

News & Notes

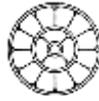
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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



Again and always it is the transcendent and universal Shakti who is the sole doer. But behind her is the one Supreme who manifests through her as the dual power, Purusha-prakriti, Ishwara-Shakti. The Supreme becomes dynamic as the Shakti and is by her the sole originator and Master of works in the universe.

If this is the truth of works, the first thing the sadhaka has to do is to recoil from the egoistic forms of activity and get rid of the sense of an "I" that acts. He has to see and feel that everything happens in him by the plastic conscious or subconscious or sometimes superconscious automatism of his mental and bodily instruments moved by the forces of spiritual, mental, vital and physical Nature. There is a personality on his surface that chooses and wills, submits and struggles, tries to make good in Nature or prevail over Nature, but this personality is itself a construction of Nature and so dominated, driven, determined by her that it cannot be free. It is a formation or expression of the Self in her, - it is a self of Nature rather than a self of Self, his natural and processive, not his spiritual and permanent being, a temporary constructed personality, not the true immortal Person. It is that Person that he must become. He must succeed in being inwardly quiescent, detach himself as the observer from the outer active personality and learn the play of the cosmic forces in him by standing back from all blinding absorption in its turns and movements. Thus calm, detached, a student of himself and a witness of his nature, he realises that he is the individual soul who observes the works of Nature, accepts tranquilly her results and sanctions or withholds his sanction from the impulse to her acts. At present this soul or Purusha is little more than an acquiescent spectator, influencing perhaps the action and development of the being by the pressure of its veiled consciousness, but for the most part delegating its powers or a fragment of them to the outer personality, - in fact to Nature, for this outer self is not lord but subject to her, anīṣa; but, once unveiled, it can make its sanction or refusal effective, become the master of the action, dictate sovereignly a change of Nature. Even if for a long time, as the result of fixed association and past storage of energy, the habitual movement takes place independent of the Purusha's assent and even if the sanctioned movement is persistently refused by Nature for want of past habit, still he will discover that in the end his assent or refusal prevails, - slowly with much resistance or quickly with a rapid accommodation of her means and tendencies, - she modifies herself and her workings in the direction indicated by his inner sight or volition. Thus he learns in place of mental control or egoistic will an inner spiritual control which makes him master of the Nature-forces that work in him and not their unconscious instrument or mechanic slave. Above and around him is the Shakti, the universal Mother and from her he can get all his inmost soul needs and wills if only he has a true knowledge of her ways and a true surrender to the divine Will in her. Finally, he becomes aware of that highest dynamic Self within him and within Nature which is the source of all his seeing and knowing, the source of the sanction, the source of the acceptance, the source of the rejection. This is the Lord, the Supreme, the One-in-all, Ishwara-Shakti, of whom his soul is a portion, a being of that Being and a power of that Power. The rest of our progress depends on our knowledge of the ways in which the Lord of works manifests his Will in the world and in us and executes them through the transcendent and universal Shakti. The Lord sees in his omniscience the thing that has to be done. This seeing is his Will, it is a form of creative Power, and that which he sees the all-conscious Mother, one with him, takes into her dynamic self and embodies, and executive Nature-Force carries it out as the mechanism of their omnipotent omniscience. But this vision of what is to be and therefore of what is to be done arises out of the very being, pours directly out of the consciousness and delight of existence of the Lord, spontaneously, like light from the Sun. It is not our mortal attempt to see, our difficult arrival at truth of action and motive or just demand of Nature.

(To be continued)

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

SRI AUROBINDO

**The
Ponder
Corner**

*What is God after all?
An eternal child
Playing an eternal game
In an eternal garden!*

Sri Aurobindo

ref. Aphorisms BCL, vol. 16, pp 380-381

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Review Session of the site allocation process of the Youth Hub project

Dear residents,

On April 23rd, 2018, there was a review session held on the site allocation process (which took place in February) for the project Youth Hub. Some of you may recall this process met with some challenges.

The purpose of the review session was to share experiences of the site allocation process in respect to the roles and responsibilities of involved groups and identify key learnings in order to be able to carry out future projects better.

To read the notes of the review session kindly visit the page on Auronet or click [HERE](#).

With regards, *the Working Committee*.

Working Committee: Report of June, 2018

During the last week of June, the Working Committee was without a quorum due to the holidays and unpredictable family circumstances of some of its members. The main issues dealt with in this period are:

1) Visa issues

a) **List of 163 Auroville residents** who arrived on a short-term Entry Visa, and who have been residing in Auroville for more than 5 years, and who were granted extensions before, may now all be granted extensions for five years subject to the recommendation of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

b) **Individual cases.** A number of cases are still pending, a few cases have been resolved.

c) **Visa situation Paris.** The Indian Embassy in Paris has informed Auroville applicants for an Entry Visa that in addition to the letter of recommendation from the Auroville Foundation a financial guarantee is required for Euro 500/ month, so for a 5-year visa 30,000 Euros or Rs 23,85,526. This seems not to be part of the Visa Policy for Auroville and has been taken up by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, with the officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs. This additional request so far affects four Auroville residents. The matter will also be taken up with Ministry of Home Affairs officials during a visit to New Delhi early July.

d) **Aurovilians holding an Entry Visa attending workshops and conferences elsewhere in India.** The RRO insists that prior intimation to and approval from the RRO is required for Auroville residents who hold an Entry Visa attending conferences and workshops and courses outside Auroville. A clarification has been asked to the FRRO and the matter will also be taken up with Ministry of Home Affairs officials during a visit to New Delhi early July.

2) **GST.** A second meeting with the Joint Secretary Ministry of Finance to follow up on Auroville's request for partial relief from GST has been asked for the first week of July.

3) **Beach protection.** The Auroville Foundation will approach the High Court Chennai for permission to put in place on its own land temporary measures to protect Quiet from being washed into the sea. The National Institute for Ocean Technology (NIOT) will give a technical report on the best possible protection. Meeting with the fishermen communities have been taken place and jointly with their representatives meetings have taken place with officials of the Public Works Department in Villupuram and Chennai.

4) **Pondicherry bypass road through the Greenbelt.** A proposed 4-lane National highway is planned from Ayyur near Vilianur to the north of Kalapet before the toll gate. The routing which will affect Forecomers, Pitchandikulam and Aurogreen, amongst other communities. This road would cross the Auroville Green

Belt for a length of 3.5 kilometres and destroy decades of work, much of the Auroville Greenbelt, and come too close to city area. The matter has been brought to the notion of the Governing Board and will be discussed by a delegation from Auroville with the hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India in the first week of July.

5) Disputed land purchase.

a) The Secretary has employed two lawyers, Mr. Praveen Kumar, the Addt. Public Prosecutor Pondicherry, and Jayendra from Auroville to file criminal and civil cases against all involved in the sale.

b) Three Land Board members involved with the purchase have resigned, two after meeting with the Secretary, and one upon his return from holidays. No Auroville working group has requested their resignation. In view of the expressed need for a full Land Board team, the Working Committee and the Auroville Council have requested the Land Board Selection Group to select replacement members or resource persons.

c) The Secretary has asked the Working Committee to investigate if due diligence has taken place by the former land Board members when purchasing the lands. The Working Committee has asked another outside lawyer to look into the file and respond to the question of the Secretary. This work is pending. The Working Committee has not yet come to any conclusion about this question.

6) Government of India Grants.

a) **Regular GOI grant for the financial year 2018-2019.** We have been informed by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, that the Government of India has allocated an amount of Rs 15 crore for his financial year, of which Rs 12 crore is allocated for capital and Rs 3 for general.

b) **Special 50th anniversary grant.** Almost all of the INR 10 crore special grant for capital from the Government of India (GoI) has been earmarked, with nearly 70 projects that have received funding in various categories such as education, conferences, celebrations, waste management, publications, sports, public works, arts & culture, green works, mobility, security, outreach, communication, and unity activities. A breakdown of the allocation so far will be presented in the upcoming Working Committee General Meeting on July 12th. Detailed reports of each of the projects that received funding are being prepared by the 50th Anniversary Team and will be published on Auronet. The 50th desk in SAIER first floor as well as the email 50core@auroville.org.in remains open for queries.

7) **Proposal for private land ownership in the Greenbelt area of Auroville.** The Working Committee and Auroville Council have decided to create a study group to evaluate proposals about the possibility of promoting land ownership in the Greenbelt by people who support the ideals of Auroville.

8) **Fire in Auromodel community.** A fire significantly damaged two houses in Auromodel. We remind the community to be wary of the possibility of fires in the summer months. Please inform Housing Service if there will be prolonged absence in order to arrange for house-sitting, and become familiar with the procedure for responding to a fire (see separate post by AVSST).

The Working Committee

Carel, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjith, Sauro.

Regarding loan requests:

Please note that the FAMC has reviewed and revised the guidelines, procedure and application forms for loan requests.

The new guidelines and procedures are posted on Auronet and application forms can be requested from the Loan Group: loangroup@auroville.org.in.

The current members of the Loan Group are Chali (FAMC), Otto (Unity Fund, Financial Service), Palani (ABC), Prabhu (Financial Service), and Rathinam (Unity Fund, Financial Service).

When loan applications are received they will be sent to the relevant group (Housing, ABC, FAMC, etc) for feedback and recommendations before final decisions are made.

The guidelines can be viewed on Auronet (click [HERE](#)).
FAMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Invitation to a General Meeting with the Working Committee

The Working Committee warmly welcomes all Auroville residents for a

General Meeting
on Thursday, July 12th at 4.30 pm
at the Unity Pavilion

in which the Working Committee members will give a presentation on the main topics that it is dealing with, e.g.:

- a) Projected National Highway through part of the Greenbelt.
- b) Status disputed land purchase.
resignation of three land board members and their replacement
status of investigation into due diligence by the former Land Board members
status of filing of criminal cases against sellers etc.
status of filing of civil suit against sellers etc.
New due diligence procedure for land purchase.
- c) Status request for partial relief from GST.
- d) Status on Visa.
- e) Status on beach protection
- f) Government of India Grant.
 - i) projects allocation of special grant for 50th anniversary.
 - ii) allocation of regular GOI grant for the financial year 2018-2019.
- g) Proposal for private land ownership in the Greenbelt area of Auroville.
- h) Other issues.
Information on all these issues will appear in the Working Committee report which will be published in the News and Notes next week.
The Working Committee,
Carel, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjith, Sauro.

■ The Growing Auroville Economy Initiative Kick-off Meeting

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

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



Agenda:

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

Organized by FAMC, Facilitated by Elvira and Jörg

■ Recent land purchase: statement from FAMC

Dear Community,

Regarding the recent situation of the land deal for the 8 acres opposite Aurovelo, the FAMC would like to bring your attention to several points.

Firstly, all the relevant facts are still being uncovered and gathered. The full picture is not clear and new information is coming to light.

Secondly, there are various avenues to explore, which are being pursued by the Working Committee and the Auroville Foundation along with legal council, that are likely to lead to a favorable outcome for Auroville.

Thirdly, heavy accusations have been leveled at fellow Aurovilians who have given several years of their lives to a very difficult work, and who were honorable enough to stand up and take responsibility for the deal going wrong as well as being prepared to do all they could to help fix the situation.

With all of the above in mind, we request each of you to exercise caution in what you believe and what you say regarding this very complex and sensitive situation.

Thank you for your understanding and restraint.

The FAMC

(Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Daniel, Dhru, Lyle, Nicole, Prabu, Yuval)

■ FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 754

Dated: 09-07-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

Danalakshmi KRISHNAMOORTHY (Indian) Staying at Courage, working at Tanto

Senthamarai VENUGOPAL (Indian) Staying at Auroshilpam, working at Auro Sunshine

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Christel MICHIELSEN (Belgian)

Katharina POTOCKA (German)

Myriam BENTAMA (German)

Predrag RADOVANCEVIC (Serbian)

Raja SUBBARAYAN (Indian)

Scott Anthony BELLA (USA)

Tania VAN AERT (Belgian)

Jayasutha DHAYALAN (Indian)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Petar SEKULOSKI (Macedonian)

Sashka Trajcheska SEKULOSKA (Macedonian)

Rajan SUGUMAR (Indian)

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:

Brigitte VARWIG (German)

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

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

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS

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

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

Yours, *The Entry Service*

■ Houses available for transfer:

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

■ Housing Projects under construction:

1. **Auromodele Orchard** - Booking available for 9 family houses and 5 studio houses. *Will be ready in 2018. Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: [8940220333](tel:8940220333)*

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

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

Out of 42 apartments 8 units are still available:

Studios: 3 units - 1BHK: 3 units - 2 BHK: 1 unit - 3 BHK:1 unit

Also available are 2 OFFICES on ground floor in the North block

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

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deadline for Feedback On PTPS Has Been Extended to July 18

The *Exploring Prosperity team* would like to invite you to give your feedback regarding the direction to be taken for PTPS (Pour Tous Purchasing Service). This survey can help explore possible scenarios the community wants to apply to the above mentioned service. Please click [HERE](#) to access the online form.

Exploring Prosperity Team



Opening of NALAN - - Environmental Research and Service:

Dear Community, Life is always full of surprises! Twists, turns, and new opportunities. Just over three years ago, I started my journey in the field of environmental hygiene, public health and sanitation. And today I am pleased to inform you that I am starting my new initiative NALAN - Environmental Research and Service, to bring some positive changes in our environment. I am particularly happy to offer my very first product "Good Earth"- household organic waste composter. Using Good Earth you can convert your daily kitchen and food waste into a soil nutrients rich compost without stink and leachate. The produced compost can be directly used in your garden. I want to offer my work as a service to the community, so there is no any fixed price for any of my products. Just feel free to join me in the journey to

achieve 100% recycling of food waste in Auroville and contribute what you could and what you wish. People with difficulties can get the products by a phone call: [9047720320](tel:9047720320) (9 am to 5 pm).

Website: www.nalan.in, Office location: Auromics Trust Campus, Next to Afsanah Guest House.

Sincerely yours, *Mathan for NALAN*



Announcement 1 From MMC:



Dear All: We have new chairs for MMC now. Our old chairs are still usable by smaller auditoriums, public or private spaces. They are the kinds that need to be fixed to the ground or some platform. If you have any need for such chairs please write to mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in with subject line CHAIRS and let us know how many you need and for which venue. If it is for a public venue or for an educational / health related service at Auroville, the chairs will be given for free. If you are seeking them for private/personal use then we request a nominal contribution. In both cases the responsibility to coordinate, collect the chairs without damaging others, shifting and transporting will be yours. Thanking you. Best, MMC-CP Group

Announcement 2 From MMC:



Dear All: You have noticed and will soon realize that after 12yrs of continuous operation the Multimedia Center (MMC) has received a bit of much awaited renovation. While the ancillary costs of the renovations and repairs at the MMC are being borne by MMC-Cinema Paradiso's regular budget, the major work has been made possible by the funds from GOI via the 50th Anniversary Grant. We are immensely grateful to all involved and for the support of the community. We want to assure you that MMC-CP will continue to operate in the spirit of service. We have decided that the contribution required to book the venue will remain the same as before for now. In a few months we will revisit to see if there has been any substantial increase in the regular upkeep and maintenance of the place. If there is, we may think about changing the contribution marginally next year, but our effort will be not to increase or to keep any increase to a minimum.

Thanking you, wishing you all the best,

Nina and Marco for MMC-CP Group

Need for Management Resources in Auroville Units

Auroville is envisaged as a self-supportive township. For that we need to development our service and income-generating units. All units are at their core a service for Auroville, either internal services or income generating units that helps cover the collective costs.

Many of our units have a great potential, and they could expand and create more collective wealth, but one of their main constraints are human resources, especially within the fields of marketing and general management.

Many units are run by the creative entrepreneurs, who started them, and their strengths are not always management and marketing. And many older units have reached a stage where it is time to bring in fresh human resources.

We do not in Auroville have a system or tradition for making public announcements when there is a need for new human resources. Often only done by word of mouth, which has not been very effective.

We are therefore trying to make a call to the whole community, to find the right people for growing our units. Most units are very dynamic places where there is ample room for personal development as well as trying to put Auroville values into action. So we are asking everybody in Auroville who think that this could be of interest for them, to come forward. Young Aurovilians who would like to join a process, where they get the experience to become managers as well as older ones, who can take responsibility and guide the younger generation.

Contact, also for questions to:

Torkil (torkil@auroville.org.in) and *Toine* (tvm@auroville.org.in)

Also on behalf of some units as well as some Aurovilians who seek succession

One such urgent request comes from Auroville Papers/Auroville Press:

The team of Auroville Papers/Auroville Press is looking for more Aurovilians willing to take responsibilities, especially in the field of management. There is a need for a renewal and for more energy coming in. Please contact:

Luisa@auroville.org.in

Volunteers needed for Seeds and Freedom



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

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

Ravi for SLI (Sustainable Livelihood Institute)

■ Pictures wanted for FACES of AV:

KALVI has been inspired to create a game for Aurovilians and Newcomers. We have been funded by SAIER and want to begin playing with you soon!

First we need the cards. They will be actual pictures of Aurovilians or newcomers over the age of 18, including name, place/type of work and nationality.

So, we want to take your picture for:

"The Faces of Auroville" - A Cooperative Memory Game

Just to be clear, this game will be produced and played only in Auroville with Aurovilians and Newcomers.



Once we have a number of photos printed, we will offer a game "experience" for working groups, and any other interested people.

← This is an example of a card.

Some of the questions we are investigating are: If cards in a memory game are the actual pictures of people living in Auroville, will it facilitate players to learn new names and faces?

Could this remembering lead someone to reach out to a "face" they recognize and say hello?

Will the internal dynamics of a working group improve through playing a game which requires cooperation, collective concentration and support?

Could playing together and learning about what people do in Auroville bring us closer together as a community?

These questions might seem lofty, but if you play you will have a moment of fun and togetherness with the other players. And playing regularly may help improve your memory!

We will be visiting different places of work to take your pictures.

For more information, plan a time for us to come to your place of work to take pictures, or to book a session please email:

paula@auroville.org.in or shilpi.rinku@gmail.com

Looking forward to playing with you soon

POSTINGS

■ Tailoring section Freestore closed for community members:

We are sorry to say that due to our growing community, and thus an overload of tailoring work, we cannot provide our tailoring service anymore. It is impossible for us to fulfil this need, as the time pressure for only one tailor has become too big. Like our community, also our pile of waste clothes is growing. Therefore, we want to change our service and focus more on reducing waste through recycling. From January 2019 onward, plastic bags will be banned in Tamil Nadu. That's why we already started converting useful, old material into beautiful cloth bags and other useful items. We are sorry for the inconvenience and we thank you for your understanding. *Freestore Team*

■ BOOKS AVAILABLE at Auroville Library

The Auroville Library has collected over the last months many books from Sri Aurobindo, The Mother, Satprem and other disciples in different languages. These books are available for free to anyone interested. Please come and see with the front desk how to proceed.

■ The Auroville choir - CALL FOR MALE SINGERS

We - the Auroville Choir - are soon starting our new season and we are looking for male voices to join. The programme for this year will include music by Ola Gjeilo, Eric Whitacre, James McMillan, Kim Andre Arnesen and Karl Jenkins.

Our rehearsals take place every Thursday from 18:15 to 20:00. In addition, each voice (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass) has a separate rehearsal once a month on a Wednesday from 18:15 to 19:15. All rehearsals take place at CRIPA (in Kalabhum).
If you are interested in joining us, please contact *Nuria* at [7639191307](tel:7639191307), [0413 2622310](tel:04132622310) or via email: nuria@auroville.org.in

Looking forward to hearing from you!

■ Voting information for Swedish Residents:

Postal ballots are available with Jaya at the Unity Pavilion. You can mail your ballot, starting date 26th July, directly to Sweden or bring them to the Chennai consulate before Aug 24th

Alternatively you can vote in person at the Consulate in Chennai on August 16, 2018 (10 am-3 pm).

More information can be found in www.val.se

Swedish Honorary Consulate in Chennai, India

6 Cathedral Road - Chennai 600 086 - India

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

EMAILsvensk@konsulatchennai.in

■ Exploring gift economy - week 4



come & try!

Dear friends, we are exploring a month of Gift economy with Auroville Units. Contact us for Illustrations, graphics, publications, brochures, flyers, or websites. Contribute as you wish! mail: perceptiveeye@auroville.org.in - call: [9408444707](tel:9408444707)
Graphipeye is an initiative of PerceptiveEye, an activity of ASSA We are doing a one-month experiment to see if we can sustain and grow on the generosity and heartfelt offering from the community. *PerceptiveEye - Systems Design Studio*

THANK YOU

Thank you SriMa team! A big THANKS to Daniel and Sheryl for offering rooms during the hot season at Aurovillian rate, in SriMa Guest House at the Far Beach.

Big thanks also to Marie for her kind hospitality,
From *Ann R & the other refreshed Aurovilians & kids.*

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

German language specialist needed: Avitra is looking for a German native speaker, ideally for full-time, with a good command of English for an engagement in the area of proofreading, translation, dtp/layouting, coordination, client communication and sales. German as mother tongue, and fluency in English (orally and in writing) is a must. A general inclination towards language-related work and relevant skills is a bonus. Specific dtp knowledge is not required, but general familiarity with work on the computer (and typing skills) is important. Working times are in the range of 3-4 hrs per day, from Mon to Fri. The work would be done on-site and requires some travel (but working partly from home may be negotiable). If you're interested, please send us an email and we will give you more information. If you're not interested yourself but may know someone in your surroundings, feel free to pass on this message. Our email: avitra@auroville.org.in.
Avitra - Auroville international translators

Renewable Energy Expert for Auroville Consulting: Interested individuals can send their CV and Motivation Letter at hr@aurovilleconsulting.com. Please mention the opportunity title in the subject.

Job Description

- Strategic planning and designing and implementing renewable energy projects
- Research on national and international policy and regulatory frameworks;
- Design and implementation of pilot projects in the renewable energy field;
- Proposal writing and fundraising for initiatives in the renewable energy field.

Skills

- Excellent English oral and written skills.
 - Proficiency in MS: Office, PowerPoint and Excel.
- *First 3 months will be a trial period during which Lunch, Tea and snacks will be provided. Auroville's maintenance will be provided after the 3-month probation period.

Graphic designer/Studio manager: Perceptiveeye is looking for a person with a background in graphic design to join the team. If you have design skills and knowledge of software like Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign along with some project management experience and a drive to create a lively studio atmosphere, please write to perceptiveeye@auroville.org.in.

SPORTS

Auroville Aikido, Auroville Budokan, Dehashakti: After a summer break, our classes have now restarted with the following timings:

- **Children classes:** Monday & Wednesday afternoon classes 4-5 (7 to 11 years old) 5-6 pm (11 to 15 years old) with Cristo and Surya (more detailed separate announcement will follow)
- **Adults Beginners** and all levels with Murugan: new class on Wednesday 6.30 to 8.00 pm and Saturdays 6.30 to 7.30 am
- **Adults Advanced** on Tuesday & Thursday 6 to 7.15 am with N.Murugan & S.John
- **Women & young girls** (from age 15 -Outreach Centers and others) Sunday morning 8.30 to 9.45 am with Surya



Please be at the Dojo/Budokan 15 min. before the class starts. New students may wear long loose pants & t-shirt with sleeves for the start (no tight fitting please), then a white "keikogi" will be required. For all activity at the Budokan, Health Fund or private insurance necessary & reasonable contribution required. For more info, please contact Surya: [0413-2623813](tel:0413-2623813) or [9655485487](tel:9655485487) - email budokan@auroville.org.in
Surya, N.Murugan and Cristo for Auroville Aikido

HEALTH

■ Santé News Update:

Apologies for a small error in our July 2018 therapist schedule. Dr. Manoj, our general practitioner is available for seeing patients on Saturday mornings through the month of July from 9:00 - 12:30.

PLEASE NOTE: Dr. Manoj will be out of station from Wednesday 11/07/2018 till Monday 16/07/2018. He will be back at work as usual from Tuesday, 17/07/2018.

There will be no doctor in Santé for those few days but all our other services will continue as normal.

■ Acupuncture / Traditional Chinese Medicine

is offered again for all by Heidi S. in Vikas or at your home. Please call [9442357661](tel:9442357661) for appointments. Thanks, Heidi.

GREEN MATTERS

■ MGEcoduties goes Packaging FREE of Plastic entirely



MGEcoduties takes responsibility for the products that we produce, market and distribute; but also, the Packaging of our products is for us a serious matter.

It is our daily duty to provide products, that are All Natural and 100% biodegradable from the ingredients to the packaging. And for that reason, we have changed entirely all our Packaging, making us a producer that provides to all our customers products FREE of plastic. The latest and last packaging was for the Probiotics Ceramic Rings, that now has a new look and goes to zero plastic. It looks nice standing in our shelves in Probiotics House.

Visit us in MGEcoduties - Probiotics House in Reve. And please, do not forget to bring your recycled container, clean and tidy, for the refilling products.

Guidelma and Margarita - MGEcoduties - Probiotics House
Reve. Phone: [+91 413 2623774](tel:+914132623774) / mgecoduties@auroville.org.in

■ Water Words: Introduction to Water Management Strategy (WMS)

As promised before the summer break, it's time to introduce the community to the Water Management Strategy that the Water Group has been working on. Let's be honest: years of research and efforts to coordinate water management have been unsuccessful in shifting our collective behaviour in water management. This document is another attempt to bring clarity to Auroville's water future: our goals and strategies for becoming a "water sensitive city". The difference is that this attempt includes you. Water impacts everyone and cannot be left in the hands of a few "experts"; planning must be a

collaborative, community process. So we want to share with you this evolving draft (currently 37 pages and in its 7th version) and we want to hear your feedback on it. We'll summarize roughly one chapter per week, with the hope that it will inspire you to visit our website and read the entire document for yourself. And then, we want to hear what you think about it - pro or con and everything in between. It all starts in this column next week. See you there.



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

Website: www.aurovillewater.in

Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillewatergroup

Voices Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO / TV



Dear listeners/viewers!

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

From our volunteers for the past week we have:

rtm - interview with [Tapas on early days of Auroville, Ashram and The Mother](#)

Out of regular programs we have:

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

Here are also news of Thursday with interview with Kiran Kamal and [Monday](#).

Musical chillout edition: [Lost in the Sea](#)

Your AurovilleRadioTV team

NOTES FOR ANDRÉ T.

■ So Much Love



Dear Friends,

We are deeply touched and overwhelmed with the amount of love, stories, memories that are being shared with us about my Father, André Tardeil.

Part of me wishes these memories and mails were sent before he left as I could have sat by his side and read them to him in these last few weeks. It would have been beautiful, now I can only imagine or

believe that he hears these words as I share your mails with my family.

With all my gratitude and love I wish to reply to each one of you personally but seeing how far, wide and big my father's friendship, love, family has reached, it would take me a very long time to share my appreciation to each one, but know that I have each one of you in my thoughts as I write this message for all to share.

My Father has always been there for me in every way, no matter what or where I was. There are no words to express my loss, but my Papa has prepared me well and showed me strength in ways I could never imagine. These memories you share mean the world to me, seeing my Father from different windows.

My love and thanks to each one of you.

Sincerely, Mirra.

mirtardeil@gmail.com

■ My Soul, my Soul

The soul behind our mask thrown down continues smiling and she knows - she knows through a kind of divine complicity, entirely surrendered to Him, confined by the body but beyond the world, that we approach Divinity, at the price of a daily sacrifice, of our whole being, we express a new phase of the terrestrial Consciousness in its ascent and rediscovery of the Beauty from which she comes.

In us exists this Fire Flower, this golden flower which never stops growing and which nourishes itself even by our obscurity, our confusion, our ignorance and makes of our form the Athanor where the Night uncovers and transforms itself one day, and where slowly the experience of time changes in the Legend of Eternity.

We are the fruit of a great patience which inspires us to kneel down in deep gratitude and wonder and where we recognize the beauty of this metamorphosis which covers the immensity of time.

'And never lose the white spiritual touch'
Dialogue between Death and Savitri's Heart.
Sri Aurobindo, Savitri, X.III

GangaLakshmi dedicates this to one of her soul brothers - André
- Be always with Him and Her, for eternity!
GangaLakshmi

■ Last Visit to André

My last days before I left Auroville for a few months I drove passed the entrance to New Creation.

I suddenly knew I had to turn back and see André.

I sat in his office and when I hugged him I could feel his shoulder-bones more sharply under his shawl. It was clear it was my last visit and he knew that I knew. We looked at each other and briefly all our 40 years or more of having struggled, having suffered and enjoyed together passed through us.

His last farewell to me:

"You know, Fred, there are two parts in me and they are fighting. The one which holds on, which clings to the past, and then the one which has changed and which is full of light and life. Which one will win I do not know. I want what She wants."
One more last hug.

I salute you, dear comrade. We come from the past, from the harshness and adventure of the beginning.

We are formed in our lives from very early years. Me from the war. I was always hungry and my first action in Auroville was to start free Mid-Day meals for the workers who prepared the Auroville Foundation on 28th Feb. 1968, fifty years ago. And You? Even though you were not an orphan, you had no real parents. You began looking after the poor kids in villages. Auroville allows us to correct our past. Also we were as team-players complementary.

The next generations at times do not share these aspirations, they have other dreams they follow.

They again are complementary and complete us.

You often felt alone and misunderstood in your appeals to Auroville for more help.

My last hug wanted to let you know that we in, our differences, admire and love you. There are not many from the neighborhood, who are now part of Auroville, who have not been cared for by you.

Now I can only visit you in my heart, where I will keep you.
Love Frederick (28.6.18)

■ André, dedication and generosity

I have known André very early in my Auroville life. When I was dealing with the finances of the new Pour Tous Fund from early 1976 till late 1978, André was part of the small circuit of people that I visited regularly in Pondicherry to seek donations to sustain the newly achieved de-facto economic independence from the SAS. He was always very eager to support and felt often disappointed that his then position of number 2 in Auroshikha did not permit him to give as much as he wanted. Once I remember him asking me what was the average monthly budget of Pour Tous Fund (which must have been anything between 30 to 40.000 rupees – difficult to equate that with our present

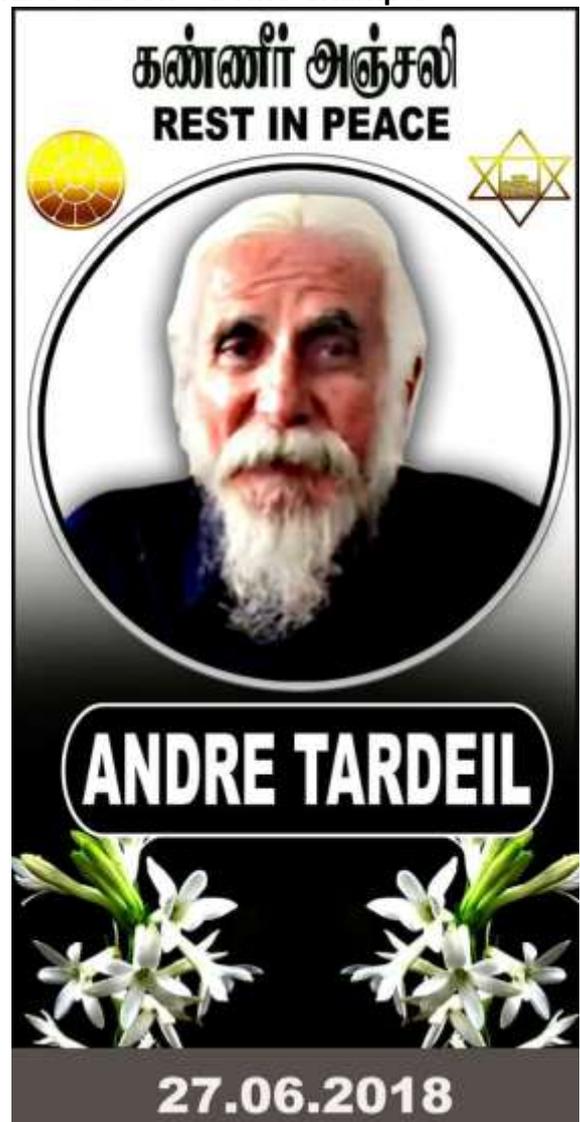
numbers, I suppose...) and what was our usual "deficit" (generally about a quarter to half that amount), then he exclaimed something like, "My God, we (Auroshikha) could easily give that..." He felt a bit sad, I am sure, to be only able to give what he considered to be a relatively small amount.

I have always known him to have this instinctive generosity, be it with money or with his time or his support. In the first years of SALLER he was always ready to assist in various tasks, such as the registration of assets (a new practice for an Auroville beginning to receive Governments grants). I felt confident that we could always be sure to receive from André timely and efficient help whenever required.

Of course he is mostly known for the establishment of New Creation, a prolific seed from which many other realizations came. His love for the local people, – again, the generosity – translated in many lives transformed, particularly young girls and boys through education, a cause in which he poured his energy, endlessly creating classes and boardings. Today, I am sure, so many would say that what they have been able to become owes a lot to André's ceaseless efforts to sustain them. Finally he faced death with a great dignity. He survived quite long one of the deadliest cancer He refused to be drawn into the too often merciless process of hospitalization and operations, with its toll on consciousness, and put himself in Mother's hands. I had the privilege of visiting him a few weeks ago. He was of course very thin and quite frail, but I sensed that calm and that determination, his continuous attention and care for the things he valued most. André, I felt, was fully present, with his abiding faith and dedication. I was deeply touched by this encounter, the quiet courage and the calm dignity.

Alain Bernard

■ André Tardeil - a fine example



■ Auroville's Organization: Why the Residents Assembly and Consensus Participatory Systems Fail

To read the full article, please see it on Avnet: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/69384>.

Summarized Points:

- Unfortunately we don't wish to truly admit that our essential problem is that we continue to build systems of decision-making which are based upon the old ideals of democracy - which also includes all the currently popular consensus and participatory-based strategies, which are simply adaptations of democracy.
- "All these intermediaries have proved to be inadequate: theocracy, aristocracy, democracy, plutocracy, all that has been a complete failure. The other one is in the process of proving itself a failure too... what can you call it?... democratic government?" --- The Mother
- The Mother long ago gave in absolute clear detail the vision for Auroville's organizational system, even presenting layers of options depending upon the conditions of the collective consciousness. At the highest or most ideal level, She mentions "a divine anarchy," which unfortunately for many here in Auroville is interpreted as everyone being able to do whatever they wish without any rules, consequences or hierarchies.
- In the absence of this possibility, the Mother suggests that a "Representative of the Supreme Consciousness" would be at the center of organizing life in Auroville.
- And then, the next level: "If there is no representative of the supreme Consciousness then perhaps this could be replaced (it would be an experiment) by the government of a few who have an INTUITIVE intelligence," and "A hierarchic organisation grouped around the most enlightened centre and submitting to a collective discipline."
- Mother says that this should be a group of "the most enlightened," not necessarily of Perfected, fully Enlightened Beings who could no longer be questioned. It is simply meant to identify the Wisest and MOST Intuitive of the community and allow them to lead together as a group.
- The challenge in Auroville now is that we are, understandably so, fearful of any kind of Hierarchy and Centralization, and so distrustful of each other that we cannot accept anyone being, perhaps, a bit more intuitive or wiser than we are.
- Mother has said clearly that it is a Hierarchy of Consciousness that is wanted... "It is the individuals who have attained a higher consciousness who have the right to govern."
- The flaws of democratic Consensus and Participatory decision-making systems are that they mix everyone and everything, every idea, equally together, as if every idea/belief/opinion/perspective is equal and that everyone here in Auroville has the same quality or level of Consciousness...
- To put it simply, not all Aurovilians - just like everyone else in this world - are living at the same Height or Depth of Consciousness, nor are all ideas/feedback/perspectives coming from the same level of consciousness.
- We fail to look deeper into the 'psychology' of each idea or policy decision, to see from where they come from in our consciousness and what they truly represent, or how and what our ideas and policies are truly creating in the community.
- We are here to manifest something entirely New which reflects Values that are not necessarily the same as the current moral norms that are popular and accepted as 'absolute'. As long as we continue to ignore the guidance given by Mother, we continue to create our Insincerity towards the Truth.
- Our fear of hierarchy and centralization should not destroy all trust in the possibility of a True Hierarchy and the capacity for Auroville to align itself with the Vision that Mother has placed before us to create a New Society
- While it may be true that the Highest Ideal of Organization which Mother has asked us to manifest is not possible right now in this moment, we must at least try to take much bigger steps towards this.
- I am certain that the Divine Mother would be Present for us to make this kind of effort, even if it brings up all the difficulties and risks of our human nature in the process - and perhaps those difficulties would even turn out to be the Guides we need for the Way Forward.

In Truth and Light.... Noel

André Tardeil was one of the fine examples of what happens to an idealistic youth when s/he imbibes the vision and inspiration of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Years back, in 1977-78, I first saw him in Puducherry, in the Ashram locality. Immediately, my first impression was - this man has a heart for all, he feels for all, he lives for all, that he is one of those large-hearted servants of society. My second impression was that he resembled a very energetic and idealist new entrepreneurs' teacher I had met in Ahmedabad. Both of my impressions turned out to be wonderfully true in the four decades that followed.

Maurice Monier (who lives in Citadines) was often André's companion during those days in the Ashram. Lotus was the handcraft shop that André ran on Nehru Street in Puducherry. One day, I went to his office. I was then toying with the idea of opening an Auroville handicraft shop in Ahmedabad and how André might help. Retrospectively, it was all in the air, just talk. Perhaps André felt it and said, "You know. There is a message of the Mother. "No Words. Acts".

After six months stay at the Ashram, I went back to my native city Ahmedabad. 8 years later, in 1986 or so, while visiting Auroville for a few days, I saw André at the Tennis ground at Certitude. I inquired if his business was running or wound up. He murmured without looking at me, "That was not my business. That is the problem with Sri Aurobindo!"

These words reinforce my first impression of him that this man has a heart for all, that he felt and lived for all. Even his business was for a collective good. Influence of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother only added fire to fire.

In 1994, when I published and circulated my first paper "Reaching out to the Survival Challenge of the Earth-Queen", André was one of the persons who wrote to me. The main point of his letter was, "Auroville should love and do so much for surrounding villages that they (landowners) gladly and voluntarily offer their land for the manifestation of Auroville." This was his high idealism. He even wrote that that was the Mother's view of things.

Around 2004 or so, an established French business woman wrote to me with a reference to someone I knew that she would like to see Auroville. We arranged her visit to various Auroville places including New Creation. André showed us various places within the premises of New Creation. I noted that there was absolute unspoken acceptance André and people who worked in the units or activities set up by him. Finally, we came to a place where André has been housing some 30 or 40 children, aged between 6 and 14, who had difficult or tragic family background. This was more than an orphanage. This was his extended family (besides his personal family). How lucky those children were. They were all brimming with life. Good care, good nourishment, good environment. Besides Tamil, they were taught English and French as well. I had to leave early for some reason but the French businesswomen later told me that the children stood in a group and sung a song to her in French!

André had become not just a father to so many but was an institution himself. This can be gauged by the title of an article that Abha Prakash wrote in Auroville Today many years ago - "Life and Work of André Tardeil". It was a short article - just half a page - but I do hope that someday somebody with a research bent of mind will spare time and inquire deeper and come out with a book "Life and Work of André Tardeil". Such a study can and should be sponsored by SAIER or Auroville Village Action. PRISMA or Auroville Press will only be glad to publish such a book.

(Abridged. For full text, see on [Auronet article](#) dt.28th June or write to the author aryadeep@auroville.org.in)

Aryadeep

■ Ta ta André

Cher André, voilà! ... no doubt you have achieved what you were sure was your mission for Her work. And you have done under any circumstances, no matter what others opinions were, and the difficulties to get it. Chapeau, my brother, not easy, you can say today: accomplished. You can go smiling.

Till the next time ...

In Her Love and Certitude, *Anandi (Realization)*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Available: I am Newcomer and I am looking for a FLATMATE to share a Newcomer apartment in Maitreye2 Community until December / January. I'm a quiet person and I sleep at 10pm. If you are interested, please contact me at [7598331379](tel:998331379) or umberto.cerasoli@gmail.com. Thanks! *Umberto C.*

AVAILABLE

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



Auction at Swagatham guest house on Monday 9th at 3PM, dining hall
List of old items:

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| 1. Washing machine - 1 no | 6. Exhaust fans - 6 nos |
| 2. Air condition split - 1 no | 7. Television - 5 no |
| 3. Big fridge - 1 no | 8. Setup boxes for Dish TV - 5 nos |
| 4. Small fridge - 1 no | 9. Big grinder - 1 no |
| 5. Gas stove - 1 no | 10. Water file - 1 no. |

Motorbike: Honda Unicorn, silver, year 2009. Well maintained. Approximately 50000km. Mostly driven in AV. No accidents. Renewed front brakes speedometer. If you are interested call *Kay* [9943368410](tel:9943368410).

Motorbike 2: 2014 Bajaj Avenger 220, Low Mileage, Well Maintained, Tamil Nadu plate. Contact: *Mahesh:* [9585437499](tel:9585437499) / [8300337443](tel:8300337443).

Monitor: bought 9 months ago 21.5 inch, in good condition, it runs perfect and has a good color if interested contact: *Uriel* edxnuriel@gmail.com or [7598394821](tel:7598394821)

LOOKING FOR...

Work position: Dear units and services of Auroville, I am 21 years old and am searching for a stable full-time or part-time employment in Auroville. Any proposition is most welcome. Please contact me at: vattiertenzin@gmail.com / [7598246250](tel:7598246250) or [04132623550](tel:04132623550). Thanking you in advance. Best regards, *Tenzin Vattier, Swedame, auroville.*

Any kind of broken electronic stuff: to take apart and build something new with. (Our child is asking for it). Please contact us (WhatsApp: [+4917666648035](tel:+4917666648035)), if you have something you don't need anymore. Thank you! *Sarah W.*

Anyone having a "Nespresso" machine to give/lend/sell? Mine broke and am stuck with a whole load of capsules. Call *Sheril* [9443427919](tel:9443427919).

Used Scooter or Moped: no more than 4 years old. Any light bike is good ie. maestro, pept or Activa. The scooter should be in good condition with no accidents. Please call, text or whatsapp *Susan* at [8127525869](tel:8127525869).

Cellphone/mobile: I do not have much preference, I should be able to make calls and use whatsapp. My phone got damaged in rain and hence it is urgent. I am ready to make some contributions as well, if the phone is in a very good condition. Please call me on [7043731366](tel:7043731366) or you can write to me at pujasree.burman@gmail.com. *Puja.*

A rat trap: very urgently. If someone can lend us one for a day or 2 it will be very helpful. Thanks. Please call or whatsapp anyone of us: *Romel* [9920996080](tel:9920996080) or *Mimansha* [9619996080](tel:9619996080).

LOST & FOUND

Sunglasses (Lost): I have lost my black Ray-Ban type sunglasses on Monday somewhere on the road near Arka. If you found them, please contact *Sarah* [9487236065](tel:9487236065).

TAXI SHARING

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

July 11-12th: Taxi leaving Chennai airport at 3.40 a.m. on Thursday, 12 July to Auroville. Taxi sharing is possible both ways. WhatsApp [9047468594](tel:9047468594) or email: rus@indiduct.com.

July 14th: Hey, I'll land in Chennai the 14th July, around 9:30 AM. Destination Auroville... Anyone interested to share a taxi to AV? Thanks, *Giacomo* - Contacts: Whatsapp [+919487340778](tel:+919487340778) / Email giacomoauroville@gmail.com

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

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

Week's Happenings

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

INVITATIONS



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri

read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY - 6.00 to 6.30 pm [weather permitting]

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

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

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there. Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm

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

Amphitheatre Team

EXHIBITIONS

Kalakendra Art Gallery presents:

"The Dawn of Auroville"

- A rare photo exhibition on the early history of Auroville.

Opening hours: 9 to 5 pm. Sundays closed.

Ongoing until early September 2018.

Please note that the Tuesday afternoons weekly sharing sessions on the Early Pioneering days of Auroville will resume on Tuesday 7th of August.

Savitri

B H A V A N

July 2018 – Exhibitions
Monday-Saturday 9-5

Meditations on Savitri

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

Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs

in the upstairs corridor

Glimpses of the Mother

photographs and texts in the Square Hall

Everyone is welcome

AUROVILLE ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BUS - JULY 2018 SCHEDULE



We remind you that the bus is Accessible to All, it means that everybody will be able to use it. People who have no physical problems, wheelchair users, mothers with buggies, people with temporary or permanently reduced mobility included. The differently able residents and guests who want to use the bus must call us one day or one hour in advance and they will be picked up at their communities.

For those who would like to contribute more to support the Accessible Auroville Public Bus here is the account number 251675 - With Gratitude, AV Bus Team (- Email contact: avbus@auroville.org.in)

Trips from Auroville to Pondy

<u>Morning Trips:</u> <u>MONDAY to SATURDAY</u>	<u>Afternoon Trips:</u> <u>WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY</u>	<u>Short afternoon Trips:</u> <u>MONDAY & SATURDAY</u>
8.20 am - Vérité	4.20 pm - Vérité	2.50 pm - Vérité
8.25 am - Matrimandir office gate	4.25 pm - Matrimandir office gate	2.55 pm - Matrimandir office gate
8.30 am - Solar kitchen	4.30 pm - Solar kitchen	3.00 pm - Solar kitchen
8.32 am - Certitude	4.33 pm - Certitude	3.03 pm - Certitude
8.40 am - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)	4.40 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)	3.08 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
8.42 am - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)	4.42 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)	3.10 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
8.45 am - (Former) Last School	4.45 pm - (Former) Last School	3.12 pm - (Former) Last School
8.50 am - Quiet	4.50 pm - Quiet	3.18 pm - Quiet
9.00 am - Lotus Hotel	5.00 pm - Lotus Hotel	3.30 pm - Lotus Hotel
9.05 am - Ashram Dining Hall	5.05 pm - Ashram Dining Hall	3.35 pm - Ashram Dining Hall

Trips from Pondy to Auroville

<u>MONDAY to SATURDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY & SATURDAY</u>
12.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall	8.10 pm - Ashram Dining Hall	6.00 pm - Ashram Dining Hall
12.05 pm - Lotus Hotel	8.15 pm - Lotus Hotel	6.05 pm - Lotus Hotel
12.15 pm - Quiet	8.25 pm - Quiet	6.17 pm - Quiet
12.20 pm - (Former) Last School	8.30 pm - (Former) Last School	6.23 pm - (Former) Last School
12.23 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)	8.33 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)	6.25 pm - Kuilapalayam(SBI Bank)
12.25 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)	8.35 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)	6.27 pm - Kuilapalayam (New Creation Junction)
12.33 pm - Certitude	8.43 pm - Certitude	6.33 pm - Certitude
12.35 pm - Solar Kitchen	8.45 pm - Solar Kitchen	6.35 pm - Solar Kitchen
12.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate	8.50 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate	6.40 pm - Matrimandir Office Gate
12.45 pm - Vérité	8.55 pm - Vérité	6.45 pm - Vérité

SCHEDULES



Come, Create with Us! Experience, Express and Explore yourself through the Visual Arts

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

is a platform for people to experience art first hand and overcome the inhibitions. It is a place where art enthusiasts can experiment with mediums, form, themes, etc. and hone their skills. CREEVA lets you explore deeper and find your language to express. It helps you practice your yoga of art regularly and peacefully.

Weekday 5pm-7pm @ Creativity Community Atelier, Near Solar Kitchen

- **Monday Mediums** with A. Sathya- Work with different paint mediums to use in your own expression. Gauche/Watercolors/Pencil/Charcoal/etc.
- **Playful Tuesdays** with Dominique - Explore and create your own understanding of known artists and also on Art which will expand your own expression.
- **Drawing Saturday** with Lakshay - Figure Drawing. Classic way to understand the form, anatomy, perspective, etc. Support is available.

Pls. BE ON TIME. It's a cooperative; pls. feel free to use the studio's art materials. It's free for Aurovilians and Newcomers. The base contribution for Volunteers is Rs.100 and Guests is Rs.200 per session. It's a non-profit; donate more generously for art to flourish. If you have any questions, feel free to call or email. Call 04132622641 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in

We have an open studio every day from 9:30am to 4.30pm at Creativity Community.

MONTHLY SCHEDULES

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

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

CULTURAL EVENTS

Reminder...



JHINI JHINI JHINI

Songs of the Mystics
by Shabnam Virmani

Sunday, 8th July - 7pm
At Adishakti Theatre

Contact:
[0413 2622287](tel:04132622287) - [9487514962](tel:9487514962)
Entry Free!
Donations are welcome

REGULAR EVENTS

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

OTHER EVENTS

Restorative Circles Online Webinar

Starting Tuesday, July 10th

7-9pm - Every other Tuesday for 10 sessions



Would you enjoy learning about RC on an online webinar, with international participants? If so, contact *L'aura*: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, [9442788016](tel:9442788016)

Restorative Circles (RC) offer ways for individuals and communities to establish connection, discover meaning and recover power on profound levels. They create forums for reaching agreements that help sustain effective and nurturing relationships both personally and collectively.

This Circle process has developed within the Restorative Justice (RJ) movement, which in recent decades has rediscovered and adapted ways for communities to promote responsibility and healing. Rethinking justice, and engaging with the challenge of consciously building whole system responses to community well-being, has opened up revolutionary possibilities for furthering a culture of peace.

More info about Restorative Circles: www.restorativecircles.org

Conflict is an inevitable part of the diversity of life. Yet few of us individually, let alone as a community, know how to respond to conflict with behaviors that do not produce pain and damage relationships.

The RC process offers a way to create community spaces for conflict that are safe and constructive, not destructive. It has been described as a straightforward problem-solving and nonviolent restoration method that demonstrates how community members can resolve their own conflicts when provided with a constructive forum to do so.

The establishment of a restorative system empowers communities to consciously choose how they would like to respond to conflict before it occurs - a form of proactive, preventative conflict transformation. It enables them to choose a nonviolent response to conflict that involves the whole community in discovering their own sustainable strategies by addressing immediate as well as underlying long term causes.

Restorative Auroville Looking for Facilitators

Our work is expanding, Circles are being called, and we want to respond quickly, thoroughly and with skill. We're looking for passionate, committed Aurovilians and Newcomers who would like to learn and practice this craft with us, and become an RC Facilitator for the community.

Are you intrigued about Restorative Circles?

Do you see value in holding space for difficult conversations? Are you wanting to learn how to listen better and to lend your ears to others?



For more information about our work, check out www.facebook.com/RestorativeAuroville.

If this speaks to you, please contact us at restorative@auroville.org.in.

Love,

Restorative Auroville (L'aura, Janet, Shanti, Kati)

Workshop on EMO Balance with Andres Lokuta

12th-13th and 14th of JULY

from 8:30 to 12:30 - Venue Joy Guest House

EMO-Emotional Balance of Body and Mind through focus on: Exercises of Qi Gong; Energy points activation; Diet advise; Assisted stretching; Healing sounds; Face reading
Visual exercises; Emotional blockages can cause a health in balance that can result in different illnesses. Wellbeing of the person can be affected by thoughts, attitudes, daily routine, body posture and diet.

In this workshop we will practice simple but effective exercises of Qi Gong, Acupressure, stretches, healing sounds, dietary suggestions and visual exercises to release emotional and physical tensions and re-balance harmonious flow of energy to enhance our personal wellbeing.

Andres Lokuta is an acupuncturist and naturist, Qi Gong practitioner, manual therapist and physiognomist with 18 years of experience.

Registration Required with *Andres* on: [9655474497](tel:9655474497)

Joy Team :)

Contact Improvisation Dance classes and jams: Wednesdays

5:45pm - 7:30pm at European House (located inside and to the right of international house - opposite Tibetan pavilion) We will use this space to explore and play with movement, flooring, spiraling and flying. We will play with the artistry of falling off balance, counterbalance, finding the shelves of the body and learning the mechanics of the body in order to handle someone else's weight or be lifted. Looking at body design and structure to find effortless, efficient and graceful movement. Wed class we will focus on technique and improving our contact movement vocabulary. Thurs will start with a structured warm up and develop into a free space jam, where we can play and dance. Classes are designed for all experience types.

Contact *John*: [852 496 3049](tel:8524963049).

French classes at the French Pavilion: For Aurovilians, Newcomers and long term Volunteers, French classes will again be available from this month for all levels. Classes will be organised tentatively 3 times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5 pm.

They are meant for whoever wishes to acquire a good communication competence for social exchanges but also for professional needs.

If you are interested, please contact gildo@auroville.org.in and introduce yourself mentioning amongst others your level and your motivation.

Looking forward to hearing from you all at above e-mail address. *Gildo, for the French Pavilion.*

TAMIL FOR EVERYONE!

Tamil is the language of the Bioregion and it is one of the languages of Auroville specified by The Mother. It is important that we all should have familiarity with Tamil as much as possible. Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers, come and join our "Basic Tamil conversation classes for everyone"

For Beginners: the classes will start from 10th July 2018

Time: Every Tuesday & Friday, 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Venue: SAIER (meeting room, first floor) Please contact : chitrab@auroville.org.in

Thank you! *Auro-Traductions, Town Hall.*

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

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- **10 - Day French Beginners Intensive Course.** 9th - 20th July. Monday - Friday. 5 pm to 6 pm. *Romain*
 - **10 - Day English Intermediate Intensive Course.** 16th - 27th July. Monday - Friday. 4 pm - 5 pm. *Puja*
 - **Spoken English for Beginners.** Starting soon, probably on the 9th July. Interested people can start registering. *Jack Kausch*
 - **New Tamil Beginners Class.** Starting from 16th July. Time and date to be announced shortly. Please register now. *Saravanan*

The Language Lab is open: Monday - Friday 9:00 am 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9am to 12pm.

Location: International Zone, beyond the Unity Pavilion and Pump House. Phone: [0413-2623661](tel:0413-2623661), [6380042388](tel:6380042388)

Email: info@aurovillelanguage.org

FILMS

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 76min.

INTERVIEW WITH TIM, Part 1 and Part 2

Tim Wrey reached Auroville in 1973 after a long journey with his family through Africa by Land Rover, then by ship to Mumbai and on with their Land Rover through India. Finally their engine broke down near the banyan tree. They had to wait for some time for it to be repaired, and during that time were blessed by a visit to the Mother - one of the very last that she gave. They completed their one-year overland journey by returning to England and realised that the highlight of their whole journey was Auroville and the Mother's touch. Tim's family remained in England, but he returned in 1977 and worked at the Matrimandir. Now since many years he is working at PRISMA doing editing and proof-reading, and has himself written two books on Indian wildlife.

THE ECO FILM CLUB



Sadhana Forest, July 13th, Friday

Schedule of Events:

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

4:30 pm: Tour of Sadhana Forest

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

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

8:00 pm: Dinner is served

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

Before the movie, at exactly 4:30pm you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner! ****Note: Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 7pm :)**

O Poema Imperfeito / The Imperfect Poem

40 mins / 2018 / Portuguese w/English subtitles / Directed by: Zulmira Coimbra. The destruction of nature is considered a recent phenomenon. But long before the industrial revolution, what we believed to be the untouched nature, or the perfect poem, was not perfect anymore. When the palaeontologists started to dig up fossils, they revealed an extremely rich megafauna that became extinct as the human beings colonised the different continents.

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at [0413-2677682](tel:0413-2677682) or [2677683](tel:0413-2677683) or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in. Or visit us online: sadhanaforest.org and facebook.com/sadhanaforest.



MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)

Friday 13 JULY at 7.45 pm

"TAXI TEHRAN"

Directed by Jafar PANAH - Iran, 2015

With: Jafar Panahi, Hana Saeidi, Nasrin Sotoudeh, and people from Tehran

Synopsis: When you are a filmmaker and your government has banned you to direct movies for 2 decades, you have to retrain. So why not become a taxi driver? Or better, why not pretend you are a taxi driver and make a film despite everything? This is what Jafar Panahi has done. Now he invites you to get into his cab to ride through the streets of Tehran and discover its people in the persons of his various passengers... A captivating and very warm cinematic experience! Winner of the Golden Bear, Berlin Film Festival, 2015.

Original version in Farsi with English subtitles - Duration 1h.23'



CINEMA PARADISO

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 9 to 15 July 2018

Multimedia Center - Cinema Paradiso is resuming its full programming though from time to time work will continue and we may have to close the hall for a few days intermittently. However, nothing will be like the stretch we had. So, friends - do come to the movies at 8pm and if you want to book the venue or for any other queries - do write to us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

Indian - Monday 9 July, 8:00 pm:

• BLACKMAIL

India, 2018, Dir. Abinay Deo w/ Irrfan Khan, Kirti Kulhari, Urmila Matondkar, and others, Dark Comedy-Thriller, 138mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (R)

Dev Kaushal, an ordinary man, spends hours playing games after office instead of heading home to his new wife. Taking advice of his colleague he returns early one day expecting his wife Reena to appreciate. Instead, he discovers that she is having an affair with Ranjeet, her boyfriend now married to a rich woman. After playing out all possible scenarios how to react, Dev settles for blackmailing as a means to take revenge. The decision takes its own course as others start blackmailing Dev and things turn gruesome and yet oddly hilarious. *This is Irrfan Khan's last released film so far. Wishing him a full recovery. Watch this dark comedy it at your risk.*

German - Tuesday 10 July, 8:00 pm:

• SOUND OF HEIMAT - DEUTSCHLAND SINGT (Sound of Home - Germany sings)

Germany, 2012, Dir. Arne Birkenstock, Jan Tengeler w/ Hayden Chisholm, Choir of Leipziger Gewandhaus, and others, Documentary, 93mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Hayden Chisholm, a New Zealand saxophonist of Scottish descent, embarks on a musical adventure trip all across Germany, during which he meets old and young, traditional and modern folk musicians. On his journey, he not only encounters all possible kinds of regional musical specialties but also the widespread German ambivalence when it comes to homeland and folk music. The film offers a fresh look at 'Heimat': zappy, colourful and emotional - full of life and full of music.

Nature Series - Wednesday 11 July, 8:00 pm:

• BLUE PLANET II: ONE OCEAN (EPISODE 1)

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

David Attenborough returns to the world's oceans in this sequel to the acclaimed documentary filming rare and unusual creatures of the deep, as well as documenting the problems our oceans face. This episode takes us on a journey from the intense heat of the tropics to our planet's frozen poles to reveal new worlds and extraordinary never-before-seen animal behaviors.

Russian - Thursday 12 July, 8:00 pm:

• **TOT SAMYY MYUNKHGAUZEN**
(The Very Same Munchhausen)

Soviet Union, 1979, Dir. Mark Zakharov w/ Oleg Yankovskiy, Inna Churikova, Elena Koreneva, and others, Comedy-Fantasy, 142mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

A philosophical and poetic portrait of the famous Baron Munchhausen. His crazy, yet entertaining stories, views and behaviour is what sets him apart from others. He becomes alienated from the society that fails to grasp his brilliance. In fact, his brilliance is what underlines the faults with the society itself. It's a beautiful yet tragic story that is filled with dense and thought-provoking dialogue.

International - Saturday 14 July, 8:00 pm:

• **MANIFESTO**

Germany, 2015, Dir. Julian Rosefeldt, w/ Cate Blanchette, Erica Bauer, Roby Bustamante, Drama, English w/ English subtitles, 95mins, Rated: PG,

The film draws on the writings of futurists, Dadaists, Fluxus artists, Suprematists, Situationists, Dogma 95 and other artist groups, and the musings of individual artists, architects, dancers and filmmakers, editing and reassembling them as a collage of artists' manifestos, ultimately questioning the role of the artist in society today. Performing these 'new manifestos' while inhabiting different personas the actors imbues new dramatic life into these famous words in unexpected contexts.

Children's Film - Sunday 15 July, 4:30pm

• **THE STAR**

USA, 2017, Dir: Timothy Recent, w/ Steven Yeun, Keegan-Michael Key, Aidy Bryant and others, Animation, 86mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas.

ANDRZEJ WAJDA FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 15 July, 8:00 pm:

• **POWIDOKI (After Image)**

Poland, 2016, Dir. Andrzej Wajda w/Boguslaw Linda, Bronislawa Zamachowska, Zofia Wichlacz and others, History-Drama, 98mins, Polish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A biopic about avant-garde artist Wladyslaw Strzeminski, who battled Stalinist orthodoxy and his own physical impairments to advance his progressive ideas about art. The film shows how the socialist government destroyed the charismatic, rebellious man. The movie has a classical, beautifully understated style that throughout conveys the assurance of a true master.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support.

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

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group

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Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm)

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

How to submit material: Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent (in English only) to the *N&N* email address (below).

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

The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute

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

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

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

Visiting hours: On appointment only.

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- Pims: [0413-2656271](tel:0413-2656271)

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→ Indian ambulance emergencies: [108](tel:108)

REMINDER TO ALL GUESTS from *The Guest Facilities Coordination Group*

- Guest Registration Service-

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

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

The Auroville Guest Registration Service operates at 3 locations:

-Visitors Centre - at the far end of the Expo Hall (big white building on the left), opposite Dreamer's Cafe - All days 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-5:00

-Town Hall - reception area - Monday-Saturday 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30

-Aspiration - Financial Service office left side - Monday-Saturday 9:00-12:30

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