without solution for proper recycling/disposing at present.

Recyclable alternatives do exist right here in Auroville, our individual effort is needed: choose the recyclable options.

Please participate and avoid these at all costs!

These are the top priorities which to be avoided in Auroville:

1. Lace/mesh packaging
2. Biscuit packets (all the ones coated with silver inside and multi-coloured outside)
3. Printed plastics
4. Tetra packs
5. Mushroom packet
6. Plastic Carry bags
7. Single-use Sanitary pads

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We are stocking them not having the heart to land fill these items knowing they will sit under the earth for hundreds of years. Will you help? Thanks! EcoService

■ END PLASTIC BAGS: WELCOME "WELL BAGS"

"The [Tamil Nadu](#) government announced on Tuesday June 5th - 2018, it would ban the use of plastic items, including non-biodegradable carry bags, from January 2019 to "gift a plastic-free" state to future generations. Chief Minister [K.Palaniswami](#)'s announcement in the state assembly coincided with International Environment Day.



YES, it is TIME to change. We are very glad to share with all of you that our **Well bags** is an alternative programme for a plastic free world by Kuyilapalayam Cultural Centre, which is also a recognized and supported programme by PCG, recently this year May 2018. Please contact us for any types of bags that you may need for your shops, restaurants, gifts, packages, etc. Please contact us: 9843195290 or 9843382806.

Also write us: kulaiculturalcentre@auroville.org.in. Let us join hands together and save our mother earth from the polluting plastic bags.



■ PROBIOTICS HOUSE TIPS SERIAL #24

- GENTLE BAMBOO BODY CARE!

100% Biodegradable Products.

Do you know that your very first toothbrush is STILL ON OUR EARTH? All plastic toothbrushes are still existing somewhere on the planet since they started in 1938!

In India alone, more than 150 million of plastic toothbrushes are thrown into the garbage every month! They are the 2nd largest plastic waste generation after plastic bags. Now consumer have a choice!

New in Probiotics House is a selection of Biodegradable, Natural, BAMBOO TOOTHBRUSH, and other BAMBOO products like: COMB, RAZOR, etc. A Natural substitution of your day-to-day body care tools.

We are happy today, to add this New Line of wellbeing products to our list of 72 natural products, that are available in **PROBIOTICS HOUSE - Reve**, providing you with All Natural and 100% Biodegradable Products: Probiotics, Wellbeing, Body Care, House Cleaning, Pets, Water and Garden Products. You are all welcome - and please remember to bring a clean container for your refilling products!

PROBIOTICS HOUSE (Margarita & Guidelma)

www.probioticshouse.com - Reve - Auroville. +91 413 2623774
Open Tuesday to Saturday: 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

POSTINGS

Babies are a bundle of joy! Welcome Libeesh!

We are excited to welcome our second baby boy, *Libeesh*.

Born on 11 June 2018 at 3:24 pm.

Both mother and baby are doing well.

Jeevesh, Ganesh & Nandini (Aspiration Community)

WCom Office closed in the afternoons until June 30th:

Dear Community, Kindly be informed that the Working Committee Office (secretarial office) will be closed in the afternoons from Monday, 18th June, 2018 till Saturday, 30th June, 2018. The secretarial office will continue to remain open in the mornings during this period. Should you have any work with the office, kindly make sure to drop in in the mornings between 9:30am till 12:00pm during the mentioned period. Thanking you for your cooperation. The regards, The Working Committee

Auroville Residents Service summer opening timings for June

Please note that the Auroville Residents Service office will be open for public from morning 9:00 am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday we will be closed in the afternoons starting from May 1st. We will come back to our regular timings from July onwards.

Thank you.

Residents Service Team

Garden Lovers Meet to Co-Create

Are you an ardent garden lover? Do you have a home garden with flowers, veggies and fruits, or do you plan to create / upgrade one? Shall we meet in a morning or evening and share an unhurried time, to do garden work together, to exchange ideas, seeds and plants, to have teas and snacks? Shall we welcome other garden lovers to also join?

If interested, please respond to Anandi Zhang at anandizhang@gmail.com

Exploring gift economy - Week 2

PerceptivEye

has baked a

graphic



come & try!

Dear friends, we are exploring a month of Gift economy with Auroville Units. "GraphipEye" is an initiative of PerceptivEye, an activity of ASSA. We are experimenting to see if we can sustain and grow on the generosity and heartfelt offering from the community.

Contact us for Illustrations, graphics, publications, brochures, flyers, or websites. Contribute as you wish! mail: perceptiveye@auroville.org.in or call: [9408444747](tel:9408444747). *PerceptivEye - Systems Design Studio*

THANK YOU

Thank You to Road Service

Dear Road Service team, thank you for sweating in summer to improve the road conditions in Auroville. Now I feel riding a cycle or a scooter is much safer and smoother.

With Joy and Gratitude, *Anandi Z.*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Caretaker needed in Celebration Complex

Dear Community, The Housing Service is looking for a caretaker (single person) at Celebration Volunteer and Newcomer Complex, simple housing is provided.

Interested persons should be:

- having good operational skills - experience in running a residence/guesthouse would be an asset
- having good communication skills - good command of english is necessary
- Job description available on Auronet (link)

If you are interested, please contact Svenja at housing@auroville.org.in. *The Housing Service*

HEALTH

Santé: summer news

The Santé team is happy to welcome Juan Andres, a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist from Chile as a new member of our team offering integrative healthcare in Auroville.

Juan Andres has experience working as a coach counsellor in groups, using integrative psychotherapy, and with organizational psychology. In Santé, he would like to focus on integrative psychotherapy with adolescents, teenagers, adults and couples.

Juan Andres is available every morning from 10:00 - 12:30, except Wednesday and in the afternoons from 2:00 - 4:30 on Monday, Thursday and Friday only.

Please call Santé reception on [0413-2622803](tel:0413-2622803) or come visit us between 8:45am -12:30pm and 2-4:30pm to book an appointment.

- JUNE 2018 THERAPISTS SCHEDULE IN SANTÉ

PLEASE NOTE: Santé will be closed in the afternoons through the month of June 2018. Work will continue as normal during the mornings from 8:45am - 12:30pm.

Clinic Phone: [0413-2622803](tel:0413-2622803)

• email: sante@auroville.org.in / adminsante@auroville.org.in

Working Hours: 8:45-12:30 & 2:00-4:30 Monday - Saturday for Aurovilians, Newcomers & registered Guests, Volunteers & Friends of Auroville

For emergencies, contact Auroville Ambulance: Tel: [9442224680](tel:9442224680) (24x7) - Government Ambulance: Tel: [108](tel:108) (24x7)

Auroville Ambulance Service has a fully equipped ambulance for all medical emergencies with an Advanced Paramedic on board. This service should be requested judiciously for medical emergency and/or medical transport only.

Blood tests and Lab collection - Mon-Fri only before 12:00 pm.

Santé is closed every Tuesday afternoon for staff meetings

SPORTS

New KALARIPPAYATTU CLASSES

New classes of Kalaripayattu have started in the new **ASPIRATION KSHETRA KALARI** at Aspiration Sports ground:

Kalari Class for Beginners:

Morning classes 6.30 - 7.30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Evening classes 5.00 - 6.00 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Kalari Classes for advanced people:

Morning classes 6.30 - 7.30 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Contact numbers: [9042009200](tel:9042009200) / [9585153355](tel:9585153355)

Aikido with Sep (Tanseikai group) has started again:

Practice of Aikido at the Auroville Budokan under the guidance of *Sep Overlaet*, 6th Dan Tokyo Aikikai. Hours of practice: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm. to 8:30pm. Minimum age is 15. For further information contact Sep: overlaet@gmail.com / [8489755035](tel:8489755035).

Change in Darkali Fitness Track opening hours

Starting 25th June Darkali Fitness Track is open every day from 4.30 p.m. to 6.50 p.m. Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time. *Please note, in case of rain, the Fitness Track will be closed until the path is dry.* To know when the Fitness Track reopens after the rain please visit Auronet group «[Darkali Fitness Track](#)». Way to the gate in Google Maps: goo.gl/dpdTgf. *Darkali Team*

EATING OUT

Special summer offering at Well Studio Café

During the month of June, we would like to offer all our guests 10% off the menu, and for Aurovillians & Newcomers 30% Off. Please join us for breakfast and lunch. Monday to Saturday from 8.30 till 16.30. Vegetarian and vegan Mediterranean food in our beautiful garden. Love, *Well Café Team (Sve Dame)*
For groups and take away please call us: [0413-2622229](tel:0413-2622229)
E-Mail Address - wellcafe@auroville.org.in

Voices Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV



Dear listeners/viewers!

Greetings Auroville... We are happy to share with you all what we managed to capture in past week as a team of AurovilleRadio/TV. Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville. We would be happy to hear from you, and also for you to make use of our services. Please do follow our updated website which offers a wide range of information with written, audio and video content and stay connected with us for more event updates on our social media sites, Facebook and Twitter. Website: www.aurovillerradio.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/auroville.radio Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV (@AurovilleRadio) | Twitter

From our volunteers for the past week we have:

Leela and Tenzin - [Presentation on Sristi Village](#)

Mir - [Herman Hesse's Siddharta Wisdom](#)

Ivana - [Quality of Creations](#)

rtm - [Pending Issues Changed the course of Meeting](#)

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Out of regular programs we have

GangaLakshmi continues with her [Selections](#) of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in French.

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

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Musical edition [Easy Like Sunday Morning](#).

Your AurovilleRadioTV team

NOTES

(Editor's note: the below note was meant to be published last week, with our apologies to Satprem. N&N)

CERTITUDE-SOLAR KITCHEN ROAD

I am very sorry that this new road is eroding so fast. I feel bad each time I ride on this road. I did my best with the specifications that I elaborated and with the process that I had to improvise on the spot, because of the last minute decision from Auroville bodies. I did my best to control at the most how the Road Service built this road. However, this was not enough because of the circumstances, the inertia of the decision making process of Auroville and so on. The Road Service team did also their best. Though they worked hard, 10 to 12 hours every day under hard conditions, they could not always insure the quality required for mixing and for the entire execution of the work.

Still about half of the road behaves well and the remaining part which erodes a lot now, could have been avoided if Auroville bodies would have taken the decision to repair it in May, as I asked in my assessment report sent to l'Avenir on 21st April. This report mentioned the causes of the erosion, the type of repairs which could be done to stop the erosion, and a provisional budget. I asked to proceed with the repairs in May. Until today, nobody answered my report and request to repair this road.

An Aurovillian complained directly to me by email, accusing me of these problems and that I was doing nothing to repair the road. She even asked that the Auroville Earth Institute would finance its repairs. What shall I do? I dedicated myself to do this

work and accepted the difficult challenge. The main mistake that I did was to say yes to l'Avenir: to take responsibility to manage the construction of this road in these conditions: no time for experimentation, pressure to build it in 3 weeks with untrained labour, without proper supervision from the Road Service, no help from anyone for supervising, etc. (see my message in N&N of end of April).

Yes, I am responsible to have agreed managing this work. I did not succeed. I am sorry for that. I have spent nearly 29 years of my life in Auroville, saying always yes to requests, working hard and selflessly for the good of Auroville, and answering always with goodwill to anything asked. As a result, people are never happy and finally complain about you. May be it is time now to learn how to say no, which is synonym for me of ill will. I should have refused this work and let the collector pave this road with tar.

Sincerely,

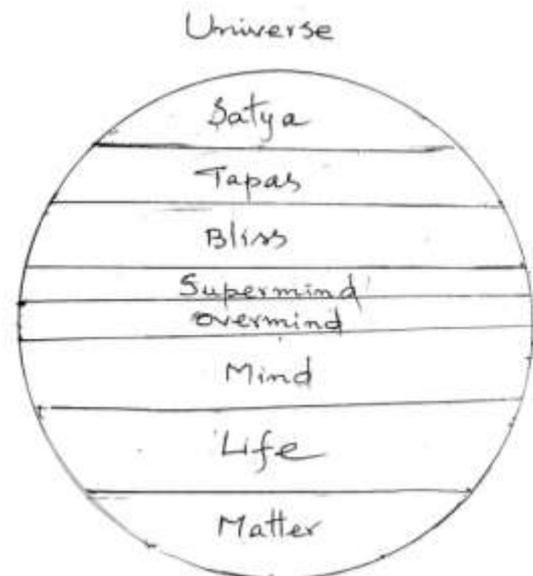
Satprem, Auroville Earth Institute

The City of Dawn

The name Auroville is given by the Mother. She says that it is a place for practicing Sri Aurobindo's ideas. Another name for Auroville, 'The City of Dawn', which is also given by the Mother, seems to be superfluous. But a careful thought reveals the true significance of the second name. A knowledge of the Vedic symbolism and the Vedic cosmology is necessary to understand this name.

In the early morning before sunrise we see rosy red sky in the horizon. It is called dawn (physical). The Vedic Rishis call it Usha, a goddess in the overmind. The image of physical dawn is used by them to explain the spiritual and psychological state of man and the universe. The sun hidden in the darkness of night is delivered by the appearance of the dawn (physical). Similarly the Vedic Rishis think that the ignorance (darkness) in the mind of man is removed by the illumination of Usha (divine). The rays of physical dawn represent the herds of Usha in heaven. The Vedic Rishis make inner psychological submission and surrender to Usha (divine) and pray her to give them happiness and immortality.

Usha, the daughter of Aditi (the Mother), ascends through the overmental planes of consciousness and reaches the



supramental plane of existence. She gathers milk (illuminated consciousness) from her herds and pours it over Heaven and Earth. The overmental gods, Rishis and men receive it and enjoy the increase of illumination (knowledge) in their beings.

Usha (divine) has special powers; she could perceive Visions and hear Words and see Revelations coming from far off regions of the infinity. She gathers them all and formulates overmental Truth - Consciousness. The Vedic Rishis think that it is better to get acclimatized with the Truth - Consciousness of Usha before venturing to get the supermental Truth; because they say that the heat of illumination coming from the supermind would hurt

the consciousness of man. Then Usha ascends upwards and reaches the base of the Bliss World. While she is in contact with it, she is filled in her being with Amirtha (Soma juice). She enjoys infinite and vast Ananda. She is able to reach the limits of Heaven. And from there she enters into the planes of Earth and pours Amirtha over them. Man in his turn receives it and becomes highly elated in his consciousness. The Amirtha from the Bliss World dissolves the unwanted mental constructions in man and removes all his sins and evils from him and makes him fit to hold and manifest the Truth - Consciousness through his perfected being.

In 'The City of Dawn', the word 'City' implies Aurovilians living in Auroville. Usha (divine), who can enter into relations with the seven planes of consciousness in the universe and man, is the creator of the Truth - Consciousness. The Mother wishes that Aurovilians living in Auroville, like the Vedic Rishis, would make inner psychological sacrifice to Usha (the divine Dawn) and pray her to give them the Truth - Consciousness by which they could transform the individual and collective life in Auroville. That is why she has given another name for Auroville - The City of Dawn. Ref: The Secret of the Veda, Part one Chaps: XII and XIII; Part Two: Chap. VI; Part Three: The Divine Dawn. Somasundaram

TAMIL CORNER - RIDDLES - VIDUKATHAI

(விடுகதை)

Riddles are a part of Tamil culture and heritage. Every Tamil child remembers his grandma's witty riddles as they wait drooling for treats from her. We at Ilaignarkal Education Centre are trying to revive the forgotten tradition, which was a wise way of sharing knowledge. Starting this month, we will be bringing you some interesting, humorous riddles to tease your brain cells and intellectual capacity. See below the riddle of this month... Good luck!

*There stands the rungless ladder
and above it sits a bag.*

*Above the bag stands a pipe
and the pipe balances a heavy ball.*

*Countless blades of grass above the ball grow.
Beware! Animals wild wander in that forest.
What is it?*

(Collected in Pondicherry and translated into English by Professor P.Raja)

Want to find the solution to the riddle? Subscribe to **Vaasal** at tamil@auroville.org.in

ACCOMMODATIONS

Needed: Dear Friends I AM an announced Newcomer in need of a long term House Sitting opportunity, yet open to any duration. I can offer Gardening skills, Pet care, General upkeep and Positivity. Working in Botanical Gardens. Seeking Sept.1 onward. Thank you in advance. SeZ. travelight39@gmail.com.

Available: House sit opportunity in Douceur community from July 1st, for an Aurovillian, Newcomer or pre-Newcomer. It is a small apartment on the first floor, consisting of bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, sit out. Separate entrance from main house. Duration between one month and one year. Suitable for single person, couple or mother with small child. Furnished or unfurnished. Against reasonable contribution. Write to robert@auroville.org.in or call [8940568305](tel:8940568305). Robert H.

AVAILABLE

Auroville Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earth&us, at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. alot@auroville.org.in. NOW ONLINE! aurotot.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse

Motorcycle: 2014 Bajaj Avenger 220, RS/ 55,000, Low Mileage, Well Maintained, Tamil Nadu Plates, Contact Mahesh: [9585437499](tel:9585437499) / [8300337443](tel:8300337443)



MANGOES MANGOES MANGOES...



Dear community, Baraka beautiful **organic MANGOES** are available in Baraka from Monday to Saturday, 8:30 to 12:00 am.

♥ Baraka team

UPS (BATTERY): 2 years of use, excellent condition. Please contact roussetbelson@yahoo.fr. Régine & Gérard

Bicycle: Hercules Turbo cycle, bright indigo, bought in January and used for a couple of months. It has thick wheels with great traction for the dirt tracks. It has been insured for damages for one year. Please contact me on [+918197060496](tel:+918197060496), I can show the cycle only after 4:00 after work on weekdays. -Meenakshi

Mobile Phone and accessories: 1) iPhone 4, used - 2) Battery cover for iPhone 4, new - 3) Battery cover for iPhone 5, new. Contact Ashaman [9385810468](tel:9385810468).

2 items available: 1) One SHURE PGA58 Vocal Microphone, almost new, original box - 2) Black & Decker Dustbuster model VH801, almost new, original box. Contact Marlenka [9486363525](tel:9486363525)

Housework part-time position: I am looking for a good ama speaking English, good recommendations, to work 3 half days each week, she can call me at these numbers: [0413-2622830](tel:0413-2622830) or [7598110262](tel:7598110262). Hema (Maitreye one)

e-scooter: 14 months motor and battery use, new body, new charger, new brake shoe. Drive clean! ;-)
magalichirouze@gmail.com. Magali

Flight case for acoustic guitar: Hard shell black case with plush green lining, lock and key. Fits any brand of acoustic guitar. Used several times for international flights, so some minor cosmetic marks, but still in great condition over all. Contact Matthew at m.b.tildesley@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR...

Unity Pavilion is looking for Christmas trees:

In the past year we lost a couple of Christmas trees (cook-pine, Araucaria columnaris) in our garden to some mysterious disease. To replace those we are looking for healthy trees growing in pots (4-6 feet tall ones would be ideal). If you have one kindly get in touch with us (e-mail: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in, ph: [04132623576](tel:04132623576)). Unity Pavilion Team

Unity Pavilion needs metal cupboards

For storing artworks and other material related to Art for Land exhibition Unity Pavilion is looking for metal cupboards (of all sizes) in good usable condition. If you have any, which you are not using any more, kindly get in touch with Unity Pavilion (unitypavilion@auroville.org.in or call [04132623576](tel:04132623576)). It would be ideal if you can give it as an offering for the Land; but a small compensation also can be considered.

We are also specifically looking for an artwork cupboard (preferably wooden) with pull-out drawers, in a size of minimum depth X width of 90cm X 90cm to store paintings. Any of our artist friends who own one but does not need it any more kindly get in touch with us. Unity Pavilion Team

Somebody flying on 24/08: Dear all, since I won't be here, I am looking for somebody to accompany my friend who has never taken an international flight before. She is going to Germany on 24 August from Chennai. If somebody goes the same direction (European country or change in Dubai etc) or at least could share the ride to the airport with her and maybe help her find her gate? Please contact me [+919751518813](tel:+919751518813). Thank you, Ely

House furniture & things: Dear community, as a fresh Newcomer I'm looking for furniture and equipment for my new, but yet empty Newcomer flat. (bed, mattress, table, chairs, fridge, kitchen equipment, little UPS for notebook and internet router). I'd be thankful for any support or advises! Contact: sebastians.postfach@gmail.com, Phone: [9385625984](tel:9385625984). Thanks, Sebastian

LOST & FOUND

Kids Cycle (Lost): Dear AV friends, my son Pablo left his light blue bicycle near the watchman station in Certitude more than 2 weeks ago, because he was hurt and could not cycle back home. We went back the day after but the bicycle was not there anymore. We kindly ask the watchman if he saw someone or something but NO. The bicycle is not for adult but medium size and with gears. The seat is full of holes. There was also a lock on the bicycle. Kindly if anybody noticed anything just call [9943125806](tel:9943125806), Pablo misses his bicycle a lot! VALENTINA.

Camera (Lost): I have lost a digital "point and shoot" Nikon camera (B700) that is brilliant red in colour, from Celebration Guesthouse. It has a lot of beautiful captures from my travel and my family, recently clicked. It was gifted to me by my friend's father last year as he knew about my photography interests that have hopefully mushroomed into some skills! It was my first camera and very close to my heart. If anyone has it, please return it. You can call me at [+91 8197060496](tel:+918197060496). A sumptuous treat is assured because I just want it back. -Meenakshi

TAXI SHARING

Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: <http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/> (an initiative by earth&us)

July 1st: A taxi is going to Chennai airport on July 1st. to pick up Meike arriving at 15.25hrs. from Delhi. Sharing both ways possible. Please contact Kathrin: [8903941382](tel:8903941382), or kathrin@auroville.org.in

July 3rd: Leaving Invocation at 3pm, for Chennai National Airport. Sharing available both ways. Please call [+91-9443790661](tel:+919443790661). Ann R.

Week's Happenings

There are 2 useful online calendars of events in Auroville:
- **Online Auroville Events Calendar** - (no need to log in for guests! - just scroll down the page) The schedule of events for the week can be accessed by all, including Guests and Visitors, on the AuroNet login page: www.auroville.org.in
- **Auroville Art Service:** artservice.auroville.org/calendar/

INVITATIONS



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri

read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY - 6.00 to 6.30 pm

[weather permitting]

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 No Photos and do not to use your cell phones, cameras, i-pads, etc. Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm

Please be seated by 5.55 pm, no late entry. Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

Reminder:

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

on Sunday June 24th - 6.30 to 7.30 pm

(weather permitting)

we will sing Mother's mantra "Om Namo Bhagavaté"

with Joy and Jivatman (guitar) to guide the chanting.

Dear Guests, please carry your Aurocard and note that the gardens (like for the Thursday meditation) is open only for this moment at the amphitheatre.

Amphitheatre Team

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Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs

in the upstairs corridor

Glimpses of the Mother

photographs and texts in the Square Hall

Everyone is welcome

SCHEDULES



Italic Calligraphy workshop:

Commencing Friday 6th of July a mini-workshop of 4 Fridays over 4 weeks in the basics of Italic Calligraphy: sessions will be 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Creativity Atelier. Materials provided. Home practice between sessions advised. Offered by Marlenka and CREEVA. If you feel interested to attend please contact audrey@auroville.org.in or [0413-2622641](tel:0413-2622641)

REMINDER: The monthly schedules and activities of the Auroville Centers can be found on the following websites:

- Joy Activities: www.joyauroville.org/
- Holistic: www.auroville-holistic.com/
- Pitanga: www.auroville.org/contents/3185
- Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
- Language Lab: www.aurovillelanguage.org/courses.php
- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyoga.space
- Vérité: www.verite.in/
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886

REGULAR EVENTS

The *Regular Events* column is printed once a month, sent weekly via pdf through our mailing list, and published weekly online for anyone to access at: auroville.org/contents/4187

AUROVILLE BUS SCHEDULE

The current AAP BUS schedule (for Pondy trips) is always available at www.auroville.org/contents/3988. Contact: avbus@auroville.org.in

OTHER EVENTS

Exploring Auroville Architecture

4th - 6th July 2018

Exploring Auroville Architecture is developed by Auroville Green Practices in cooperation with local experts in order to share our experience in architecture with the world outside. During the 3-day workshop participants will get to experience the various architectural expressions at Auroville and the learning that came during the building process. The gradual development of Auroville created a unique environment. For instance, vernacular habitats that have survived the test of time as a response to site, context and climate as well as contemporary buildings with modern technology, design and services. This combination, together with the diversity of experts makes Auroville's architecture unique in every aspect. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend, please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com.

FILMS

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration:104min.
ALEXANDRA DAVID-NEEL

Alexandra David-Neel was born in 1868, studied oriental philosophy in Paris, the Gita, the Upanishads and Buddhism and was the first Western woman in Lhasa. Her aim and journey was to experience the supreme beatitude, which frees us from all attachments and to see the land of snow. This remarkable woman was a close friend of the Mother in Paris. She visited Sri Aurobindo in 1912, as well as meeting both the 13th and 14th Dalai Lamas on her travels from 1911-1924 through India, China and to Tibet.
The film is in French with English subtitles.

THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, June 29th, 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!

**Note: Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00 :)

Kisilu: The Climate Diaries - Friday June 29th

47 mins / 2015 / English / Directed by: Julia Dahl
blends the poignant footage of Kisilu and the film director Julia Dahl's composition to tell the story of a man who, at personal cost, transforms himself from being a farmer documenting his misfortunes to becoming a teacher and advocate of harnessing the best of what nature has to give - even as it undergoes change.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at [\(0413\) 2677682](tel:04132677682) or [2677683](tel:2677683) or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

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(Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)
- Ambulance: - Auroville: [9442224680](tel:9442224680)
- Pims: [0413-2656271](tel:0413-2656271)
- Farewell: mobile number: [8903836246](tel:8903836246) - reachable 24/7
- Indian ambulance emergencies: 108

REMINDER TO ALL GUESTS from The Guest Facilities Coordination Group

- Guest Registration Service-

ALL GUESTS in Auroville (including Indian nationals and foreigners as well as friends and family members of Aurovilians) are required by Indian law and Auroville regulations to register within 24 hours of their arrival.

In addition, guests are required to register each time they move to a new destination in Auroville.

The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:

- Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer's Cafe - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-5:00
- Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30
- Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

Front Cover: Plastic Bags Ranked #6 by EcoService in the top 7 of what to avoid USING in Auroville (see page 5).