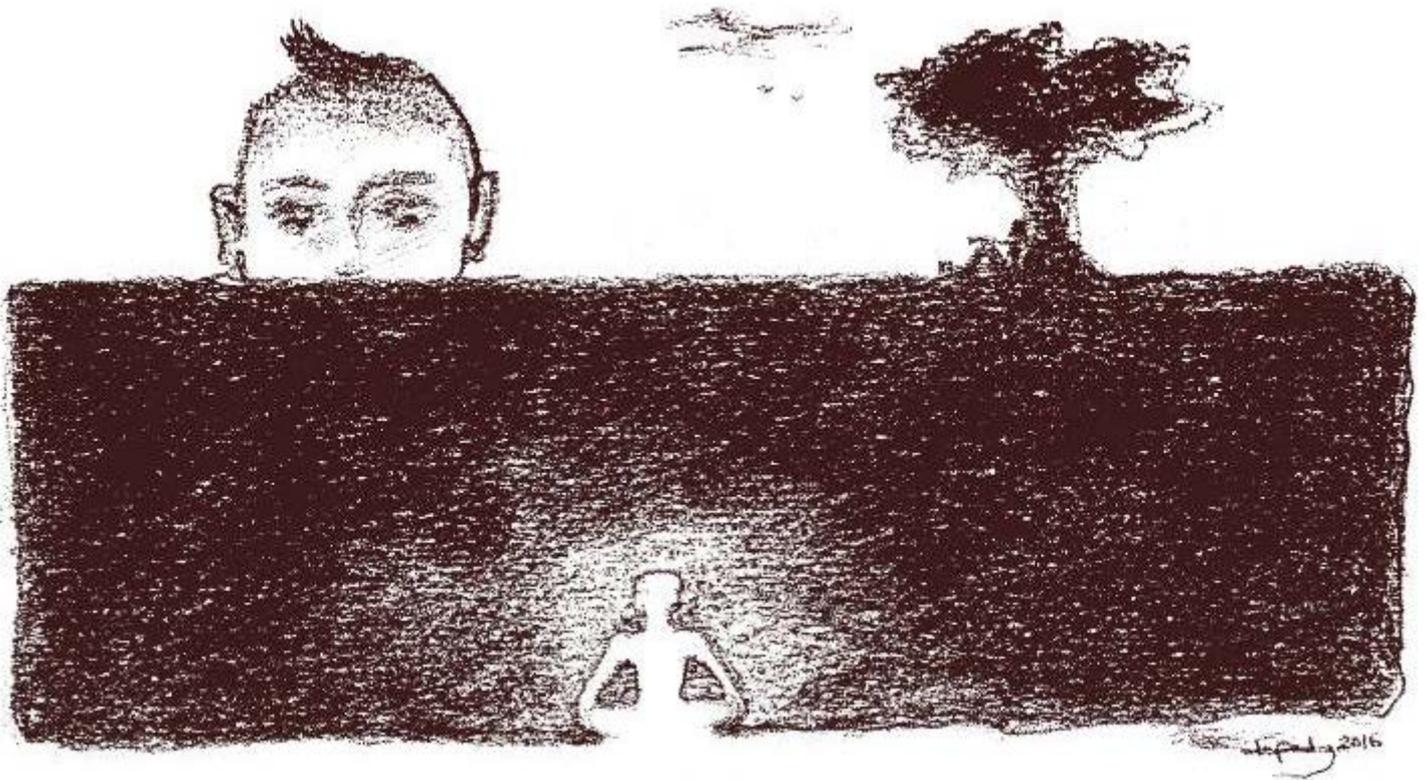


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

"Love is a supreme force which the Eternal Consciousness sent down from itself into an obscure and darkened world that it might bring back that world and its beings to the Divine. The material world in its darkness and ignorance had forgotten the Divine. Love came into the darkness; it awakened all that lay there asleep; it whispered, opening the ears that were sealed: 'There is something worth waking to, worth living for, and it is love!' And with the awakening to love there entered into the world the possibility of coming back to the Divine. The creation moves upward through love towards the Divine and in answer there leans downward to meet the creation the Divine Love and Grace."

Questions and Answers 1929 (2 June)

Where does love come from?

Where does love come from? From the Origin of the universe. Besides, I say that there. That's what I say. I say that love is a supreme force which the Eternal Consciousness has emanated in order to send it into the world. Love comes from that. (*Mother takes the Bulletin of August 1953 and reads a passage from "The Four Austerities and the Four Liberations".*) This answers the question:

"Love is, in its essence, the joy of identity: it finds its supreme expression in the bliss of union. Between the two there are all the phases of its universal manifestation."

First, it is the joy of identity. Something must be there already which can become conscious of the identity, and that precisely is love. Then comes the manifestation of love. And in its supreme form, that is, when it returns to its source crossing all the phases of its manifestation, it becomes the bliss of union. For the feeling of union comes as a consequence of the feeling of separation. The passage through the whole manifested universe gives the feeling of separation from the Origin; and the return to the Origin is the bliss of union, that is, the two things that were separated are united once again. And it is still Love; it is Love after the great circuit of the manifestation. When it returns to its Origin, it becomes the bliss of union. [...]

But "If you don't love me, I shall love you"?

That begins to be better! And what is better still is not to ask oneself whether one is loved or not, one should be absolutely indifferent to that. And that begins to be true love: one loves because one loves, not at all because one receives a response to one's love or because the other person loves you. All those conditions - that is not love. One loves because one cannot do otherwise but love. One loves because one loves. One doesn't care at all about what will happen; one is perfectly satisfied with the feeling of one's love. One loves because one loves.

All the rest is bargaining, it is not love.

And, moreover, one thing is certain: the moment one experiences true love, one doesn't even put the question any longer. It seems altogether childish and ridiculous and insignificant to ask this question. One has the complete plenitude of joy and realisation the moment one experiences true love and one doesn't at all need any kind of response. One is love, that's all. And one has the plenitude of the satisfaction of love. There is no need at all of any reciprocity.

I tell you, so long as there is this calculation in the mind or the feelings and sensations, so long as there is some calculation, more or less acknowledged, it is bargaining, it is not love. You can't manage to understand?.. I hope it will come one day!

All the rest is exactly what men have made of love. And besides it is not very pretty and leads to all kinds of things which are still less pretty, like jealousy, for instance, or envy, and in violent natures it goes as far as hatred. The small beginning is this: the need, when one loves, that what one loves or the person one loves should know that he is loved. But in the relation with the Divine: one loves the Divine but insists that the Divine should know that one loves Him! That's the beginning of the fall. One does not even think about the real thing. It doesn't even slightly touch the mind. One doesn't think: one loves, that's all. One loves and is in the plenitude of love and the intense joy of love, and then, that's all.

It is a long, long, long way to go from what men call "love" to true love - a long way. I am not even speaking here about all the repulsive forms it takes in the ordinary human consciousness; I am telling you about the best conditions, about love in its best form, even the most disinterested. I don't know, if you question human beings, I would like to know very much the percentage of those who don't even care for reciprocity. Simply that. Not those who say: "If you love me, I love you", that indeed is at the very bottom of the ladder, right at the bottom, almost in the pit. There is a still lower rung: "Love me and then I shall see if I love you." There you have to deal with altogether disgusting people. I am speaking only of the need of reciprocity: that is the first step of the descending scale.

However, you will understand this one day. You are still very young.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 26 August 1953

THE MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

If the central will is sincere, each recognition of a mistake can become a stepping-stone to a truer movement and a higher progress.

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Yoga, p.1509

Cover: "Gajananda Grows" - pencil sketch by *Drupad*.

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

Final Monthly Report of the former FAMC, October 2016

The former FAMC had its last meeting on 25 October 2016.

Former regular members: Anandi (Auroville Board of Services (ABS)), Angela (Working Committee (WCom)), Chali (Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research (SAIER)), David (Forest group), Matriprasad (Auroville Council (AVC)), Michael (Auroville Unity Fund (AVUF)), Rathinam (Budget Coordination Committee (BCC)), Sauro (L'avenir d'Auroville (L'avenir)), Ulli (Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC)) and Yuval (Housing Board (HB)). Temporarily out of station (TOS): Jeff (Farm group)

TRUST & UNIT TOPICS

ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, Miniature executive reappointment (after initial 2 year term) of Ambra. The other executives are Marco and Liliana.

The ABC recommended, and FAMC approved, creation of a new commercial unit, Sunrise Taxi, with executives Boobalan M. and Mohan J., under ABC Trust. The activity has been listed as a taxi service only.

During the discussion of the Sunrise Taxi application a lot of concern was expressed that this new unit should raise the bar on the quality and standard of Auroville taxi services. Therefore the FAMC has asked the ABC to create an Advisory Board, with some supervisory function, for the Auroville taxi services. The quality of service, and safety standards, need to be developed, implemented, upheld. *At the end of this reporting period the ABC had not yet responded.*

The FAMC made sure all the appropriate and usual documents for the Bharat Nivas Pavilion of India Trust appointment of two new trustees (Deepti T., and Sanjeev A.) were in order and formally approved. This was an instance in which the appointments had already been talked about by the Governing Board, approved by the Secretary's office, and sanctioned by the Working Committee. Usually, a Trust will seek the recommendation of trustee changes through the FAMC, and consequently the Working Committee first. The trustee resignation of Anu, with effect from 24 March 2015, has been approved by the FAMC and the Working Committee has been requested to forward this recommendation to the office of the Secretary.

The FAMC received a complaint concerning the situation at Imagination. A subgroup of the FAMC was formed to speak with the two managers Kathir and Harish about how to 'work things out'. Three proposals were to be presented to the managers which included that the third option is that if they can't agree on one of the other two, the unit will be closed. A subgroup of the ABC support group, along with the FAMC subgroup, have met with the managers. *FAMC await their report.*

FAMC met with the proposed Hospitality Trust trustees Cristina, Daniel, Louis C., and Susan to review the scope of the Trust. The focus was on: what are the conditions to be part of the Trust, and what will be the contribution. The trustees were requested to make a proposal outlining: a. what type of activity could be included; what type could not be included and; contribution guidelines. Also to consider, "Is a unit obliged to join, or is it a choice? If it's a choice why would unit executives choose it?" The proposal should be submitted to the FAMC for review. *At the end of this reporting period the proposal had not been received.*

Sometime in August Angela had taken up the task of finding a creative way to liquidate the remaining Memories from the Future of Light stock. In October Angela reported that some stock had already been purchased by Auroville units, and she was continuing to explore along these lines. Admittedly she is working away at the stock slowly. It was agreed that she should

continue. It was further agreed the unit needs to be formally closed. Amy volunteered to follow up with the Trust accountant. Finally, of the funds available in the Financial Service account (about Rs. 12 lakhs) it was agreed to split it 50/50 with half being provided to the BCC (City Services budget), and half to the Assisted Living Home project "Mahalakshmi Home" (Auroville Health Services/Manfred).

The ABC recommended creation of a new commercial unit, Italinfood, with executives Mr. Gianpietro Colla, and Mr. Giorgio Luciani, under Swagatam Trust. The activity has been listed as: *"To spread the culture and the art of the Italian cooking in India utilizing products made in Italy, consulting and training of a professional staff."* In mid-October FAMC wrote to Giorgio (Eco Teco Pools) with questions why the FAMC should approve the creation of this new unit, which has a similar business model to Ecoteco Pools, when the current unit's contributions are very low (considering the amount of profit) and claim expenses of up to Rs. 7 lakhs for travel and conveyance which the FAMC find 'questionable'. The members were understandably concerned that the new unit will operate in the same fashion and Auroville as a whole will not benefit. Soon thereafter FAMC received a reply from Giorgio. It was then agreed to ask the trustees to comment on Giorgio's response. *At the end of this reporting period the trustees had not yet responded.*

L'avenir d'Auroville wrote to FAMC about the unit, Conscious Living, being allocated an underutilized space for its growing activity. It was reported that the unit has taken an office space in Aurelec however needs a rather larger space for required expansion. It was agreed that SAIER, the Fraternity residents, the unit executives, and anyone else with a stake in the matter should meet all together around one table to talk about viable options in the Fraternity area. The space under immediate review is adjacent to the SAIER CRCP building and near Discovery Guest House. *This exploration is on-going.*

Concerning Swagatam Guest House, the Bharat Nivas Pavilion of India Trust trustees have requested an exception to submit the usual documentation, i.e. current executives' acceptance, required when adding a new executive (in this case two). The FAMC has asked the current executives for their input. One executive has responded. *At the end of this reporting period no further action had been taken.*

FAMC jointly with the Working Committee are reviewing Water Harvest (now closed), and Auroville Water Service (AWS). At present there are two main works of AWS: a. residential water connections and billing and; b. Government of India funded expansion of the network. FAMC, with the Working Committee, are exploring how best to ensure efficient and transparent management of the unit, including day to day responsibilities, and correct execution of the network expansion.

FINANCE TOPICS - nothing new this month

LAND TOPICS

The FAMC met with the Land Board (LB) once in October. A. FAMC requested the LB to review Felicity and Happiness on site and report back concerning the idea to develop certain parts, and the potential to exchange other, non-residential parts; B. The LB members are aware of the Northern greenbelt situation. They shared that private land owners are not approaching them. Of one that did, for example, the paperwork was not viable; C. The FAMC offered to prepare a joint statement concerning surveying Auroville lands in general. The LB said they would appreciate this to be done, and so it was; D. All agreed that the work of Green Acres should be done in collaboration with Acres for Auroville. All such activities should be coordinated by the LB. Any budgetary needs should be combined and existing resources shared as much as possible. FAMC informed those involved; E. A member of the Dairy group questioned the present boundary at Bamboo Research Centre (BRC). The LB reconfirmed from the survey report *"It is unclear how much of the 65/7 was given for*

stewardship but if the overall allotted was 5.38 then [BRC] is using about 49 cents more of 65/7 as per the above survey (From your 18 Nov map)". FAMC accepted this detail when it was initially reported. The FAMC decided it will not pursue it further at this time. Other: concerning sea erosion on Auroville land, a professional contact given by Mr. Chunkath, Dr. Nagendra Kumar from Chennai, will visit the area with Sauro and those concerned. *The Working Committee had taken up this matter directly with the Secretary, Mr. Chunkath.*

HOUSING TOPICS

The Housing Board (HB) requested the support of the FAMC to ask the Auromodele community (AMC) to cease requesting a 5% charge, for community infrastructure expenses, to new stewards. FAMC reviewed the details of income and expenditure from AMC and after considerable deliberations concluded: A. The AMC may want to review the practice; it is up to the people living in a particular place; the FAMC is not going to 'micromanage' different Auroville communities and how they meet some of their collective financial needs; B. FAMC do not support the Housing Board request to ask AMC to discontinue this practice; C. When someone decides to live in Auromodele Community, and has been informed of the infrastructure charges, they should uphold the implied agreement to make the contribution. *FAMC informed HB and AMC.*

It was asked of the FAMC: how can a contribution on a housing asset valued at Rs. 10 lakhs be the same as the contribution on a housing asset valued at Rs. 80 lakhs? Also, if someone moves from a housing asset valued at Rs. 20 lakhs into one valued at Rs. 60 lakhs, is an additional contribution requested? The FAMC has requested the HS to review the current practice and share with the FAMC their thoughts, comments, and perhaps even a new contribution proposal, if one should arise.

Helmut recently shared his ideas about housing asset evaluations. It was reported the HS has already started to explore, with Helmut, his proposal. FAMC has asked the HS to give a report on its findings.

The HS requested to discontinue contribution to the Repatriation Fund, for a time, which has a current balance around Rs. 30 lakhs. And request to use about Rs. 13 lakhs from the Fund to fix some "dilapidated huts" in Aspiration, to be used for Newcomers. The FAMC agreed the HS can use Rs. 13 lakhs to repair "huts" in Aspiration. FAMC did not agree to discontinue funding the fund. If the fund gets to be around Rs. 35 lakhs in future, then the HS is welcome to make another proposal.

OTHER TOPICS

The FAMC met with Mr. Chunkath, Secretary, Auroville Foundation, in mid-October. The conversation focused on the composition of the outgoing FAMC, what are the primary responsibilities, and how the Working Committee and the FAMC work together. Informally the FAMC stressed the importance of gaining permission to sell outlying Auroville lands. The new FAMC team will meet with him after the selection process 21 to 23 October. Mr. Chunkath mentioned that the FAMC may be taken out of the Auroville Foundation Rules (1997).

L'avenir d'Auroville requested feedback on the Serenity (formerly known as Maitreye 3) contractor agreement. After quite a lot of deliberation and review of Maitreye 1 and Maitreye 2 it was agreed: A. require the contractor to put 5% of the contract cost as a guarantee for one year after project completion; B. request L'avenir d'Auroville to conduct a thorough inspection, in collaboration with the project holders, upon project completion and issue a 'completion certificate' as is done with new school buildings. It was also suggested to L'avenir d'Auroville that this practice should be implemented on all housing projects.

Stefano, Samarpan, collaborating with Saravanan, Samuthira guest house, submitted an estimate of Rs. 1,68 lakhs to protect the land and assets that are being washed into the sea by creating a 'sea wall' with large rocks. It was agreed that this action may give us time to study the problem more in-depth

while saving some of the land and assets at imminent risk. The funds to be used are from an unspecified donation for land protection allocated to the Land Board. Soon thereafter it was reported the fisherman stopped the work. Talks with the local Panchayat were renewed. Vasu, at Repos, was also involved with talking to them. *At the end of this reporting period the work was still on hold.*

In response to the FAMC request, the ABC support group made a recommendation concerning future use of the place where a building in Fraternity is being demolished and has been under the care of Discovery executives Karna & Uma. ABC stated, "*Karna should make a plan of use for the Discovery space/infrastructure and approach the TDC for endorsement*". When asked previously, Karna & Uma proposed to use the space for Discovery guest house parking. The FAMC did not agree this was the best use of this location. Karna & Uma were informed of this. So, even though FAMC had already asked for a proposal, Karna & Uma were asked *again* to submit, this time, a detailed space-utilization proposal that would include an estimate, how specifically they will get the money to build, and when the project would be completed. They were also asked to clean up the area around Discovery guest house; the FAMC feel that they need to show they can maintain the assets currently under their care while proposing to create a new asset.

Tanto Far Beach at Sri Ma submitted a one year report, as per the agreement with the FAMC. The members observed that in general the agreement is being met, and the activity is contributing as expected. FAMC responded to executives Daniel, Sheril and Paulo with thanks and asked to be informed of any future development plans there.

The Dairy group in collaboration with Pour Tous Distribution Centre (PTDC) and supported by Foodlink wrote a funding project to the Project Coordination Group (PCG) and because the project is over Rs. 5 lakhs the PCG requested a note of support from the FAMC. The FAMC is in support of this project and informed the PCG.

The new FAMC team

On 23 October 2016, by an RA-approved selection process, nine new FAMC members emerged to serve the community in their individual capacities bringing knowledge, skills, and goodwill to the task at hand. They are: Amy (Sunyata), Bindu (Prarthna), Chali (Madhuca), Chandresh (Certitude), Lyle (Fraternity), Prabhu (Promesse), Stephanie (Discipline), Ulli (Fraternity), and Yuval (Utilite).

For now, the ongoing work is the writing of the guidelines using inputs from these work sessions as well as inputs from past studies/proposals. Within a few weeks we will be able to share a draft TOR document with the community.

Thanking you for your interest,
AVCouncil and Residents' Assembly Service

AVCouncil report from the month of August to beginning of November 2016

Dear friends,
Here is our quarterly report for the months of August, September and October 2016.

The Auroville Council is happy to welcome the 4 additional new members (Martin L., Enrica, Elisa and Mita D.) chosen by the 3-day Participatory Selection process held in October. We again take this moment to thank Sindhuja and Daniel for their valuable contribution and wish them the best for their future endeavors.

Note: The Auroville Council is requested to give a monthly report to the community as per the Participatory Working groups' proposal. However as there have been regular updates from us on a weekly basis on the subjects that we are dealing with, in order to avoid repetitions, we will publish a quarterly report.

Updates on on-going and new topics:

GROWTH

-Entry

While the new Entry policy is in the implementation phase, it has been voiced by several in the community that more clarity is needed on certain aspects of the application process, as well as more exploration on the role of mentors. A Mentor Pool Gathering was held on Nov 5th with more than 80 participants, who raised various concerns. A new Entry Task Group is being formed with members of AVCouncil and WCom to get clarity on the implementation process.

The new policy aims broadly at de-linking the process of welcoming new people into Auroville from material criteria such as permanent housing requirements and money; however, the questions of the impact this influx of people will have on Auroville's economy, how the existing organization of Auroville is going to respond to the new housing needs of those who come in have been rightly raised and need to be studied and solutions explored.

In response to a petition signed by 60 Aurovilians and received by the AVCouncil through the RAS, the AVCouncil decided to temporarily pause new applications and slow down the process until clarity is provided.

The areas of discussion presently are:

- Going through the policy and making practical adjustments wherever necessary
- Identifying the missing parameters (such as guidelines for feedback evaluation) and working towards their establishment
- Strengthening and supporting the Mentor Pool, including guidelines for mentors
- Putting in place a monitoring system for the new policy's implementation process and progress

It is essential to note that the role of this task group is not to re-assess the points of the policy that have been voted and agreed upon, but rather to fill in the gaps which may exist and to make sure that the process does not leave essential questions unanswered. This policy will be reviewed by the AVCouncil based on experience gained since the start of its implementation, i.e. July 1st 2016.

INFRASTRUCTURE

-Town Planning and Development

As the term of office for the TDC was due 24th of October, The Wcom and AV Council confirmed with the present ones their availability. We thank the interim TDC members (Jacqueline, Sauro, Toby, Cristo, Pino, Fabian, Divya, Tejaswini, Tom and Sheba) that have agreed to continue until a new team is selected in April 2017. Intensive work has been done to prepare the sounding board sessions (August, September and October). The subgroup is facilitated by Marc from the Av Council with a core group led by Mamata, Shama and Elvira.

-Sounding board Sessions

Work sessions were held on the 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th November.

Four groups - Environment, Socio Economy, Urban Planning-Galaxy Concept, Bio-region.

The outcome of the 4 sessions will be shared by the core group and the Council, to be published in the News & Notes. Drafting of the Terms of Reference (ToR), will include a series of feedback rounds integrating inputs from the community, working groups, and resource persons. By February 2017, a GM will be held to present the final draft, which after 2 weeks feedback period will be ratified by the RA decision process.

A selection process designed by RAS, study group, Wcom, Koodam and Av Council, will facilitate the formation of the new team by April 2017.

-NTDA

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee jointly with members of the NTDA Task Group are exploring ways for the Community to evaluate how Auroville can be protected from developments in contradiction to the Auroville Master Plan. An invitation will be sent to all Aurovilians interested in land protection to join for two or more workshops to elaborate the best way forward.

-Housing Service Mandate / restructuring

The Auroville Council is in the process of constituting a new sub-group with the aim to review the mandate for Housing Service and Housing Board and explore creative solutions for the future. Therefore the Council will cooperate with the already existing ARA group working on housing and all stakeholders connected to housing.

EDUCATION

-Auroville Learning Activities (ALA)

A meeting is being planned for 6th of December 2016. The focus of the meeting will be on the implementation of the ALA guidelines (i.e. the group that will hand hold the implementation, selection of members, their roles and responsibilities, tenure, priorities, etc.) There will also be an open discussion on the contribution policy. Marc is replacing Daniel as the AVC representative in the subgroup, composed by Guy (Quiet), Joster, Vikram, Dominique (SAVI) and Dhanya, and Daniel will continue as a resource person.

HEALTH

-Mental and Emotional Health Care

Seeing the need for a Mental and Emotional Health Care set up, Sandhya (Auroville Council) and Inge (WCom) are working on redrafting the mental health policy. Soon it will be published for community feedback.

PEACE & JUSTICE

-Appeal Process

The present sub-group of the AVCouncil (Elisa and Niva) has integrated the feedback given by the Community into the document, which was circulated. A general meeting is announced for the 9th of December and it will be followed by a final ratification process by the community. Please see the link: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/59896>

-Sexual Harassment

The Working Committee and the Auroville Council have posted the policy on the application, in Auroville of the Sexual Harassment Act. We invite the community to read it and give its feedback. See the link: www.auroville.org.in/article/59897

-Arbitration

Aspiration Sports Ground Issue: final decision by the 3 arbiters is expected in December.

GOVERNANCE / ORGANIZATION

-Temporary Feedback Review Committee (TFRC)

The Auroville Council would like again to thank the TFRC for having undertaken the challenging task / responsibility of screening all the feedback received on the candidates and participants for the 3 days Selection Process. This time all applicants were accepted.

The TFRC members are: Angad (Mantra Pottery), Krishna (Anusuya), Mauna (Grace), Meenakshi (Nursery), Pala (Invocation), Rakhal (Sukhavati), Surya (Surrender), with 3 reserves: Charu, Suzie and Marlenka.

The next selection process will be in March / April 2017 for the new TDC team.

ENVIRONMENT

-Mobility: the AVCouncil, along with the RAS, made a survey of questions related to mobility. The analysis of the same and the next steps will be published soon.

AVC Representatives in other working groups as of November 2016:

- Renuka in BCC (previously Daniel)

- Sundar in Housing Board (previously Renuka)

As usual we were called in and were assisting with several personal conflict situations/issues between Av residents and we were helped by the Koodam team to which we express our gratitude.

Other topics on our table and attention:

-Conflict resolution policy (with Koodam)

-Windarra implementation: Coming to an end (with WCom)

Warmly,

Renuka, Sundar, Matripasad, Sandhya and Marc - For the Auroville Council

Update from TDC Restructuring Project

The AVCouncil and the RAS are happy to give you some updates regarding the TDC Restructuring project:

Work continues towards developing a draft ToR (terms of reference) that will be a guideline for collaborative work of TDC/L'Avenir d'Auroville. Most recently four work sessions (also known as Sounding Boards) were held with the purpose of gathering inputs from community members involved in various areas of work. The work sessions were based on the following topics: Environment, Socio Economy, Urban planning + Galaxy Concept & Bio region. For each working session a series of case

studies were prepared to focus inputs and guidelines towards addressing current planning issues and challenges. Examples of case study topics included: Water Demand and Supply, Farms, Woodlands, Housing, Relations with the Bio-Region, Planning in the Industrial Zone, Planning in the International Zone etc.

For more detailed information including details of the work sessions, photos and output on flip charts, visit:

1. <https://goo.gl/5hDxqM> - Environment;
2. <https://goo.gl/LvK1M5> - Socio Economy;
3. <https://goo.gl/1n40QF> - Urban Planning & Galaxy Concept;
4. <https://goo.gl/8FZnZw> - Bio Region.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation for community workshop on land protection

To the Auroville community

Dear all,

The Working Committee and the Auroville Council have discussed the best way for the Community to evaluate how Auroville can be protected from developments in contradiction to the Auroville Master Plan.

Background

The Status Study Group (SSG), constituted by the former Working Committee to study all the known possibilities to protect the Auroville area, in their report in 2014 suggested a statutory / legal protection for the Auroville Master Plan area. (ref. document no. 1)

The SSG recommendations were debated in two general meetings in January and February 2014. Following those meetings, the TDC constituted the NTDA Task Force to elaborate a proposal based on the SSG recommendations. This NTDA Task Force has shared its findings with the community in a number of general meetings and through publications. Their latest report of October 2016 may be found here (ref. document no. 2) along with a set of questions and answers made by the NTDA Task Force. (ref. document no. 3)

The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Mr. M.V. Chunkath, has recently shared his views on some frequently asked questions on the NTDA proposal. (ref. document no. 4)

You may find the Auronet link to the above mentioned documents here: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/59998>

Invitation

The Working Committee, the Auroville Council and the TDC invite all members of the Residents' Assembly interested in land protection to join a series of workshops in order to get updated on the latest progress made, debate and decide on the need for a legal protection for Auroville land, and elaborate the way forward.

The workshops will take place on the mornings (9:00 am - 12.30) of Saturday December 10, Sunday December 11, 2016 and, if needed, on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at the Unity Pavilion. The Secretary and Under-Secretary of the Auroville Foundation will be invited to attend these workshops.

All residents of the Residents' Assembly who wish to participate in the workshops are requested to contact the Residents' Assembly Service directly.

All participants will be sent the source material by separate email, so that they can familiarize themselves with the issues.

All those who wish to submit an alternative (explored and workable) proposal are requested to send that to the RAS by Monday December 5. The RAS will take care that the proposal is shared with all participants prior to the 1st workshop. Please be prepared to present your proposal during the workshops when requested to do so.

Workshop outcome

The outcome of the workshops (decision on the way forward) will be shared with the community and it will be followed by a two-week period to allow for comments. In the absence of any substantiated comments, the outcome achieved during the workshops will be considered as having been accepted by the community.

If there are substantiated objections, these will be discussed in an additional half-day workshop and the outcome may be altered. Those raising the objections will be invited to join this workshop. The outcome of this additional workshop will be considered as final.

In case no decision can be reached in this additional workshop, the matter will be referred to the Residents' Assembly for a decision in accordance with the 2007 RA approved decision-making process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Working Committee, Auroville Council, TDC.

[All residents of the Residents' Assembly who wish to participate in the workshops are requested to contact the Residents' Assembly Service directly.]

Invitation for a General Meeting to interact with the Working Committee

We would like to invite the community to attend a general meeting on:

Tuesday November 29th at 4.30 pm at the Unity Pavilion to interact with the Working Committee.

The Working Committee

Invitation for a General Meeting on Appeal Process

Followed by an online RAD (Resident Assembly Decision Making).

When: Friday the 9th of December

What time: at 4 pm

Where: Unity Pavilion

The final draft of the appeal process is on Auronet, please see the link: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/59896>

The major change is that Housing Board's decisions have to be reviewed first by the FAMC as it relates to Auroville's assets and then the FAMC decision on the concerned issue will be appealable. Therefore, we removed the Housing Board from the working groups whose decisions can be appealed. The appeal process will be reviewed after one year.

After the GM presenting the process and hearing the remaining questions and concerns, there will be an online ratification process to the Appeal.

We are encouraging you to attend this meeting,
The AVCouncil and Residents' Assembly Service

ITDC presentation GM postponed till Tuesday 6th of December

Dear Community Members,

The ITDC members are extremely sorry to postpone the GM which was planned on Thursday 1st of December at 4 pm at Unity Pavilion. Sorry for the inconvenience if any. Please consider the following date as the valid one.

Invitation to a General Meeting

Topic: ITDC presentation on the projects eventually coming up in the near future

When: 4.00pm, Tuesday December 6th

Where: Unity Pavilion

The iTDC together with the RAS is in the process of preparing a series of General Information Meetings about various projects eventually coming up in the near future.

On Tuesday, December 6th (4.00 pm, Unity Pavilion) a first meeting will happen in which the iTDC will present the basic project information and project parameters as given in the site/building application.

This meeting is meant as a first step to invite the community to an informed participative process. It will be structured in a basic presentation on the various projects (approx. 60 min, given by the iTDC) and an open discussion on available and possible next steps.

While the iTDC imagines as subsequent steps that each project will be presented in more details by the team of project holders and architects (if already decided) the outcome of this first meeting might bring new ideas.

For this process to be effective please make an effort to attend the meeting.

RAS

The scope of Entry Task Group

Dear Community members,

The Working Committee and the Auroville Council have set up an Entry Task group constituted of Angela, Mandakini and Ranjith (Working Committee), Elisa, Enrica, and Sandhya (Auroville Council), Natasha (Resource person), Noel, Sindhuja (former Entry sub group) and B (Entry secretariat) to address the concerns of the implementation of the new Entry Policy.

The scope of Entry Task Group is 6-fold:

1. Take in feedback received from the community and address them for clarifications and/or adjustments in the implementation of the policy wherever needed / recommend changes in the policy to the Auroville Council.
2. Communication to the AVC, Working Committee and Entry Secretariat for coordination and communication to the community.
3. Bring clarity to the steps of the Entry Process and provide guidelines wherever necessary. The main parts identified as of now are: Mentors (guidelines on mentors' roles and responsibilities + training) / feedback form and processing / welcome talk (pre-registration, limited number of participants, Tamil language) / application form / announcements / Newcomer kit review / verification of information.
4. Follow up on the implementation of the new policy with the Entry secretariat.
5. Assess, the wider implications of the new policy such as on Housing, Education, Economy etc., and make recommendations to the Auroville Council.
6. Review the data of the previous applications made under the new Entry policy.

Sincerely, *The Auroville Council and Working Committee*

Pondy trips on Darshan days

Sri Aurobindo's Mahasamadhi (5 December 1950)

Introduction to an archival video: *"On 5th December 1950 at 1:26 a.m. he left his body and by morning the entire body was seen to be suffused with a golden-crimson hue, so fresh and so magnificent, lifting us from the pall of gloom to a mute*

wonder. This Supramental Light remained for five days at a stretch and many people witnessed the magnificent and unique phenomenon. A mortal body generally shows signs of decomposition within twenty-four hours, but for five days Sri Aurobindo's body remained intact with no signs of discoloration or decomposition. Gradually, on 9th December, the light began to fade, and in the evening the body was put in a rosewood box and laid to rest in the Ashram courtyard under the cool shade of the Service Tree."

This is the link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq-wloP-DjM

For those using Auroville's collective transport, the SAIER bus will leave from Matrimandir at 9 am, stop at the Solar Kitchen and follow the ordinary route, returning from Pondy (next to the Ashram Playground) at 12 am. No tokens are required.

This is not a commercial bus. The offer is limited to those wanting to have Darshan in Sri Aurobindo's room.

Paulette

Housing Service: apartments for transfer

- **Arati 3A - Kyung Nam** - available now - for family - 107 sqm - Two bedroom apartment on the first floor plus a studio/office on the ground floor. First floor: living, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, out-site sitting. Ground floor: studio suitable for therapist etc. Shared bathroom with other studios.
- **Luminosity - Nadja** - available now - for single - 78.36 sqm - Apartment on the second floor with living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. Front and rear passage

Auroville Housing Service Team

[Phone: (0413) 2622658 - Public Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9:30-12:30 - Monday and Friday 14:30-16:30 -

Wednesday: Closed (Housing Board in Session 9:30-12:30) -

housing@auroville.org.in]

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 26th Nov 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.

It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

• **Site Applications**

1. Edgar Iglesias Lopez & Andre Deplechin, Caretaker house, modify Uriel's room into a store room, bathroom and skate park modules on plot no. BO 10/1 & BO 9/6 for total site identified area 5.98 acres.

Project write up given by the project holder.

Project Title: Development and upgrading of the skate park.

Proposed Site Location: Skate park near Dana/Dehashakti.

Project Holder: Edgar Iglesias & Andre Deplechin (Auromix).

Architect: Eric Reboul (Auzolan).

Contact Persons: Edgar.

Description: Fix and develop the existing skate park infrastructure and activities.

Target Group: Skaters, Roller bladers, BMX & mountain bike cyclists and related activities for people of all ages within Auroville.

Background: In 2003 the skate park was built and initiated by a group of 7 teenagers and 3 adults. Due to lack of maintenance and supervision, the skate park has been misused and almost dysfunctional for the last few years. Edgar as one of the founders of the project, after returning to Auroville, will now continue to develop the skate park with the help of other members of the original team, together with new members and users.

Triggers: Seeing a place with great potential being misused and run down, still being used by motivated skaters.

Goals/Objectives: Contribute to create various sport facilities open to Aurovilians of all ages.

• **Building Applications**

1. Daniel Emdin, Guest room in Srma on the existing building on plot no PC195/2 for total build up area 20 sq.m.
2. Archana Kanniappan, Shanti, Change of roof (keet to Tiles) and extension on plot no IR 312/2 for 60 sq.m.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

- **Site applications:** No new SA
- **Building Application:** No new BA

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

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the AuroNet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

From the Entry Service - N&N No - 675 - dated 26.11.2016

Please note:

The Welcome Talks are now on hold. New applications will be accepted after clarifications between the newly formed Entry Task Group, Auroville Council and Working Committee. The people listed below have entered into the process previously and have fulfilled the necessary conditions to be announced as Newcomers.

The feedback process for the Newcomers is now **extended from two weeks to one month.**

More clarity on the implementation of the Entry Policy will be brought soon by the Working Committee, Auroville Council and RAS.

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED: (click [here](#) for AuroNet pictures)

Aleksandr SINEEV (Russian) staying at Swayam, working at Aureka

Anand RAJAN (Indian from Mudhaliarchavadi), staying and working at Pitchandikulam Forest

Arul KUMAR (Indian from Edayanchavady), staying at Douceur, working at To be Two

Fabiola IGLESIAS LOPEZ (Spanish), staying at Udhogam, teaching crafts to school students

Lison MOEGLE (French), staying at La Maison des Jeunes, working at Oli School

Marie-Pierre LACOMBE (Canadian), staying at Arka, working at Art Service (Film Festival)

Poungodai THIAGARAJAN aka Geetha (Indian from Puducherry), staying and working at Siddhartha Farm and Health Service

Rajalakshmi GOTHANDABANY (Indian from Pondicherry), staying and working at New Creation School as kitchen supervisor

Senthamarai RAMESH (Indian from Narayanapuram), staying at Acceptance, working at Annam Kitchen

Vasanth RAMACHANDRAN (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at La Ferme, working at Svaram

Vijayakumar JAYARAM (Indian from Alankuppam), staying at Shanti, working at Svaram

Vijayan DHANDAPANI (Indian from Edayanchavady), staying at Azhguboomi, working at Tanto Pizzeria

CHILD OF A NEWCOMER:

Vishal VIJAYAN (Indian), born on 24.05.2006, studying at Achariya, Pondicherry

Akshaya VIJAYAN (Indian), born on 01.03.2008, studying at Udavi School

Kishorekumar KUMAR (Indian), born on 17.08.2008, attending Aikiyam School

Padma SINGH LACOMBE (Canadian), born 05.02.2007, studying at Deepanam

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Michael GRANSITZKI (German), staying at Aurodam, working at Imago as an architect, and at SAIER as a constructions coordinator

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

Muralidharan ASVATHAMAN (Indian from Pondicherry), staying at Fraternity and studying at Manakula Vinayagar Institute of Technology, Pondicherry

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:

Christina ANDING (German)

Lesley BRANAGAN (Australian)

Swati MULUGU (Indian from Hyderabad)

Srinivas MULUGU (Indian from Hyderabad)

ASSOCIATES OF AUROVILLE:

Ponnusaru SUBRAMANIAN (Indian), associated with EcoPro

Thanuja MUMMIDI (Indian), associated with EcoPro

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

The following people will be confirmed as Aurovilians **ONLY after signing the B-Form**, which is the last step in order to be included in the Register of Residents of the Auroville Foundation

Devi PALAKODETI (Indian)

Savarigiri MOORTHY aka Dinagar (Indian)

Saoumya PICHAIKARAN (Indian)

Sophie PIVIN (French)

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Amy Josephine JOYNER (USA)

Archana MAHATO (Nepali)

Avigal LEMBERGER (Israeli)

Chandra DHANARASU (Indian from Ranganathapuram)

Emmanuel SCHMITT (French)

Gopal KRISHNAN (Indian from Kuilapalayam)

Govind RANJAN (Indian from Bihar)

Jayendra YAFAROVA (Indian from Puducherry)

Manonmani RAJAN aka Sangeetha (Indian from Kuilapalayam)

Muralidharan KRISHNARAJU (Indian from Edayanchavady)

Pathma SARAVANAN (Indian from Puducherry)

Priya THULASI (Indian from Edayanchavadi)

Ramakrishnan RADHAKRISHNAN (Indian from Mortandi)

Serena AURORA (British)

Sonia SILVA NOVAES (Brazilian)

Thirumal KANDASAMY (Indian from Moratandi)

Thulasingham NARAYANAMOORTHY (Indian from Alankuppam)

ERRATUM:

Due to a technical problem at the time of printing, some Newcomers announced in the **N&N No - 674 dated 19.11.2016** did not appear on the paper version of the News & Notes (*with our apologies from the News&Notes*). These names appeared correctly on the PDF version as well as on AuroNet:

Sri Devi VENKATESWARAN (Indian from Villipuram), staying and working at Maitreye 2 as a Caretaker, helping accounts at Housing Service

Umaramanan UMAPATHY (Indian from Edayanchavadi), staying and working at Pitchandikulam Forest

VaraLakshmi NATARAJAN (Indian from Kottakarai), staying at Sailam, working at Solar Kitchen

Vasanthan KUMARASWAMY (Indian from Puducherry), staying and working at Kottakarai Farm and at Maha Travels

The Entry Service is open to the public every day from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30 except on Tuesday morning (team meeting) and Sunday.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

At your service,
The Entry Service team

Tamil Nadu stares at water crisis as rain fails

An article

From the Times of India, November 16, 2016

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu is staring at one of its worst water crises. Going by data put out by the public works department, the [major irrigation reservoirs](#) in the state have a combined storage of only 15% of its total capacity, which continues to dwindle. The northeast monsoon has been deficient in most districts with the meteorological department recording a 66% deficiency.

The state had suffered a deficit rainfall during the [southwest monsoon](#) between June and September this year. "Both agriculture and water supply will be adversely affected given the present scenario," said a senior government official, seeking anonymity. For instance, Stanley reservoir in Mettur, the largest in terms of capacity in the state, has a current storage of 12.5tmcft as against its total capacity of 93.5tmcft. The situation was far better last year with a storage of 45tmcft, point out water managers. It is worse for the agriculture sector as only 95 cusecs of Cauvery water flowed into Mettur reservoir on Monday morning.

While Chennai banks on Veeranam tank in Cuddalore, which is the tail-end of the Cauvery basin, during a crisis year, the state relies on Cauvery bed for its nearly 130 combined water supply schemes. In what could worsen the crisis further, the water table of 16 districts dipped during October compared to the corresponding period last year, according to state ground and surface water resources data centre. The water table has fallen between 0.5m to 4m in most districts.

In Bhavanisagar dam in Erode district, which is next only to Mettur, the current storage is 3tmcft. The dam had a storage of 10tmcft during the same day last year. In the south, the storage in Manimuthar and Papanasam in Tirunelveli hovers between 4.5% and 5% of their total capacity. It is no different in Pechiparai and Perunchani in Kanyakumari whose storage is only 19% and 8% on Monday. Vaigai in Theni, which gets the feed from Mullaperiyar dam, continues to be abysmally low at 0.8%.

The few exceptions are the Parambikulam and Aliyar dams situated in Kerala, but whose water is used for irrigation in Tamil Nadu. Both hold nearly 30% of their total capacity," another official said. But, Mullaperiyar and Sholayar located in Kerala do not have adequate storage. So far, the realisation from the northeast monsoon has been 86mm so far, as against normal rainfall of 250mm for the season that began on October 1. Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Namakkal, Salem, Vellore, Karur and Chennai are the worst-affected with deficient rainfall. All these districts have a record deficiency of 80% and above.

Submitted by Tom

Award for the Auroville Earth Institute at Cop22

Lara DAVIS, Co-Director of the Auroville Earth Institute, was in Marrakech / Morocco for COP22, where she received the international "Low Carbon" award for the "Kaza Eco-Community Centre" at the "Green Building & City Solutions Awards 2016", given by "Construction 21". We built this community centre in the remote valley of Spiti with the assistance of local craftsmen, with rammed earth, selected CSEB, and AVEI techniques for earthquake resistance. This project also integrated solar lighting and a solar passive "trombe wall" system.

This project is the work of our entire team, and Lara played a major role to develop the rammed earth system and win the confidence of the local craftsmen.

Please see the following links:

www.construction21.org/france/static/videos-awards-2016.html for a short video introducing the project and, www.construction21.org/france/case-studies/h/kaza-eco-community-centre.html for the case study and the presentation of the project.

Lara gave also a presentation at a colloquium on Eco-construction and sustainable development and met with many people from various networks.

Satprem, Auroville Earth Institute

Spiritual Emerging from Material Researches

The upcoming Auroville Women's Health Assessment will be launched on 3rd of December. It is a survey consisting of 28 questions that will take about 10 minutes to complete. It focuses on the topics of health, maternity and safety of women in Auroville. There are three language versions - English, French and Tamil and it is entirely anonymous and 100% confidential. No names will be used at any time.

Our research is a basic systematic study. It relies on measurable, observable facts and describes what is being studied using the data collected. An analysis of our data will be done using a computer program, anthropological, sociological and nursing science.

The scientific method of researching a question could be described as one of the past. We can take advantage of it as we walk the bridge to the future. From the Auroville Charter:

- Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations.
- Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual researches for a living embodiment of an actual human unity.

We hope the data collected will help spark new initiatives, which will accurately support women in Auroville.

If you would like to help by distributing the surveys in the first two weeks of December, please contact Paula (75986 11950, paulamurphy@auroville.org.in).

Freeland Bookshop

Dear All,

A gentle reminder to all those interested people. We, in Freeland Bookshop, now have new as well as old publications from Maggi Lidchi-Grassi.

In French:

-*Seconde guerre mondiale: Sri Aurobindo et Mère Face aux Forces Noires (The Light that Shone into the Dark Abyss)*
-*La Grande Guerre du Kurukshetra*

In English:

-*The Great Golden Sacrifice of the Mahabharata*
-*The Battle of Kurukshetra*
-*The Legs of the Tortoise - Mahabharata Part2*
-*The Great Golden Sacrifice - Mahabharata Part3*

In Italian:

-*Lui e Lei. La Loro Guerra di Luce*
-*Mahabharata (Vol 2) Le Zampe della Tartaruga*
-*Mahabharata Il Sacrificio d Oro / Terzo Volume*

Also from Sabda:

-*La Signification Spirituelle des Fleurs* (reprint) - was out of stock since long (a set of two books in French)

Warmly,

Team of Freeland Bookshop

POSTINGS

Energy Access Issues

Auroville Consulting is working on improving the energy access in rural areas of India. The solar village project by Auroville Consulting aims at addressing these issues in the state of Tamil Nadu. This is an attempt to make investment into a solar village project attractive for companies and corporate. If you have some suggestions or queries regarding the project then please contact us at: martin@aurovilleconsulting.com or info@aurovilleconsulting.com - Thanks & Regards, *Iram (Auroville Consulting)*

A Reminder and Appeal to All Who Drive on the Auroville Roads

Last week a child was hit by a motorcycle while exiting the school bus. The motorcyclist was driving recklessly and on the wrong side of the road. Luckily the child was not hurt badly. Please remember that the school bus is carrying the children of Auroville. When the bus is stopped on the side of the road, there will be children entering or exiting the bus. When you see this please, slow down and watch carefully for the children. At this time, never pass the bus. *AV School Board*

AVAILABLE

DC bulbs

At Joy Guest House we have some DC bulbs available. If you need them come and check them out. From 8:30 to 12 from Monday to Friday. *Joy Team* :)

Cute Kitten

A female tiger-coloured kitten. I already have 3 cats, so I'd love to find her a new home. Anyone interested? *L'aura*: 9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com

Two Adorable Kittens

We are growing up and need to move into a new loving home! We are two beautiful energetic kittens. We grew up with loads of sibling play-time, mother's milk and showered with love by mama cat and our human caretakers since birth! We are potty trained and eat by ourselves. Come and see us and let us melt your hearts - then adopt us! Contact *Aurora 9443535087* or *Chandana 9626651380*

Garments Offer at To Be Two: 2/12

For those of you who do not know, To Be Two, a garment unit situated in Auromode, is offering garments with small defects and some older pieces for free to Aurovilians and Newcomers in our new showroom. Please come by on the 2nd of December, Friday anytime between 10 am - 4 pm. Love, *To Be Two Team* ☺

LOOKING FOR ...

A French teacher

I have the basic knowledge of French (A2). I am looking for someone who could help me improve my knowledge of French; preferably someone with prior experience of teaching. I wouldn't mind offering a contribution for the classes. One/two classes per week. *Praveen*: 9818451265/ praveen@gmail.com

Cameras for Aikiyam School

Aikiyam School is planning on starting a new "image" class combining nature and computer skills. The students will learn to really look at and appreciate nature's beauty by taking

Paola at Aseq Bookshop, Rome

Paola is currently touring Rome with her new book 'Savitri - La scoperta dell'Anima e la vittoria sulla Morte' ('Savitri - The finding of the Soul and the victory over Death') and after her talk at the Spazio Interiore centre on 22nd, she will present the book in the evening of Tuesday 29 November at Rome's ancient, famous and extraordinarily well equipped and attended [Libreria Aseq](#), at the Via del Sediari. *Paola*

Unity transport - A note

(UTS) Unity Transport regrets it is not possible to accept old notes of Rs 500/- and Rs 1000/- for payments of their bills - Regards, *m.krishnan (UTS)*

The Learning Book Club

I would like to start a book club for anyone passionate about education, to provide us with an informal opportunity to read, unwind, and have thought-provoking conversations on different schooling and un-schooling approaches over tea or coffee. Anyone interested in joining, please contact *Alicja*: (91672 31437 or pozioomex@gmail.com)

Mobile

Brand new pink kitty mobile with 2 lovely handbags. 2.0'' 1cm, Pure touch-screen; 1.3 Megapixel camera (with Flash), MP3/MP4 a player and download, Bluetooth, FM, MMS, GPRS, E-Map(for GPS), Web camera, Built-in multiple languages, GSM850/900/1800/1900 MHZ networks- Contact *Wu*: 78680 94798

Scooter with canopy

Second-hand scooter with a nice and cool canopy and helmets for one adult and 2 kids. Contact *Wu*: 78680 94798

Drone

Second-hand drone DJI with bag. Contact *Wu*: 78680 94798

Bike and Scooter

Bike: Avenger, 3 years, black, only 2000 km completed. Scooty: 3 years, purple, good condition. If any interest call *Kyung* 8940453961

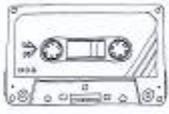
Various

Samsung Galaxy Alpha, 3 years, black with extra battery and charger - Table PC - Canon Printer (copy, scan, print), Numeric Stabilizer for PC, and other small appliances. If any interest call *Kyung* 8940453961

photos, and then go on to learn how to enhance the image with the Photoshop computer program. Twelve kids have already signed up for the class! However, to realize this project, we need 2 or three cameras. So, do you have a camera that you don't really need anymore because now you have a good mobile phone? Our students would really learn a lot if they could use it! Please feel free to call the office if you wish us to come and pick your camera.

Thanks for your help!

Aikiyam School Support Group -- Office number: 0413-2622-358



Tape machine

Hello everyone, I'm currently preparing a new sound installation for the exhibition "Up cycling". For that I'm looking for any type of machine able to read and / or to record audio tape. As for example a walkman, tape player, boom box, transistorized cassette etc. If you have any or know someone who has a tape recorder this would be just fantastic!! Roadworthy or not. Thank you for your help, *Chloé*: 9600880109 / chloe@auroville.org.in

Washing machine

Hello community, we at Ponyfarm are looking for a washing machine to share. If you have one in good condition to donate or pass on at a reasonable price please contact me: 7094787692. *Elide*

Someone coming from the Netherlands

Looking for someone coming from the Netherlands before the 30th of December and who could bring an envelope (een dunne brief) for me. *Tineke*: Tineke@auroville.org.in

Looking for Graphics Support

I'm looking for a graphics volunteer who could make me a few simple template flyers for my Nonviolent Communication and Restorative Circles work. Please contact *Laura*: 9442788016, laura.joyful@gmail.com

A used laptop

Hi, I am looking for a used laptop to buy for a friend! Please contact me on: luisegarbrecht@gmail.com or phone: 7868082567 - Thank you, *Lulu*

Some work

Our community gardener's sons are looking for jobs, you can contact them directly or us - *Lisbeth and JohnZ from Madhuca*

Santhosh (aged 25), with degrees in electrical engineering and some programming skills, is looking for a suitable job (has experience as a maintenance engineer and with TNEB and NLC). Contact: santhoshgiri9@gmail.com or lisbeth@auroville.org.in

T H A N K Y O U

Thanks to the Housing Process Going on

Thanks first of all to the Housing Service for a work on new projects moving forward, and to the ARA Support Group for its ideas, creativity and enthusiasm on achieving solutions for the new people coming and for the old Aurovillians who need them.

The work is on founding areas for Residential New Projects, Spaces for Free Developments that involve the Youth that shows the same energy than the people coming in the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Start a Housing Fund to avoid ownership, and build houses from an Auroville Fund and not from personal money.

Communication will be more fluid with the Community and it will be possible to read stories about "new ways" of building and also some old not to be missed.

The group have some goals to be achieved in one month, in 3 months... and the Final Solution for 2020!

Anandi (Realization)

Sathish (aged 23), with a Degree in Electrical engineering (BE EEE), is studying for his Java certification and is looking for an evening job (5 pm - 8 am) to be able to pay for the rest of his studies (reception, watchman, IT work/programming, electrical engineering). Contact: sathish@satg@gmail.com or johnz@auroville.org.in

Call for volunteers for Auroville Women's Health Assessment Survey

We're happy to announce that the first Auroville Women's Health Assessment Survey is kicking off soon! We are looking for eager volunteers to join us in distributing the surveys in the first two weeks of December. For more information, contact *Paula* (75986 11950, paulamurphy@auroville.org.in) or *Alicja* (91672 31437)

A potty

Looking for a potty ("the pee-pee thing") for our 2 daughters. If you have one, please contact by e-mail: amosck@gmail.com or call *Osnat*: 75399 56719

Some help with my studies

Hi, I am *Velmurugan*, an ex-student of N.E.S.S, New Era Secondary School. I am studying B.A English Language and Literature in Saradha Gangharan College, Puducherry. I have a subject called (SHE), Social History of England in which I need someone to help me from 1st December. Thank you for help. My contact number is: 84 89 19 50 10. *Submitted by Shanta (Auromodel)*

Everything

Dear community, we, two long term volunteers and two children, have recently moved into a new apartment. The place is great but completely empty! We are therefore in need for... everything (kitchen items, bed sheets, little oven, chairs, table, etc)! Any unwanted/unused item you might have in your house will be much needed to us. We are pro up cycling and very creative so we will also make use of any piece of wood, old tires, bamboo, metal scrap you might want to dispose of. Thank you in advance for your generosity! *Camilla, Sahra, Lola (4 years old), Sulliman (9 years old) - 7868812169*

Towards Perpetual Education

On Monday, 14.11.2016, 5 h to 7.15 h, during a meeting at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Educational Research, a group of twenty boy and girl students with their Indian facilitator and organizer *Aneeta*, expressed how they lived for one month an experimental adventure 'Ganga the Journey of Self Discovery' at the source of the Ganga in the Himalayas.

This experience was translated into a film taken during their whole excursion. Then everybody individually expressed orally and consciously an identical 'learning' note on a vibratory level full of joy about this inner progress.

A profound gratitude to this new and lively youth to have collectively expressed their experiences.

We hope that in the future of Auroville there will be plenty of collective communications concerning the education of a youth that never ages.

And a profound gratitude as well to the Sri Aurobindo Institute of Educational Research to have permitted and financially supported this inner development and opening to higher regions.

With lots of Love,
GangaLakshmi (House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan)

A P P E A L

Help us, help Auroville to recycle more and landfill less

WasteLess, Eco Service and the Upcycling Studio have partnered to fight trash through an efficient service, education and art. Over the years we have been working to reduce unnecessary waste, but also ensure that most of the waste we generate can get recycled. Source separation of waste in our communities increases the chance for this waste to get recycled. In order for this to happen, people need to know which waste item goes into which bin. In this light, we've developed a series of waste bin stickers and have been experimenting with various printing methods and materials. Until now we've relied on digital printing with commercial substrates. These materials and printing methods are designed for shops and marketing purposes and not designed to last. We've done extensive research with the world's leading sticker

makers and found a material and printing method that is long lasting, weather resistant but needs an initial investment. We shall need to print in larger quantities and for that we want to appeal to the community to help us.

We need to raise Rs. 36,000 in order to print 3 of the most used sticker labels (paper, plastic and non-recyclable) in the minimum order quantity.

Please help us to test, improve and work towards improving our communities waste setup and eventually the amount of waste we need to bury in Auroville (because mixed waste has a higher chance of being landfilled!) Any amount is most welcome.

Please donate to FS account 252106 and if you want any more information, please do let us know.

Many thanks,

WasteLess, Eco Service and the Upcycling Studio - 948848371

A C C O M M O D A T I O N S A V A I L A B L E A N D N E E D E D

House-sitting 1

Hello! I have been living in Av for the past 3.5 yrs and have quite some house-sitting experience. I am looking for a place to house-sit from the mid of Dec to Feb. I am responsible and happy to take care of the garden. Kindly email or call me: harshidee.90@gmail.com / [9442192536](tel:9442192536). Thank you, love, Harishini"

House-sitting 2

Dear Aurovilians, we are *Deven and Shaalini* from Mumbai/Goa, looking for long-term Newcomer house-sitting from January 07, 2017 onwards. Am volunteering at Nandanam Kindergarten and our 9-year old daughter goes to Deepanam school. We will take good care of your home and garden. Please contact us: shaaloo@gmail.com / +91 8767019371 and deven@wikipaisa.com / +91 8898863351. Thank you :)

House-sitting 3

Here again another demand from a homeless Newcomer who is looking for a house to sit during the fully crazy high season...

more exactly from December 29 to January 3 and from January 17 to the end of March, it may be for a shorter period. I know, I'm a dreamer to hope finding something during this period but let's dream!! It can be a small room in your house or anything else. Thanks for your help, *Chloé*: 9600880109 / chloe@auroville.org.in

House-sitting 4

I am *Ivana*, Aurovilian, looking for house-sitting. I am an artist and I work at AV Art service. I am a humble person. I could take care of your garden and pets, if you have any. Even I could decorate your house! My mob.: 7094344154, e-mail: ivana@auroville.org.in

Looking for a place to stay

Two artist-brothers Theo and Ronald are looking urgently for a simple clean space or room, with bathroom + cooking facility for 2 months starting end of November. Please contact us +919677296426 or email: arangart@outlook.com - Submitted by CRIPA

T A X I S H A R I N G

November 29th: I will arrive at Chennai international airport on Tuesday 29.11 at 01.50 am - Anyone wishing to share a taxi from Chennai airport to Auroville - please contact me by email: sivanmegidish@yahoo.com - Thanks, *Sivan*

November 29th: Leaving Auroville at 5.00 pm to Chennai Airport. Please contact *Anandi*: anandizhang@gmail.com / phone: 8940285201

November 30th: From Chennai airport (arrival time 12.20 am - terminal 1) to Auroville. Contact: bettasalp@gmail.com or cel: 8524953770. *Elisabetta*

November 30th: *Gertraud Erhardt-Banerjee* arrives on 30.11.2016, 02.15 am, at Chennai airport with Emirates DK542 from Dubai. She would like to share a taxi to Auroville. Please contact: gertraud_erhardt@web.de

December 3rd: One person going to Chennai airport on the 3rd of December at 7 am - empty car back around 10 am. Please contact me if you can share either way. *Ally*: 7639318959 or ally@auroville.org.in

December 3rd: Looking to share a taxi to Chennai Airport, Dec 3rd, leaving Auroville at 6 pm. Please contact *Osnat*, osnatshifman@gmail.com or 75399 56719

December 5th: Leaving Auroville at 4 am to Chennai Airport. Arriving Chennai Airport 7 am. Share possible both ways. Please contact *Chloé*: 9600880109 / chloe@auroville.org.in

December 6th: Empty taxi returning from Chennai airport at approximately 10 am. Email: greg@auroville.org.in or call: 8903980942.

December 5/6th: A taxi will be leaving from Auroville to Chennai airport around 9 pm of Monday December 5th, to collect somebody arriving at 0.05 on Tuesday December 6th. The car will be empty on the way to the airport, and with one person and luggage on the way back to Auroville. Anybody willing to share any of the two ways, please contact *Manohar*, Ph: 9486416179 / manohar@auroville.org.in

December 8th: A friend of mine is arriving at Chennai International Airport on the 8th of December at 5:35 am in the morning. If someone is interested to share a taxi to or from the Airport around that time slot please let me know as soon as possible. Contact: Nishtha@auroville.org.in or phone: 8489887033. Thanks and best wishes, OM, *Nishtha*

December 17th: To Chennai airport, Dec 17 at 4am - From Chennai airport, Jan 4th at 4pm. Contact *Alicja* 0 91672 31437

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

At Mason & Co

Mason & Co are looking for someone to join our team on a part time basis with a view to moving to full time. We require someone with graphic design training and strong photography skills. Please only apply if you have actual training or extensive experience in these areas. Please call Jane on 8489197701 - www.facebook.com/masonchocolate/

AUROVILLE RADIO

Dear listeners,

Following is an update from AV radio with the recordings done this past week:

- With the help of Cristiano from RAS the [first CAT on Our City and Planning](#) was recorded
- Our volunteer Samira Bose is in Delhi currently and she has covered the [Contemporary Dance](#)
- Loretta reads [Savitri, B. II, C. VII, Part 3](#) and a sessions of [Mother's Q & A 18/4/56](#)
- Gangalakshmi selection in French [Selections par Gangalakshmi 102](#)
- Marlenka reads the Synthesis of Yoga by Sri Aurobindo - [Synthesis of Yoga Part 1 Ch. 1](#), and [Synthesis of Yoga: 4 Aids cont.](#)
- You might like to listen to [Tribute to Mose Allison](#) who passed away last Tuesday 15th of November.
- Out of our regular programs are also [Thursday's](#) and [Monday's](#) news



Wishing you a happy listening, and you are always welcome to pass by the AV radio office in the morning hours if you would like to take one of your favorite programs on a USB stick or if you would like to participate.

Yours, AV Radio Team (www.aurovilleradio.org)

EATING OUT

AuroAnnam

Winter is coming!! Come groove together this Sunday at AuroAnnam for a night of delicious Soup and Barbeque, Bonfire and Music as always, 7 pm onwards! - 9167766854 for direction. See You, AuroAnnam

Notes

Monsoon Verse

There was an old lady of Auroville,
Whom torrents of rain did with sorrow fill;
But she sighed, "I don't mind
If the sun doesn't shine,
'Cause I think any way
It tomorrow will."

Merry

Hallo the Consumer Society,
Are you the one
Too generous with your self,
Will you be so busy minded,
Speeding up the road,
And go about your way
Care too little to look this side or the other
And minding your own self?
Will you care a little?

Celestine 1/11/16

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every THURSDAY at sunset: 5.30 to 6.00 pm

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please **do not** use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

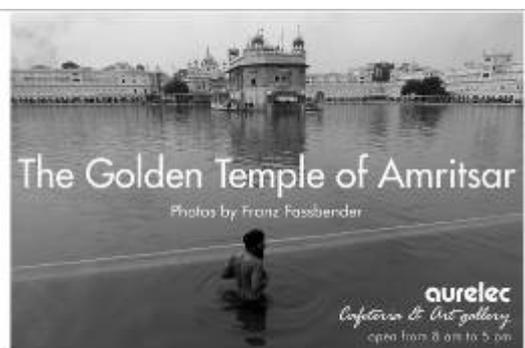
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm. Please be seated by 5.25 pm.

Thank you.
Amphitheatre Team

EXHIBITIONS

The Golden Temple of Amritsar
Photos by Franz Fassbender
Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery
Open from 8 am to 5 pm

The Golden Temple Amritsar India (Sri Harimandir Sahib Amritsar) is not only a central religious place of the Sikhs, but also a symbol of human brotherhood and equality. Everybody, irrespective of cast, creed or race can seek spiritual solace and religious fulfilment without any hindrance.



It also represents the distinct identity, glory and heritage of the Sikhs. To pen-down the philosophy, ideology, the inner and outer beauty, as well as the historical legacy of Sri Harimandir Sahib is a momentous task. It is a matter of experience rather than a of description.

As advised by Sri Guru Amar Dass Ji (3rd Sikh Guru), Sri Guru Ram Dass Ji (4th Sikh Guru) started the digging of Amrit Sarovar (Holy Tank) of Sri Harmandir Sahib in 1577 A.D., which was later on brick-lined by Sri Guru Arjan Dev Ji (5th Sikh Guru) on December 15, 1588 and He also started the construction of Sri Harimandir Sahib.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib (scripture of the Sikhs), after its compilation, was first installed at Sri Harimandir Sahib on August 16, 1604 A.D. A devout Sikh, Baba Budha Ji was appointed its first Head Priest.

The Golden Temple Amritsar India (Sri Harmandir Sahib Amritsar) has a unique Sikh architecture. Built at a level lower than the surrounding land level, The Gurudwara teaches the lesson of egalitarianism and humility. The four entrances of this holy shrine from all four directions, signify that people belonging to every walk of life are equally welcome.

TALKS, SEMINARS

Bhavishyate

Sri Aurobindo Centre of Studies...India and the World - Bharat Nivas

Perspectives of Integral Psychology and our Auroville Experience

Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother unfold perspectives of understanding ... in our individual growth and collective interaction.

We will meet every Friday in *Bhavishyate*, Bharat Nivas

On November 25, at 4 pm, we meet to share our lived experiences about "How to be more conscious?"

Next, we meet on December 2 at 4 pm to share our experiences as well as share insights on the 'principle of integration in integral psychology'.

The circle is open to new participants. Please join us.
To register please write to: Divyanshi at: Divyanshi.0222@gmail.com
Love, Aster

BHAVISHYATE - Sri Aurobindo Center of Studies - Bharat Nivas **INDIA: past, present and future challenges**



Next upcoming session-
29th November, Tuesday: 5 - 6:30 pm
By LEELA SAMSON

Topic - Subaltern History of Pre and Post Independence

The talk will be on the story of her father - Vice Admiral BA Samson who served in the Navy during the periods of transition from the Royal Indian Navy to the Indian Navy; and from World War II to the partition and beyond.

Leela Samson is a dancer, teacher, writer and choreographer of Bharatanatyam. She has been deeply influenced by the visionary Rukmini Devi Arundale, who founded Kalakshetra, the premier academy of arts in Chennai. She is well known for her dance choreographies and books - 'Rukmini Devi- a life' and 'Rhythm in Joy'.

These are informal dialogues/discussions and everyone is welcome to participate. Sessions are held at the new building behind the auditorium, first floor.

Those interested in further information or announcements for upcoming sessions, please send a mail to mona@auroville.org.in or cicbn@auroville.org.in

Living the Truth of Unity in the 21st Century

A talk on transformative potential

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday 26th November

At the Pitchandikulam EcoDorm

Organised by the *GEN-Auroville Team*

gen@auroville.org.in

INVITATIONS

Fundraising evening at Kailash Youth Residency

Dear All!!

We invite you to come to Kailash Youth Residency for a fundraising evening!
There will be yummy burgers (chicken and veg), live concert and karaoke!

On Friday 25th November from 7 pm on.

Several of our Aurovilian talented youth and eternal young will sing.

Join us and participate with the singing with Karaoke.

For 15 years we have painted and maintained the building ourselves,

and it was much needed to call in a crew of professionals to do it well and thoroughly.

We have had quite a few expenses over the past months, so we need your help to finance it.

We will ask you for a fixed contribution for the evening, and you are welcome to donate more if you wish so!

Please come and have a great evening with us!

Warmly expecting you,

The Kailashians

New Creation - 33 years of dedication

We invite all children and students with families and friends to the celebration
of our 33 years of dedication to the children of the surrounding village of Auroville.

On the 27th of November at 3 pm in New Creation (dining room)

This is an occasion to meet and look towards the future development of the school and boarding.

Please come and join in gratitude and joy.

Marie Babu, André

Future School Open House

Friday, the 2nd of December, there will be a Future School open house between 10 am and 1 pm.

There will be food, presentations, performances, T-shirts and just a whole lot of fun!

Please come and enjoy!

With lots of love, *Future School.*"

CAT - Create Auroville Together - is going on!

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

We invite individuals, initiatives, projects & groups to contact us and offer to share their knowledge and experience from their Inspirational Space.

Free yourself for the next CATs:

CAT 3 on Thursday 8th December 2016 on "The Auroville Charter" - a platform for Growth of the Spirit

CAT 4 on Monday 19th December 2016 on "?????" under construction - get a surprise !

CAT 5 on Monday 26th December 2016 on "A taste of infinite"!

Where: Unity Pavillion between 3:30 - 6:30 pm



CAT is a collaborative space to move together from a relative stagnant system to a culture that unleashes our creative energies. CAT is a springboard for the future and to let Auroville build us. CAT is a Space to respond with discernment, respect and in a spirit of collaboration instead of reacting to issues based on likes, dislikes and distrust.

Enjoy and contribute with your knowledge, skills and talents to draw the amazing canvas of Auroville in alignment with the Dream we all share.

Love,

Inge, Mita, Sandyra and volunteers from the CAT team

Visit us in our RAS office, Town Hall first floor - or phone us under 26223701 or write a mail to us : cats@auroville.org.in

All Auroville Christmas Celebration

Sunday, 25th December

Auroville Sports Resource Center and the Kids Café invite the children and adults of Auroville for a full day community event. Please come and offer your participation by playing friendly games and joining in culture and sports events.

Kindly suggest additions and improvements for the following tentative program:

- 7 to 8 am: Warm-up
- 8 to 9 am: Breakfast
- 9 to 12: - Friendly team matches in: Badminton, Table Tennis, Frisbee, Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball, Football, etc.
 - Individual events in gymnastics, athletics, etc. for children and adults
 - Cultural activities in dancing, singing, painting, etc.
- 12 to 2 pm: Lunch and Rest
- 2 to 6 pm: Continuation of morning events
- 6 pm: - Prices and awards to all participants
 - Christmas presents to all children by Santa Claus
- 7 pm: Evening performance? (Give us your suggestions)

This requires full community input by your personal presence, gifts in kind and funds.

Please help through Certitude Kids Café account 5163 or AVSRC account 251610

For Kids Café (Nadia /Frederick) and AVSRC (Luise/ Senthil/ Jothi/ Frederick)

CULTURAL EVENTS

The Auroville Theatre Group presents

ONCE UPON A RIVER

(a wet and wild comedy)

by Vinu Karthick

8:00 pm

November 24, 25, 26, 2016

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

"It is the eternal river story, but with a twist."

The Spirit of Tamil Village

Introduction to the wisdom of the Tamil village culture

Tamil Culture and Traditional Practices

"Lighting a new path"

Inviting you to carry a lamp of inspiration for greater celebration towards human unity as envisaged by the Mother.

Festival of lights during the Tamil month of Karthigai

Interaction session with Professor R.Meenakshi, Sri R. Veerasamy

And other seniors from Auromandalam (Auroville region)

Time: 4 pm to 6 pm

Date: 26th of November 2016

Venue: Mohanam Bioregion Cultural & Heritage Centre, Isaiambalam, (opposite of Imagination), Auroville

Contact: 0413 - 2623806 or mohanam@auroville.org.in

Opening the Gates to the Tamil Habitats

Next month Seminar: History of Puducherry and its region

Organized by MOHANAM - Bio-region Culture & Heritage Centre www.mohanam.org

Mime Performance in Deepanam School

Act - Work - Help

An exploration of Mime skills

By students of PEACE group

Also bonus: Performances by professional Mime Artists

At Deepanam School Amphitheatre

At 6:30 pm on 2nd December 2016 (Friday)

Integrity in All Spheres of Life *Revitalising the lustre of spiritual truth in all life.*

A series of 10 interactive sessions as an introductory exploration of 10 aspects of life
in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's words

"By spirituality we do not mean a remote metaphysical mind or the tendency to dream rather than to act... Spirituality is the attempt to know and live in the highest self, the divine, the all-embracing unity and to raise life in all its parts to the divinest possible values." - Sri Aurobindo

Offered by Divyanshi Chugh at Savitri Bhavan
Thursdays 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Integral Philosophy

November 24, 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm

What is the Integral Worldview and how it synthesises the Indian and Western thought, as well as the Indian tradition? What is Sri Aurobindo's concept of an on-going evolution of consciousness?

Integral Psychology

December 1, 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm

Why is knowledge of the Self at the heart of all knowledge?

Integral Economy

December 8, 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm

*What are the core principles of the new integral economy?
Key themes: The Goddess Provider, Work and Money*

Integral Poetry

December 15, 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm

What is the essence of mantric poetry? How can it be used as a tool for transformation?

Integral Sociology

December 22, 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm

*Social change through change in consciousness & change in consciousness through social change.
How has human society evolved?*

Integral Daily Living

December 29, 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm

Sharing insights from the everyday practice of Integral yoga and learning from peer.

Integral Vision of Human Unity

January 5, 2017, 5:30-7:00 pm

What is really 'unity in diversity'? Exploring the following characteristics of 'free grouping of a free humanity': Unity, freedom, living diversity and the common aim and ideal of human perfection.

Integral Beauty and Sustainability

January 12, 2017, 5:30-7:00 pm

How can the consciousness-centric view resolve the debate between beauty and sustainability?

Integral Education

January 19, 2017, 5:30-7:00 pm

Do we need to bring back the centrality of psychic education in integral education?

Integral Health and Healing

January 26, 2017, 5:30-7:00 pm

How is psychological health at the heart of all health? How can mental "illness" become a pathway to growth?

These themes will be explored in Satsangs from 5:30 pm till 7 pm every Thursday. A core hand-out based on Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's works will lay the ground for exploration. The aspiration is to touch the essence of different subjects of life when we place spirituality at their heart. Practitioners from different fields may be invited during different sessions to add to the conversation.

Youth, Newcomers, Guests & Aurovilians - Everyone is invited.



MOHANAM, Bio-region Culture & Heritage Centre Presents

The Spirit of Tamil Village a one day introduction to the wisdom of the Tamil Village Culture An Authentic Village Course

Date: 3rd December 2016

Venue: Mohanam Bioregion Cultural & Heritage Centre
Isaiambalam, (opposite of Imagination), Auroville

The spirit of Tamil village was developed by the Mohanam Cultural Centre in Sanjeevinagar to share the experience of village life with others. It brings both local and global culture together, building a connection between the villagers and those who visit. Come explore with us and celebrate our cultural heritage.

The aim of our village university is to give an insight to the village life and culture to people who are interested in local heritage and traditions from Tamil Nadu or, more generally, in understanding Indian village life.

If you were not born and grew up in an Indian village, it can be difficult to understand the village structure, religion, traditions and customs.

We want to introduce you gently and carefully to this experience through local people who grew up in the surrounding villages and who have a deep knowledge of local culture and we want to answer all of your questions.

9.30 - 10.15hrs Introduction. Group get to know each other. Program information.

10.15- 10.30hrs Tea Break

10.30- 12.30hrs Village Structure (where the temples are located, what direction they face and why, infrastructure, water system, main income in the village, introduction in all the institutions in the village)

12.30 - 13.30hrs Lunch at Mohanam

13.30- 15.30hrs Walk through the village, explaining what we have learned in the morning

15.30- 17hrs Religion in Tamil village

17hrs Pooja, Visiting one temple in Sanjeevinagar, taking part in the ceremonies

Conducted by: Dr.A.Chellaperumal, Professor & H.O.D, Department of Anthropology, Pondicherry University

Please register for the program in advance by contacting: 0413 - 2623806 - 2623394 or mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Festival of ideas

On the 3rd and 4th of December
at Kofi Bar (an Auroville unit)

DANCE | MIME | ACTING | FOOD | SKILLS
PHOTOGRAPHY | MOVIE | WORKSHOPS
DISCUSSIONS | TEAMS | KOFI BAR
QUIETITUDE | SKETCHING | PAINTING
MORE WORKSHOPS | MORE FOOD
POETRY | DISCJOKEYING | AUROVILLE

(In Kulilapalayam, adjacent to Yatra Nova Travel Agency) - <https://www.facebook.com/kofibar>

Submitted by Drupad - <http://drupadg.wixsite.com/blip>

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Acro Yoga workshop

Venue: Joy Community Guesthouse Hall

Date & time: Saturday 26th of November

Time: from 2 to 5:30 pm

Phone: (0413)2622584 / (0)9442328120 / Email:

joycommunity@auroville.org.in

This workshop is given by *Helena*, who is a certified teacher of Acro Yoga. This is a dynamic partner practice that blends the wisdom of Yoga, the dynamic power of acrobatic and the loving kindness of healing hearts. This practice cultivates trust, playfulness and community. At the end of the day we'll also do some therapeutics flying.

Schedule:

- 14:00 Solar Acro Yoga

- 16:00 Tea break

- 16.15 Lunar Acro Yoga

- 17.15 Closing Circle

Fixed contribution for guests, 50 % discount for under 30 (with ID proof) & long-term volunteers (with SAVI registration proof), free donation for AVs, NCs. Drop in the same day possible, but priority will be given to those who register in advance; thus you are advised to sign-up as soon as possible.

Love, Joy Community Team

Improvisational Dance Space

Now in Cripa, we are offering a drop-in improvisational dance group where we will collectively learn through movement exploration and composition. Through playing with time, space, attention and intention, we cultivate awareness of ourselves, others and our environment.

No previous experience. Contributions required for guests.

Thursdays: 2-4 pm

Contact: sumeet@auroville.org.in

New Pilates Classes In Arka Multi-Hall - by Teresa

(Starting from 29th November -2016)

Joseph Pilates presents his method as the art of controlled movements, which should look and feel like a workout (not a therapy) when properly manifested. If practiced with consistency, Pilates improves flexibility, builds strength and develops control and endurance in the entire body. It puts emphasis on alignment, breathing, and improving coordination and balance.

The core, consisting of the muscles of the abdomen, low back, and hips, is often called the "powerhouse" and is thought to be the key to a person's stability.

Tuesday -7:45 am Pilates - focus on developing the breath and the right use of the core

-10:00 am Pilates general

Wednesday -5:30 pm Pilates all levels

Thursday -7:45 am Pilates - focus on body alignment

-10:00 am Pilates all levels

Friday -5:30 pm-Pilates advance (only for students that already know the fundamental of Pilates)

Saturday -10:00 am - Pilates all levels

Contact: Teresa - 7867998952

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

29th November (Tuesday)

• Overview with multimedia presentation

• Questions and Answers

• Practice in Daily Life

• Complimentary Concentration Exercises

• Creative Arts, Interactive Games

• Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

• Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'Self-Realisation'

These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises.

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12 Noon (please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

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

Upcycling Puppets Workshop



UPcycling Studio presents:

"What's UP with the PUPpets?!"

A workshop to make your own and play with puppets in shadow Theatre and Paper Theatre (from 100% waste materials) For primary and Kindergarten teachers, specially Art & Theatre teachers. Thursday 1st December from 4pm to 5:30pm. Upcycling Studio (Udavi School) Contact: Clara or Gabriel, mail: bellonig@hotmail.com or call: 7094845425



Capoeira Workshop Series



Capoeira is a martial-art disguised behind a dance, a comedy hiding its purpose, a game of interactions between people, a musical litany rocking souls

and bodies, poems and ceremonies guiding each of us slide on the universal flow of movement. With it we learn to accept fall and stand up without resentment, we learn commitment and dedication to development of one's own knowledge and consciousness, we learn that life doesn't set us up as winner or loser but that we decide what we want to do of our life, we learn to adapt to each situation creating new solution flipping our minds to react adequately to a situation.

Ginga Sarova organizes a series of Capoeira workshops for those enthusiastic to discover the Brazilian art.

Come and join us for a journey through music, movements, celebration and games.

DECEMBER 3RD - 8.30 am to 12.30 pm

- Focus: Movements & music
- Venue: Deepanam, Auroville
- Level: Beginner / intermediate
- Age: 14 years old and above

DECEMBER 30TH - 8.30 am to 11.30 pm

- Focus: Music (Berimbau, Pandeiro, Atabaque & Bateria)
- Venue: Deepanam, Auroville
- Level: Beginner / intermediate
- Age: 14 years old and above

JANUARY 7TH - 8.30 am to 12.30 pm

- Focus: Movements & music
- Venue: Deepanam, Auroville
- Level: Beginner / intermediate
- Age: 14 years old and above

Contact: 9488328435 / info@ginga-saroba.com / www.ginga-saroba.com

NVC Deepening - Guilt & Shame



(For Intermediate NVC practitioners only)

What's behind the discomfort? Bringing understanding and compassion to our different parts and the choices we made in the past that we may regret now... Let's dive deeper... Let's practice...

- Dec 2 (Fri)
- 9.30 am-5 pm (with lunch break)

More info & register (and for venue info), contact L'aura:

joylivinglearning@gmail.com

Limited seats. Registration required. [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group



Hosted by L'aura and Hamsini
Dates: December 7, 14, 21, 28 (4 Wednesdays)

Time: 4.30-6.30 pm

Theme of the month: *Cultivating Gratitude (honouring the abundance in our lives)*

Advance registration and contribution required. We ask for full commitment (4 sessions) and prior NVC experience.

For more info and to register, contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016.

[Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Connection as Life Energy



Introduction to Nonviolent Communication with L'aura Joy, NVC Certified Trainer
Do you long for more joy, authenticity and depth when connecting with yourself and others?

Do you wonder what gets in the way of connecting and relating the way you truly want?

- Dec 10-11 (Sat-Sun)
- 9.30am-5pm (with lunch break)

A path of Nonviolence (based on Nonviolent Communication, NVC) offers both a deeply-rooted consciousness of oneness, as

well as very practical tools to live this more and more in our daily lives. In re-evaluating some of our habitual and conditioned thinking, we see how much of it is life-alienating and based on a culture of scarcity and separation. We'll learn the skills to be able express ourselves with more clarity and to hear others' true (and harmless) message, which in turn leads to more connection between us. When we're connected as human beings, we're in our natural state of wanting to give and collaborate with others.

More info & register (and for venue info): contact L'aura: joylivinglearning@gmail.com

Limited seats. Registration required. Full participation required (2 full days). [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]

Red Tent on new moon

Overview

We gather in the circle of women on the New moon of every month in order to honor the Sacred Menstruation and connect to its hidden gifts, to synchronise our bodies with the cycle of the nature. We will co-create a safe, nurturing and loving space to be relaxed in our feminine energy of transformation, to support oneself and each other and to connect to our bodies, hearts and souls on individual and collective level.

Goals

1. Connecting to spirit of Sisterhood
 2. Bringing awareness about sacred menstruation, conscious conception, pregnancy, mothering, and menopause as equally important events of women's life, and finding creative ways off supporting each other in those life transitions.
 3. Working on rising of collective and connective consciousness
 4. Recognising our limbic imprints and coming out its web
 5. Transforming pain into pleasure
 6. Awakening our Divine feminine energy
 7. Restoring trust, balance, capacity to give and receive, practising deep listening and non-judgmental attitude.
 8. Opening the heart and accessing Higher self
 9. Healing of wounded inner child and inner teenager
 10. Cultivating presence
 11. Transformation from knowledge to wisdom
- 10 Deeper relationships with the Earth and universal cycles

Where and when: The circle will be on 30th of November from 7:30 till 9:30 pm but we invite people to start arriving at 7:15 pm so we can all start together by 7:30.

Place: Terra Soul in Windara farm. Please park outside of the Windara farm gate

For registration contact Prem Shakti: 9489244823

With love and gratitude, *Shakti*

Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge, is back!

Come and discover the Game of your Life! The karmic dice will help you understand your evolutionary path and will guide you to your divine being. With this universal tool, 2000 year old, belong to the Vedas, you will play your role on the large board of dharma.

Finally a game where everyone is a winner!

Every Sunday, 9.30 to 12, at Svedame, Butterfly Barn (please park outside of the community)



Bring a small object that represents yourself and a notebook. (You can play in your own language too -English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, and Russian: all versions are available)

Contact *Véronique J.* for information: 9488512678

www.leelathegame.blogspot.in

SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES

[Kindly let us know of any changes in opening/closing hours for the service. Eds]

Auroville Ambulance: 9442224680 - Pims: 0413-2656271

Auroville Library, Crown Road: opening hours - 9:00 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:30 from Monday to Saturday.

Aikido Aikido classes, at the Auroville Budokan (Dehashakti): **Beginners:** Monday and Wednesday evening 6.00 to 7.00 pm and Saturday morning 6.30 to 7.30 am (mixed levels). **Advanced (morning classes):** Tuesday 6.30 to 7.30 am - Thursday 6.00 to 7.30 am and mixed levels on Saturday 6.30 to 7.30 am. Please be at the Dojo/Budokan at least 15 min. before the class starts. Beginners may wear long loose pants & t-shirt with sleeves for the start (no tight fitting please), then a white "keikogi" will be required. Health Fund or private insurance necessary - Reasonable contribution required for the Dojo. For Children classes and more general info, please write to budokan@auroville.org.in or contact **Surya:** 0413-2623.813 or 9655.4854.87 Our webpage: <http://budokan.auroville.org/>

AVHC: The Pharmacy is open 8.30 to 5 pm daily including Saturdays. The doctor's consultation is the same, except Saturday up to 1pm only.

AV Safety & Security Team: Call us 24/7 for emergency, assistance or escort on 9443090107. Visit our office (2nd floor of Town Hall) from Monday to Saturday (9AM to 1PM - 2PM to 4PM) or contact us on 0413-2623400 / avsecurity@auroville.org.in

City Transport: Quick "Pick up and Drop" Shuttle Service in Maruti Omni 4-seater people carrier, free of charge for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests for trips within the city area, destinations up to Aspiration/Auromodele and Repos/Quiet chargeable with per passenger fares, from Rs.110/- for 1 person single trip. Phone Visitors Centre main gate 0413-262-2611 or to the driver directly 94876-50951 daily 9.30 am-6.00 pm.

E-mail: visitorscentre@auroville.org.in - Please note that it is not a taxi that can be ordered in advance for an exact time, but will normally reach you with 10/15 minutes, and will not wait for you for onward or return trips - if needed it will come back to pick you up again when called.

Auroville Dental Centre: Protection / Telephone: (0143) 2622265 or 2622007 / email: aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

EcoService, Kottakarai: Palani 9443535172 or Kali 9443090114

Entry Service, Multimedia Center: 1st floor, Town hall Complex: We are open to the public every day from 9:30 to 12:30 and from 2:30 to 4:30 except on Tuesday morning (team meeting) and Sunday. B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only. For more information on joining Auroville, please attend one of our regularly held Welcome talks. +91 (0)413 262 2707

Farewell: mobile number: 8903836246. This phone is reachable 24/7.

Financial Service, Town Hall and Aspiration: Mon to Sat, 9 to 12.30 and 3 to 4.30pm

Free Store: Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12:30 pm - Tuesday and Thursday: 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Free Store Tailoring Service: Repair work will be received only from 1st to 15th of every month. Timings will be same as Free Store.

Auroville Gas Service, Service Area: Near Tele Service" and BSNL Telephone Exchange. Monday to Saturday: 9 to 1 and 2 to 4 pm

Green Care: Tree care, pruning, rigging, removal of trees, and or branches over structures. Garden maintenance grass and hedge cutting. Call: **Jonas** 9159843579 or **Anadi** 9655477329.

Guest Service above the Solar Kitchen: 1st floor. Opening times: from Monday to Saturday 9.30 to 12.30, and from Monday to Friday 13.00 to 16.00. avquestservice@auroville.org.in; contact no. 0413 2622675

Housing Service, Town Hall: Public Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30 Monday and Friday from 14:30 to 16:30 Wednesday: Closed to Public (Housing Board in session 9:30-12:30). Phone: (0413) 2622658. [Email:housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:email:housing@auroville.org.in)

Integral Health, Prayatna: transpersonal regression therapy, classical homeopathy, counselling, vital remedies, child & women health, hypnotherapy. integralhealth@auroville.org.in - 2623669 - Mon to Sat 9 am - 5 pm, preferably on appointment.

Santé Clinic: Crown Rd. near. Arka: Call 2622803 for an appointment. Hours: Monday to Saturday: 8.45 am to 12.30 pm & 2 to 4.30 pm, closed on Tuesday Afternoons for Internal Admin work.

LOE, Lab. Of Evolution, Bharat Nivas: LOE Library Open every morning Monday to Saturday: 9 to 12 am / Afternoon Monday to Friday: 2.30 to 4.30 pm

Matrimandir: The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians daily 6am to 8.45am/11.30am to 12.30pm (2pm on Sunday)/4.30pm to 8pm. Please keep the Chamber neat and tidy. Straighten your mat and put back all extra cushions neatly by the door. Please refrain from rearranging the cushions which are laid out for you. The Petals are open for Aurovilians daily: 4.30pm to 6pm. To bring family members and personal friends please book by calling 2622579 from 9.30 to 11.30 am any day except Tuesday. Be at the office gate of Matrimandir by 8.40 am on the day of the visit. Please remain with your guests throughout the visit. Matrimandir is closed to visitors on Tuesday.

Aurovilians wanting to bring their children to the Matrimandir are recommended to do so on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.

Music library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 9 to 12.30 and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 2 to 5:30pm.

Nandini Tailor section: (Auroshilpam): tel: 2622527

For placing orders: open to public on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00 am to 12:30 and 3 to 5pm. For collection of orders from the shelves: any time Monday to Saturday, 9am to 4.30pm. No new order taken last week of the month. Don't forget to bring your bag!

Nandini Distribution : (PTDC area): tel : 2622033

Open to public from Tuesday to Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm and Tuesday, Thursday afternoon 2.30pm to 4.30pm Don't forget to bring your bag

OutreachMedia Services: The services provided by OutreachMedia include: dealing with all media that come to Auroville for filming, writing, photographing - reporters, journalist and writers. 2622-098 or 9443602194 or 9952463904

Multi-Media Centre. Office hours: Monday-Friday: 9.30am to 12.30pm. Afternoons and Saturdays by appointment.

Puncture service, service area: next to gas bottle service, opposite road service; Monday to Saturday 9am to 4 30pm; phone 2622741, cell 9442891235.

Auroville Residents Service timings: open from Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm and afternoon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30

Residents Assembly Service: new landline number: 0413-2623701 (please note it in your agenda). The RAS office (located 1st floor at Town Hall) is open for public from 10 AM till 12 Noon from Monday till Friday. We are happy to welcome your questions, suggestions or information. We will do our best to help you in whatever way possible. Thank you for your appreciation. Your RAS team, *Inge, Jesse, Isha, Tatiana, Cristiano and Slava*

Savi: Services for Volunteers and Hosting Units/Services of Auroville, a link between Auroville Projects and long-term Volunteers (minimum 2 months). We offer welcome information, placements opportunities, support with visa procedure and follow-up throughout the volunteers' stay. From Monday to Friday from 2 till 4 pm. at the Unity Pavilion. For more information call (0413)2622121 or go to Savi website: www.auroville-learning.net.

Skyworks: Tree pruning, removal of hazardous trees and branches over fragile structures, power line cleaning. *SatYaaji:* 853 103 35 45

Vehicle Service, Town Hall: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm, 2. to 4.30pm. Saturday: 9am to 12.30pm

Video library, Town Hall: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat from 10am to 1pm and Tues, Thurs, Sat from 3 to 6pm.

SAVITRI BHAVAN

December 2016

Exhibitions

In the Picture Gallery

Meditations on Savitri Books Four to Seven: Paintings made by Huta with the Mother's guidance and help- In the upper corridor
Sri Aurobindo: a life-sketch in photographs - In the Square Hall
Glimpses of the Mother: photographs and texts

Films

Mondays 6.30pm

-December 5: *The Mother on Sri Aurobindo* - A film by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram from 1992 and re-edited in 2015. (22min)
 -December 12: *India and the Birth of Sri Aurobindo* - Dr. Alok Pandey reflects on India - a land of grand spiritual experiment and on the background of Sri Aurobindo's birth and his aim for the future. Duration: 37min.

-December 19: *HOME - the Earth: our home is a miracle and a beauty* - The film is about our beautiful blue home. (94min)
 -December 26: *Meditations on Savitri - Book 1: The Book of Beginnings - Canto 5* - Film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music. Duration: 23min.

Regular activities

Sundays 10.30-12 noon: *Savitri* Study Circle

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7-8 am: Chanting Sanskrit Hymns in the Hall

Mondays, Tuesdays 3-4 pm: *Yoga and the Evolution of Man*, led by Dr. Jai Singh

Mondays 5-6 pm: Study circle on Sri Aurobindo's poem '*Ilion*' led by Claude de Warren

Tuesdays: 9-12 noon: *Introduction to Integral Yoga* led by Ashesh Joshi

Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm: *L'Agenda de Mère*: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi

Tuesdays: 5-6pm: *Let us learn Savitri together* led by Buvana

Tuesdays: 5.45-7.15pm: OM Choir (see details below)

Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm: Reading *The Life Divine*, led by Shraddhavan

Thursdays 4-5 pm: *The English of Savitri*, led by Shraddhavan

Fridays 3-4 pm: *Exploring the Bhagavad Gita*, led by Dr. Jai Singh

Fridays 5.30-7.00pm: *Meditations with Hymns of the Rig Veda translated by Sri Aurobindo*, led by Nishtha

Saturdays 5-6.30 pm: *Satsang* led by Ashesh Joshi

OM Choir

In 1961 the Mother gave the *adesh* to Narad to bring down a new music.

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

Full Moon Gathering

Tuesday 13, 7.15-8.15 pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

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

The Reading Room is open Monday to Friday from 9 - 4.30

The Digital Library can be accessed on request Monday to Saturday 9 - 12.30

Exhibitions, Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9-5

Everyone is welcome

Bamboo Centre Training Program for December - 2016



Auroville Bamboo Centre runs many workshops throughout the year for visitors who book and pay for the courses. We do have various conditions that we hope you'll understand and agree to.

The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people.

Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

Each program will consist of learning inputs: theory, instruction, demonstration, and practical work.

Flexible training dates offered to groups

Contact: 0413-2623806, 2623394

bambooworkshop@auroville.org.in

www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

Contributions requested from guests/Volunteers,
 Volunteer reduction by advance application only.

The Auroville Bamboo Centre offers:

Training to individuals and groups in:

Bamboo Construction Experience with Auroville Exposure Visit:
 13th to 17th of December (5 days)

Bamboo & Wood Furniture Experience with Exposure Visit
 20th to 23rd of December (4 days)

Hands on Craft Creative Workshop:

Bamboo Jewellery

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of December:

9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO JEWELLERY

Bamboo Toys

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of October:

9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO TOYS

Bamboo Musical Instruments

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday of December:

9.30am to 12.30pm - HANDS ON EXPERIENCE ON BAMBOO MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

OPENING THE GATES TO THE VILLAGE

Feel - Taste - Hear - Discover - Experience

Village Tour

Saturday 03/12, Saturday 10/12, Sunday 18/12, Saturday 24/12
Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza at 9.30 am (please bring your bike)
Come and enjoy the authentic village experience and celebrate cultural heritage!

Cook like a local (Traditional) with local women

Saturdays: 03/12, 10/12, 17/12, 24/12, 31/12
Learn to make delicious local dishes and learn
Meeting Point is the Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai plaza, at 9.30 am (please bring your bike). We will finish around 1:00 pm

Cultural & Spiritual Experience

Irumbai Legend Shiva temple Visit
Time: 11 am to 12.30 pm & 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm (Please bring your own vehicle)
Date: Special days Every Monday & Saturday but we will take whole week

Marbling & Lampshade Hands on Experience

Come and learn, and take one lampshade with you made out of paper
Timing: Every Thursday & Saturday Month of December from 02.00 pm to 04.30 pm

Kolam Village Walk

Spiritual and lively village experience for Women's empowerment.
Timing: Every Friday Month of December from 6.00 am to 7.30 am

Kolam Workshop

Spiritual and lively village experience for Women's empowerment.
Timing: Every Saturday Month of December from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm

Thiruvakarai Wood Fossil

An excursion into the park contains petrified wood fossils approximately 20 million years old, scattered throughout the park, which covers about 247 acres (100 ha).
Date: Every Friday, Time: 10am

Auromandalam kaluveli region Weekend camping with local youth

Date: Every Saturday, December 2016
Time: 3 pm till 12.30 pm
Meeting point: 2.45 pm at Lively Boutique, Kotakkarai Plaza.

- Begin in Perumukkal Mountain (Setup the tents on the top of mountain)
- Sunset meditation
- Bonfire with light music
- Stay in the mountain
- Take shower in the lake
- Discover the village of Munnur with ancient temple (Pottery Village)
- Visit a traditional family of potters who will demonstrate their craft
- Visit Salt landscape, Prawn farm, Wind turbine, Mangrove forest and Sand Dune
- Finish the day on the ocean side and meditate while the sun sets over the magnificent Kaluveli landscape.

Tour will only take place once a minimum of 5 bookings has been received. Transportation will be arranged according to the number of people.

Coconut Fronds Weaving

Come and learn how to weave Coconut fronds, the ancient art of weaving
Timing: Every Friday Month of December from 9.00 am to 10.30 am

Please register for all the programs in advance by contacting: 0413 2623806, 2623394, or Mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in
Please visit: www.mohanam.org or www.harmonyvillagepromenade.weebly.com

Contributions requested from guests/Volunteers, Volunteer reduction by advance application only.

Give Time a Break: Discover Village Life!



Joy December 2016 schedule

(this schedule will be active from Monday the 28th of November)

LEARNING ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

<p>Thai Massage By Helena Wed/Fri 10:30 a.m. to 12</p>	<p>Thai Massage is an ancient healing system combining rhythmic acupressure, body rocking and deep assisted stretches to relieve deep muscular tension as it enables more blood to be carried throughout the body. By appointment only.</p>
<p>Prana Vashya Asana Yoga (for regular Student) By Helena Mon/Fri 4.30 to 6 pm</p>	<p>This practice is a 60 asanas sequence focusing on the development of strength with flexibility. The breath remains the key throughout the series and the practitioner focuses on maintaining in the breath and movement during the whole practice. Drop in.</p>
<p>Introduction of Prana Vashya Yoga Wednesday 4 to 5 pm</p>	<p>This is a shorter class of one hour where Helena will give an Introduction to the practice of Prana Vashya Yoga: mainly directed for those that wish to continue in the same school of Yoga.</p>
<p>Hatha Yoga for Beginners Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30</p>	<p>The Beginners class will be focused on simple yoga asana; dedicated to those who are approaching yoga for the first time.</p>
<p>Acro Yoga By Helena Thursday 4.30 to 6 pm</p>	<p>Acro Yoga is a dynamic partner practice that blends the wisdom of yoga, the dynamic power of acrobatics, and the loving kindness of healing arts. This practice cultivates trust, playfulness and community through movement. Drop in.</p>



DECEMBER LEARNING ACTIVITIES PROGRAM at JOY - *continued*

Sanskrit Mantras By Sonia <i>Beginners:</i> Thursday 6:15 pm to 7 <i>Regular students:</i> Friday 6: 15pm to 7	Chanting Sanskrit Mantras is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition, and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil.
Japanese Classes By Emiko (on appointment only)	Classes of Japanese Language and/or culture, individual or in group, for adults as well as for children, from beginners to advance and according to specific request.

50 % discount for people under 30 years old and Savi registered Volunteers.
 Multiple classes discount available. On donation basis for Aurovilians and New Comers.
 Joy Community is located in Center Field, after Nandanam School, next to Center Guest House
 For info and reservations, please contact us at: (0413) 262 2584 or (0)9442328120
 Email: joycommunity@auroville.org.in <https://www.facebook.com/joycommunityquesthouse>



PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 2016

Y o g a I y e n g a r				
Āsanas	level 1	Mon	07.30 - 09.00	Tatiana
Āsanas	level 2	Mon	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsana- open practice	all levels	Tues	07.00 - 10.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in	Tues	11.00 - 12.00	Angela
Āsanas	drop in	Tues	15.30 - 17.00	Angela
Pranayama	level 2	Tues	17.30 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	drop in - all levels	Wed	07.30 - 09.00	Angela
Āsanas for the spine	drop in	Wed	11.00 - 12.30	Angela
Āsanas hormonal balance	level 3	Wed	17.00 - 19.00	Tatiana
Āsanas for women	level 2	Thurs	07.30 - 09.15	Tatiana
Āsanas restorative	drop in	Thurs	15.30 - 16.30	Angela
Āsanas	drop in	Thurs	17.00 - 18.00	Tatiana
pranayama	beginners regular students	Thurs	18.15 - 19.00	Tatiana
Asanas for women	drop in - all levels	Fri	07.30 - 08.45	Angela
Āsanas hormonal balance	level 3	Fri	09.00 - 11.00	Tatiana
Asanas	for children 9-12 yrs	Fri	16.00 - 17.00	Angela
Āsana- open practice	level 2-3	Sat	07.30 - 09.30	Tatiana
Āsana for the spine	drop in	Sat	09.45 - 10.45	Tatiana
Āsanas	beginners regular students	Sat	11.00 - 12.30	Tatiana
Āsanas for the spine	drop in	Sat	16.30 - 18.00	Angela

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

Y o g a - m i x e d s t y l e				
Yoga Therapy	drop in	Mon, Wed, Fri	08.30 - 10.00	Gala
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - restorative	Mon	10.00 - 11.30	Bebe
Yoga class	drop in - in French	Mon	10.30 - 12.00	Sylvie
Āsanas (*)	for teenagers	Mon, Wed	16.00 - 17.00	Natacha/Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - beginners	Tues	09.00 - 10.30	Bebe
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Weds	17.00 - 18.45	Bebe
Yoga Nidra	drop in - in French	Fri	04.00 - 05.30	Sylvie
Vinyasa Flow	drop in - all levels	Fri	18.00 - 19.30	Bebe
Āsanas	for children 7-9 yrs.	Sat	10.00 - 11.00	Gala

O t h e r E x e r c i s e s				
Kick Boxing	drop in- all levels	Wed	18.30 - 20.00	Antonello
Aviva exercise	drop in - for women	Thurs	16.30 - 17.30	SuriyaG
Discover energy body	for children, 7-9 yrs.	Sat	11.00 - 12.00	Gala

D a n c e				
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Tues	16.00 - 17.15	Rekha
Odissi Dance (*)	Regular practitioners	Fri	16.00 - 17.15	Kanchana

Health Care at Pitanga

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

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

Ayurvedic Massage	with Ion	Thai yoga Massage	with Bebe
Ayurvedic Massage	with Kumar	Thai yoga Massage	with Juan
Biodecodage	with Nadia	Thai yoga Massage	with Mar
Holistic Healing	with Marlene	Thai yoga Massage	with Kumar
Physiotherapy	with Osnat	Releasing through Awareness with Rosa	
Yoga therapy in French	with Sylvie	Journey through the memory of the body with Vani	
Combined "Quantum Touch, Reiki and acupressure" with Julia			

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

Vérité -December 2016:

Phone: 0413 2622045 - Website: www.verite.in - Email: programming@verite.in - Mobile: 7094104329



Therapies - December 2016	
For appointment: Phone 0413-2622606 Mobile 7094104329 treatments@verite.in	
Ananda	Deep Tissue Massage / Foot Reflexology
Andres	Chiropractic Adjustment and Energy Alignment with Acupuncture
Bebe	1) Chi Nei Tsang (Abdominal Massage) - 2) Thai Yoga Massage
Chetna	Neurofeedback Therapy
Mar	Thai Yoga Massage
Mila	Craniosacral Therapy
Susana	Reiki

Classes - December 2016

Days	Title	Timings	Facilitator
Mondays	Iyengar Yoga	6.45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
	Dance Offering	5 to 7 pm	Dariya
Tuesdays	Sivananda Yoga	6.45 to 8.15 am	Mimi
	Iyengar Yoga	5 to 6.30 pm	Olesya
	Surya Soul - Spirit (starts 27 Dec)	5 to 6.30 pm	Philippe
Wednesdays	Iyengar Yoga	6.45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
	Somatic Explorations	5 to 6 pm	Maggie
Thursdays	Sivananda Yoga	6.45 to 8.15 am	Mimi
	Sound Healing and Exploration	3 to 4.30 pm	Serge
	Iyengar Yoga	5 to 6.30 pm	Olesya
	Antigymnastique (starts 15 Dec) Pre-registration	5 to 6.30 pm	Francesca
Fridays	Iyengar Yoga	6.45 to 8.15 am	Olesya
	Heart Energy Meditations	5 to 6 pm	Ananda
	Pilates (starts 30 Dec)	4 to 5 pm	Philippe
	Surya Soul - Soma (starts 30 Dec)	5.15 to 6.15 pm	Philippe
Saturdays	Hatha Yoga Flow	6.45 to 8 am	Bebe
	Iyengar Yoga	5 to 6 pm	Olesya
	Surya Soul - Spirit (starts 31 Dec)	5 to 6.30 pm	Philippe

Workshops - December 2016

Day & Date	Title	Timings	Facilitator
Fri, 2 Dec	South Indian Organic Cooking	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Rajaveni and Suba
Fri & Sat, 9 & 10 Dec	Pranayama Training (for all levels)	9.30 am to 4.30 pm	Ananda
Sat, 10 Dec	Consciousness as Medicine	9 am to 12.30 pm	Yogesh
Mon, 12 Dec	Somatics - an Introduction	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Maggie
Fri, 16 Dec	South Indian Organic Cooking	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	Rajaveni and Suba
Sat, 17 Dec	Fate or Choice (Family Constellations)	9 am to 4.45 pm	Yuval
Fri & Sat, 23 & 24 Dec	Face Reading - from Traditional Chinese Medicine	9 am to 12.45 pm	Andres

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

FILMS



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

-Reminder: Friday 25 November show: No Film show

-Friday 2 DECEMBER - 7:45 PM (sharp!)

"THE MAN WHO KNEW INFINITY" - Directed by Matthew Brown - UK, 2015

With: Dev Patel, Jeremy Irons, Malcolm Sinclair

Synopsis: The Man Who Knew Infinity is a biographical film based on the 1991 book of the same name by Robert Kanigel. In 1913, Srinivasa Ramanujan, a self-taught Indian mathematics genius, traveled to Trinity College, Cambridge, where over the course of five years, forged a bond with his mentor, the brilliant and eccentric professor, G.H. Hardy, where their mutual struggle, defined Ramanujan as one of India's greatest modern scholars, who broke more than one barrier in his world and fought against prejudice to reveal his mathematic genius to the world. *Original English version with English subtitles - Dur. 1h. 54'*. Please no food inside the auditorium. Thank you!



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, December 2nd Friday.

Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour



Solar Kitchen

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films
20:00 Dinner is served
21:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to

Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!!

MONEY & LIFE

86mins, 2013 Directed by Katie Teague

A passionate and inspirational essay-style documentary that makes a provocative proposition: can we see the economic crisis not as a disaster, but as a tremendous opportunity? An optimistic film steeped in appreciation for human ingenuity, MONEY and LIFE is a respectful invitation to consider questions critical to all our well-being. How can we move beyond being merely consumers, debtors and creditors, and put money in service to what we really care about as citizens, as human beings? Can we design a monetary circulation system that fosters democratic equality? What does it really mean to make a living? This film empowers each of us to respond to the fundamental issues of our time and participate in the emerging new economy.

Reminder:

Friday- November 25th - Book of Seasons: A Year in Kanazawa

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 / [facebook.com/sadhanaforest](https://www.facebook.com/sadhanaforest)

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

1st December Thursday 8 pm

And 2nd December Friday 8 pm

Suicide Squad (2016) - This movie is shown on both days

Genre: Action/Adventure/Fantasy / Dur: 2hr / Rated: PG 13 /

Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: David Ayer / Cast: Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie

Story Line: A secret government agency recruits some of the most dangerous incarcerated super-villains to form a defensive task force. Their first mission: save the world from the apocalypse.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 28th of November 2016 at 6:30 pm

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI - Book 1, Canto 4: THE SECRET KNOWLEDGE, Part 2"

The master of existence lurks in us / And plays at hide-and-seek with his own Force; /

In Nature's instrument loiters secret God. / The Immanent lives in man as in his house; /

He has made the universe his pastime's field, / A vast gymnasium of his works of might. (Savitri, p.66)

Film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. Duration: 41min.

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE

Presents

«HUMAN VOL. I»

«Love - Women - Work - Poverty»

Saturday 26th November 2016 - 5:00 pm

At Cinema Paradiso (Town Hall)

Director: Yann Arthus Bertrand

French documentary without English subtitles, duration 83 min

5 years after the worldwide success of the film HOME with more than 600 million spectators. Yann Arthus-Bertrand presents his new project: "I am a man among seven billion others. For 40 years I have been photographing our planet and its human diversity and I feel that humanity is not going ahead. We still cannot live together. Why? I looked for the answer not in statistics, not in analyzes but in Man.

HUMAN is a diptych stories and images of our world to create an immersion in the depths of the human being. Through the testimonies of happiness filled with love but also with hatred and violence, HUMAN confronts us with the Other and brings us back to our own lives. Aerial pictures, with music as an opera, show the beauty of the world and offer us moments of breathing and introspection. The film allows us to embrace the human condition and to think about the very meaning of our existence.

"I dreamed of a film where the power of words resonate over the beauty of the world".

Beyond the film itself, the ambition of the project is to re-create links and gathering of strong values of solidarity and commitment in order to live together in the long run. We hope that this film will be an opportunity to debate and allow the local networks to present their own initiatives.

Coming up next:

HUMAN VOL. II Saturday 10th December 5.00 pm

UMAN VOL. III Saturday 24th December 5.00 pm

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How to submit material: no pdf files (we can't edit them), English only. Text and photo separated - to newsandnotes@auroville.org.in

Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready, earlier than deadline

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 28 November 2016 to 4 December 2016

Indian - Monday 28 November, 8:00 pm:

- **CHAURANGA (Four Colors)**

India, 2016, Writer-Dir. Bikas Ranjan Mishra w/ Dhritiman Chatterjee, Tannishtha Chatterjee, Delzad Hiwale, and others, Drama, 88mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

In a country where caste barriers are so deeply entrenched a seemingly innocent act, a teenage crush, a letter of passion can become an agent of turmoil. A 14yrs old Dalit boy, Santu, is growing up in an unnamed corner of India. He dreams of going to the town school like his elder brother, but he has to stay home and look after the family's pig. His only escape is to adore a girl, Mona, from a higher caste who he watches as she passes by on her scooter. His unspoken love is as true as his mother's helplessness who cleans the cowsheds of the local Brahmin's mansion, with whom she also has a secret liaison. When the boy's elder brother comes home on a vacation, he learns about his brother's infatuation - and helps him write a love letter.

Italian - Tuesday 29 November, 8:00 pm:

- **ENRICO IV (Henry IV)**

Italia, 1984, Dir. Marco Bellocchio w/ Marcello Mastroianni, Claudia Cardinale, Leopoldo Trieste, and others, Drama, 95 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

This Italian version of Henry IV is based on the Luigi Pirandello play rather than Shakespeare's historical work. Moreover, the Henry depicted here is not the English king, but the 11th-century Holy Roman emperor. The central character here is not emperor Henry, but instead a contemporary man of wealth who thinks he's Henry. In turns out that his delusion is not a delusion, but a subterfuge. Well, it was based on a Pirandello play, so enter and leave all sanity behind.

Cultural - Wednesday 30 November, 8:00 pm:

- **JOAN BAEZ: how sweet is the sound**

USA, 2009, Dir. Jane Buckwalter and others w/David Crosby, Bob Dylan and others, Documentary, 84 mins, Rated: NR

Here is a beautiful film that chronicles the private life and public career of this remarkable woman who was the conscience of a generation as well as a great artist. This film is rich in archival footages depicting - her journey as an activist, interviews with David Crosby, Bob Dylan and others, conversation with her ex-husband David Harris. It also shows Joan as a teenager performing at Club 47 in Cambridge, when her career was launched in 1958, and finally her last concert with her son in the orchestra playing drum.

Russian - Thursday 1 December, 8:00 pm:

- **PLOXAYA SASYEDKA (Bad neighbor)**

Ukraine, 2015, Dir. Roman Barabash w/Anastasia Zadorozhnaya, Elijah Joseph, Hell Rogovtseva, and others, Comedy, 94mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Misha is a young programmer, living a well-regulated life, and dating another serious young lady. However, his

neighbor, a hopelessly chaotic young lady, keeps on popping up into his life at every turn of the road.

International - Saturday 3 December, 8:00 pm:

- **MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN**

USA, 2016, Dir. Patricia Riggen w/ Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers, Martin Henderson, and others, Biography-Fantasy, 109mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

This film is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored and their community inspired. If you want to know more about the miracle - watch the film.

Children's Film - Sunday 4 December, 4:30 pm:

- **ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS**

USA, 2016, Dir: James Bobin w/Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and others, Fantasy, 113mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Alice returns to the whimsical world of Wonderland and travels back in time to help the Mad Hatter.

WOODY ALLEN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 4 December, 8:00 pm:

- **ANNIE HALL**

USA, 1977, Dir. Woody Allen w/Diane Keaton, Woody Allen and others, Comedy-Romance, 93mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Alvy Singer, a 40+ twice divorced, neurotic, intellectual, Jewish New York stand-up comic, reflects on the demise of his latest relationship, to Annie Hall, an insecure, flighty, Midwestern WASP aspiring nightclub singer. Unlike his previous relationships, Alvy believed he may have worked out all the issues in his life through 15 years of therapy to make this relationship with Annie last. Winner of the Best Film Award at the Oscar in 1977 beating Star Wars - this is a remarkable, simple, romantic tale that creates a stunning portrait of human nature.

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