

News & Notes

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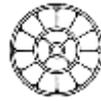
A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

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*With a quiet
receptivity, prepare
yourself.*

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



(Continued)

When the individual soul is entirely at one in its being and knowledge with the Lord and directly in touch with the original Shakti, the transcendent Mother, the supreme Will can then arise in us too in the high divine manner as a thing that must be and is achieved by the spontaneous action of Nature. There is then no desire, no responsibility, no reaction; all takes place in the peace, calm, light, power of the supporting and enveloping and inhabiting Divine. But even before that highest approach to identity is achieved, something of the supreme Will can manifest in us as an imperative impulsion, a God-driven action; we then act by a spontaneous self-determining Force but a fuller knowledge of meaning and aim arises only afterwards. Or the impulse to action may come as an inspiration or intuition, but rather in the heart and body than in the mind; here an effective sight enters in but the complete and exact knowledge is still deferred and comes, if at all, later. But the divine Will may descend too as a luminous single command or a total perception or a continuous current of perception of what is to be done into the will or into the thought or as a direction from above spontaneously fulfilled by the lower members. When the Yoga is imperfect, only some actions can be done in this way, or else a general action may so proceed but only during periods of exaltation and illumination. When the Yoga is perfect, all action becomes of this character. We may indeed distinguish three stages of a growing progress by which, first, the personal will is occasionally or frequently enlightened or moved by a supreme Will or conscious Force beyond it, then constantly replaced and, last, identified and merged in that divine Power-action. The first is the stage when we are still governed by the intellect, heart and senses; these have to seek or wait for the divine inspiration and guidance and do not always find or receive it. The second is the stage when human intelligence is more and more replaced by a high illumined or intuitive spiritualised mind, the external human heart by the inner psychic heart, the senses by a purified and selfless vital force. The third is the stage when we rise even above spiritualised mind to the supramental levels.

In all three stages the fundamental character of the liberated action is the same, a spontaneous working of Prakriti no longer through or for the ego but at the will and for the enjoyment of the supreme Purusha. At a higher level this becomes the Truth of the absolute and universal Supreme expressed through the individual soul and worked out consciously through the nature, - no longer through a half-perception and a diminished or distorted effectuation by the stumbling, ignorant and all-deforming energy of lower nature in us but by the all-wise transcendent and universal Mother. The Lord has veiled himself and his absolute wisdom and eternal consciousness in ignorant Nature-Force and suffers her to drive the individual being, with its complicity, as the ego; this lower action of Nature continues to prevail, often even in spite of man's half-lit imperfect efforts at a nobler motive and a purer self-knowledge. Our human effort at perfection fails, or progresses very incompletely, owing to the force of Nature's past actions in us, her past formations, her long-rooted associations; it turns towards a true and high-climbing success only when a greater Knowledge and Power than our own breaks through the lid of our ignorance and guides or takes up our personal will. For our human will is a misled and wandering ray that has parted from the supreme Puissance. The period of slow emergence out of this lower working into a higher light and purer force is the valley of the shadow of death for the striver after perfection; it is a dreadful passage full of trials, sufferings, sorrows, obscurations, stumblings, errors, pitfalls. To abridge and alleviate this ordeal or to penetrate it with the divine delight faith is necessary, an increasing surrender of the mind to the knowledge that imposes itself from within and, above all, a true aspiration and a right and unfaltering and sincere practice. "Practise unfalteringly," says the Gita, "with a heart free from despondency," the Yoga; for even though in the earlier stage of the path we drink deep of the bitter poison of internal discord and suffering, the last taste of this cup is the sweetness of the nectar of immortality and the honey-wine of an eternal Ananda.

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA, pt. I: The Yoga of Divine Works, c. VIII: The Supreme Will

SRI AUROBINDO

The
Ponder
Corner

*There is a sort of intuitive consciousness that comes in the body
And makes it know the right thing or do the right thing.
This growing of consciousness in the body
Is one of the most important results of Yoga turned to action
And is especially important in this Yoga.*

Sri Aurobindo
Letters on Himself and the Ashram, p.765

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Entry Board Update, June 2018

Some figures

The newly nominated Entry Board has been functioning since December 2017 and has done some 230 interviews with applicants and newcomers, as well as a good amount of further follow-up and/or clarification interviews or investigations. All of these were duly announced, registered, followed up and further processed by the Entry Secretariat.

To give you an idea:

- = 110 first sharings with new applicants
- = 120 final sharings with newcomers at the end of their newcomer year

In total, 110 individuals were announced as confirmed Aurovilians, while some 50 'inherited' pending cases are still being worked on. In the schematic overview below, the total of 201 corresponds not only to interviews given by the current Board, but also to applicants for various categories who were met by the previous Entry group, a good number of whom were re-interviewed by us for further clarification. Of these, some were accepted and some were not, while some have been requested to further work on a certain issue or situation to then re-visit us after 6 months or a year.

STATISTICS OF COUNTRIES OF APPLICANTS RECEIVED BY ENTRY BOARD From January to June 2018 (N&N # 731 to 752)

	Newcomer Announced	Newcomer Confirmed	Child of Newcomer	Aurovillian announced	Aurovillian confirmed	Auroville Youth 18+	Returning Aurovillian	Friend of Auroville	Associate of Auroville	Left Auroville	Rescinded
INDIA	43	43	11	67	71	2	-	2	2	-	-
FRANCE	5	4	1	7	10	3	1	1	-	1	-
ITALY	3	4	-	3	4	-	-	2	-	-	-
GERMANY	4	2	1	2	6	1	-	1	-	1	-
BELGIUM	3	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
KOREA	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUSSIA	1	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
UK	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
USA	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
HOLLAND	2	2	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	-
JAPAN	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
ISRAEL	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPAIN	-	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1
BRAZIL	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEPAL	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
SWITZERLAND	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
MACEDONIA	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SWEDEN	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
ARGENTINA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
INDONESIA	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHINA	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
COLOMBIA	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SERBIA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MEXICO	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	69	69	13	96	110	8	1	11	2	7	2

Total number of cases reviewed by the Entry Board	388
Total number of Aurovilians added including all that are confirmed to be added to the List of Residents of Auroville - 110+08	118
Total number of individuals successfully passed through the Entry Policy 2017: NC - 69; AV - 110; Youth turned 18+ - 8; Returned AV - 1; Friends of Auroville - 11; Associates - 2	201

TOP 13 NATIONALITIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2018

	Newcomers confirmed	Aurovilians confirmed
Indian	43	71
French	4	10
Italian	4	4
German	2	6
Russian	2	2
Dutch	2	2
Belgium	2	1
American (USA)	1	2
Korean	2	1
Chinese	2	1
Spanish	1	2
Japanese	-	2
British	2	-
Others	2	6
Total	69	110

Basics of Auroville

Knowing how crucial it is that residents are well aware of the basics of Auroville and its underlying yoga and what it means to join an international community where, moreover, English is a main spoken language, it is not uncommon that applicants are asked to take some time to more deeply inform themselves and realise what a privilege it is to be part of this unique project. In half a year time we meet with them again, with their mentors, to see if they are ready to be announced. We are happy to see resident Aurovilians coming forward to help their compatriots, newly arrived from abroad, with learning English when needed. Also Dhanalakshmi at Savitri Bhavan and Meenakshi at Ilaingnarkal offer their much appreciated services in this regard.

Auroville youth

As a first, and suggested by the Entry Secretariat, a meeting took place between Entry Board members and a batch of Auroville youth recently turned 18 around the Peace Table in Unity Pavilion. It was a good moment. To be repeated.

Possible adjustments

During this first half year in office, and aware that we have been asked for observations and suggestions regarding the current entry procedure as outlined in the 2017 approved Entry Policy, we conceived of various possible modifications which are in the process of being looked at with the working groups concerned. Several adjustments to the Policy have been shared with AVC and WC with whom we have regular email contact and occasional meeting. Specific focus is on the further definition of the various categories, such as Returning Aurovillian, Spouse of Aurovillian, Friend of Auroville and Associate.

Viable housing solution

A particular concern is, of course, Auroville's everlasting housing shortage. Since the beginning of this year, the number of new applicants has considerably increased and Housing Service will have great problems to accommodate all those who have not yet found a housing solution on their own. The possibility of gauging a viable housing solution earlier in the entry process is presently being discussed and elaborated with groups concerned.

Entry Service components

For all practical purposes, the Entry Service now comprises: Entry Board, Entry Secretariat, the Aspiration team (conducting Welcome Talks and Yucca & Aspiration programmes) and Mentor Pool. While collaboration between Board and Secretariat still needs fine tuning, discussions with the Aspiration team

regarding possible modifications of the various programmes are ongoing. New plans, including a Welcome Hub, are being proposed, and members of Youth Link and Swadharma may organise educational programmes for young applicants from the bioregion.

Aspiration programmes

A special note may be given here on the Aspiration Team which, since November 2017, organised 15 half-day Welcome Talks (299 participants), 9 two and half day Yucca programmes (179 participants) and 3 one-week Aspiration programmes (55 participants). By attending these programmes, applicants become both more inspired and grounded in the reality of Auroville while they confirm their decision to become newcomers. Entry Board members regularly participate and are currently studying with the Aspiration Team to find ways to possibly extend this learning process throughout the entire newcomer period. Certainly the input and active collaboration from the Mentors could make this interesting and very effective.

Mentors' function changed

Due to the Board's overfull work schedule of this first half year, the Mentor section of the Entry set-up has, unfortunately, received by far too little attention. You are aware that in the new Policy the role of the Mentors has significantly changed: from total decision making to actual guiding, helping and truly *mentoring* the new applicants in order to then, responsibly, share with the Board in the final decision whether an applicant is ready to join. More clarity and attention need to be brought to this part of the work. The list of Mentors is being updated and we hope that after the summer break the participation of the Mentors can be fully taken up again, re-activated and more intrinsically incorporated into the guiding Aspiration programmes.

Office talk

We gratefully mention here that for the Entry Secretariat two new staff members, Gudula and William, have come forward and are in their trial period. The Board, however, sadly still has no proper working space and neither a secretary. A good, concerned and involved secretary would be of immense help. We are happy to note that a major software upgrade of the Entry Service dashboard, which is the portal used by all applicants to enter information about themselves, is ongoing.

The Entry Board

Alain S, Dheena, Joël, Mauna, Rajendren, RamaNarayana, Susmita, Ulli, Veronique J.

50th: Status update on projects funded by GOI Special grant



Dear friends,
Nearly all the funds for the GOI Special Grant for the 50th Anniversary have been earmarked. The 50th team has prepared a comprehensive set of reports for all the projects which have received funds and are either completed or still ongoing.

These reports are not an official publication but are meant as an informational status update for the Auroville community.

They can be found on Auronet at the following link: www.auroville.org.in/article/69480.

Hard copies are available for viewing at the 50th desk in SAIER.

We welcome your feedback and/ or queries.

Enjoy the reading!

Love,

The 50th Core Organizing Team

(Chali, Claudine, Fabienne, Frederick, Ganesh, Guy, Inge, Jürgen, Nilen, Pala, Ravi)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Line of Goodwill update

After several community feedbacks, consultation meeting with neighbours like Aurodam, and with Project Initiators, L'avenir d'Auroville comes to an understanding that a **Feasibility Study** needs to be conducted as a firstmost step.

In the normal planning context, the feasibility study is done by the City Planning body. In this specific case, there are 3 factors that define the deviation from the norm.

- L'avenir d'Auroville does not have the required resources, both human and economic, to undertake the study.
- This project does not fall in the so-far defined priority areas of development in the RZ
- L'avenir d'Auroville would like to support and guide the initiative and drive of the The Line of Goodwill team, in a mutual spirit of collaboration.

Hence, we agree that this Feasibility Study may be initiated by the Project Team in direct consultation with and guidance of L'avenir d'Auroville.

They must entrust this study to an independent body/team, distinct from the project holders and project architects.

Based on above, we have issued this 'Letter of Intent' to the Project Initiators.

LETTER OF INTENT

To prepare FEASIBILITY STUDY for the Line of Force n.1 - Residential Zone. (LoF n.1 RZ)

Project Title: Line of Goodwill (LoF n.1_RZ)

Location: Sector 5 of the Residential Zone

Project Initiators: Aryamani, Aurelio, Helena, Helmut, Jaya, Judith, Lalit, Louis, Srimoyi, Torkil, Uma

- **Preamble:** According to the Galaxy Concept, the Lines of Forces are large urban clusters that define its form. These lines of forces will have a significant social, economic and environmental impact on Auroville and our larger bioregion, not only once manifested, but also during the course of its realisation.

For projects of this magnitude all these aspects need to be extensively studied and analysed first, to create and define guidelines for the development of the same in the most sustainable and innovative manners.

- **Specific to LoF n.1:** It is the biggest Line of Force of the City, located in Sector 5 of the Residential Zone.

For the last years, development of the RZ has been focused on Sectors 1 and 2 and so Sector 5 is not currently equipped with the physical and social infrastructure needed for the scale of the project.

In addition, this LoF falls in an area of environmental sensitivity on different counts, including (but not limited to):

- The biggest water body in Aurodam,
- Afforestation
- Canyons

Therefore, it becomes evident that a thorough Feasibility Study be conducted as the first step. The exact location, nature and configuration of this Line of Force must then be defined based on the findings of this study.

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This 'Letter of Intent' is an acknowledgement that a Feasibility Study of the Line of Force n.1 will be undertaken and commissioned by the Line of Goodwill team in collaboration with the Auroville Community.

L'avenir d'Auroville will define the scope of the study and the terms of reference for the same.

The Technical Team of L'avenir d'Auroville will evaluate and guide the study at different stages.

This study will be undertaken in 2 phases:

Phase 01 - Data Collection / Mapping

Please refer to the attached map for area of influence to undertake the following -

- Collation of all necessary data (layers) and existing studies on ground realities.
- Mapping all other domain areas e.g.
 - transportation/roads,
 - water and sanitation,
 - environment (forest, farms, high percolation, canyons, etc.),
 - energy,
 - demography / social research, etc.

Timeline: 6 months

Completion: This phase will be reviewed at different stages by the Interface Team of L'avenir d'Auroville, in collaboration with its Technical Team and the Auroville Community.

Phase 02 will be initiated after the final review.

Phase 02 - Feasibility Study

Based on the data from Phase 01, a feasibility study is to be conducted, including the findings, analysis and conclusions on aspects such as (but not limited to):

- Vision and Objective
- Social and economic impact
- Financial viability
- Land use
- Environmental impact
- Water/Energy/Waste
- Mobility/Transportation

Timeline: 8 months

Conditions:

- Engage an independent body to undertake this work.
- Terms of Reference for conducting this study are to be drawn up by L'avenir d'Auroville.
- Study to be conducted in consultation with the Auroville Community.
- All the financial transaction related to the project are to be channelled through the Unity Fund.

Completion and Approval: These studies will be reviewed at different stages, as and when required, by the Interface Team of L'avenir d'Auroville with its Technical Team.

The findings and recommendations will be presented to the Auroville Community.

Conclusion:

The scope of the Line of Force n.1 will be decided following the completion of the above 2 phases.

*The Interface Team of L'avenir d'Auroville
(Anita, Anu, Divya, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)*

■ BUILDING APPLICATIONS - 16th July 2018

The following projects are recommended by L'avenir d'Auroville and feedback is now invited from the larger community.

The last date for your feedback is **Monday 30th July 2018**.

Outside of Master Plan:

1. **Garage for the school van and two-wheelers:** Angelika Ehrle at Deepam (Aspiration). Built up area: 95 sq.m. The present covered parking has no walls and the cement sheet-roof is badly damaged and leaking. Therefore, they would like to replace this

existing parking space with a more solid building, which also includes much needed covered two-wheeler parking.

In the Green Belt:

2. **Residential Building:** (3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen and a living space) - Velu.V, Suguna & 3 kids - next to Edayanchavadi. Built up area: 97 sq.m. It is part of a small Residential layout for 3 family houses on plot number 202/7&8 of around 240 sq.m (partly fenced already).

In the Cultural Zone:

3. **Kalabhoomi Stage Service building - Extension:** Paul Blanchflower at Kalabhoomi. Built up area: 60 sq.m. Past experiences have shown that the stage is in need of an enclosed green room during the rehearsals and performance of theater plays, fashion shows and other cultural activities. Ideally this has to be at the same level as the actual stage to make activities easier. To accommodate this new building - in principle a simple rectangular shape single floor structure with a footprint of 12x5m - the existing dug-out area will be extended toward the South and the larger studio space. Also the existing stage needs to be extended and a new floor (Simple 10cm poured PCC) be provided. In times without performances the building can be used for music practices etc.

Please note:

- An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.
- Any work should start only with an NOC.

For additional information or feedback, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call **0413-2622-170** or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville office in the Town Hall.

The maps and details relevant to these announcements can be found on the Auronet page of L'avenir d'Auroville.

Warm regards, *L'avenir d'Auroville team
(Anita, Anu, Divya, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)*

■ FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 755

Dated: 16-07-2018

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

NEW: For viewing pictures of the announced Newcomers and Aurovilians, please have a look on [Auronet](#).

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

Mary BLACK (USA) Staying in Aurodam and working at Deepanam.

Wa Ryong CHO (known as Jay) (Korean) Staying in Courage and working at Naturellement.

Anabel LOZADA (Ecuadorian) Staying in New Creation and working at Integrated Animal Care.

Manikandan DHANDAPANY (Indian) Staying and working at AuroCreation.

Priyal SHIRODKAR (Indian) Staying in Arati II and working at Inside India.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Arunachalam PARASURAMAN (Indian)

Philippe GOURMEL (French)

Savithri KRISHNAMOORTHY (Indian)

Dhaval CHANDARANA (Indian)

Valentina KALINICHENKO (Russian)

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

Leila Cassandra BELET LOZADA (Swiss) born on 27-08-2008.

Anais Michelle BELET LOZADA (Swiss) born on 05-10-2011.

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Mousumi MUKHERJEE (Indian) Staying in Maitreye II and working at TLC.

Soyoun LEE (Korean) Staying in Food Lab staff quarters and working at Pitanga.

Kitae KANG (Korean) Staying in Food Lab staff quarters and working at the Korean Pavilion.

Marie-Pierre LACOMBE (French) Staying in Humility and working at the Matrimandir.

Serena AURORA (British) Staying in Kriya and working at Outreach Media.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Parandhaman VARADHAMALAI (Indian)

RETURNING AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Laszlo HAJDU (Hungarian) Staying in Sharnga and working at Buddha Garden.

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 Aurovilian Resident.

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM

Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 02:30PM-04:30PM

Yours, the Entry Service

OBITUARY



Subir

We have been informed that Subir (Olivier Caracostea), one of our pioneers and characteristic figures from the early days, passed away on 30 April of this year in Orleans (France), due to lung cancer. He was 68.

Subir came to Auroville in 1971, and worked among other places at Matrimandir till '75. From 1981 to 1989 he lived in Fraternity and was

the giant friendly figure of the Boutique d'Auroville in Pondy, speaking various Indian languages. During that time, he married Neeta from Mumbai; in 1989 the couple left Auroville for Lucknow where he worked with Mira Aditi and opened a boutique. Shortly after, the couple moved to France, where their daughter Saatchi was born in '91 and Subir started a pancake house.

In 2001 he came back alone and stayed for a few years in Invocation, working at La Boutique d'Auroville at Visitors' Centre and at Freeland Bookshop. In 2004 he left Auroville for Nilgiris to continue working with Mira Aditi there.

We salute an old comrade, OM-

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Following the fire in Auromodele

Dear Community,

The fire incident which happened in Auromodele on the 24th of June and burnt two houses down should remind us that we live in a forest area where fire can easily start and spread.

In fact, it is the seventh fire AVSST had to deal with this year.

PREVENTION AND PRECAUTION are necessary to avoid fire incidents. Some basics should be followed by all:

- Do not burn anything in your garden,
- If burning is unavoidable:
 - do it away from fences, trees and accumulates dead leaves,
 - arrange it close to a water source,
 - watch the fire at all time,
 - avoid it on a windy day.
- Keep your garden clean from dead leaves and dead trees,
- Do not throw your cigarette butts in the nature,
- Pick up any glass bottles you find on the ground,
- When you are TOS, give your place to house-sit.

IN CASE YOU WITNESS A FIRE:

- Remember the priority is your life and the one of your family,
- If you decide to fight the fire, do it cautiously and after calling for help,
- Call for help:
 - Auroville Safety & Security Team: [9443090107](tel:9443090107),
 - the fire brigade prior AVSST if you see the fire is spreading quickly and dangerously: [0413 267 7368](tel:04132677368) (Vanur) / [0413 265 5873](tel:04132655873) (Kalapet)
- Once help has arrived, give necessary information to the team and follow their instructions.

We would like to thank all Aurovilians, groups and services who responded to the call and worked together to stop the fire. Thank you for your presence, reactivity, efficiency and the tension free support you gave!

Auroville Safety & Security Team / Housing Service / Auroville Council / Working Committee

Bharatnivas announcements:

- 1- "**The Dawn of Auroville**" - Photo Exhibition on the early days of Auroville with rare historical images and text by The Mother. Venue: Kalakendra, Bharatnivas - 9 am to 4.30 pm (Sundays closed) - REMINDER: May to end September 2018. Weekly Tuesday Afternoon: Live Sharing sessions offered by early founders & pioneers both from Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville will resume from Tuesday 7th August 2018.
- 2- **Exhibition by Olivier Barot:** Venue: Sri Aurobindo for Studies: India and The World, Bharat Nivas. 9 to 4 pm. (Sundays closed)
- 3- **Annam kitchen** (in the old Indus Valley) continues to offer South Indian Thali for lunch Monday to Saturday.
- 4- **Temporary closure of Sri Aurobindo Auditorium** at Bharat Nivas from 10th July onward until further notice. Bharat Nivas Team is attempting to complete the acoustic and related work by the 3rd week of August 2018.
5. **Special request:**

TO AUROVILLE INTERESTED ARTISTS AND COORDINATORS WISHING TO USE THE AUDITORIUM:

PLEASE BE PATIENT AND PLAN YOUR PERFORMANCE IN AN ALTERNATIVE SPACE OR WAIT UNTIL THE LAST PHASE OF THE AUDITORIUM IS READY.

Regarding the minimum contributions for the use of Bharat Nivas spaces:

Bharat Nivas is still in a major transition in every sense. We are in final completion phase.

Bharat Nivas are in touch with BCC, City Services and FAMC members, finding a collective solution for the maintenance of Bharat Nivas' large public spaces and contributions for the use of spaces and equipment.

Until this solution is found, Bharat Nivas is obliged to requests all to respect the present policy.

Auroville Foundation has requested that Bharat Nivas becomes self-sufficient as there is no budget for our activities.

The Core Cultural Coordination group is obliged to inform all users the following:

When Aurovilians plan to perform & fund-raise for their artistic production, exhibition or any workshops, kindly include the minimum contribution to be made for the use of its spaces and infrastructure.

Considering the large size of the campus, the maintenance costs & the work-load of its small and large spaces with related facilities, is huge. Collaboration and patience from all would be highly appreciated.

Thank you
Bharat Nivas Group



For more information, clarity and details, please write to:
bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
bharatnivastrust@auroville.org.in

Volunteers needed for Seeds and Freedom



SLI is organizing a Seed Festival in Bharat Nivas on 28th of July 2018. Last year the Seed Festival attracted more than 700 visitors, including several farmers in the bio-region and there were more than 300 traditional varieties exchanged.

We need volunteers for Seed Festival to work with the energetic and enthusiastic SLI team. The volunteers will be required to meet a couple of times before the Festival and again be available the day before and on the day of the festival. We seek youth, young volunteers eager to engage with seed savers and anyone interested in the venture to join us in this important seed saving venture. Please write to admin@tnavsls.in if interested. Please look up our last year seed festival [HERE](#).
Pavi for SLI (Sustainable Livelihood Institute)

What is happening to the AuroOrchard Eggs?

Dear Community, many of you are asking what is happening with the AuroOrchard eggs, which have recently become very scarce. Two coinciding factors have brought down the egg production on the farm: On one side, the oldest of the batches of hens reached the end of its productive cycle after two years of laying, while on the other side, a younger batch, which normally would have laid for another six months, has progressively declined due to unexpected health problems. Therefore, instead of having two productive batches (of 400 hens each), we only have one at present.

We have started to rear a new batch of chickens as early as this was possible (since early June); their first eggs can be expected from mid-November onwards.

One way to minimise the chance of similar drops in future, while at the same time increasing the average production of eggs, would be to build a fourth chicken shed. For this we would need the help of the community; if enough of you were willing to support such a project, which would cost in the range of 13 lakhs, we would be happy to make it happen!

We will get back to you with more news; in the meantime, we apologise for the inconvenience of this shortage; please bear with us... *Your AuroOrchard team*

NEW ECONOMY

REMINDER: The Growing Auroville Economy Initiative Kick-off Meeting

Saturday 14 July 2018, 3:00pm - 5:00pm
At Unity Pavilion
(Tea and cookies available)

All are invited to come and participate
in growing Auroville's future.

Agenda:

- Introduction of the initiative
- Interactive session
- Presentation of the status of some aspects of our economy
- The way forward

Organized by FAMC, Facilitated by Elvira and Jörg

New Financial Service webpage

Dear community, the Lotus Group, a group of reflection for a progressive economy, is working on finding practical ways to shape the economy of Auroville towards higher ideals. We believe that Economy is part and parcel of our integral yoga.

We are happy to present the new page of monthly transactions and statements on the online website of the Financial Service that you may have already discovered on your computer screen. This simple tool has been imagined as a way for each of us (individuals, services, income generating units...) to visualize the flows that shape our economy, highlighting the difference between the "internal" and "external" movements.

We believe that a more dynamic internal economy will be able to reduce our dependency to the external market, and that this tool will help us reach a more conscious understanding of the role we play in our economy.

We have proposed this change to the Financial Service in its web site. The FS has welcomed it and kindly let us design and technically execute it with the generous help of Damien. We hope that the result of this collaboration will bring a new awareness on the possibilities of our economy, and ultimately favour its development.

Of course, the figures displayed on the Financial Service only show the accounts in Auroville. Some of us have bank accounts outside, and in this case, this tool cannot show an accurate picture of someone's participation and implication in our economy.

Even though it can be used by analysts at a wider level, its use is left to every one's self-appreciation and possibilities.

It is a small step, and we are working on others. We'll also publish soon more details about this web page.

Your feedback and suggestions and are welcome
(lotus.group@auroville.org.in)

With love and light, Lotus

GREEN MATTERS

PROBIOTICS HOUSE - COMPARATIVE PRICES of DISH-WASHING LIQUIDS



On January 28, 2018; we published in N&N - AV Intranet - Facebook, a research comparing Prices of Dish Washing liquids. We are publishing the results again, because it seems that still many Aurovilians and Auroville Restaurants and Cafeterias did not get the message.

We compared our All Natural Probiotics Dish Washer liquid price with popular commercial and chemical Dish-Washing liquid prices. All prices are based on 1 litre of dish-washing liquid in plastic containers for refill available in common supermarkets in Pondicherry.

Product Name	Price in Rs. per Litre
PROBIOTICS DISH WASHING LIQUID IN PTDC	130/-
VIM	199/-
DETTOL FOR KITCHEN	253/-
CLEAN MATE	169/-
PRIL	213/-
CIVIK	380/-

Then, again the question is WHY? Why do you choose VIM or PRIL or DETTOL to wash your dishes? Surely the reason is not the PRICE.

Are you aware that the commercial and chemical dish-washing liquids use METHYLISOTHIAZOLINONE as one of the ingredients? You should know that this antibacterial agent has been strongly linked to the following effects on human health: skin irritation/allergies/damage, acute aquatic toxicity, nervous system effects, respiratory effects. Experts say the chemical is second only to nickel in causing contact allergies. One in 12 adults and one in five children in the UK now have eczema, of which contact dermatitis is one of the most common types. MI, which is short for methylisothiazolinone, is a preservative which is also found in paint.

But also, when you buy the commercial and chemical dish washers products, you are buying Palm oil as one of the ingredients; and Palm Oil industry, is destroying the Rain Forest of Amazon, Indonesia, Malaysia, India. Also you buy Phosphates, Paraben, Preservative, Synthetic Colors, Synthetic Fragrances, Additives, Phthalates, and Sodium Laureth Sulphate. And finally the plastic container, that finish in a landfill or in the Plastic Ocean!

We in PROBIOTICS HOUSE, and in PTDC, we are really "GAME CHANGERS", and we are inviting you ALL to join our campaign against plastic, and chemical ingredients. We do promote the refill system. We encourage to recycle and re-use of washed and clean containers for all your household products, as our PROBIOTICS DISH WASHING LIQUID.

PRICE is not the excuse anymore! Please be aware!

Margarita & Guidelma PROBIOTICS HOUSE - Reve - Auroville.

www.probioticshouse.com / +91 413 2623774

Open Tuesday to Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

Water Words: Vision + Guiding Principles of

WMS: (This is part 2/10 of the introduction to the Water Management Strategy (WMS) that the Water Group is currently working on. Please visit our [website](#) to read the full draft and share your feedback.)

If Auroville aims to become a water sensitive and water secure city, what does that even mean? In the first part of the WMS, the vision attempts to touch on the multi-dimensional aspects of water within our city. To summarize it would be silly, as each word has been carefully chosen and holds meaning. The vision states: "Auroville will: provide water for all inhabitants; grow into a township sensitive to water in its environment; obtain water from all renewable sources; steward water with care and effectivity; govern water responsibly, openly and fairly in an evolving society; integrate water education and research." What do you think? Is there something that is missing? Is there something that could be clarified further? When you proceed down into the Guiding Principles, there is a more detailed explanation of each statement of the vision, which we encourage you to read on your own. It outlines a few key topics, such as water balance, multi-sourcing, and water governance, all of which we will be addressing here in the coming weeks. Your feedback please!



Water Group (Aditi, Bala, Christian, Dorle, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Jeanne, Meera, Pavneet, Tency, Tom)

Website: www.aurovillewater.in

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

POSTINGS

FreeStore TIMINGS: dear all, Monday to Saturday we are open in the mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm as usual.

Tuesdays & Thursdays we are open in the afternoon again as well, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you! *Freestore Team*

Green House Gas Accounting and Tree Planting: As a part of our Green House Gas accounting and carbon footprint-offsetting project, Auroville Consulting are commissioning 87 trees this year. These will be planted by the Auroville Forest Group. To learn more about how to account for your carbon emissions, contact us at info@aurovilleconsulting.com.

A reminder: CREEVA is delighted to have people use the coop studios and the materials. But we need to be sure that you leave all the materials you used washed and put away and the lights off. And that someone takes the responsibility to call 04132622641 and say when they are coming.

Thank you and enjoy. *Audrey for Creeva*

Voting information for Swedish Residents: Postal ballots are available with Jaya at the Unity Pavilion. You can mail your ballot, starting date 26th July, directly to Sweden or bring them to the Chennai consulate before Aug 24th. Alternatively you can vote in person at the Consulate in Chennai on August 16, 2018 (10 am-3 pm). More information can be found at www.val.se.

Swedish Honorary Consulate in Chennai, India

6 Cathedral Road - Chennai 600 086 - India

TELEPHONE (+91) 44 2811 2232 / FAX (+91) 44 2811 0294

EMAILsvensk@konsulatchennai.in

THANK YOU

Thank you Noel! Noel's suggestion (last week in the N&N) is EXCELLENT! Thank you Noel! *S♥ham*

"Accessible Auroville": We warmly thank the Matrimandir Team for having made a fully accessible toilet to all at Matrimandir entrance.

With Gratitude,

Susmita and Piero Cefaloni for "Accessible Auroville"

accessibleauroville@auroville.org.in

Thanks for tuition support: following the appeal made on behalf of Raghupati for his son's tuition, a great thank to Natacha & Yves who kindly wished to help. The account No 251532 is open for one more month as we still need 22000 Rs. to break through. Thank you, *Cristo*.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Urgently looking for a Newcomer / Aurovillian: for communication Management at Bamboo Centre. Contribution provided. Interested people please contact *Romel* [9619996080](tel:9619996080) or email on bamboocentre@auroville.org.in. *Bamboo Centre, Auroville*

Auroville Online Store: Dear Friends, we are on the lookout for a full-time member (45-hour work week) to our team. Are you interested in building something together with commitment and drive? Then we are the right place. The Auroville Online Store has the spirit of a start up to spread products of Auroville globally. Aurovillians, Newcomers and Volunteers (a commitment of 6 months is required) are welcome. Full maintenance available. Position available immediately. Excellent spoken and written English is a must. If interested please contact *Luise* [0413-2622069](tel:0413-2622069) or networking@auroville.com.

AIAT (Auroville Institute of Applied Technology)-(AIAT) in Irumbai is looking for a Tamil speaking English teacher. Our students are coming from Govt. high schools and have passed 10th standard. [AIAT](#) is a unit of Auroville Foundation. It is just 4 Km from visitor centre. Also part time involvement is welcome. Candidates are eligible for Auroville Maintenance. Interested candidates may contact *Lavkamad*; Phone [9443238303](tel:9443238303)

HEALTH

Monthly visit of Traditional Siddha Physician: Ilaignarkal Education Centre is the nodal centre for traditional Siddha school of health and healing. Our siddha doctor, expert in naadi pulse diagnosis visits monthly (every second week) and offers his services. This month he is scheduled to visit on 17th and 18th of July, 2018. Free consultation, medicines are chargeable. For more details, please contact: [0413-2623773](tel:0413-2623773)

INTEGRAL HEALTH

Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy child care

Aqua Terra - a homeopathic remedy has been prepared from the water collected at the Water ceremony. Homeopathic dilution and potentisation is the science of preserving and opening of the information field of a substance in physical, emotional, mental and higher levels.

Aqua Terra C 30, C 200 and C 1000 is available in the remedy box.

We hope to conduct a fully documented "homeopathic proving", noting effects of taking the remedy for 2 months, and at least 14 days on a daily basis.

Those interested in participating, please contact us.

Sigrid is available for homeopathy consultations and sessions in transpersonal regression therapy, inner child work, trauma therapy.

Aditi Patel, fully qualified classical homeopath from Baroda, with 6 years of experience including working alongside an allopath, working with "special needs children" and with psychiatric patients joined Integral Health from 15th April onwards.

Malar has trained in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations in Tamil, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc. Malar can visit your womens group, Service Unit etc. and present the homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available.

PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Blood pressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with **Harmony and Samata** - remedies carrying energy of **Sri Aurobindo** and **The Mother**. Just come and take anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

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

Malar is managing the office, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12.30 a.m.

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

Integral Health, Prayatna [0413-2623669](tel:0413-2623669)

Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in , www.sigridlindemann.com
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Malar malar@auroville.org.in [9585012007](tel:9585012007)

ATING OUT



GOYO re-opens!

"Goyo", the silent Korean restaurant in Luminosity, re-opens for lunch on Thursdays and Saturdays from Saturday 14th of July onwards. Please book for lunch minimum a day before by SMS [9489693809](tel:9489693809) or goyo@auroville.org.in.

We are very happy to host you with special ambience and Korean home style menus.

****NEW!** Goyo also now offers a takeaway service for Veg Kimbap (options: cheese Kimbap, egg Kimbap, tofu Kimbap). Place your order the day before.**

Goyo is looking for a Volunteer twice a week, preferably Korean or Japanese. Contact us at SMS [9489693809](tel:9489693809) or goyo@auroville.org.in. Peace, Goyo

PT Purchasing Service SNACK BAR will be opening from Monday 16th July. Opening hours: 8:15am - 11:30 am

Zephyr reopens! Dear all, Zephyr will reopen on the 17th of July. Much love, *Zephyr Team (located at Visitors Centre)*

Delicious-Bites Restaurant at Aurovelo reopens on the 16/07: From Monday to Saturday, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. You'll find Tibetan food, sandwiches, vegan and non-vegan desserts, cakes and biscuits. All are welcome! *Delicious-Bites Team*

Annam kitchen at Bharat Nivas (in the lush garden behind Kalakendra Gallery) continues to offer daily South Indian Thali. (closed Sunday)

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: [@AurovilleRadio](https://AurovilleRadioTV) | Twitter

From our volunteers for the past week we have:

Vadyanath - [Auroville Charter in Sesotho](#)

[rtm](#) - [interview with Samvit on Keri Smart Lamps](#) and [Jhini, Jhini, Jhini with Shabnam Virmani](#).

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](#) and [Synthesis of Yoga](#).

Here are also [the News](#) of [Thursday](#) and [Monday](#), and the [Musical Edition](#) features [Jupiter and Okwess](#).
Your AurovilleRadioTV team

NOTES

Subir from within

Subir had the conflictual nature of a Pisces and lived a multifaceted life. In the Pondy years dressed up like a rich Indian merchant - he will become one - he was a typical creature of the roaring sixties and seventies. But of all the Aurovilians I met

Subir is one of the few of whom I never doubted the unconditional belonging to the Mother and her Auroville.

Subir's parents were linked to the Theosophical Society; this was the background to his reading sacred texts and writing in Hindi (and Sanskrit?), when there were no customers at the Pondy Boutique. He had been a wandering sannyasin and for one year lived in a cave; but he never kept secret having also been a junkie and that he would have died of it, this was the bond he had with the Mother: she literally saved him.

Besides working at the Matrimandir construction (there are photographs by Dominique Darr and an archive photograph together with all the workers), in his early days Subir cycled all over Auroville to deliver the mail to the various communities. He slept on a hammock and lived content under a keet roof, with no walls, alone.

A hardcore Satpremist, Subir quit shortly after I moved to Auroville, in 1985. He had left even before, working at a brewery; but this time, anguished because reality was so different from Mother's vision, he was shattered. My last encounters at the Boutique are a painful memory: the Subir who had inspired me to join Auroville was no more. He tried other ways, came back a few years for the new millennium. But he was not the same bold man and it was painful to see the change; still clad in Indian clothes, but no longer flamboyant, he wandered around like a survivor in an alien place. THAT Auroville, still alive in the middle eighties, when I joined, was no more, and both of us knew it.

And he left again - he joined Satprem in the Nilgiris I was told. Subir was the instrument who made me leave the Ashram for Auroville. The greatest sadhaks were dying and the Ashram was losing track of its glorious past; most new people had nothing to do with the place and I was growing allergic to squabbles, the same petty stuff. I started reading the Agenda and my uneasiness grew worst by the day. When hollow facades and parading parrots were too much, while to take shelter behind the real sadhaks grew rarer and rarer, I visited Subir at the Boutique. Calm, detached, same reply every time: "Nothing affects me. The relationship is between the Mother and myself - nothing else exists." And I walked out, in peace, up to the next outburst, stunned. What Aurovilian bird was he?

I thought those were intractable creatures, their 'spirituality' being of the military type. But Subir, merged into holy readings during his spare time, was of a special breed... I started discussing...the real Auroville, what else? But as soon as I touched the critical point he firmly gazed at me with his deep blue eyes, unshakable like a rock: "I do not care. It is between the Mother and myself. End of the story."

After months hearing the same refrain a doubt crept in: would there be more in Auroville, not just he? Wasn't it worthy trying? And I moved in, living in a hut, no bathroom, no electricity, sleeping on the floor... to work at the Matrimandir construction site, on the roof...

I am now publishing my twelfth book, have lost the count of my photographic exhibitions. But the first and only Aurovilian who taught me, by example, how to live, how to resist in Auroville, was Subir. An extinct species, like the early sadhaks.



Physically a colossus, in the eighties Subir-the-radical was an intimidating presence for someone like me sheltering behind the early sadhaks in total bhakti; every time I felt scrutinized as by an irreducible teacher. But when he returned to Auroville, two decades later, I saw the child. Once

he called me where he was staying to show me an hibiscus towered by a wondrous turquoise bug...

It is hard to imagine Subir, the very symbol of physical strength, gone that way. Striking many pioneers, cancer is the disease of the grand transformation... Mahakali... He now rests forever into Mother's arms, pillar of an Auroville that is no more, and yet will be: for it is decreed.

Paulette

LIBERTY EQUALITY FRATERNITY

LIBERTY

In the immutable silence of the eternal snows
The consciousness freed from Ego
Soaring from peak to peak
Takes off towards new worlds
Just born, waiting for eternity.

EQUALITY

In the imperturbable peace
The life-force in its soul equality
Accepting Agni's fire
Becomes Kalki's mount.

FRATERNITY

From the unfathomable depths
A tranquil joy emerges
Radiating an untouchable Love
Immutable silence and imperturbable peace
Are its inseparable companions
The body its playground.

The body, the likeness of the universe
In its unshakable faith
Mortal of an instant
Becomes immortal.

*Translated from a poem in French:
"Égalité Fraternité Égalité" by Isha Swayam (2009)*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Looking for a working week (and sometime working weekends) accommodation / house sitting: I work for SLI and have been hopping house sitting since last 3 years now. My latest ends with July and I need a place to move on 1st Aug. I only need a bed to sleep, wifi (optional in case there is good signal), some work space, and some silent space to practice yoga. I don't make any noise nor litter or seek random help from neighbours. I prefer to live within Auroville. I can offer contribution. I can water plants though am unable to take care of pets. Do please write to me if you have a place for me, *Ram (Associate of Auroville)* at director@tnavsl.in.

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!** aurolot.myturn.com/library/inventory/browse

Work for a Part Time Cleaning Person: We are looking for an experienced person who can clean two of our office spaces in the premises MON-SAT in the morning time between 8AM to 9AM. Kindly contact us at - [958550709](tel:958550709). *Mohan J for AuroYali*

Full time house work: in Saylam community opposite Solar Kitchen for an amma: cleaning apartments and checking the garden. We speak Tamil and English. Contact *Anton* at [9443085056](tel:9443085056) or *Amudha* at [9442035056](tel:9442035056).

Top load washing machine: Haier XQB55-10. Product Features: Capacity: 5.5 kg / Fuzzy Logic / Multiple Program Wash / Quick Wash /10 Water Levels/In-Built heater/Detergent Box/Powder Coated/Cabinet Rust Free Plastic Inner Drum. Contact jclaudeparis@yahoo.fr or Tel : [0413-2623416](tel:0413-2623416). *Jean-Claude*

Kitten: He is about 5-6 weeks old and is potty trained. He has a gentle personality and gets along well with other animals. Call if you are interested: [9486520868](tel:9486520868) (*Elke*)

Cycle: Hercules Turbo cycle, bright indigo colour, bought in January and used only 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*



Puppy for adoption: A happy and healthy rescued female dog is looking for a loving home. Age between 5 and 6 months. Fully vaccinated and sterilized. She's very used to being around other dogs of all ages, well behaved and people friendly. Are you the one who is looking for a great companion? Then call: [+91 7094404976](tel:+917094404976). *Connie*

LOOKING FOR...

HELP NEEDED - Props for our Next Play: We need a reel to reel tape player, circa 1980s! Would be great if it still worked!! (If it doesn't it's okay). AND ... if by some magical coincidence, you also have a push button phone???

If you have these two things - or one of them - lying around, please contact me. Cell: 9486416173. We would love to borrow them for our show about Orson Welles, performance in middle August. - Love and light, *Jill for The Auroville Theatre Group*

Cupboard or Almirah: free or cheap! Riju has shifted from Aspiration to Marika's home and he needs a cupboard or an Almirah for his clothes and books. If you have an old cupboard or bookshelf you are willing to give away or for a small contribution, kindly contact Jean-Claude at jclaudeparis@yahoo.fr ; Tel : [0413-2623416](tel:0413-2623416).

Fridge: Hi, my name is Alessandra and I have just arrived in Auroville - I will be volunteering here for 1 year. I am looking for a second hand fridge for an affordable contribution. Please contact me at Alessandra.Silver.In@gmail.com or Whatsapp me on [+255762339962](tel:+255762339962). Thanks, *Alessandra*.

Adult Cycle with rear rack: The Kindergarten at Center Field is looking for a second hand adult cycle with rear rack/luggage carrier. If you have one, please contact *Ravi* at [76 39 95 85 58](tel:7639958558). Thank you. *Kindergarten team*

Information needed: Dear community members, I was hoping to have our MTB bicycles sent through the post office from Italy to India. They said that it's not possible. Do you know some way to do it? If you have any suggestion to share, please write to me at merianichiara@gmail.com. Thanks! *Chiara*

Advice about a trip: Hello, my name is Thomas. I'm 10 years old. I'd like to go on a trip with my dad, in August or September for 2 to 4 weeks. I want to find a place where we can do canoeing and fishing. It doesn't matter if it is on the sea, a lake or a quiet river. Unfortunately, we don't know well such places. Can you please, contact us if you know where to go! Thank you, *Thomas and Fred*. Landline: [0413-2623-751](tel:0413-2623-751) Mobile: [80982 99472](tel:8098299472) / Email: fred@auroville.org.in

Work in Auroville: My name is Nithiya, I am living in Auroville. I have a B.Sc Botany degree. I am looking for work. I have good experience in Auroville I worked at the Matrimandir petals and Isaiambalam school. Please contact me if you are interested in my service: [9786807071](tel:9786807071) (or) email: sbalu.av@gmail.com.

Part-time house work: Our Amma, Sarala, is working for us part-time and would like to work more. She cleans and/or cooks, is reliable and kind. Work times can be adjusted, right now she's free in the afternoons. She speaks basic English, if interested please contact her via *Manikandan*, her husband, @ [9626111095](tel:9626111095). *Submitted by Jeff*.

Looking for Jobs: Hi we are two girls (Vasuki and Nisha) staying in New Creation. we are 20 years old. I (Vasuki) am going to College and doing 3rd year of B.A English course. I have work experiences as a waitress in a restaurant, as a French teacher in a school in Chennai, and have taken French & English tuition classes for both kids& adults, etc. Nisha has just now finished her 12th std. She's beginning her college now. We are looking for a job in the evening after we return from college and for the weekends. If there are any jobs available for us please contact [6385635943](tel:6385635943). Thank you!

LOST & FOUND

Green Moped (Found): Super XL type, green color, with NO license plate. Found at the Matrimandir's 2nd Banyan parking after the Veena concert on March 25th. *Please contact the Matrimandir office at 0413-2622228.*

Sunglasses (Lost): somewhere on the road... They are Black and green, have powered lenses and were in a black case. If you find them, I am reachable on indra@auroville.org.in or [94.87.91.98.32](tel:94.87.91.98.32). Thank you, *Indra*.

TAXI SHARING

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

July 21st: to Chennai airport, on the 21st of July, leaving Auroville at around 6:30 pm. My flight is at 1:50am. Return also available. Contact Irene at [890 362 3965](tel:8903623965).

July 21st: leaving Auroville for Chennai airport around 21:00, coming back from Chennai airport to Auroville at 23:45. Contact Karuna: karuna@auroville.org.in.

July 22nd: Departing AV at 2am. Taxi sharing available both ways. Please contact [8838293291](tel:8838293291) or darysebastien@gmail.com. Thanks, Sebastien.

July 24th: National flight landing at 6:35pm. Taxi sharing available both ways. Please contact me at [09443790661](tel:09443790661) or send a mail to dolma@auroville.org.in. Thanks, Ann R.

July 31st: pick up from flight landing at about 11am. Taxi goes empty and back with 2 pax. Sharing both ways possible. Contact Sabine at lasabine@auroville.org.in or [+919786775818](tel:+919786775818), thanks!

August 3rd: departing AV around 11am for Chennai airport. 2 persons going, taxi coming back empty. Sharing both ways possible. Contact Sabine at lasabine@auroville.org.in or [+919786775818](tel:+919786775818), thanks!

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

EXHIBITIONS



Bharat Nivas presents

1. "The Dawn of Auroville"

- Photo Exhibition on the early days of Auroville with rare historical images and text by The Mother.

At Kalakendra Art Gallery

Opening hours: 9 to 4:30 pm. Sundays closed.
Ongoing until end September 2018.

Weekly Tuesday Afternoon: Live Sharing sessions offered by early founders & pioneers both from Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Auroville will resume from Tuesday 7th August 2018.

2. Exhibition by Olivier Barot

Venue: Sri Aurobindo for Studies: India and The World, Bharat Nivas

Timings: 9 to 4 pm. (Sundays closed)



July 2018 – Exhibitions
Monday-Saturday 9-5

Meditations on Savitri

The entire series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta From 1961-67 is on display in the newly extended picture gallery

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

TALKS

You are warmly invited to an introduction session of

THE MAKER SPACE in Auroville

Saturday 21st July

4 to 5pm: presentation at YouthLink

5 to 6pm: site visit to the Maker Space
to see its practical application

This session will be an introduction to the fab lab concept called 'Maker Space' in Auroville - which currently includes a Computer Controlled Mill (CNC) and one of India's largest Format 3D Printers.

What does this all mean? And who would attend such a session?

This session is open to anyone with an interest in design, products, alternative housing etc. You could be a carpenter, designer, engineer, or even just a student with interest! In fact, we extend a special invitation to young adults in Auroville and bioregion who may be interested in an apprenticeship in this direction.

The Maker Space has the potential to bring the "maker city movement" to Auroville. Similar to 'grow local', we hope to 'make local'. We could make our own crockery, furniture, vehicles, houses ... Using wood, ceramic, metal and best of all - we could even recycle plastic!

This is all based on open source technology, which is booming worldwide and is especially relevant to intentional communities like Auroville. Let's make Auroville and our bioregion part of that effort to become more self-reliant and self-sufficient.

The session will start at 4:00-5:00PM at YouthLink with a presentation... followed by a site visit to the Maker Space at 5:00-6:00PM to see its practical application.

Please let us know if you are attending with an SMS/WhatsApp to [+919659626618](tel:+919659626618) so that we can prepare enough juice & cookies, and we can then also send you a map so you can find our location.

Looking forward!

Jorge (Minvayu/CSR) & Arul (YouthLink, Progress)

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

Savitri in the morning: You are invited to read *Savitri* with us on Tuesday mornings from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. at Rama and Uma's place in Courage. We are following Savitri's journey to find her soul and bring a new dawn for the earth. The pronunciation, vocabulary, rhythm and discussion can help to build English. The mantric poetry of *Savitri* is inspiring. The story of Savitri's yoga is helpful for our life and work. We have extra books. Ground floor fully accessible. If you need further information, contact pat@auroville.org.in, or ramanarayana@auroville.org.in.

Thursday's Chess Evenings: Warmly welcome to Thursday's chess evenings at 6pm in ZEN+ Art Centre in Acceptance - white gate on the right. More info: [09499035375](tel:09499035375), matej@auroville.org.in.

Introduction to Tamil language, culture and heritage: Ilaignarkal Education Centre (IEC) has been offering free classes on Tamil Language, culture and heritage to everyone who is interested to learn. Meenakshi has been conducting sessions for Aurovilians and Newcomers through Yucca and Aspiration programme. In an effort to bridge Tamil speakers with the non-Tamil speakers, the Faculty of Tamilology at IEC has organized new curriculum and training to create awareness and better interpret Tamil as a whole. The classes are offered free and can accommodate timing to suit individual needs. For more details, please contact: [0413 - 2623773](tel:0413-2623773)

Shiatsu course with Natacha: I invite you to discover and to practice shiatsu. This path of healing comes from traditional Chinese medicine and was developed in a Japanese dojo. It combines precise know-how, codified on a martial basis and the opening of the heart in the care and practice. For those who want to discover shiatsu I open a course for beginners from mid-August to end-February from 5-7pm on Friday at the Budokan in Dehashakti sports ground. After a few sessions it is also strongly recommended that you practice amongst yourselves at least once a week.

The course is limited to 10 people. We work on the floor so this practice needs good joints, especially in knees and ankles. Contact me if you have any doubts.

Regarding the material on the other hand you only need soft clothing, a lungi and a lightweight fabric square.

The activity is offered by the qualified teacher and the Budokan, only a small annual contribution is required for the maintenance of the building. The cleanliness of the premises is also assured by the participants.

The course is given in English and the documents exist in English and French. If you want to join our shiatsu group contact me by WhatsApp ([+918940221071](tel:+918940221071)) or email (natacha@auroville.org.in).

Blessed Souls: Every Tuesdays from 5 to 6:30 pm. We invite all of you to open your heart to the Divine. learning and singing all together Bajhans and Kirtans. *We would love to have a drummer with us.* *Hamsini & Shakti* [9487544184](tel:9487544184), At Creativity

Introduction to the Communication of the heart (CNV): Workshop in French only: Saturday 21th July -9am-5pm at Creativity hall of light. To register: *Hamsini* [9487544184](tel:9487544184). This Workshop will be followed by a weekly practice group on Mondays from 4-6pm.

3H Summer School | URBAN FURNITURE & PLACEMAKING 15th July 2018 - 5th August 2018



Auroville Green Practices (Auroville Consulting) will be conducting a summer school program (based on the 3H approach of Hands, Head and Heart). Participants include international and national students of architecture, urban planning, product and interior design. The

theme for this program is "Urban Furniture and Place Making" and participants will be designing and building one or more urban furniture projects at the bus waiting area near the Solar Kitchen roundabout (Image below). This location has been chosen in consultation with L'avenir d'Auroville and the design brief is formulated with inputs from the children of Deepanam and Transition School. For more information contact info@agpworkshops.com

Skill training under Dual System of training at AIAT in Irumbai and Aurobrindavan: Auroville Institute of Applied Technology ITI, a unit of Auroville Foundation is conducting vocational training for the youth of the bioregion.

AIAT is proud to announce to be one of the 1st Institute in T.N. and Pondicherry to be affiliated under NCVT course to offer Dual System of Training in collaboration with Partner companies. For that AIAT has signed a MOU with four companies to offer 2 years courses in Dual Mode in Fitter and Electronic Mechanic.

The training in dual mode is shared between the institute and the industrial partner (2/3 at the Institute and 1/3 at industrial site. Students undergoing a dual course training are entitled to get a stipend from the partner company. The main benefit we see in the industrial practice and much better job opportunities. 10th pass students are eligible for any of the above courses.

AIAT is also offering 1-2 years full time courses in Fitter, Welder, Draughtsman Civil and Draughtsman Mechanic, Electronic Mechanic, Hardware and Networking as well as in Finance Executive.

The admission is open now. Last date admission is 31th of July 2018 for Dual courses and 13th of August for the full time courses.

All the above courses are NSQF level 3, 4 or 5 courses. Students completing a level 4 or 5 course is equivalent to +2 Course and eligible to join a degree course at any Engineering course.

For more information pl. contact *Lavkamad*; [0413 2671758](tel:0413-2671758) at Auroville ITI in Irumbai.

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP - 20th, 21st AND 22nd JULY, 2018



Hi! We are conducting a hands-on workshop on natural construction techniques which include CSEB (Compressed Stabilised Earth Block), Rammed Earth, Mud Plaster, Pointing of CSEB and Construction of Ferrocement channel. It is open for all. Register before 18th July. Mail us at auroyali@auroville.org.in

Yoga body with Olesya: Restarts with NEW TIMINGS At Sharnaga Guest House Yoga Hall. Asanas and Pranayama in B.K.S.Iyengar Tradition - Iyengar Yoga is a form of Hatha Yoga, a process of developing your body, vital organs, you mind and the quality of intelligence through mobility, strength, stability and alignment in asana. **Morning class: Saturday 6.30am to 8am. Evening session: Every Wednesday from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.**

Contribution is required. Drop-in classes. All are welcome! For more information: olesya@auroville.org.in or WhatsApp [+919159052743](tel:+919159052743).

FILMS

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 40min.

INTERVIEW WITH SHRADHAVAN, Part 1 - ON HER LIFE AND YOGA. In 1969 Shradhdavan heard about Sri Aurobindo in London and found answers to her questions and the knowledge she was searching for. In November 1970 she came to Pondicherry and met the Mother and was accepted for Auroville. She describes in vivid detail joining Auroville and how the Aspiration School opened in December 1970 with The Mother's message about the four languages for Auroville: 1. Tamil, the local language; 2. French; 3. Sanskrit, the future language of India; 4. English, the international language. The school started with a lesson in Sanskrit and after that the school day began every morning with an assembly where Sanskrit songs were sung.



MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)

Friday 20 JULY at 7.45 pm

"RASHOMON" - Directed by: Akira KUROSAWA, Japan, 1950

Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyō, Takashi Shimura, Masayuki Mori, Minoru Chiaki, Kichijiro Ueda

Synopsis: Brimming with action while incisively examining the nature of truth, "Rashomon", a classic by the great Japanese film master, is perhaps the finest film ever to investigate the philosophy of justice. Through an ingenious use of camera and flashbacks, Kurosawa reveals the complexities of human nature as four people recount different versions - all of them convincing - of a drama that happened in the Golden Lion, Venice Film Festival 1950. One of the first films of the world brought to the West for its discovery. *Original Japanese version with English Subtitles - Black & White photography - Dur. 1h.28'*



CINEMA PARADISO

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 16 to 22 July 2018

Indian - Monday 16 July, 8:00 pm:

• SILA SAMAYANGALIL (Sometimes)

India, 2016, Dir. Priyadarshan w/ Prakash Raj, Ashok Selvan, Shreya Reddy, and others, Drama-Comedy, 110mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Seven people from different walks of life give their blood sample for HIV/AIDS screening. To avoid the tension of waiting, they decide to bribe the technician and know the results earlier. They come to know only one among them has AIDS. Each one hoping it is not him, waits with anxiety. *A film with a difference - unusual. Worth watching.*

Italian - Tuesday 17 July, 8:00 pm:

• CUORI PURI (Pure Hearts)

Italy, 2017, Dir. Roberto De Paolis w/ Selene Caramazza, Simone Liberati, Barbora Bobulova, Drama, 115 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Agnes and Stefano are profoundly different. She is only seventeen, lives with her mother - a harsh and devoted woman - is a regular church-goer and is about to take a vow of chastity to last until marriage. He is twenty-five, has a violent temper and a difficult past behind. He works as a warden in a car park that borders a Roma camp. Their unexpected meeting engenders a true sentiment, made of little stolen moments and mutual help. Their desire grows until Agnes, devastated by what she perceives as a betrayal of her ideals, takes an extreme decision in the hope of erasing her sins.

Nature Series - Wednesday 18 July, 8:00 pm:

• BLUE PLANET II: THE DEEP (EPISODE 2)

UK, 2017-18, BBC Series w/ David Attenborough, Documentary Series, 60mins, English, Rated:NR (G)

The deep is perhaps the most hostile environment on earth, at least to us - a world of crushing pressure, brutal cold and utter darkness. We have barely begun to explore it, and yet it is the largest living space on the planet. Scientists already think that there is more life in the deep than anywhere else on earth.

French - Thursday 19 July, 8:00 pm:

• LA VACHE (One Man and His Cow)

France, 2016, Dir. Mohamed Hamidi w/ Fatsha Bouyahmed, Lamdert Wilson, Jamel Debbouze and others, Comedy, 92 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: G

In this award winning film Fatah, an Algerian small farmer sees his life-long dream finally comes true when he receives an invitation to take his cow Jacqueline to the Paris International Agriculture Fair. He puts her on a boat and they together walk all the way across France.

International - Saturday 21 July, 8:00 pm:

• JUST A LA FIN DU MONDE (It's Only The End of the World)

Canada, 2016, Dir. Xavier Dolan w/ Gaspard Ulliel, Marion Cotillard, and others, Drama, French w/ English Subtitles, 97 mins, Rated: PG After 12yrs of absence, Louis, a writer, goes back to his hometown, planning on announcing his upcoming death to his family. As resentment soon rewrites the course of the afternoon, fits and feuds unfold, fueled by loneliness and doubt, while all attempts of empathy are sabotaged by people's incapacity to listen and love.

Children's Film - Sunday 22 July, 4:30pm

• PETER PAN

USA, 1953, Dir: Clyde Geronimi, w/ Bobby Driscoll, Kathryn Beaumont, Hans Conried and others, Animation, 77mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Wendy and her brothers are whisked away to the magical world of Neverland with the hero of their stories, Peter Pan.

INGMAR BERGMAN FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club

As part of the global celebrations of the centenary of world-renowned Swedish filmmaker Ingmar Bergman we will screen some of his early works. For much of the second half of the 20th century, he stood with directors like Federico Fellini and Akira Kurosawa at the pinnacle of serious filmmaking. One of the most important motifs in the artistic creation of Bergman, is the questioning on faith and emotions. He poured serious mental enquires and profound philosophic thoughts into his images and footages, pushing the audience to ponder over the situations the modern people are facing in his self-reflection.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 22 July, 8:00 pm:

• SKEPP TILL INDIA LAND (A Ship Bound for India)

Sweden, 1949, Dir. Ingmar Bergman w/Holger Lowenadler, Anna Lindahl, Birger Malmsten and others, Drama, 98mins, Swedish w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Sailor Johannes Blom returns to his home port, after seven years at sea, to find that Sally, the girl he has been thinking of while away, is completely despondent. Seven years earlier, obstreperous Alexander Blom, brings his mistress Sally to live with him, his wife Alice, son Johannes, and crew, aboard the salvage boat he captains. Amidst all the tensions on the small boat, Johannes and Sally fall in love with each other.

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 donation to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) at the Financial Service or set up for a monthly contribution.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, July 20th, Friday

Schedule of Events:

4:00 pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

4:30 pm: Tour of Sadhana Forest

6:00 pm: Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

6:30 pm: Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

8:00 pm: Dinner is served

9:30 pm: Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

Before the movie, at exactly 4:30pm 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 7pm :)**

Congo, My Precious: 52 mins / 2017 / English / Directed by: Anastasia Trofimova. Congo, My Precious is an extremely impactful portrait of human suffering. Its subjects are burdened by the ghosts of their past, and they long for normal lives free from terror and insurmountable economic hardship.

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:04132677683) or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in.

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