It sees the divine essence everywhere but rejects the mere mask and the disguising figure. It insists on Truth, on will and strength and mastery, on Joy and Love and Beauty, but on a Truth of abiding Knowledge that surpasses the mere practical momentary truth of the Ignorance, on an inward joy and not on mere vital pleasure, — for it prefers rather a purifying suffering and sorrow to degrading satisfactions, — on love winged upward and not tied to the stake of egoistic craving or with its feet sunk in the mire, on beauty restored to its priesthood of interpretation of the Eternal, on strength and will and mastery as instruments not of the ego but of the Spirit. Its will is for the divinisation of life, the expression through it of a higher Truth, its dedication to the Divine and the Eternal.

But the most intimate character of the psychic is its pressure towards the Divine through a sacred love, joy and oneness. It is a divine Love that it seeks most, it is the love of the Divine that is its spur, its goal, its star of Truth shining over the luminous cave of the nascent or the still obscure cradle of the new-born godhead within us. In the first long stage of its growth and immature existence it has leaned on earthly love, affection, tenderness, goodwill, compassion, benevolence, on all beauty and gentleness and fineness and light and strength and courage, on all that can help to refine and purify the grossness and commonness of human nature; but it knows how mixed are these human movements at their best and at their worst how fallen and stamped with the mark of ego and self-deceptive sentimental falsehood and the lower self profiting by the imitation of a soul-movement. At once, emerging, it is ready and eager to break all the old ties and imperfect emotional activities and replace them by a greater spiritual Truth of love and oneness. It may still admit the human forms and movements, but on condition that they are turned towards the One alone. It accepts only the ties that are helpful, the heart's and mind's reverence for the Guru, the union of the God-seekers, a spiritual compassion for this ignorant human and animal world and its peoples, the joy and happiness and satisfaction of beauty that comes from the perception of the Divine everywhere. It plunges the nature inward towards its meeting with the immanent Divine in the heart's secret centre and, while that call is there, no reproach of egoism, no mere outward summons of altruism or duty or philanthropy or service will deceive or divert it from its sacred longing and its obedience to the attraction of the Divinity within it. It lifts the being towards a transcendent Ecstasy and is ready to shed all the downward pull of the world from its wings in its uprising to reach the One Highest; but it calls down also this transcendent Love and Beatitude to deliver and transform the world from the universal Ignorance. It is not attracted or misled by mental imitations or any vital misuse of these great deep-seated Truths of existence; it exposes them with its detecting search-ray and calls down the entire truth of divine Love to heal these malformations, to deliver mental, vital, physical love from their insufficiencies or their perversions and reveal to them their true abounding share of the intimacy and the oneness, the ascending ecstasy and the descending rapture.

All true Truth of love and of the works of love the psychic being accepts in their place: but its flame mounts always upward and it is eager to push the ascent from lesser to higher degrees of Truth, since it knows that only by the ascent to a highest Truth and the descent of that highest Truth can Love be delivered from the cross and placed upon the throne; for the cross is the sign of the Divine Descent barred and marred by the transversal line of a cosmic deformation which turns it into a stake of suffering and misfortune. Only by the ascent to the original Truth can the deformation be healed and all the works of love, as too all the works of knowledge and of life, be restored to a divine significance and become part of an integral spiritual existence.

Auroville is meant to hasten the advent of the supramental Reality upon earth. The help of all those who find the world is not as it ought to be is welcome. Each one must know if he wants to associate with an old world ready for death, or to work for a new and better world preparing to be born.

Mother (Message for UNESCO)

1 February 1972, 13, 215
The present Land Board has been selected and is in office since May 21st 2018. The new members who agreed to serve are: Banumathi, Helena, Padmanaban and Yuval. Unfortunately, the previous members have resigned in relation to the disputed purchase.

o At present the new members are training and re-shaping the administration procedures by putting more diligence in place. To be able to keep up with the workload multiple resource persons have been enrolled and more help is needed from the community to participate constructively in issues of protection and care of Land. It is aspired to develop processes for increased transparency, accountability and responsibility for the asset of Land that has been entrusted to Auroville.

The disputed purchase of IR 426/1C2 of 8.17 acre, situated next to Aroma Gardens, diagonally opposite Auro Velo is under the purview of Working Committee and Auroville Foundation with Land Board assisting them. The process of solving the possession issue by seeking legal help has started and we hope to take control of the lands which belong to Auroville Foundation with the Collector, it helped us to understand various encroachment issues and possibilities of its resolution with the Government’s intervention.

Auroville Emergency Contact Numbers
- Save them in your phone now!

→ Auroville Safety and Security Team: 9443909107 (Email: avsecurity@auroville.org.in)
→ Ambulance: Auroville: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271
→ Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246, reachable 24/7
→ Emergency Service of India: 108
Meanwhile we have about 18 negotiations in the pipeline and are in constant touch with the sellers for follow up. We will keep the community posted on further updates.

- Rs. 1,32,817/- have been generated through the sale of timber and firewood from May to July. This amount has been credited to the Unity Fund. We continue to donate firewood to outreach schools namely Udavi, Isayambalam and Alikiyyam for a total value of Rs. 48,000/-.

- We have completed fence in City Area for a total extent of 234m.

- One official survey was carried out and the boundaries fixed.

- On a legal front one judgment came in our favour. After receiving the official judgement Land Board will take necessary steps to secure the land. Another case got dismissed in our favour.

Land Board will remove dead trees in your garden, the firewood goes to schools or it is sold and the revenue is going towards Auroville land maintenance & purchase. Please send us an email at landboard@auroville.org.in and fix an appointment.

**Report Working Committee over the month of July, 2018**

The main issues dealt with in this period are:

1) **General meeting:**
   - The Working Committee reported on its work in a general meeting on June 12th. The main topics discussed were visa, the proposed highway through Auroville, and the disputed land purchase. A report of this meeting has been published

2) **Proposed highway:**
   - A report of the Highway Task Force has been published at [www.auroville.org.in/article/69778](http://www.auroville.org.in/article/69778)

3) **Visa issues**
   - a) **Visa situation Paris.**
     - The requirement from the Indian Embassy in Paris that Auroville applicants for an Entry Visa have to submit a financial guarantee has been dropped.

   - b) **Refused entry into India.**
     - Two Auroville residents have been refused entry into India by the Indian immigration authorities, even though they held a valid entry visa. Upon enquiry, we were informed that the reason is that they have been working as private individuals in India outside Auroville. This is a violation of the Auroville Visa conditions.

   - c) **Aurovilian waiting for their visa abroad.**
     - One Aurovilian is waiting inordinately long for the Indian mission to issue her the new Entry Visa.

4) **Maintenance is not liable for GST.**
   - The Finance Ministry of the Government of India has decided that ‘Auroville maintenance’ is not liable to GST.

5) **GST registration and de-registration.**
   - The Finance Ministry has also advised that a committee consisting of jurisdictional Central and State GST Commissionrates be constituted to guide the Auroville Foundation for achieving easier GST compliance by taking appropriate action for registration / deregistration of its various business verticals.

6) **Disputed land purchase.**
   - a) **Legal status.**
     - At the advice of the Working Committee, the Secretary has employed Mr. Praveen Kumar, Addl. Public Prosecutor Pondicherry, and Ms. Jayendra Saraswathi to initiate both civil and criminal action against all involved in the deal - the sellers, the broker, and the sub-registrar - to secure the possession of the land.

   - They have filed a criminal complaint at all the levels of police administration, from the CM special cell to Anti-land grab cell to Vigilance and Anti-corruption cell against the Sub Registrar's Office.

   - Subsequently, the Anti land grab cell conducted a hearing with both the Auroville Foundation and the seller, represented by the broker Elumalai, on 9th July 2018.

   - As the local Auroville Police station did not file the FIR as per Auroville’s complaint, our lawyers have consulted criminal lawyer Mr. K. Sukumaran in Chennai. At his advice a writ petition for police protection for person and possession of the property based upon the three complaints filed by the Land Board have been filed. In addition, an affidavit has been filed before the Magistrate requesting him to instruct the police to file an FIR based upon the criminal complaint filed by the lawyers.

   - The lawyers are also investigating if the 2009 Tindivanam case has any substance, and have asked for the case status and details from the Tindivanam sub court and Madras High Court.

   - b) **Investigation into irregularities**
     - The former executives of the Land Board have requested an investigation to be conducted on how the documents pertaining to the 2009 Tindivanam court case came into the Land Board file. The Working Committee is trying to find out how best to approach this issue.

   - **The Working Committee**
     - Carel, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjithkumar, Sauro.

**Forest Group meeting notes**

- **Fertile 7 Banyans, 3 August 2018**

**Highway:**

- The Forest Group expresses its support for Ravenna, Forecomers and Success as lands integral to Auroville, even though they are outside the Masterplan. The proposed highway would run through these communities. The Group recognizes the incredible work in afforestation that people in these communities have done over the years.

- As a member of the Auroville taskforce on the Highway, Glenn gave an update on the latest developments.

**Updates:**

- **Existence:** Ana, who has been living and taking care of the forest in Existence for many years, gave an update on the situation there. Ana took over the stewardship of the forest in October 2017, when Jeremy left.

- **Bliss:** Christoph gave an update from Bliss forest in relation to the proposed solar project by Varuna in adjacent lands.

- **Northern Forest Collective - planned evergreen nursery:** Rishi announced that the Northern Forest Collective, comprising forest stewards and members in the northern forest tracts of Auroville, are creating a nursery. The new nursery will complement other nurseries in Auroville, such as Botanical Gardens, and it will focus on evergreen trees. The nursery will be located in Arikabhumi. It will be under the direct management of Balu and Segar, and under the supervision of the Northern Forest Collective. It will be funded from the pooled resources of the N.F. Collective (see maintenance request). The nursery addresses the need to increase the number and diversity of evergreen species in Auroville forests. It aims to make available 5,000 - 10,000 saplings each planting season.

**Maintenance request:**

- The Forest Group requests a maintenance for D. Segar, of Neidal. Segar has been working in the northern forests of AV for two years without a maintenance. One year ago he requested a maintenance. Instead he received a watchman’s budget as a temporary measure. Segar’s Forest monitors, Dominic and Rishi, attest to his work and dedication.

**Eternity fencing:**

- Yuval announced that the survey and fencing on the western side of Eternity will be completed on the 8th of August.
Money requests: Glenn asks members to hand in money requests in time for the planting season.

Aurodam announcement
David (Aurodam) states that he has planted saplings in Aurodam, and that he has used all the funds allocated for this purpose. He would like to acknowledge the assistance of members of the African Pavilion.

Next meeting: Siddharta Forest, 3pm Friday 7 September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HTF account for contributions
Dear All, to help us cover various expenses (travel mostly) you can contribute to Account #252037 HTF (HighwayTaskForce).
Thank you, Renu for HTF

To All services under City Services: Budget Form
All services/activities that are receiving full or partial funding from City Services are requested to submit a budget within the scheduled submission deadline in order to be considered for continued funding.

There are two forms that need to be filled. They are posted on Auronet for downloading: (1) The Budget Form 2019-20 (request for the next financial year), and (2) The Narrative Report Form for 2018-19 (describing the activities under the current financial year). Please download both forms, fill them up and submit to BCC office (bccooffice@auroville.org.in). The deadline for budget submission is 31 October 2018.

Please note:
Unlike the previous years, this year BCC, on recommendation from the FAMC, will follow what is called a zero-based budgeting (ZBB). It is a method where budgeting for any service/activity will start from scratch (zero) and where all expenses need to be justified for the new budget period - which is 2019-20.

The budget starts from zero and all functions old and new within the activity are reviewed before being added to the budget in order to determine a realistic financial need. This process will take substantial time. Hence, activities are requested to submit their budgets at the earliest. Only those services whose budget requests have been received will be considered for funding.

Thanking you and wishing you the best, The BCC

Presentation on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act.

Dear friends,
In the last three years, the Auroville Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) has been promoting awareness on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act.

We invite you to a presentation so you can further understand what this means in the context of Auroville.

Date: Monday 20th August or Saturday 25th August 2018
Time: 3 pm
Place: SAIIER conference hall.

We look forward to seeing you there! Auroville ICC team

AN INVITATION TO ALL EUROPEAN AUROVIANS: Friday 24th August, 5pm

‘India is the representation of all human difficulties on earth, and it is in India that the cure will be found ... That is why I was made to start Auroville’ - The Mother

Europe is struggling with a lot of internal problems. Its unity is seriously at stake. A Europe without its Union will be a crippled Europe. Strength comes from unity. In Auroville the first step towards the manifestation of the European Union on Auroville’s soil has been made by building the ‘European House’ in the ‘International Zone’, no matter how humble it may be. It is a first step towards the ‘European Plaza’ in the making, symbol and embodiment of a strong Europe to live up to its cultural and humanitarian heritage.

AUROVILLE RESIDENTS BREAKDOWN BY NATIONALITIES
as of August 1st 2018:
France: 409
Germany: 251
Italy: 157
Netherlands: 104
Great Britain: 60
Spain: 55
Switzerland: 45
Belgium: 40
Sweden: 27
Austria: 13

And another 60 European Aurovilians from various countries.

Approx. 1200 Europeans reside in Auroville, but only a meager 10 (mainly French, German and Italian) feel the call to help manifesting the cultural richness of our beautiful continent through participation in creating a ‘European Plaza’ in the ‘International Zone’.

Shouldn’t the European Aurovilians be a bit more enthusiastic about a European Pavilion? Shouldn’t the European Aurovilians help/support the difficult struggle Europe is going through? Shouldn’t WE show Europe how to unite in Human Unity, how to create a harmonious Europe, how to stand together in challenging times?

Where are the Dutch (known over centuries for all over Europe, and beyond, for their ... tulips and bicycles), where are the British (known over centuries for their ... breakfast and for the Queen), where are the Spaniards (known over centuries for their ... paella and flamenco), where are the Swiss (known over centuries for their ... chocolate and the banking secrets), where are the Belgians (known over centuries for their ... beer and as well as for their chocolate), where are the Swedish (known over centuries for their ... blond hair and blue eyes), where are the Austrians (known over centuries for ... having invented the croissant and for fighting the Huns), where are the ...

Let’s come together and breathe life into the ‘European House’, and then let’s build the ‘European Plaza’, the manifestation of European unity and of cultural diversity. Come and join hands, come and invest some time, some energy, some inspiration, some creativity. Come and invest yourself into the rich heritage of Europe. Become part of the ‘European House Coordination Team’. If we manage, Europe will manage. Let’s show them the way, here in India, here in Auroville.

After a long summer break we will start meeting again on a weekly basis every Friday at 04:00 pm at the ‘European House’ (opp. the entrance to the ‘Pavilion of Tibetan Culture’, on the same premise as the ‘International House’, former ‘American Pavilion’). You are welcome to join in at 05:00 pm the first time you come by. Our next meeting will be on Friday 24th August.

Beside the need for more participants in the endeavor to manifest the embodiment of a European Unity, we are as well encouraging every European Aurovillian (and, actually, not only European, but all Aurovilians), to help us covering our monthly expenses, to help with the purchase of needed office-/kitchen-items, to help paying for necessary landscaping and fencing, and many more little bits and pieces, by donating either a one-time amount or by installing a monthly recurring amount, no matter how little, towards our FS account # 25 12 07, ‘European House’.

All help is highly appreciated.

Denis: denis@auroville.org.in, ph. 95 002 714 60
Raphael: raphael@auroville.org.in, ph. 936 216 97 98 as well as Carla, Karin, Laurent, Marco and Vani (support)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 760
Dated: 20-08-2018
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 entrieservice@auroville.org.in.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Akila VARNAMUTHU (Indian) Staying in Ilaignakaral Education Centre (Saaram) and working at Aurosoya.
Babli GOPAL SAHANI (Indian) Staying in MIR and working at Kindergarten.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Paul JONES (British)
Chiara MERIANI MERLO (Italian)
Riru LAHA (Indian)
Valentina Beatriz SEPULVEDA (Chilean)

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:
Mirra Premi (Indian) Born on 05/05/2011.
Amrite Bharati (Indian) Born on 14/07/2016.

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:
Amos Cohen KHALLAS (Israeli) Staying in Evergreen and working at Evergreen & Auroservice.
Osnat Cohen KHALLAS (Israeli) Staying in Evergreen and working at Sante.
Igor BUSHEV (Russian) Staying in Aspiration and working at Auroville Electrical Service.

*Manjini JAGADEESAN (Indian) Staying in Dajaima and working at Comfort Design.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Mousumi MUKHERJEE (Indian)
Soyooy LEE (Korean)
Kitae KANG (Korean)
Serena AURORA (British)

*SPECIAL NOTE FROM ENTRY BOARD:
Manjini JAGADEESAN (Indian) staying in Dajaima, working at Comfort Design.
On July 5th of this year, Manjini Jagadeesan had the “Final Aurovilian” interview. During the subsequent Entry Board meeting on July 9th, the Board decided to approve announcing Manjini as Aurovillian for the customary four-week feedback process. As Manjini’s situation is rather unusual, the Entry Board decided to provide some additional information:
Manjini approached the Entry Service the first time in 2004. Due to various contradictory feedback received, Manjini was not accepted as an Aurovillian.
Subsequently, he applied a few more times, but each time his process did not end in him becoming an Aurovillian.
In view of the sizeable number of feedbacks and the lack of a fully functional Entry Service, the Auroville Council and Working Committee took up his case in the end of 2016.
After reviewing the information available, also the AVC/Wcom did not come up with an acceptance to make Manjini as Aurovillian.

NOTE: Individuals are entered into the Register of Residents (maintained by the Auroville Foundation) shortly after filling the B-FORM and meeting with the Secretary of the AVF. The appointment date for these is set and communicated by the Entry Service to the individual at the respective time, and NOT AT THEIR PERSONAL REQUEST.
This is the last step of the Newcomer process where the status of Newcomer Resident is switched to Aurovillian Resident.

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM
Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 02:30PM-04:30PM
Yours, the Entry Service

BUILDING APPLICATIONS – Monday 20/08/2018

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 3rd September 2018.

Outside of the master plan area
1) In Auromodele Surya Nivas (next to Roma’s kitchen).
Project: BA-0042-OMP dated 21st July 2018. 4.2 m x 12.8 m = 54 sq.m. Project holder: Iris iris@auroville.org.in, 9442069811.
Contractor: Manjini for Comfort Design (9443459923)
Old store room & terrace are falling apart... They will be taken down and rebuilt with a good foundation.
A new bathroom will be attached at the other corner of the existing structure.
The terrace in between will be partly covered.

Please note general info:
• 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 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 Aurovilletown page of L’avenir d’Auroville.
Warm regards, L’avenir d’Auroville team
(Anita, Anu, Divya, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)

Housing Project under construction:
Kalpana Housing Project
The finishing work at Kalpana is going on well. The South block with 22 apartments is 95 % completed.
In parallel the finishing work is going on in the North block and East block.
The balcony and staircases railings are in progress.
The landscaping work will start soon.

Out of 42 apartments 8 units are still available:
Studio: 3 units / 1 BHK (Bed room, Hall and Kitchen): 3 units/ 2 BHK: 1 unit / 3 BHK: 1 Unit

2 OFFICES are also available at the ground floor in the North block.
In spite of our best efforts we won’t be able to complete by end of August. The next date of completion is 15th of October 2018.
Satyakam is available by e-mail for any information, and for a request for a site visit, satyakam@auroville.org.in

Houses available for transfer:
1- Petite Ferme (Ground and First floor): Plinth area: 84.04 Ground Floor – RCC roof with Lounge, Kitchen, Store & Toilet area, Open staircase. First Floor- Sloped Mangalore tile roof with Bedroom.
Murugan Adhimoolam
This is to inform the community of the sudden demise this morning of our good friend and brother Murugan Adhimoolam at the age of 43.

Hailing from Kottakarai, Murugan joined Auroville in 2007 and has been working with Michael in Dana’s Flame Pottery. He lived in Courage with his wife Meena (who does the catering for Transition School) and their two children Adhavan, at college in Chennai, and Arthi studying in Pondy.

Apart from his work at the pottery, Aurovilians may have experienced Murugan’s calm and friendly presence at various occasions, such as at Matrimandir duty, the organisation of the Marathon, Sangamam festivities and other such events. He also helped Celestine with her art work on Auroville’s roads.

Murugan’s remains are taken to Farewell where friends can visit and pay homage tomorrow, Sunday, from 8am - 2pm. The burial will take place tomorrow at Adventure’s burial grounds on Sunday, 12 August, at 4pm.

Thank you, Murugan, for having been with us, and our heartfelt strength for Meena, Adhavan and Arthi.

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INDIAN ARTISTS FROM ALL OVER INDIA AND AUROVILIAN ARTISTS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION AND WORK.

YOU NEED TO SEND TOGETHER WITH YOUR CONCEPT NOTE, AN ART PIECE OF YOUR CHOICE ON THE THEME: A NEW WORLD IS POSSIBLE.

THIS ART PIECE CAN BE SPECIFICALLY CREATED FOR THE AUROVILLE ART CAMP OR IT COULD BE A PIECE MADE IN RECENT YEARS THAT YOU THINK IS APPROPRIATE WITH THE THEME.

GUIDELINES ON FB PAGE:
https://www.facebook.com/aurovilleartcamp

“THIS IS THE NEW WORLD AND THIS IS THE NEW CONSCIOUSNESS AND THIS IS THE NEW POWER; IT IS POSSIBLE, AND IT IS, AND WILL BE MORE AND MORE MANIFEST BECAUSE IT IS THE NEW WORLD, BECAUSE IT HAS NEVER BEEN BEFORE. IT WILL BE BECAUSE IT HAS NEVER BEEN BEFORE. (SILENCE) IT’S LOVELY; IT WILL BE BECAUSE IT HAS NEVER BEEN BEFORE – BECAUSE IT HAS NEVER BEEN.”

THE MOTHER, AGENDA, VOLUME 13, MAY 6, 1972

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUROVILLE ART CAMP
MARCH 2019 FESTIVAL

ARTISTS (PAINTERS)
SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL FOR THE 1ST AUROVILLE ART CAMP OF ITS KIND. 15 INDIAN AND 15 AUROVILIAN ARTISTS WILL BE SELECTED TO WORK TOGETHER DURING ONE WEEK ON THE THEME: A NEW WORLD IS POSSIBLE.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
OCTOBER 15TH 2018
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
https://www.facebook.com/aurovilleartcamp
aurovilleartcamp@gmail.com
ARTISTS... submit your proposal for the 1st Auroville Art camp of its kind.

15 Indian and 15 Aurovilian artists will be selected to work together during one week on the Theme: A new world is possible.

Indian ARTISTS from all over India and Aurovilian artists are invited to submit their application and work. This first camp is open to painters.

Those are the guidelines for your application to the Auroville art festival: This art camp will take place in Auroville, Tamil Nadu from March 2019, 16th till March 23rd. Indians from all over India and Aurovilians artists are invited to submit their application and work before: 15/10/2018.

You need to send together with your concept note, the photography of an art piece of your choice on the theme: A new world is possible.

This art piece can be specifically created for the Auroville art camp or it could be a piece made in recent years that you think is appropriate with the theme.

We would also be keen to discover samples of your previous works and know more about you, and to read/hear a few words about what pulls you to work on this specific subject. Apply by email at: aurovilleartcamp@gmail.com

The total weight of your attached documents should not be more than 3 MB.

For more information: www.facebook.com/aurovilleartcamp

We will get back to you if your work has been selected by the end of November. Good luck and looking forward creating a more beautiful world together.

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Water Words: On Multi-Sourcing (3) of WMS

This is part 7/10 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.

Currently the questions of land use (soil densities, infiltration rates, etc), future developments (how Auroville zoning will impact different water management features) and the environment (considerations of site specific conditions) don’t seem to figure prominently into decision taken at the level of governance. But each of these is critical when planning for a sustainable water future. The remainder of this chapter synthesizes the entire chapter and constructs a beautiful image of an Auroville “waterscape”. Imagine water reservoirs and ponds smartly located to catch as much water as they can, with a high infiltration rate, and all interconnected so that overflow of one leads to another. Imagine storage for roof water integrated into every community. Imagine functioning, efficient wastewater treatment plants with a piping system that brings the recycled water back to water our gardens. And more! Check out the chapter and tell us what you think.

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

Website: www.aurovillewater.in

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

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Rethink your milk!

Because milk is so integral to our culture we often overlook the fact that every mammal produces milk only for its young. No animal in nature drinks another animal’s milk. (Pigs don’t drink goats milk and monkeys don’t drink elephants milk). No mammal needs another animal’s milk, and no one needs milk past infancy. Our love for dairy is multiplying the cow population, killing calves, and making people sick and decimating forests. So many humans are lactose intolerant (for a good reason - we are not calves). So why not save our environment and ourselves? Try dairy free and see for yourself.

It’s a whole new world. Peanut curd, Rice milk... here are lots of easy recipes for dairy alternatives to get you started: see LINK. Dr Nandita Shah / SHARAN Auroville

0413 2622637 / www.sharan-india.org

Author of “Reversing Diabetes in 21 Days” SHARAN: “Make the connection” video is HERE.

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Organic News from Taste Of Nature

We are filled with good stock of Organic cashews of this season. Collected from local Auroville orchard which is 100% organic. Our cashews are completely Raw and they are hand processed manually without industrial process.

If you want our cashews, come and visit our unit (Or just give a call below number). We are having a special discount of 25% per kilo at 1550rs. If you order more than a kilo we do free home delivery.

We also just made a fresh batch of Vegan Basil Pesto… made of these cashews and Shambala Organic Farm Basil. You can also join our whatsapp group contact number: 9080680276.

Taste Of Nature Team.

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Good Earth - Food and Kitchen Waste Composter

Dear community, here is a simple and clean solution for your problem with the organic waste. Good Earth is a nature-based organic waste composter is specially designed for recycling the daily household food and kitchen waste into soil nutrients rich compost in few weeks without producing leachate and bad smell. It will highly useful for the people who live in apartments. You can get the product at your place by a phone call or message. For inquiries and purchase, contact: 9047720320 (WhatsApp available) or nalan@auroville.org.in / Web: www.nalan.in.

Thank you for joining us to achieve 100% recycle of organic waste!

Mathan for NALAN
POSTINGS

A note from the Auroville Library to the Dutch, Spanish, Korean and Hebrew community.

Following a proposal from some readers we took the opportunity to make the Dutch and Spanish sections more attractive, by expanding their shelf space. Of the eight languages, so far, seven were of European origin, with Tamil being the only Asianic language in our collection. Generous book donations allowed us to exceptionally open a Korean and a Hebrew section for this rapidly expanding part of our society.

However, as shelf space is limited the continuation of this experimental arrangement depends on how actively readers will be making use of the books. Please come forward and fill this space with life: help keeping the selection attractive through your book donations and suggestions, by telling your friends about the library, and of course by lending books.

THANK YOU

Thank You

Thank you all who have organised and helped with the beautiful 15th August morning meditation and celebrations, the wonderful fire and breakfast after, like in the old days, and the white rose and “ladu” each of us received; so well organised and so many young people present.

I was immensely touched. Auroville is.
Thank you!
Shivaya

APPEAL

An update about our brother in China:

On the 16th of August, the stomach feeding tube was safely removed. Healing is going well. The discharge green light was given for the 17th.

We wholeheartedly thank you for your support and prayers.

We need a little more help for the final bills and to get him back safely in Auroville for the follow-up treatments. We kindly remind you of the donation FS number 251406. We appreciate any help you could give to bring us back our brother. For any query please contact Deepa at this mobile number (+91)7998221586, or by email to r.deepa@auroville.org.in Or Ramya on (+91)9159281641. (whatsapp also)

Thanking you again, Deepa & Ramya

HEALTH

At ARKA: Holistic Healing and Therapy with Dr. Marlene Dengg

The goal of Marlene’s holistic healing work is to support You to achieve overall health and well-being. She considers all aspects of your being - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual plane - so that your health and well-being is restored or improved.

Examples: Release of physical pain, emotional stress, stagnation, anxieties, mental blockages / chaos. Release of energetic and unconscious blocks, past life issues etc. Marlene uses her strong intuitive skills paired with a variety of tools tailored for the individual client, including: Hands-on Healing, NLP techniques, EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique), Trance Induction and Guided Healing Journeys.

She acquired accredited certificates as a Healer, NLP Master, Bach Flower Therapist and training in various healing modalities and EFT (Emotional freedom Technique) to complement her natural given skills. Following her academic career as a medical scientist in the fields of DNA-damage and Cancer research, holding a PhD in Molecular Genetics and Pharmacology, she transitioned into Holistic Healing work in 2009.

Days: Monday to Saturday.

By Appointment: 8220232869 or innerspirithealing@icloud.com

Join also her weekly HEALING CIRCLE

In this weekly group healing event you experience new ways of healing and supporting each other with joined focus, intention and care.

Arka Team

EATING OUT

Tibetan Dinners are ON again! Wednesday Dinners at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture will RESTART on 22nd of August, from 7 pm onwards. We request everyone to register in advance for the dinner by calling 0413-2622401 or 849067332 or send an e-mail to: Kalsang@auroville.org.in. All are welcome.

VOICES/NOTES

Dear listeners/viewers!

See the latest from Auroville Radio/TV on www.aurovilleradio.org!

BEING AND BECOMING

In this Massive Immobility all these rhythmic and spiral movements, full of freshness and perfumed sweetness, from the Himalayan air descend. Equally there are faithfulnesses at the entrance of the Spirit which re-find a new purified Will, which guides without hindrance through all the traps of the outer Life; like a sunflower, turned towards the Sun of Truth...because these progressive purifications are there, always circling around, with their two inseparable companions, wakeful awareness and receptive wakefulness.

Therefore this regenerated flow takes up again its peaceful streaming into the "secret depths of our inner Valley" and again, with its guides from yesterday, today and future, we prepare together “a Unity on route” on the Book of the World.

To all of you,
In a new Joy, Gangalakshmi (H.O.M.A. / Savitri Bhavan)

Living Near A Highway

We live near a highway - the only highway we knew in Auroville until recently, when the sudden threat of a four-to-six-lane highway cutting through Auroville came to shake our community like a lightning bolt.

‘Our’ highway, the Pondy-Tindivanam road, is 350 m away from our home in AuroOrchard. Between the big road and us are a boundary wall, the farm’s cashew topos, a mango orchard, and some cultivated fields. Fortunately for us the highway is hidden behind all this greenery; only at night the floodlights of the tillage create a permanent bright-orange artificial sunset, preventing the restful darkness of the night.

More than anything it is the noise, constant and unrelenting, even though somewhat filtered through the trees, that makes sure we never forget that the highway is near. Hooting, emergency sirens, the ‘vrom-vrom-vrom’ of engines and the sound of tires racing along the tar combine into an unceasing sound tapestry. ‘You will get used to it’, we were comforted when we moved here from the North-eastern greenbelt, which we had always cherished for its deeply peaceful nights (at most times) thanks to the forest.... Fortunately this stretch of the Tindivanam highway is relatively ‘underutilised’, and if we wake up in the heart of the night, there are rare moments where for a minute or so we can enjoy the blissful absence of traffic noise... Another effect of the highway is that it creates an effective boundary. Perhaps not for the occasional cow that manages to wander across, or the stray dogs hanging out near the roadside restaurants; but for most of us crossing the road takes an effort and also some courage. The nearby village has mourned numerous deaths of its people crossing the road, and recently two fellow Aurovilians sadly lost their mother in a similar accident; the village’s plea for a pedestrian bridge is still only a promise. For us, beyond the highway lies another world, which we only visit when we absolutely must - even though there are several Auroville places and communities which would be our direct neighbours.
This is not an essay on the multiple devastating effects of a highway on the surrounding environment; it is simply sharing what it means for us, practically, in terms of our day-to-day experience, to have a highway in the vicinity. If anyone has doubts or you would like to check it out for yourself, we are just a few minutes away from Edyanchavadi and you are most welcome to come over!

Facing the threat of the planned new highway, here’s sharing the reflection of a fellow Aurovilian who describes the likely scenario: [Can one imagine that] 5000 people or 50.000 people packed in a handkerchief with millions of tonnes of cement, will not get choked, surrounded by promoters, a 4 or 6 lane New private highway, all kind of noise, ugliness, commercial shops, hotels? Will our children not dare to go out of this handkerchief for fear of being run down by speeding lorries, or groped by roaming boys? Auroville needs to wake up quickly to the extreme danger that this road represents.

I have no doubt that we are indeed waking up. In the words of a member of our vast international Auroville family: ‘This is a situation that requires all hands on deck.’

May we find our strong and happy unity, solidly grounded and luminously aligned with Auroville’s Spirit and Shakti.

Together in aspiration and prayer, Jasmin (AuroOrchard)

ACCOMMODATIONS

**Needed 1:** Hi, I am a peaceful person (woman, Czech/British, painter, lover of animals, Aurovillian) who look for a place for me and a dog. As I am not married, no children and parents, a dog is my family. I thank SALLER for my current place, but it is difficult for me and people around me as there are not dogs allowed.

I need a temporary place for 1-2 years, until a more permanent place is ready for me. I am a humble person and I need to have a place to paint and let run around my dog (one of many of streets dog of India). Maybe you know me as I had an exhibition at Kalakendra in April. Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail ivana@aurouville.org.in, mobile 7094344154 (it is not always reachable so the best to send a text message). My profile at website: www.aurouville.org/contents/4480

**Needed 2:** I am looking for a house-sitting from October - December. I am 50y, Aurovilian. Mainly working in Baraka. If you have a place to look after or a room I would be happy to so. Please call 9943368410 Kay.

**AVAILABLE**

**Auroville Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earthhuts, at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. aloot@aurouville.org.in.**

**NOW ONLINE:** aurolit.mytum.com/library/inventory/browse

**Kittens Kittens Kittens:** We have three sweet kittens (two months old) that we are giving up for adoption. The two males are like new, I don’t need it anymore because I do a keto diet. Call Hema, Maitreyee 1: 9486308690.

**Juice Extractor:** one of the best ones: CHAMPION American Brand used by professionals. Like new. I don’t need it anymore because I do a keto diet. Call Hema, Maitreyee 1: 9486308690.

**Fridge:** Double Door Samsung Fridge, 250l with Silver-Nano technology in good condition with big freezer compartment. Please contact Joerg 9443960695 or joerg@aurouville.org.in.

**Hair and Beard Trimmer:** Grundig MC 6040, ceramic blade, lithium battery, adjustable cutting length up to 41mm. Almost new. Please contact Joerg 9443960695 or joerg@aurouville.org.in

LOOKING FOR...

**Space To Store Fabric:** At Eco Femme we urgently require a room approx 30 - 40m² ideally in the Alankuppam area. Room should have easy access for material loading and be screened. If you know of something, please contact: Kathy 9443135005 or 9487179556.

**Used Ladies Bicycle:** Looking for a second-hand ladies bicycle in good working condition for my amma. Contact: Harini, harini@aurouville.org.in, 9635664572.

**Housework help:** looking for a good ama with good references, good worker, and honest, for working 3 1/5 days a week, call Hema, Maitreyee 1: 9486308690.

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**

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EXHIBITIONS

**Matter and Light**

_exhibition of Art works_

12 August to 15 September 2018
at Unity Pavilion

open on all week days
from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration of Auroville, the Unity Pavilion is organizing an exhibition of art works by two well-known artists - **Kratu** from Auroville and **Usha Patel** from the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry - to support the action for Auroville’s missing land.

As you may be aware, **Kratu**’s ceramic creations are unique in texture and artistic quality and he has been an integral presence in Auroville’s art scenario. This exhibition features some of his exquisite creations.

The late **Usha Patel** was one of the Ashram artists whose creativity was nurtured directly by the Mother. Many of her works were seen and blessed by the Mother and some were even named by her.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

This is a beautiful way to support the purchase of Auroville’s still-missing land!

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REMEMBER:

The World Records Biennale Foundation Presents

**INSPIRATION TO INSPIRE**

A World Records Photograph Exhibition

Until the 22nd of August 2018
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
Daily Timings:
9am to 12:30 and 2 to 5:30 pm

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**BHARAT NIVAS**

PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE
Bharat Nivas presents

At Kalakendra Art Gallery

1. "The Dawn of Auroville"
   Ongoing Photo Exhibition
   on the early days of Auroville with rare historical images
   and texts by The Mother.
   _Opening hours: 9 to 4:30 pm. Sundays closed._
   Ongoing until end September 2018.

2. Sharing of experiences
   Weekly Sessions Tuesday 4:30pm
   by early pioneers of Auroville and Friends of Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

3. Visual and interdisciplinary Art Journey
   _By Thea Friedman_
   14 to 21st August 2018 - 10 am to 4pm. Sunday open
   Thea will share her work through her journey about her Visual and interdisciplinary Art.
   Fridman’s work from the last four years focuses on the possible connections between ideas and materials, as well as between the personal and the human condition.
   Interested artists can interact with her.
   For more details
   write to: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
   All are welcome.

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**Savitri Bhavan**

Exhibitions - August 2018
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

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Cultural Events

Meditation with the Peace Bell
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
22 August, Wednesday, 5.00 to 5.45 pm

If you want peace upon earth,
first establish peace in your heart.
The Mother

For when the Peace is established, this higher or Divine force from above can descend and work in us. Sri Aurobindo

All are welcome to join the Peace Bell ringing!

CREEVA
Centre for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA)

Collective Creations
at CREEVA Open Studio, Kalakendra.
Every Third Saturday, 10am to 12pm

Drawing Experiment
with Audrey at CREEVA Creativity Studio
Aug.24 / 25 Times 9:30am-12:30 and 2-5pm
We will explore the basic forms of drawing and painting and become aware of what our body enjoys.
Please register in advance at audrey@auroville.org.in

Photography session restarting
How to build a Photographic Project
Think photography differently with Marco
Every Wednesday, 10am to 12pm
At the Atelier, Creativity Community
In this workshop, we will go beyond the single beautiful photo. We'd rather tell stories with good images. The ability to shoot good pictures is today within reach of everybody, and the quality of the images produced is no longer because of the skills of the photographer but because of the technological progress. So, what and how to photograph to distinguish himself in the millions of images shot every day in the world? How can we develop a project that makes us feel authors and not just images producers? Bring your previous works and any image capturing device. Guests’ Contribution is Rs. 200/- and for volunteers is Rs. 100/-.
aurovilians and newcomers are welcome to donate. Call Marco on 0413 2623188 for more information.

KALABHUMI goes Live!
1st Year Anniversary
SUMMER VIBES WITH LOCAL AV BANDS
Dhani Muniz Band / Eddie Jazz Trio / All Stars Blues Band / Soul Cypher
FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY PROMINENT INDIAN ROCK BANDS
Grey Shack / Thermal And A Quarter
Food stalls with beverages, refreshments, pizza and cakes
Fundraiser for music studio with lots of good vibes but... no alcohol please!
Organized by Kalabhumi Studio Collective
In case of rain the event will be scaled down in order to happen inside the Kalabhumi music studio, with limited audience capacity.

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE

Puja is offering a 10 - Day Intensive Beginner’s Course in Hindi from 20th August. MON - FRI, 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM. Word Game for Vocabulary, Puzzle with Hindi grammar and picture quiz, Translation and action games, Mediatheque, Tongue and sound exercises to correct pronunciation, Understanding Devanagari Script, Video Comprehension on sound, pronunciation and conversation.

Jack will be offering Beginners English Writing Class from 27th of August, Mon-Wed-Fri, 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM. Brush up on your writing skills in English! Useful for all levels. Good for formal and informal writing. This class teaches the basics.

Annabel will also start Spanish Beginners Class from 3rd September. People who are interested please register. Mon and Wed, 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

Registration for New French Beginners class will be starting this week. Annabel would be offering French Beginner’s Course, starting on 5th September. Tue and Thu 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM.

Puja would also like to offer Bengali Classes for Beginners from second week of September, interested people please do register.

Puja continues with her Hindi Intermediate Class on Mon and Wed 04:00 PM to 05:00 PM.

Asha continues with her Beginners English Class from 04:00 PM to 05:00 PM Tue and Thu.

Asha continues with her Intermediate English Class from 04:00 PM to 05:00 PM Mon and Wed.

Pierro continues with his Italian Beginners Class from 05:00 PM to 06:00 PM from Mon and Wed.

Puja continues with English Conversation classes on Tue, Thu and Fri from 04:00 PM to 05:00 Pm.

Schedules

Creeva

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We are urgently looking for people coming back to Auroville from GERMANY, who are willing to bring back some Tomatis headphones and other equipment. None of the equipment is heavy. So, if you are coming from Germany in the next month or two or know of someone who is, please let us know urgently. We need something to be brought back from Spain as well.

The Language Lab is looking for people (Aurovillans and New Comers) who can give their full commitment and selves to develop programs in different Languages and participate in all aspects of the Lab. Spanish, French, German and Italian Teachers are welcome. We also welcome Long-term volunteers who would like to work on different ongoing projects of the Lab.

For more information, timings and dates, and registration, please contact the Language Lab. You can also register through email as well as online here: http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.org/

Places will also open out for the Tomatis programs in August.

**NEW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - August 2018**

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New students are requested to fill out the form and register BEFORE attending any classes.

We have excellent university-level video and audio study materials and software in our Mediateque, which enable self-study in various languages.

**The Language Lab is open**

**Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9am to 12pm.**

**Location:** International Zone, beyond the Unity Pavilion and Pump House.

**AT VÉRITÉ**

Please contact Vérité to register for the following intensive:

**Intensive**

- Beginers 4 to 5pm
- Mon and Wed

**The Rasa of Shringara (Love & Beauty):**

An Integral Dance session with Divyanshi Saturday 25 August 2018 - 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

- at Vérité Hall

Experience a way of self-expression and dance movement that uses:
- emotions and feeling - to tune in to the deeper rasa of lyrics
- art - to energetically tune in to the music’s imagery
- Mind - to observe and organize
- Body - to express

The rasa of shringara - i.e. the essence of love, union and beauty, will be the soul of the workshop. It will include a brief warm-up, space for expression through art, a short choreography and some space for you to use this new method to choreograph a few lines by yourself. We will use a Rajasthani folk song as a base to choreograph. Translations in English will be provided.

**Brief bio:**

Divyanshi is a dancer and a sadhak of Integral Yoga, who explores the marriage of the inner and outer, the structure and flow, through dance.

**AT QUIET**

Quiet Healing Center, Auroville 605 104, TN, India

**KAHUNA BASIC with Sang & Claudia**

**A 6-day residential massage retreat**

**Dates:** Monday 3 till Saturday 8 September

Bookings: Quiet Healing Center (0413-2622329 - 9488084966)

Welcome to the KaHuna Basic, the ancient Hawaiian healing art for mind, body and spirit! This Hawaiian massage technique focuses on using hands and arms as an instrument of the heart.

We will learn and explore the body through yoga exercises, beautiful meditations, Hawaiian dance-movement, Huna philosophy, and lots of KaHuna massages. Healthy vegetarian food and snacks will be served throughout the retreat.

Retreat starts on 3 September at 9 am with a welcoming ceremony. For the welcoming ceremony, please bring a song to sing for the rest of the group. Retreat ends on 8 September at 6 pm. This retreat is residential with shared accommodation.

**What to bring?**

- Clothes, towels and bed sheets for one-week personal use
- 2 single sheets (to cover the massage table with)
- 2 small towels (for the headpiece)
- 2 sarongs/lungis (to cover the body)
- 2 single sheets (to cover the massage table with)
- 2 sarongs/lungis (to cover the body)
- Clothes for massage (tight singlets, lose pants)
- Swim suit

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

- Joy Activities: www.joyauroville.org/
- Holistic: www.auroville-holistic.com/
- Pittanga: www.auroville.org/contents/3185
- Savitri Bhavan: www.savitribhavan.org
- Language Lab: www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/courses.php
- Auromode Yoga Space: www.auromodeyoga.space
- Vérité: www.verity.in
- Arka Wellness Centre: www.auroville.org/contents/2886
- Quiet: http://quiethealingcenter.info/

**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**

- **NEW! Piano classes:** available from 15th of September onwards with Hartmut (under the umbrella of SAILER). For children and adults. Classic, Jazz and the Art of Improvisation. A regular access to a private or public piano, keyboard or synthesizer is required for the student. Please write to: Hartmut von Lieres at vonlieres@gmx.de. Warmly, Hartmut.
**Inner-Work Workshop**

Introduction to the integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
21st August (Tuesday) - at Savitri Bhavan, 9 am to 12 noon
(For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)

**Focus this week on: 'Practice - the Sunlit Path'**
- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises. Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922). No Registration required (except for groups). Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome.

For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit www.integralyoga-auroville.com.

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**MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

For your kind attention! The people of Auroville who wish to attain a deeper insight into effective Management and Leadership acumen, there will be a course presented for all persons from Commercial Units and Services within Auroville who Manage, Supervise, Delegate any duties and responsibilities as well as share expertise to co-workers within their environment. The course focuses on the understanding of Management & Leadership as well as the correlation between the core functions, duties and responsibilities of each, in any working environment and within the Auroville community.

Classes can be booked as per your Unit’s and/or your personal requirements. The classes will be presented by Management Professionals with both Local and International experience.

**Date:** August 22, 23 & 24, 2018
**Duration:** 3-day course (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, each week on a regular basis).
**Time:** 09:00 to 12:00 hrs
**Venue:** Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Saaram Community, North of Matrimandir

**Target Audience:** Administrative staff, Supervisory staff, Support staff, Middle Management, Senior Management, Teachers, etc.

**Note:** We can accommodate 10 to 12 persons per session. Please ensure you book your seats in advance to avoid any disappointment.

The Training is offered free of cost. Training handouts will be provided. Voluntary contributions towards resources are welcome. Fee free to make any contributions to Ilaignarkal community account 2367.

For further details and bookings, kindly contact 0413 2623773 / tamil@auroville.org.in

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**CREATIVE WRITING PLAYGROUND!**

Do you want to write a story just for the fun of it but you don’t know how to start? Do you feel you have “something to write” inside of you but you do not know what it is and how to put it on the page? Do you want to learn to write creatively for the sheer fun of it? Then participate to the Creative Writing Playground on the 24/25/26 of August, from 4 to 6pm.

You will play with some technique to create a short story (or poetry or monologue or dialogue or…) just for the sheer fun of it! And at the same time you will free yourself from whatever hinders the flow of your creativity.

No experience is required, indeed!
What you really need just is a pen and a notebook.
Let’s have fun been creative together!

nb: this playground is not intended to give you professional tools on writing, but tools you can use to free your creativity from blockages and gain trust in your own creative inner world.

please contact: avmycreativewriting@gmail.com
free for Aurovilians and New Comers. reduced donations for volunteers and Indian students

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**Awareness Through the Body (ATB)**

ATB1: A two-day introductory workshop with Amir & Lison 25th & 26th August (Saturday & Sunday) 9am-5pm daily.

ATB hall, Transition school

“We are not only what we know of ourselves but an immense more which we do not know: Our momentary personality is only a bubble on the ocean of our existence.” Sri Aurobindo

ATB is a method developed in Auroville since 1992 by the work of Aloka Marti and Joan Sala. Inspired by the integral Yoga, they created and implemented a unique eclectic practice. ATB includes elements of Dance, Hatha Yoga, Taoism, Martial Arts, Physiotherapy, Shiatsu, Relaxation and Breathing Techniques. ATB offers a space and a tool to increase and cultivate our capacity to be present...

For more see, http://awarenessthroughthebody.com/

Sign up by mail to: connect@atbwithamir.com

WhatsApp (+91)9751257709

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**Bamboo Furniture Workshop 29th - 31st August 2018**

Bamboo grows all around the world and is abundant across Southeast Asia. It is the most sustainable material in the world; also it is affordable, easy to work with and has a very low carbon footprint. Over the years the Auroville Bamboo Centre has aimed at teaching participants how to become experts at working with Bamboo. We offer basic trainings for beginners and offer advanced courses for professionals and enthusiasts working with Bamboo. Students have built bridges, storerooms, showrooms, workshops, houses, public toilets, domes and many fancy structures using a variety of techniques which integrate bamboo, steel, jute, lime, and earth as their primary components.

**OBJECTIVES**
- Learning about Bamboo & its Application
- Learn how to use bamboo as a material
- Learning the Tools and Techniques
- Interacting with Technicians and Faculties for Problem Solving
- Learn and work with people all over the world
- Learning to work and design with Bamboo
- Complete Hands On Experience
- Learning to Make your own Furniture

**BENEFITS**
Students will receive knowledge and skills as well as awareness of and practice in utilizing technologies that use bamboo, possibly in combination with other materials, and that help to conserve the environment. Also, they will learn to become expert craftsmen, confident in manifesting your design and ideas using bamboo as a material.

Come and learn to make any kind of furniture with bamboo!! Do it yourself, with hands-on training with our trained technicians and faculties.

**Timing:** 9am to 6pm. Lunch will be inclusive with the programme. (Special Discounts for Aurovillians / Newcomers and also to Long Term Volunteers), Contact: Call us on 0413- 2623806 / 9619996080 or email at bamboocentre@auroville.org.in. For more details visit aurovillebamboocentre.org

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**VIP - a Volunteer Introduction Program**

A 4-day discovery journey in Auroville
23rd, 24th and 27th, 28th August
- 8.30 am - 4:30 pm
for long term volunteers and interns

This program of 4 days is a concentrated experience of the outstanding diversity of Auroville ground realities; we’ll explore Auroville history, bio-region life, spiritual insights, environmental projects, educational activities, and much more.

On Saturday 25th evening we would like to organize a potluck to have a sharing moment.

You will visit projects on site and meet dedicated Aurovilians, eat together, and have some fun too.

This program is designed for long term Volunteers but we do hope some space for guest that wish to join the full program.

For more information please write to study@auroville.org.in

The Savi Team
(Boomi, Sara, Saranya, Pranshula, Manojkumar and Shivkumar)
**Films**

**Last Minute:**

The FRENCH PAVILION presents

"The Intelligence of Trees"

A documentary film

Saturday 18th August 2018 at 5pm
Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso
in French subtitles in English, duration: 120min

A forester in Germany, Peter Wohlleben, has observed that trees communicate with one another by lovingly caring for their offsprings, their elders and neighboring trees when they are sick. He wrote the bestseller "The Secret Life of Trees" (sold more than a million copies) that has amazed nature lovers. His claims have been confirmed by scientists, Suzanne Simard, at the University of British Columbia in Canada. This documentary shows the meticulous and fascinating work of the scientists, necessary to the understanding of the interactions between the trees as well as the consequences of this discovery.

This knowledge will change your outlook on living things, trees and forests.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 75min.

**EVOLUTION FAST FORWARD, Part 3 - PARTS OF THE BEING & PLANES OF CONSCIOUSNESS** - as mapped by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

This film shares knowledge about the objective and subjective views of our existence and shows that two systems are simultaneously active in the organization of the being and its parts: a vertical system spanning above and below and a concentric system. In these two systems the Physical, the Vital and the Mind each work in their own way. In the Physical there is an automatic intelligence and organization by which the body-consciousness manages extremely complex operations to maintain itself in a health and dynamic equilibrium. The Vital, the life-force, is by nature fluid and dynamic and transforms matter into living substance. Our breath and heartbeat are the most tangible physical rhythms of the vital energy animating the body. Mind works in many ways with our cognition and intelligence, including mental vision and will.

This film by Sopanam is a good educational tool for the Integral Yoga. It was produced with support from SAIIER and has been translated into seven languages.

**Friday 24 August** - 7.45 PM

A special film evening: RABINDRANAH TAGORE and Satyajit RAY with 2 short films

Satyajit Ray with his neo-realistic style of film making found a perfect ally in Tagore’s stories of ordinary folks. His series “Teen Kanya” are based on three short stories he wrote about a perfect ally in Tagore's stories of ordinary folks. His series “Teen Kanya” are based on three short stories he wrote about the poet laureate and were made for the youth. The first tale is about Ratan, an orphaned girl living in an isolated malaria-infested village. When a poet from the city becomes the village postmaster, a relationship blossoms between the two as he teaches Ratan how to read and write. Very moving and lovely. Original version in Bengali (1961) with English Subtitles - Duration: 42min

Indian - Monday 20 August, 8:00 pm:

- **RUKH** (Stance)
  India, 2017. Dir. Atanu Mukherjee w/ Manoj Bajpayee, Smita Tambe, Aradhagourav and others, 106mins, Drama-Mystery, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)
  Away from home in a boarding school, 18-year-old Dhruv is ignorant about the ongoing crisis in his family. His life takes an unexpected turn as he gets the news of his father’s death in a car accident. As he copes with the tragedy, hidden truths begin to unravel. Even as his mother Nandini struggles to shield him from the truth, Dhruv starts looking for answers. Was his father’s death an accident or a premeditated murder? The search leads to a series of unexpected revelations, as he discovers the shades of his father’s personality he had never seen before.

Potpourri - Tuesday 21 August, 8.00 pm:

- **EISENSTEIN IN GUANAJUATO**
  Netherland-Mexico-Belgium, 2016. Dir. Peter Greenaway, w/ Elmer Bäck, Luis Alberti and others, Biography-Comedy-Drama, 105mins, English-Spanish w/English subtitles, Rated:R
  Eisenstein traveled to Mexico in 1931 to consider a film privately funded by American pro-Communist sympathizers, headed by the American writer Upton Sinclair. Eisenstein's (homo) sensual Mexican experience appears to have been pivotal in his life and film career - a significant hinge between the early successes of Strike, Battleship Potemkin, and October, which made him a world renowned figure, and his hesitant career later career with Alexander Nevsy, Ivan the Terrible and The Boyar’s Plot.

Nature Series - Wednesday 22 August, 8:00 pm:

- **BLUE PLANET II: COASTS (EPISODE 6)**
  UK, 2017-18, BBC Series w/ David Attenborough, Documentary Series, 60mins, English, Rated:NR (G)
  At the coast, two worlds collide. Coasts is the story of how the Blue Planet's wildlife survives in this ever-changing world. It's a roller-coaster ride of heart-stopping action and epic drama, with characters from the beautiful to bizarre.

Favourites - Thursday 23 August, 8.00 pm:

- **THE SQUARE**
  Sweden-Germany-France-Denmark, 2017. Dir. Ruben Ostlund, w/ Claes Bang, Elisabeth Moss, Dominic West, Comedy-Drama, English-Swedish-Danish w/ English subtitles, 151 mins, Rated: R
  Christian is the respected curator of a contemporary art museum, a divorced but devoted father of two who drives an electric car and supports good causes. His next show is “The Square”, an installation which invites passersby to altruism, reminding them of their role as responsible fellow human beings. But sometimes, it is difficult to live up to your own ideals: Christian’s foolish response to the theft of his phone drags him into shameful situations. Meanwhile, the museum’s PR agency has created an unexpected campaign for “The Square”. The response is overblown and sends Christian, as well as the museum, into an existential crisis.
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 :)

**Deserts on the Move: Asia**

50 mins / 2017 / English / Directed by: Klaus Feichtenberger

According to estimates of the United Nations, more than 2.6 billion people in 110 countries are directly affected by progressive desertification. Deserts now cover more than a third of the entire surface of the earth, thus 65% of arable lands. More than three billion cattle, sheep and goats chomp their way through pastures faster than they can be regenerated. This program shows how desertification is changing the balance of the earth and affecting two continents in particular: Asia and Europe.

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

Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES**

**deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm**

The contents of *News & Notes* are a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

**How to submit material:** Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the *N&N* email address (below). Please try your best to submit your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready.

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is **absolute**

Any modifications of the submitted News items have to be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm.

We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays and Thursdays due to work pressure.

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

**Visiting hours:** On appointment only.

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KALABHUMI goes Live!

August 2018 Edition
Saturday 25/08/2018
Live Music Fair
From 4 pm to 11 pm at the
Kalabhumi Amphitheatre

1 Year Anniversary

SUMMER VIBES WITH LOCAL AV BANDS
Dhani Muniz Band / Eddie Jazz Trio /
All Stars Blues Band / Soul Cypher

FEATURING PERFORMANCES
BY PROMINENT INDIAN ROCK BANDS
Grey Shack / Thermal And A Quarter

Food stalls with beverages, refreshments, pizza and cakes
Fundraiser for music studio with lots of good vibes but... no alcohol please!
Organized by Kalabhum Studio Collective

In case of rain the event will be scaled down in order to happen inside the Kalabhum music studio, with limited audience capacity.