

News & Notes

9th January 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 631



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

Sweet Mother, how can someone who hasn't much spiritual capacity best help in this work?

I don't know whether one can say that anyone has much or little spiritual capacity. It is not like that.

To live the spiritual life, a reversal of consciousness is needed. This cannot be compared in any way with the different faculties or possibilities one has in the mental field. It may be said of someone that he hasn't much mental, vital or physical capacity, that his possibilities are very limited; in that case it may be asked how these capacities may be developed, that is, how new ones may be acquired, which is something rather difficult. But to live the spiritual life is to open to another world within oneself. It is to reverse one's consciousness, as it were. The ordinary human consciousness, even in the most developed, even in men of great talent and great realisation, is a movement turned outwards — all the energies are directed outwards, the whole consciousness is spread outwards; and if anything is turned inwards, it is very little, very rare, very fragmentary, it happens only under the pressure of very special circumstances, violent shocks, the shocks life gives precisely with the intention of slightly reversing this movement of exteriorisation of the consciousness.

But all who have lived a spiritual life have had the same experience: all of a sudden something in their being has been reversed, so to speak, has been turned suddenly and sometimes completely inwards, and also at the same time upwards, from within upwards — but it is not an external "above", it is within, deep, something other than the heights as they are physically conceived. Something has literally been turned over. There has been a decisive experience and the standpoint in life, the way of looking at life, the attitude one takes in relation to it, has suddenly changed, and in some cases quite definitively, irrevocably.

And as soon as one is turned towards the spiritual life and reality, one touches the Infinite, the Eternal, and there can no longer be any question of a greater or smaller number of capacities or possibilities. It is the mental conception of spiritual life which may say that one has more or less capacity to live spiritually, but this is not at all an adequate statement. What may be said is that one is more or less ready for the decisive and total reversal. In reality, it is the mental capacity to withdraw from ordinary activities and to set out in search of the spiritual life which can be measured.

But so long as one is in the mental field, in this state, as it were, on this plane of consciousness, one can't do much for others, either for life in general or for particular individuals, because one doesn't have the certitude oneself, one doesn't have the definitive experience, the consciousness has not been established in the spiritual world; and all that can be said is that they are mental activities which have their good and bad sides, but not much power and, in any case, not this power of spiritual contagion which is the only truly effective power.

The only thing that is truly effective is the possibility of transferring to others the state of consciousness in which one lives oneself. But this power cannot be invented. One cannot imitate it, cannot seem to have it; it only comes spontaneously when one is established in that state oneself, when one lives within it and not when one is trying to live within it — when one is there. And that is why all those who truly have a spiritual life cannot be deceived.

An imitation of spiritual life may delude people who still live in the mind, but those who have realised this reversal of consciousness in themselves, whose relation with the outer being is completely different, cannot be deceived and cannot make a mistake.

It is these people the mental being does not understand. So long as one is in the mental consciousness, even the highest, and sees the spiritual life from outside, one judges with one's mental faculties, with the habit of seeking, erring, correcting, progressing, and seeking once again; and one thinks that those who are in the spiritual life suffer from the same incapacity, but that is a very gross mistake!

When the reversal of the being has taken place, all that is finished. One no longer seeks, one sees. One no longer deduces, one knows. One no longer gropes, one walks straight to the goal. And when one has gone farther — only a little farther — one knows, feels, lives the supreme truth that the Supreme Truth alone acts, the Supreme Lord alone wills, knows and does through human beings. How could there be any possibility of error there? What He does, He does because He wills to do it.

For our mistaken vision these are perhaps incomprehensible actions, but they have a meaning and an aim and lead where they ought to lead. (Silence)

If one sincerely wants to help others and the world, the best thing one can do is to be oneself what one wants others to be — not only as an example, but because one becomes a centre of radiating power which, by the very fact that it exists, compels the rest of the world to transform itself.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 1957-1958, 22 October 1958

MOTHER

*The
Ponder
Corner*

*God is infinite Possibility.
Therefore Truth is never at rest;
therefore, also,
Error is justified of her children.*

The Mother

Report of the Working Committee

Major topics dealt with in December 2015

1. **New members of the Working Committee:** The selection process in early December chose Hemant and Inge as new members who have replaced Eric and Manohar. We are grateful to both Eric and Manohar for their contribution and presence in the WCom and welcome Hemant and Inge aboard.

2. **Windarra:** The implementation process of the arbitration decision on Windarra conflict has reached a point where the implementation can finally be effectuated. The FAMC has approved and each of the two parties has meanwhile signed for taking up a long-term loan.

3. **Mangalam and road blockages:** Both, Auroville and the village, have come to a mutual agreement on the issue. A MoU has been drafted and will be signed soon.

4. **Gol Grant:** The Government of India Grant subgroup, in collaboration with the main beneficiaries of the GOI grant, are looking into the timely utilization of the GOI grant 2015-16 and the budgets for the financial year 2016-2017.

5. **Request for tax relief for Indian donors:** We have been informed that our proposal that the Auroville Foundation be included in the list of entities mentioned in section 80 G (2) of the Income Tax Act 1961, donations to which are eligible for 100% deduction without a qualifying limit, has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance.

6. **Mobility and traffic matters:** The sub-group constituted by the Auroville Council has completed its work and submitted their report to the Council and Working Committee. The work will be shared with the community in a general meeting.

7. **Extortion threat:** The Working Committee has filed a police complaint that one of Auroville's units located in the Kulpalayam area has been subjected to threats of violence, with the request for payment of a substantial sum, and that those threatening the unit executive have subsequently threatened the Working Committee. The DSP has taken note of the matter and has stated explicitly that Aurovilians should not be fearful of threats of this nature and report them to the police.

8. **Visa issues:**

a) The Working Committee would like to express its thanks to Mr. Srinivasamurthy and to François Gautier for their efforts to ensure that Satprem Maini and Sabine Fourquez obtained their new Entry Visa from the Indian embassy, Paris.

b) The Working Committee will visit New Delhi in the beginning of January to pursue the visa problems encountered by a few Aurovilians who have overstayed or otherwise acted against Indian visa regulations. We will also discuss the list of pending visa extensions.

c) Officers from the Regional Registration Office and/or Police are visiting various communities in Auroville to see if residents of foreign origin are indeed living in the place mentioned in their Residential Permit / Stay Visa. We request all Aurovilians to extend their cooperation and courtesy in their interaction with them. In case of lack of details or doubts, if any, please refer the officer to the Working Committee.

9. **Guest/Volunteers/Prospective Newcomers in Auroville** - We would like to make the following clarification:

a) **Foreign guests.** Foreigners visiting and residing in Auroville holding a tourist visa are welcome to participate in Auroville workshops, activities and educational events. They cannot volunteer and/or work in Auroville.

b) **Volunteers.** A volunteer is someone who engages in a specific activity for an Auroville unit or project for a fixed and limited time period: 2 months minimum for Indians (one month minimum in Farms & Forests), 6 months

minimum for foreign nationals. Foreign nationals can only volunteer in Auroville while holding an Entry Visa. Foreign nationals can make applications for volunteering through the Auroville volunteering service Savi which assists in obtaining the required letter of recommendation for obtaining an Entry Visa.

c) **Prospective Newcomers.** Foreigners staying in an Auroville Guest House/Home-Stay/House-sitting who hold a tourist visa coming to experience Auroville in order to see if they wish to start a "newcomer process" and subsequently join the community as Aurovillian, can contact one or several Auroville activities/services/units and propose their participation for a short duration (1 to 6 months). The Entry Service (Town Hall) will register the foreigners as 'prospective newcomer'. This registration does not hold the foreigners to any commitment.

10. **Special Guest Reception for Matrimandir:** The Working Committee and the Matrimandir Access Team have been fine-tuning and improving the working protocol between the Foundation, Working Committee and the Matrimandir Access Team for the reception of Special Guests for Matrimandir visit. Former Working Committee member Eric has agreed to join the Matrimandir Access Team to receive special guests.

11. **Repairs and maintenance funds of public buildings:** A few months ago we were informed by the Acting Secretary, Auroville Foundation, that an amount of Rs 10 lakhs might be available for the repair and maintenance of public buildings. At the request of the Working Committee, the BCC invited proposals and made a list of repairs needed. However, we have now been informed that the money is not available.

Ongoing matters: The Working Committee is also involved in the following topics, which are still ongoing and not yet concluded:

- Water Harvest / Water Service complaints
- Non-Aurovilians occupying Auroville assets
- Security
- Appeal process (jointly with the AvC)
- Auronet Postings (jointly with the AvC)
- Centralised Auroville Accounting Service
- Aspiration Sports Ground (jointly with the AvC)

The Working Committee [Angela, Carel, Elisa, Eric (till 15/12), Hemant (from 15/12), Inge (from 15/12), Mandakini, Manohar (till 15/12), Ranjithkumar]

Farm Group Monthly Report for November 2015

1. **Brihaspathi Housing:** There have been ongoing discussions throughout this month with Housing Service to find a resolution for this longstanding situation. It is difficult for any farm to find the large amount of compensation money required when someone moves out. It looks like a solution might have been found and talks continue.

2. **Alukkupam Tank Land:** Farm group are in the process of trying to find out what land was allocated to the Bamboo Centre. Farm group agreed that Booma Devi farm can go there provided there is a sufficient five acres of land to create a viable farm. This is still being sorted out. Recently there has been a strong representation from some individuals in the community that as the land is a watershed it should only be used for farming or as a forest.

3. **Siddhatha Farm:** Herbert has decided that he will move all his operations to Siddhartha Lake Farm. The Farm Group are in the process of drawing up a list of the

infrastructure necessary to make the Lake Farm fully functioning.

4. **Foodlink:** Discussion focused on: a) the layout of Foodlink Farm b) the best ways of using the Foodlink surplus for the benefit of everyone. Suggestions have been made for both collective and individual projects. These have included: giving it all to build the new Foodlink; using the money as an emergency reserve; employing someone to do data collection for the Vegetable group; giving it to new and struggling farms; getting a milk cooler for the present Foodlink. Discussions continue.
5. **Maintenances:** The Farm Group were concerned that the BCC refused many of the recent maintenance requests. It was agreed that further discussions be had with BCC to understand the reason for this. If more people are to be involved with farming then more maintenances will be

required. It was thought that the BCC does not always understand the farmers' situation. It is intended to start a dialogue with BCC.

6. **Other Issues:** At the request of the BCC the Farm Group are collecting information about farmers' fencing requests. They also discussed farm security and the best way to respond to encroachment threats.
7. **Rain:** The unusual rain during this month led to disruption and loss of crops on some farms. This was described in a separate report to the community. Farmers are working as hard as possible to make up for the lost time.

If you would like further information or to give some feedback please contact Vivek [farmgroup@auroville.org.in]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Editor's note

Due to Pongal, the News #632 dt 16.01.2016 will only be delivered Monday the 18th of January.
Sorry for the inconvenience. Editors

Next Active Residents Assembly meeting

The temporary ARA sub-group created during the last meeting in December 2015 has finished the first part of its task: to work on a new proposal for the RA decision-making process.

**The next meeting of the Active Residents Assembly (ARA) will be held
At Unity Pavilion on Saturday 23rd January 2016 from 3 pm -6 pm.
Everybody is most welcome!**

The agenda will mainly be centred round a proposal for a revised Residents Assembly Decision Making Process on which the sub-group has been working for the last month. The ARA will be invited to consider it and give its feedback.

The proposed draft will be ready in a few days. It will then be:

- published on Auronet,
- sent out via the Residents Assembly Service mass mail
- and a hardcopy will be available in the RAS office.

Please read it carefully before the meeting.

During the meeting, an update will also be given about the work done so far on the housing issue, which was the second part of the sub-group's work.

Love,

Inge from Residents Assembly Service in coordination with the Governance Action Group

Processing of the sludge from domestic waste water treatment systems in Auroville

Dear Community member,

You are invited from the Town Development Council (TDC) /L'avenir to a 45 minutes presentation - held by Jan from Akashwa - on a centralized sludge processing unit for the Residential Zone Sector 1&2.

A collaborative discussion with him as a consultant of TDC regarding his proposal will follow!

When: Wednesday 13th January 2016 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Where: SAIER meeting room 2nd floor

As a reminder: This General meeting is based on the information given in News & Notes, 5th September 2015 (613) - "*The proposed location - as per now - for this centralized unit is on a plot along the back road leading from Madhuca/Sukhavati to New Creation*" The Green Group indicated that there is no objection from their side. Funding is provided through G.o.I (Government of India) grant. TDC had invited the community for a 2 weeks feedback process and as a reply to that feedback process in September 2015, 38 residents of Madhuca, Sukhavati, Victory, Sangha, Arati, and Sanjana have published the following request to the TDC (News & Notes on 12th September 2015 (614):

To stop for the moment the planning, to gain knowledge of ground realities and asked the TDC to initiate a collaborative discussions with a representative group of residents from this area.

Welcome to this General Meeting to have a collaborative discussion on this proposal.

Love, Inge from Residents Assembly Service in collaboration with the TDC/L'avenir team

Youth Center brain-storming

This is a call for everyone who cares about Youth Center.

Join us on sat 16th Jan in Youth Center from 4:00 pm to 7:00pm, to share your positive ideas for this youth community's development.

1. What do we want?
2. What do we not want?

3. What do we need to make it happen?
4. How can we better support Youth Center Team?

Love, with the support of YouthLink
 You are all welcome,
 Youth Center Team (Babu, Manolo, Roshan)

L'avenir d'Auroville: 9th Jan 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks. 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 an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only 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 Project:

Building Application Feedback:

1. Matej Ukmar, Acceptance, Yoga and Meditation Room

TDC asks for feedback from the residents of Auroville within two weeks from the date of publication. If anyone wishes to have detailed information, feel free to contact TDC - L'avenir d'Auroville office: 2622-170 or come personally to the Building Application section.

OBITUARIES

Georges proceeds...



On Saturday 2 January, noontime, our friend and brother Aurovilian Georges Blanchet left his body in PIMS hospital at the age of 65 due to a general systems collapse originally caused by a possibly long festering infection in the lungs. It was only since a few weeks that his condition had become apparent; he has been conscious throughout the process, and appeared quietly ready and prepared.

Georges joined us in 2008, lived in Vikas community and has been working first in Pitchandikulam's and then at Verité's greenery, took care of the lotus pond under the Matrimandir for years while also doing duty there, and more lately worked at the Visitors' Centre bookshop. He has written various texts in French on gardening and also a 'Fenêtre ouverte sur le monde', printed at Auroville Press.

Being a friendly, quiet person, who adhered to nature and lived a simple devoted life without workers and only using a bicycle, it goes without saying that his functioning as 'silent observer' in the AVCouncil and his earnest participation in the recent feedback review committee had a harmonious effect and was appreciated.

Georges' body was taken to the Farewell House and buried in the afternoon of

Tuesday 5 January at Adventure's burial ground accompanied by friends, hundreds of flowers, a reading of his daughter's letter and a gentle chanting of Om Namo Bhagavaté.

Our warmest condolences go to his daughter and two grandchildren in France.

Farewell, Georges, go and come! OM~

Departure of Georges

Those last few days I was next to Georges at Pims' Hospital at different times, and on Friday the first of January in the evening, Georges asked to sing him Mother's Mantra.

Around 10 pm, Georges preferred to say the Mantra to himself without word, by putting his hands on his heart. Then later on Georges said: "All what we do is for the Divine"

On Saturday Morning, Giry was next to Georges. Georges asked to read for himself a part of "La Voie Ensoleillée" from The Mother.

Georges left his body in complete Peace at noon.

Francis M.

Mr Ramanathan



Mr Ramanathan, the engineer who worked in the early years with Roger, Piero and other members of the Matrimandir team, left his body in Pondicherry in the evening of 30 December 2015.

Ramanathan, whose valuable insights and consultancy proved to be very instrumental in the early years of design and execution of the Matrimandir, and also at later times, will always be remembered gratefully and fondly.

His remains were cremated by the Ashram in the late afternoon of the same day.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To parents of children born between the 1st March 2013 and the 28th February 2014

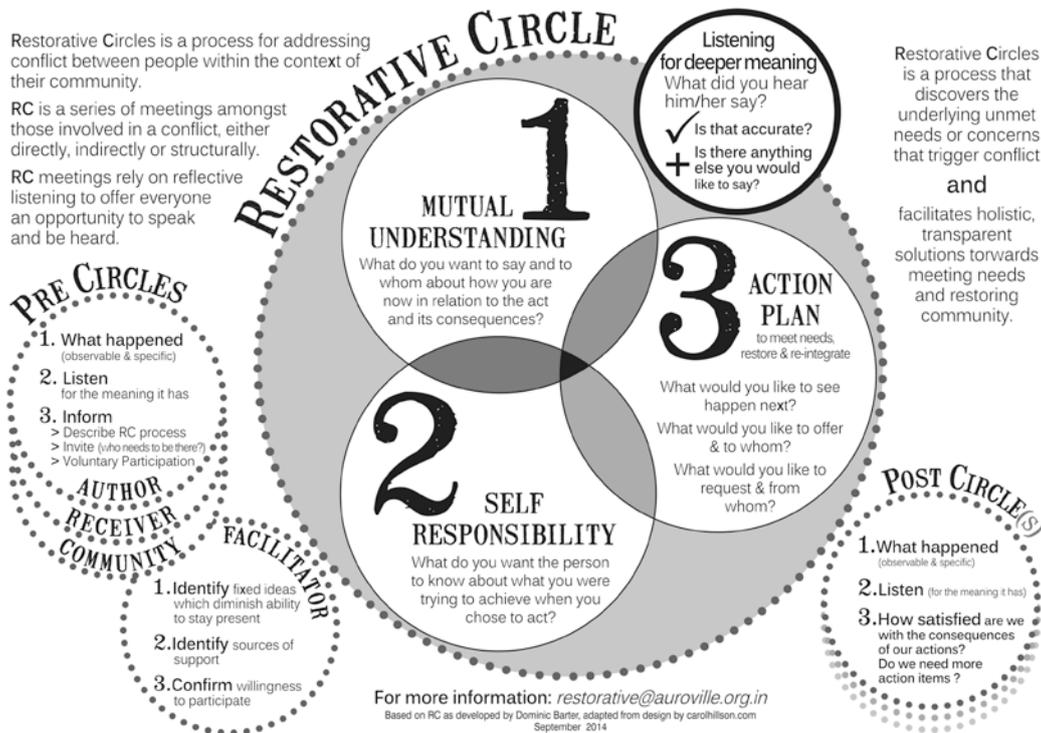
I am in the process of preparing for next July school admission in AHA, Kindergarten and Nandanam schools and ask all parents whose children are not attending the Pre Creche to contact me regarding the admission in one of the above kindergartens. Those who are attending the Pre-Crèche will soon receive more information.

I have a form to fill up, so please send me an email to: schooladmission@auroville.org.in or call me for an appointment (if you do not have email access) - Phone: 9486623279

Thank you,

Sincerely, Swadha (AV School Coordinator)

What is Restorative Circles?



What is Restorative Circles?

Restorative Circles is a process designed to hold space for conflict, within the context of community. It aims at re-building trust and community, and probably most importantly, at increasing willingness to co-exist.

What's the role of RC in Auroville?

We hope that RC can be offered as one of our Conflict Resolution options (among others offered by Koodam: Mediation, Arbitration, etc.). We're still in the beginning phases of developing this process in Auroville.

Who can call a Circle?

Anyone can initiate a Circle. Whether you are upset, you upset someone else, or you're not directly involved but feel affected by a painful interaction between others, you can call a Circle.

How do I call / initiate a Circle?

Send an email to restorative@auroville.org.in or speak in person to any of the following: Janet, L'aura or Shanti.

How do we get more information or learn about the process?

Join one of our upcoming workshops, followed by practice group sessions. Next workshop will be on January 30-31 (Sat, Sun).

Love, L'aura, Janet and Shanti (for Restorative Auroville) restorative@auroville.org.in

POSTINGS

Korean Pavilion Tea-time

Sharing Auroville story in Korean with a cup of tea
Every Wednesday afternoon 4:00 - 5:30 pm, La terrace
(Solar Kitchen upstairs)
Jinhee Suh

Chess

Chess enthusiasts! Anyone who is interested in playing chess or only learning is warmly invited to join us playing chess every Tuesday from 6 to 8 pm in Acceptance (enter white gate on the

right side). Tea and cookies will be served. (Note that the usual date is changed from Thursdays to Tuesdays from next week). More information: matej@auroville.org.in, 8098830169
- *Matej Ukmar*

Farmer market - Reminder

Farmer market every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at Youth Center

AVAILABLE

Auction Notice

The following items are available for disposal. Items can be seen during normal office working hours. The items will be auctioned on 13.01.2016 at 10.00 am. The interested people may bid for the items and the highest bidder will be given the respective item/s after he/she deposit the bid amount should take away the items immediately. *Auroville Foundation*

List of scrap items

SI No	Name of items	No.of items
1	Ceiling Fan (old)	10
2	Table Fan (old)	1
3	Water Heater (old)	3
4	Alumunium door	1
5	Alumunium framed glass window	12
6	Iron chair	1

Space for stands for the Kalabhumi festival

Dear friends, the Kalabhumi Festival 2016 will take place on February the 20th (Saturday) in Kalabhumi. Like the previous year it will be a joyful day of music, art and activities offered by Kalabhumi & Auroville's artists for our enjoyment and for the pleasure of our guests. There is space available for food stands, beverages, clothes and handicrafts. People interested to participate please contact Anna (Kalabhumi): 0413 2623426 / annarocksoul@gmail.com
Love! *Anna Taj*

Projector, Inverter and batteries

UnltdTN (SEA) is renting out a Projector, Inverter and batteries at a nominal fee - contact: 7094648819 - Thank You!

Peace & Love, *Revathi Dama*: 9047520702

Royal Enfield 350 Classic (2012)

The bike is technically in good shape. It comes with 2 helmets, gloves, cover, fuel canister, several tools and spare parts (spark plug, clutch cable, accelerator cable, rear tube and oil). Please call Daniel: 7094823142 or visit us at Reve Guesthouse, Auroville."

Thanks, *Daniel & Nadine*

Puppies

Adorable male puppies available for adoption. Please contact Michele for more information & photos. Mobile number: 70948 28345 Email: michelecameron21@gmail.com - Thanks, *Michele*

Cholesterol-free Mayo

Dear Friends, we are going to launch the production of Cholesterol-free, Organic & Vegan Mayonnaise, Organic & Vegan Chocolate-Nuts Truffles. They'll be available in Food Link and Farm Fresh this Saturday, January the 9th, 2016.
Vegan Essence Team

Second-hand generator

Needing a more powerful generator, Road Service is disposing of his second-hand Kirloskar generator, 3 phases, 7.5 KVA, delivered on the buyer site, in good working condition. *Road Service*

Items

Gandhi type desk, Rama Varma painting with frame, Mysore paintings with frame, double cot, collection of CDs for kids. Contact number: 9585005339 - *Sergio*

LOOKING FOR ...

Second-hand Laptop Computer

Kanan, working at Unity Pavillion for many years, is looking for a good second-hand laptop for his son Kalaimani, who is in his first year studies in computer science and Engineering. As many of our faithful workers, Kanan so much wants his son to make the most of his life and therefore invests all he can into his education. As higher education is very expensive nowadays, Kanan is really struggling to pay the tuition fees and other charges at the college. So investing in a laptop computer is beyond his capabilities at the moment. Gifting a good and ambitious student a laptop is like opening a door to growth and learning and shall be accepted with enormous gratitude. Maybe there is someone among the readers who has a laptop he hardly uses, maybe a model which does not have all the most recent features to suit his requirement. If this speaks to you, please contact *Kanan or the Unity Pavilion team* - ph: 0413 2623576 / e-mail: unitypavillion@auroville.org.in - Thank you!

A flatmate

Dear all, we are looking for a new flatmate. Located 2 minutes from Visitors Centre, there will be a room free in a beautiful

village house in Kottakarai from approx. 11th Jan on. We have a garden, balcony, rooftop and very nice neighbours. Your fellows will be Flo, 26, Laura, 24, and Jelly, 19, all long-term volunteers in different projects. Expenses to share, just call Laura: 7639318843 or email: lhaslett@gmail.com

A small desk and a CD rack

I am helping my dear friend Shanti to organise and beautify her space and we are looking for a small desk and a CD rack to complete our mission! If you have anything you think might be suitable, either to gift or to sell, please let me know: 8940800739. Thank you, *Emma*.

Someone who goes to Switzerland

I am looking for someone who goes to Switzerland to take along a parcel of 1.2 kg. Please contact Shivaya: shivaya@auroville.org.in / 948 960 1312, Thanks!

Furniture

Gas oven, fridge, mattresses and bicycle. Please contact *Elise*: 9159352906/ elisemalafosse@live.fr

THANK YOU

To Farewell's team

We are very thankful to Farewell's team, especially Suzie, Jasmine and Michael, who allowed us to hold a ceremony in this peaceful and beautiful place for the departing of my dear mother Yvonne Feuillette. Our meditation was in synchronicity with a family ceremony in France. Thanks also to the people who came or were in touch with us, all the big Auroville family whose thoughts and concentration helped for sure Yvonne's last journey.

We have shared some messages and photos of the ceremony on Auronet.

Andrée & Christian Feuillette

LOST & FOUND

Small agenda and small notebook (lost): Sunday 3rd January between Banyan beach and Kulapalayam; a small new 2016 agenda in old red leather cover and a small yellow Papyrus notebook. If found please let me know - Lisbeth: lisbeth@auroville.org.in

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House sitting1: We are a family from Taiwan, with two lovely children of 2 and 4 years. We are planning to stay from Feb 29th till May 8th and will be happy to take good care of your house and contribute towards the maintenance of the house. Kindly send an email to our friend Ally: ally@auroville.org.in or call her at 7639318959. Best regards, Ally

House sitting2: We are a French-Chinese couple with 1 kid of 8 years old. We are looking for house-sitting for a period of 6 months. We will start our Newcomer process within 6 months. If you are interested please contact us at: lucorsi74@gmail.com - Ludovic Corsini

House sitting3: I am Savi, a long-term volunteer, volunteering in Verite and Quiet healing center - Looking for house-sitting for a few months (flexible) from February 1st, or even before. Thanks, Yaor phone: 8525959872 / email: yaor30@gmail.com

House sitting4: Hello, we are a family of 3 (*Anusha from India, Stefan from Germany and our 2-year old daughter Ananya*) who will return to Auroville for a 3-month volunteering period between May and August 2016. We are looking for a house-sitting during this period. Please contact Stefan at +91 9650826622 or stefangebert@gmail.com. Note: Please call or message us via the phone before Jan 15 as we will have very limited internet access before that.

TAXI SHARING

January 9th: A taxi is coming for pick up at the airport on 9th Jan, Saturday at 10 pm. Can be shared both ways. There could be a flexible time possibility to leave from Auroville. Thanks. Contact Lalit: lalit@auroville.org.in, 9443790172

January 11th: From Chennai Airport to Auroville on the 11th Jan around 10 pm. The taxi is with 3 seats available. Please email: ally@auroville.org.in or call 7639318959. Ally

January 12th: Hello, I want to share a taxi going from Auroville 12th January at 6 am reaching Chennai Airport at 9 am and then going back to Auroville. My flight is at 12.15 pm on the 12th. Sharing is possible both ways. Sarah, tel: 97 90 83 69 49 or email: missacattani@gmail.com

January 16th: A taxi is going to Chennai Airport area on 16th January (Saturday), starting from Auroville after 1 pm. There is place for one person. Please contact for details Varadharajan: 9442934306
Email: varadharajan1936@gmail.com.

January 20th: One person leaving Auroville 5pm for Chennai Airport, returning empty. If you'd like to share expenses please email me: suejenkins27@hotmail.com.

January 23rd: A taxi will be leaving empty from Auroville on the early morning of 23rd January, to pick up persons from central station Chennai, to be at the station by 9.30 am. Anyone willing to share till airport can contact me at: 9442934306 or varadharajan1936@gmail.com - Varadharajan

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

For UnLtdTN (SEA) Social Entrepreneur Association

We are looking for a paid staff with a passion for social change to support our resource mobilization efforts. Your role will be to develop partnerships with Corporates, Individuals and Foundations for scaling the impact of our start-ups and diversifying our revenue sources, to coordinate with the Marketing department to enhance our visibility to the sector in Tamil Nadu and to assist with writing grants and periodic reports for submission to donors.

Required: minimum of 3 years of experience working in the social impact space as Marketing/Business development specialist and previous track record of raising funds in India or abroad.

For more information and full Job Description, please contact Revathi Dama: 9047520702

HEALTH

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy / hypnotherapy / midwifery / child care / coaching

Classical homeopathy offers long-term treatment with a "constitutional remedy", acting like a personal tonic for years.

A 2-hr session and short follow-ups are needed to determine the remedy.

Classical homeopathy is effective for chronic conditions as for ex. migraine, auto-immune diseases, hormonal issues, chronic pain, recurring complaints, and hormonal misbalance. A 3-week follow-up time is required.

PC remedies, information medicine for Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Trauma have shown very effective. We provide 84 PC remedies for Trauma, infectious diseases and chronic diseases. The developer of PC remedies is Dr. Harry van der Zee, internationally renowned homeopath (www.arhf.nl)

"Harmony and Samata" are homeopathic remedies carrying the energies of Mother and Sri Aurobindo. The remedies and information can be obtained free of cost, just pick them up in the remedy box.

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German as well as Tamil.

Malar is certified in homeopathy and offers consultation for homeopathic First Aid and PC remedies.

Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12 am. You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue. Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna: 2623669
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AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Listeners,

Feličan novan jaron!

We have a five minute online survey to fill out that will help us improve our content, to do so pls visit our sites or <https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/AvradioAudienceSurvey> - It's up till Jan 11th! Our programs these weeks include: New Year concert "Hamsa" at the Amphitheater, you can also enjoy the montage work done in a story for children "Sita et la forêt chantée (in French) highlighting songs of the 5 most common bird species of Auroville, or learn about "Systems" from Prof Luisi presentation organized by AV Campus Initiative. From our regular contributors

Gangalakshmi and Loretta you can enjoy wisdom and spiritual solace. We end our campaign having raised over 2 lakhs for the year 2016. The radio team remembers the help received from the late Georges and wishes him a good journey back home to the arms of Divine Mother. Voila!

These are the latest programs published by AurovilleRadio this week. All the recordings are available in CD or ready to be copied on your memory stick at the AurovilleRadio premises in Town Hall, opposite the Financial Service.

Mother's O39; Q's & A's- 26/10/55 (The Mother 04/01/2016)
Mother speaks of the Creative Word, our power with words, how words affect us and the domain of the source of music. - [English, 26 Minutes]

AurovilleRadio Audience Survey (Research 04/01/2016)
Pls help us Help You in 2016! -[English, 1 Minutes]

Residential Zone 1&2, Piano (News from Auroville 04/01/2016)
6th at 4 pm at SAIER GM on Detailed Development Plan by Luis Feduchi. Piano recital tonight at 7. -[English, 12 Minutes]

Selections par Gangalakshmi-69 (The Path 04/01/2016)
Cette semaine: La Synthèse des Yoga; -[French, 26 Minutes]

HAMSA - A New Year Invocation (Music 04/01/2016)
January 1st, at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre for sunrise, sound frequencies were moving in and around us -[Music, 17 Minutes]

You can listen to all of the programs and more on www.aurovillerradio.org. For more info call 0413-2623331 or email radio@auroville.org.in

Savitri, B.1, C. 4, Part 4 (Sri Aurobindo 31/12/2015)
The King receives the heart of the secret knowledge; "This whole wide world is only He and She. -[English, 25 Minutes]

Happy New Year 2016 (News from Auroville 31/12/2015)
Our team - Auroville Radio wish You All HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016 - [English, 9 Minutes]

Funky Moods (Music 30/12/2015)
Musical mix of funk, soul, r&b.. -[English, 64 Minutes]

Just Before the End (Music 30/12/2015)
Lovable, soulful music playlist just before the 2015 ends. Happy 2015 -[English, 59 Minutes]

A Unifying Vision-Prof. Luisi (Integral Education 30/12/2015)
Networks of interactions, the realities of interdependence and the properties of organizations of systems. -[English, 80 Minutes]

SPORTS

Ultimate Frisbee

Dear community,

We, the Ultimate Frisbee team, are happy to inform the community that we have been given by L'Avenir a plot of land between Dehashakti and Gaia for a sports field.

We have begun work clearing the field and we hope to be ready to host our annual Ultimate Frisbee Hat Tournament at the beginning of February (5-7th).

We would like to invite other sports activities who also need a big field for practice or tournaments to contact us at: avultimate@auroville.org.in or call Kumaran: 9786526171, so we can work out timings together.

We welcome any donations to help cover the cost of making the field. Our account number is 251887.

And we invite the community to come and watch the Hat tournament too:-)

Thank you for the support, *Av Ultimate*

EATING OUT

Fish barbecue night

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden - Date: Friday 15th of January - Time: 6.30 to 7.30 pm

We are happy to announce a beautiful night in great company, reminding special Mediterranean summers.

Prawns, squids, fish and lots of vegetables (for the vegetarian friends) from the grill, a great salad and even watermelon to refresh before enjoying an Italian cult comedy (Bianco, Rosso e Verdone). A feast for those with a light heart.

Advance reservation required, please either call (04132622584 or 9442328120) or email (joycommunity@auroville.org.in) or pass by. Fixed contribution from guests; free donation from Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers (please bring your card).

Joy Community Team :-)

Naturellement Garden Cafe open on Pongal!

We will stay open over all three Pongal days. On the 16th we will serve traditional Indian food; Coconut rice with vegetable kurma and of course pongal rice for dessert.

Happy Pongal, the Garden Cafe team

GREEN MATTERS

A panoramic glance from the year's cusp



Due to a glitch, this column didn't make it into last week's N&N but it's not too late to wish you all a sustainable, healthy and fulfilling New Year!

The hottest year on record, 2015 was considered by many the planet's most crucial year, a juncture of make-or-break for the survival of our species, as well as for innumerable fellow-creatures. Others would remind that the most important year is always the present one - since it is in the *Here and Now* that action is possible and destiny gets shaped. In honouring both these truths, we take therefore a moment to turn our gaze both backward and

forward...

Topics covered during the past year in the bi-weekly Green column - one small voice on a subject that's increasingly taking centre stage everywhere - ranged far and wide, with a focus on environmental & social sustainability, and transformation towards a greener life both locally and globally. We spoke of green technologies and events, Earth Day, World Water day, and the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in September as 'The Future We Want'. We reported on the plight of bees, on sea turtle hatcheries and bird sanctuaries under threat from Ultra-mega-coal-fired power plants planned along the Coromandel Coast, on cashew pesticide spraying, genetically manipulated seeds and the hardships faced by Indian farmers. We wrote about extreme weather caused by man-made global warming, such as the recent floods in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere, about Indonesia's oil palm plantations and raging forest fires.

Inevitably our attention was on the Climate Conference in Paris (COP21), where weeks of hard and nail-biting negotiations resulted in a compromise agreement, which now has to connect with the real-life, often alarming and heartbreaking realities all around us. A glimmer of hope for some, not remotely enough for others, especially for people in the Marshall Islands, Vanuatu, the Horn of Africa, Syria, the Middle East, the Canadian Arctic, and all the other nations, regions and communities where climate change is already upsetting any sense of normality.

In focus was also the work done by NGOs, global movements and environmental organisations like Greenpeace, 350.org, Avaaz, SumOfUs and many others, galvanising into action hundreds of thousands of people through global awareness campaigns, petitions, marches, protests, and events aimed at bringing change from the grassroots where the powers-that-be fail to act.

Among positive news, we reported on the large National Organic Farmers convention in Chandigarh, on green events across India, on global fossil fuel divestment, the banning of plastic in many Indian states, Russia rejecting all GMOs, Bolivia's inspiring Law of Mother Earth, and on simple green technologies we all can adopt or adapt into our daily lives. There's no dearth of subjects; a whole News & Notes could be filled weekly with environmental topics...! And now that a basic vision and goals have been agreed on by all nations, at least in principle, the need is to get down to work locally, translating insights and aspirations into commitment and concrete action.

Focus for 2016: local & down-to-earth

Without losing sight of the world around us, we hope for this new year to keep a strong focus on **what we can do**, individually and as a community, hands-on and 'real', to make our lives and environment more sustainable and whole. For this to be possible, **we need and invite your participation**; please come forward, friends, and share with the rest of us *your* knowledge, *your* tips and experience, propose *your* ideas and initiatives, small and big, every step counts and is welcome! We often hear rueful comments that we've long lost the collective pioneering spirit, that cities elsewhere are turning resolutely green (with bamboo, hemp, mud and lime buildings going mainstream, flushing toilets becoming obsolete and renewable energy a must), while we are stuck in past paradigms... or even, that Auroville simply cannot be expected to be innovative and avant-garde due to our community's small size. Sure, we may not have the manpower and finance to develop and promote cutting-edge green technologies for the world at this point; but we believe that there is no limit to being open-minded and in collaboration, or at least adopt and adapt promising approaches that are being developed elsewhere. Surely our great freedom to experiment and to shape our collective reality, enviable compared to almost anywhere in the world, is a huge advantage!! Hence our humble request to you all, to use this and/or any other platform to make this year a year of shared renewal, of hope and enthusiasm, of solid and dynamic progress!

Green Walks



From mid-January to summer 2015 the Green Center organised the fourth series of Sunday Walks to Farms and Forests, occasions where our foresters and farmers open their doors and invite all those interested to discover the green work being done in Auroville and the bioregion. We hope to resume the Sunday Walks around Pongal. Watch this space in the N&N and look out for the green posters on community noticeboards!

Please note that the popular visit to Annapurna farm will this year take place on Tuesday 26 January (Republic Day), as a special event under the Joy of Learning programme, offered by the Auroville Campus Initiative (ACI). For details see separate announcement in the next

News&Notes.

For the Auroville Green Center: Lisbeth, Jasmin & Bridget. Reach us at avgreencenter@auroville.org.in.

Notes

Georges' gift to us

Memories surface, fragments of reminiscences, autumn leaves reminding me the splendour of springtime...



Georges hailed from a remote village on the mountains of Southern France, a terrestrial paradise where wild horses roamed freely. As a child he used to walk for hours in the woods, along with his father and his little sister, picking up pebbles, leaves, grasses, flowers, anything that stroke their tender imagination; Their father chose the winner of the day. When a teenager Georges spent hours on the branch of a tree on the edge of a cliff, reading a book, lost to the world. His mother was a devoted Christian with strong social concerns, as in the Gospel - and his father a much idealistic communist. This was Georges' initiation to life. As the old sadhaks told me at the Ashram, when one is well-born half of the work is done.

Pondering over the antinomies of the universe, young communist Georges chose philosophy as his university subject; but he walked out, unable to find in it the answer to the grand questions of existence. Confronted with the injustices of society, pursuing his quest he worked in a factory, while spending Sundays (the access was free) in museums, especially the Louvre, mesmerised by immortal masterpieces.

Dreaming of a just, humane society and a truer life, Georges was a 1968 offspring. He explored many paths, also in esoteric communities, making his own synthesis, with no other guru but his inner self; travelling widely, in haphazard ways; making a dignified living at the margin of a society whose goals he never shared. He repaired houses without charging, accepting whatever people gave. In recent years he was offered money and gifts, for which he had no attachment - always ready to give whatever he had to succour a needy being. Faithful to the principles by which he was brought up, he had no sense of social divide and always took side with the poor, the oppressed, and the discriminated one. In Auroville he was friend to the gardener, the worker, the villager; he shared the meals of the humbles and attended their weddings.

When he forwarded me photos of the idyllic surroundings where he grew up I asked Georges how he could leave behind so wondrous places and people; his reply was unwaveringly the

same: he was happy, his 26 square metres flat with a tiny porch and garden, the green cycle he himself had painted were all he needed. He refused any maintenance and was so honest that, though one seat was free, the only time he shared a free taxi for seniors because of the deluge, he insisted paying his quota, as he was not yet 65.

Parsimony to him was art; his simple way of living, consistent with his beliefs, made of Georges a free happy bird. He wore clothes (gifted by his sister) till their very end; recycled objects and scraps of paper; used sparingly water and electricity; had no amma, doing himself the cleaning and washing, first thing in the morning. But he also was a widely read person on multifarious subjects and had a solid culture on art too. He was an avid reader of spiritual matters, Sri Aurobindo in particular, who often popped up in our discussions, with Georges referring to poignant texts. We sparred and fought and laughed.

He visited Auroville several years ago with his wife and daughter. When Georges returned in 2008, alone, it was for good. He was cogently aware of Auroville's problems and took the burden upon himself; first as a silent observer at the AVC's meetings, afterwards as a member of the Temporary Feedback Review Committee.

My last two postings in the Auronet - Sri Aurobindo on "Conditions for the coming of a spiritual age", and the Mother on "A superior humanity... the higher regions of intelligence" - echoing our discussions, are a homage to the Georges I knew. He belonged to the realms the Mother describes and to them has returned. May his example shine on us.

Link to the photographs I took in 2011 of Georges looking after the Matrimandir lotus pond:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/116788562564257683630/MatrimandirThreeBliss...>

Paulette

Remembering Ramanathan...

In 1969 I saw Ramanathan with his family and aged parents staying in Rue Romain Rolland society guest House and working for the early Auroville as an engineer - young, energetic, full of zeal to serve in Mother's dream city. Roger, Prem Malik and Ramanathan were the 3 indispensable members for planning and executing, especially for Auromodele and the Indian Pavilion at Bharat Nivas to which he gave his energies.

Their whole family members are devotees and talented in fine arts in their own way. His father was a very simple and devoted person, humble though talented. I remember he cried like a small child when the Divine Mother left her body. His mother, Meenakshi, if my memory is right is perhaps the first Tamil Aurovilian from other than the local population. I have learnt to make flower garlands and some simple Tamil verses for the children of Kuilapalayam in those days as she was contributing to Matrimandir. Once he proudly told me about his young son sitting in meditation for long time stretches.

"I remember Roger's (somewhat outwardly desperate looking call) "RAAAAM" at his Aurofuture office in Aspiration rather with intolerance and in our Ajit's way of putting ..'Chanting Ramanama gives him (Roger) peace?' Jocularly.

I had a feeling that personally and individually he very much liked to stay and share in Auroville's life rather than in Pondicherry, but because of his other commitments and the living conditions here in those days even for the haves, he slowly settled in Pondicherry - but his heart was here.

He participated in village relations with a deep interest and he liked to improve their general living condition by providing water, healthcare, education and job opportunities and thereby allowing them to live in their own style with dignity. After his wife and parent's demise I used to see him in Pondy, rarely in the Ashram.

Mother has taken him to the other side for new assignments in this New Year. My prayer for this early Pioneer for a peaceful onward journey.

Om Namoh Bhagavate. *From Syamala k.k.*

About Matrimandir access

I wanted to bring to the attention of the Community that the Matrimandir Group is making it more and more difficult to bring friends and family in the Chamber (See MM message below). In fact, rightly or wrongly, many of us old Aurovilians have stopped coming to the Chamber, because we are sometimes put off by the unfriendliness of the security (who once rudely asked Piero: 'who are you'), the grave and unsmiling faces of many of the Aurovilians inside, the constant 'hush' orders - even under the banyan tree. In spite of the marvelous atmosphere, MM feels more and more like a church.

We understand that it is not easy to handle the thousands of people who want to see the MM every day. But we are guests in India and there is a very ancient tradition here of hospitality which we all foreigners are benefiting from right now. There has to be a balance between total freedom of access which would be chaos, and the very pinched lipped, unfriendly, limited access that is offered today to Indian tourists, friends and well-wishers.

Is it not the time for a change in the Matrimandir group? It would be nice to have there, people who have actually worked at the construction of the Chamber, like Andy, Adhara, Gerard, John, etc...

[Message from MM Access - Date: 30 December: If you wish to bring some friends or family members to the Matrimandir, please come to the 'Green Spot' which is just behind the Video Room in the Visitors Centre at 8.30 am with your guests. Please make sure that your guests park their vehicle in the main Parking behind the Visitors Centre if they are coming by car and not try to cross the check post and park in front of the Visitors Centre. Your cooperation is solicited in this matter. You will all be given your passes at the Green Spot in the Visitors Centre and sent in one of our vehicles to Matrimandir in time for your concentration at 9 am. After your visit, you will all be taken back to the Visitors Centre in the same way. Please note that from the 18th of December no passes are being issued at the Matrimandir anymore. This has been decided to keep the area around the Matrimandir quiet and peaceful...]

Submitted by François Gautier

A reply from the Matrimandir Access Group

Dear Friends and Aurovilians,

First of all, we want to thank those of you who show their support and appreciation towards our attempt to keep the area around the Matrimandir as quiet as possible and are willing to make the extra effort to achieve this.

We see the problem of traffic around the Matrimandir as part of the general problem of 'traffic and mobility' in Auroville which must be addressed. This is an experiment we are trying out during the season, December to March and will be reviewed once again after that. The two buses have been purchased in an attempt to solve this problem and we would like to see that they are serving their purpose.

We also want to express our gratitude to all the Newcomers who come forward to take up the work with a lot of good will and enthusiasm that needs to be done at Matrimandir including that of the Matrimandir attendants. The problem of not recognising long time Aurovilians at the gate and entrance could be solved if enough long time Aurovilians would come forward and take up the work of gate and pillar attendants. Even those working long time in Matrimandir are sometimes not recognised by a new watchman or the other and have to introduce themselves to him. We understand that under the given circumstances and the nature of the project this is bound to happen and try not to be put off by it. We request all to introduce themselves to the Newcomer who is generally open and full of good will to know and learn more about Auroville and Aurovilians.

Perhaps the Entry Service could also consider introducing long-time Aurovilians to Newcomers as part of their program. The long-term solution to this problem could be for each of us to carry an Aurovilian identity card.

We ask all Aurovilians to help us find a solution to the 'traffic and mobility' problem in Auroville, especially around the Matrimandir as that is where the problem is most intense. We are open to suggestions and feedback about how this problem can be addressed.

With love and goodwill for all,
The Matrimandir Access Group.

Collective Happiness

"Bolivia gives legal status to Mother Earth: the Law of Mother Earth. Living Well means adopting forms of consumption, behavior and conduct that are not degrading to nature. It requires an ethical and spiritual relationship with Life. Living Well proposes the complete fulfillment of life and collective happiness" (N&N 19.12.15, p.13).

Every evening in Aspiration community I switch on the light in the playground, around the dining hall and kitchen, around the Guest House's buildings. And every morning I switch it off. On the morning of 20 Dec. I walked near the Guest House and suddenly saw one guest lady running to me. It was Sunjao (or Sun) from South Korea. She was born 18 Nov. 1976, in numerology her number is seven, it means the balance of spirituality and materiality. Seven is also an occult number. Sun was born under the Scorpion constellation in the Dragon Year.

Usually Sun is a quiet and friendly person with a childish smile. But on the morning of 20 Dec. I saw her running amok, distressed, in shock. She was crying out "Help! Help! ", I was surprised as to what had happened? Maybe Aspiration transformed in a Jurassic Park and dinosaurs (in Greek this word means "awful lizards") attacked our guest? Or Pan appeared from the ancient Roman mythology - if the people and animals saw Pan, they were in a panic.

Actually a tiny snake was in Sun's bathroom - dark grey, about 40 cm long, harmless, lovely, gracious. Why was Sun so afraid by this nice creature? Of course it was not an adequate reaction. But the snake was contaminated by Sun's fear. They both were in horror. I told them "Don't worry, be happy!" and I hope that they both are now happy.

Auroville is a green oasis and it must also transform in the oasis of collective happiness, mutual love, superconsciousness. Long live the harmony between the snakes and the human beings, between Mother Nature and Humankind!

Boris

What we spend on Telephone and Broadband and what we don't get?

Auroville paid Rs 1,62,61,711/ for landline and adsl (broadband) in the year 2014-15. Despite this high cost, we did not have intranet and intercom within the community - meaning that we did not have the basic campus infrastructure. Apart from this, slow speed, poor reliability and difficulty in getting a connection are well known. For details, please see <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/55071>
Apart from the above, we spend money on mobile voice and data services. It is anybody's guess what the overall telecom bill is if we include mobile voice and data.

What would be the bill if we extend connectivity to every home and every unit? What would happen as the city grows?
Even at that cost, the lack of intranet and intercom would be major handicaps. A more subtle handicap is the need to travel within Auroville and outside Auroville, contributing to needless pollution.

Is there a way out of this? Yes, certainly. Auroville can have a campus network - like every educational campus around the world. The work on this has started and we seek the support and goodwill of all to provide reliable intranet and intercom to every home and unit using Optical Fibre Cables.

JV on Behalf of Auroville Network Team/ Aurinoco Systems.

A collective effort to together secure the land for Auroville

When I was a child, we had a flower in the living room window, a Hoya that grew up around the window frame. I used to be fascinated by its clusters of porcelain like flowers, each with a tiny drop of clear nectar. Mother gave this flower the name "The Power of Collective Aspiration" and she said: "A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances".

In "On the Mother", K.R. Iyengar writes: "Sri Aurobindo spoke about the three layers of the Supermind, the Interpretative, the Representative and the Imperative. The first opens up diverse lines of possibility, the second initiates a movement towards desired change and the third makes it effective."

In Auroville we can work with this power of collective aspiration and with it not only open up lines of possibility, but initiate movements towards real change. When it comes to the land of Auroville - the imperative will be that all the land is bought and secured for the realization of the City, for the possibility of its fullness and integrability.

Mother explains the Auroville symbol:

The dot at the center represents the Unity, the Supreme;

The inner circle represents the creation, the conception of the City;

The petals represents the power of expression, realization.

And She stressed strongly the need to secure the land.

If we understand that it matters whether Rs 100 come from ten people or whether it comes from one person, because joining ten persons into an action has a power in itself. All the mighty rivers grow like this. They merge with the sea, but they are formed and grow by all the small and large trickles of water that continuously join in, right from the source itself.

For now, join by arranging with Financial Service for a monthly transfer from your account/s to:

Financial Service Acc 0100, Specify LFAU, A4A or GreenAcres or

Unity Fund Acc 240001, Specify LFAU, A4A or GreenAcres

The reason to specify where you want to give is to support all the lines of possibility for the realization of the whole.

Jaya

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every Thursday at sunset

From 5.30 to 6.00 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 do not to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 to 6.00 pm.

Please be seated by 5.25 pm

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

Pongal Bazaar - Open to All

Let us enjoy the flavour and colours of Pongal Festival (Thanks giving agrarian style)

Join us on the premises of Solar Kitchen on Friday 15th January 2016. Time: 12 noon to 6.00 pm

Greetings from Tamil Heritage Centre - Mohanam Cultural centre and Ilaignarkal Education Centre

Kala Kendra

Bharat Nivas - The Pavilion of India
Presents
AURORA'S EYE FILMS
A Showcase by Independent Filmmaker
Serena Aurora

Short films exploring communities around the world including the premiere of
AUROVILLE: A DREAM DOWN TO EARTH
On
Tuesday the 12th of January 2016 at 5:30 pm
At the Audio Visual Space in Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas

About the Film-Maker

Serena Aurora is an aspiring independent filmmaker with experience in many fields and aspects of the medium: from pre-production and scripting, to production filming and post-production editing, all the way to distribution and exhibition. Having worked in the industry for over 10 years in several roles, her goal now is to create documentary films. She would like to open the eyes of others as hers have been, to educate and inform in the most unbiased way possible. "I have had the great opportunity to travel, which not everyone is fortunate to have. During these experiences I have learnt a great deal, which I would like to share. The creative format of film has always held me captive from a young age. Wisdom and knowledge is best shared, this is why I have chosen this path." Her main interest is sustainable and regenerative communal living and she is currently traveling around Asia visiting Eco villages and Intentional Communities making films as gifts to help share the knowledge and to give people a voice. Her style of filmmaking is very different from others as she focuses on the truth. She generally doesn't script, and does everything on the first take. What you see is what you get...it's what she sees, it's Aurora's Eye. She does all the camera shots, the editing and sometimes the sound design. At times she works with the amazing Will College for the sound design.

From the Eighth Standard at Aikiyam to our friends in Auroville and the surrounding area

We are going to study the Ramayana in our class this winter. Since for many generations the stories of the Ramayana were passed on in the oral tradition, we would like to invite storytellers of all kinds to come to our class and tell a part of the Ramayana that they particularly enjoy. We would even be happy to hear different versions of the same story! We hope to hear stories from the Ramayana in English and Tamil, from old people and young people, people from here and from other parts of the world who are good story tellers. We even hope to be able to tell some of the stories ourselves!

If you have a story from the Ramayana you could share with us please call:
Sathiya at: 944-3068-628, Heidi Watts at: 0413-262-2466
or email: aikiyamschool@auroville.org.in

With thanks,
Sathiya and Heidi

Lohri

Thursday 14th Jan 7 am
At Bharat Nivas
Please be seated by 6:45 am

All are invited to celebrate with us the beginning of this New Year with a Pooja and a yagna/homa.

Lohri is not only about reaping the fruits of labour, it also acknowledges the elemental forces, mainly fire. The fire is supposed to douse sadness and renew happiness in one's life. Lohri, is a festival known for its feisty celebrations among the Punjabi Community of India. It is, in essence, a deep veneration of nature gods for a bountiful harvest. Lohri festival in India celebrates the harvesting of rabi crops with a major ceremonial ritual of bonfire. Falling in mid-January, the auspicious occasion of Lohri coincides with the onset of 'Magh' month, which commences just a day after Lohri.

A heritage festival - 'Thaipusam'!

We celebrate this year Thaipusam, a festival peculiar to the Tamil community with its very traditionally rich and peculiar rituals, dedicated to Lord Murugan.
A bus will be arranged to visit the ancient famous Murugan temple at Mailam, which has a temple water tank as old as 1,000 years (35kms from Auroville).

Date: Sunday 24th Jan. 2016
Journey begins at Bharat Nivas
Time: 3 pm

Destination: Murugan Temple, Mailam
Return: 7 pm

Bus fare: Rs.105/head. Only 46 seats available.

Register with kalai@auroville.org.in or SMS with your name and email ID to Riju at 9159816807.

Auroville Farm Group celebrates Pongal

All are invited!

Dates: Jan 11 & 12

Venue: New FoodLink site

Pongal is a local harvest festival, where farmers traditionally celebrate the abundance provided by Mother Nature. To celebrate Pongal, Auroville farmers are organizing a local food festival, where you can taste fresh, organic, local food, and learn about Auroville farms and farmers. Do join us for good food, music, fun games, and site visits! Venue is between Certitude and Puncture Service. Entrance via road to Puncture Service.

Programme - 11th & 12th January

- 9:30 am: Opening: Collective Meditation
- 9:45 am to 12:30 am: Introduction to farming in Auroville followed by a guided visit on farm tractors to Auroville farms followed by a discussion. (Pls. register at the Reception table)
- 12:30 to 2:00 pm: Enjoy a fund-raising lunch prepared by farmers using fresh local harvest. (Lunch is on contribution basis and limited to about 50 people each day. Pls. pick up a lunch coupon up at the Reception Table).
- 3:30-4.30 pm: Music performance by local groups
- 4:30 pm -5:30 pm: Closing: Collective chanting to thank Mother Nature!

All day festivities - Drop in anytime: Talk to farmers and check out our information panels on Auroville farms over free drinks and snacks, which will be served all day long!

Pls. note: On 11 & 12 Jan, the FoodLink market will operate from the new FoodLink

EXHIBITIONS

KALA KENDRA

BHARAT NIVAS - The Pavilion of India

presents

THE MOVING FINGER

A Solo Show

By Aiyana Gunjan

Curated by Dr. Alka Pande

About the Artist

Aiyana Gunjan (b.1970, Allahabad) is a self-taught artist, whose creative instincts were nurtured in a culturally-rich family environment. The guidance of her gurus - Shobha Broota in painting, Anis Siddiqui in calligraphy and Subrata De in Sitar-Indian Classical Music - has groomed her personality with multifarious traits. Aiyana Gunjan did her schooling from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, B.A. (Hons.) in Economics from Lady Sri Ram College and Masters in Business Economics (MBE) from Delhi University. Alongside she is a Brand & Semiotics Consultant, with over 18 years of experience in the strategic planning function with leading advertising agencies. Aiyana has been doing pioneering work in the field of Semiotics, impacting global-local strategies. Aiyana resides in New Delhi.

About the Work

Delhi based Aiyana Gunjan, a contemporary Indian artist, is using calligraphy as a primary tool of self-expression. Aiyana has been investigating the self, the personal, to arrive at truths about the pluralism of Indian culture. Transforming the art of calligraphy from religious into non-religious spaces, to a more secular, artistic and personal space is evident in the oeuvre of Aiyana Gunjan. Her deep interest in spirituality fuels her creativity. Her exploration in the spiritual dimension and abstract expression of the calligraphy letters has taken a distinct direction, wherein she has elevated the ancient traditional form of calligraphy into the universal language of contemporary abstract art.

From Saturday 9th January, 2016 till Saturday 23rd January, 2016

Inauguration on Saturday the 9th of January, 2016 at 05:30 pm

(Refreshments will be served)

Gallery Timings: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

(Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays)

All are welcome



MOTHER, GODDESS AND LITTLE GIRL

By Kranti Cheon

January 16th to January 30th 2016 at Pitanga Cultural Centre

Viewing daily 8 am to 6 pm

Figurative oil paintings about women from different cultures, religions and parts of the world encountered through the travels of the artist.

The paintings describe every woman that has mother, goddess, and a little girl within.

Create & Connect: Expressive Arts Therapy Symposium

February 19-21, 2016

Hosted by Sankalpa: Art Journeys (a subunit of Thamarai, in collaboration with Prasad Family Foundation and Manakhshetra Foundation)

This unique opportunity to study and experience the range of expressive therapies with facilitators from around the world is available to limited participants. Our gathering will include a panel with international and local presenters, experiential-based workshops through various art forms, as well as a community art exchange. Spaces are filling up and we are encouraging local teachers, parents and counselors to apply and join us. Those who might be able to incorporate some basic tools from these techniques into their work are especially welcome!

Anyone interested to attend can fill out our application here - our early bird registration rate ends on January 8th
<http://bit.ly/1HOMRdc>, or write to createandconnect2016@gmail.com.

University of Human Unity Winter Program 2016

The University of Human Unity Project in Auroville will present a series of courses from Jan 14 to Feb 20, culminating in a three-day seminar Feb 25, 26, 27.

Presenters: Nishtha Muller, Rod Hemsell, Ladislav Brozman, Vladimir Yatsenko, Werner Sattmann-Frese

Topics: Goddess Saraswati in the Rig Veda, the Being of Music, The Philosophy of Consciousness, The Integral Paradigm of Knowledge

Venue: Savitri Bhavan Garden Room and Reading Room

Timings: Thursdays 4:45-7:15 pm and Saturdays 9:45-12:15 am, Jan 14-16, till Feb 18-20;

IPK Seminar Feb 25, 26, 27 at Unity Pavilion (seminar details to be specified later).

All are welcome. The Integral Paradigm of Knowledge is a theoretical approach to learning and how various approaches to knowledge can become more integral, based on Sri Aurobindo's interpretation of the Vedas and Upanishads.

Insight Seminars invites you to "Interactive sessions on Auroville"

Presentations made by Aurovilians on their areas of expertise and sharing of their experiences. These introductory sessions are for those who wish to explore various aspects of Auroville; whether they are Guests, Newcomers or Aurovilians.

Introduction to the Vision and Concept of Auroville 11th January 2016, Monday
presented by Shivaya

Auroville Finance 12th January 2016, Tuesday
presented by Lyle

Education in Auroville 13th January 2016, Wednesday
presented by Deepti Tewari

14th & 15th January no programme due to Pongal

Time: 10 am to 11:30 am, including question and answer session.

Venue: Insight Seminar room, Ground Floor, in the Inside India building - Auroshilpam (opposite CSR; behind Auromode Guest-house).

*The presentations are free of charge. Anyone may walk in.

10 Keys to Good Health

SHARAN invites you for a talk by Ram Aditya, a Health coach who has changed his health destiny and is passionate about helping others. If you missed his talk in Auroville last month, here is another chance. If you liked his talk, please come. This one will be different.

Date: Monday 11th January 2015
Time: 5 - 6.30 pm followed by Q & A
Venue: Aurelec Cafeteria, Aurelec

All are welcome.

The French Pavilion

Talk / Workshop

By Bernard Bouheret (practitioner in Paris) and Natacha (practitioner in Auroville)

Introduction to the Qi Gong of joy
"To know yourself is to exist 100 times".

In the East body and spirit have always been one and rather than to speak of the body that "we have" it would be more correct to speak of the body that "we are". Indeed, we are our bodies and to know one self is to exist 100 times say the Chinese Taoists. Qi Gong (chi Gong) proposes to experience this body through the breath and be aware of it, i.e. pay attention to it by consciously listening to the inner and outer sensations which preside its proper functioning.

Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
In French with English translation

"Communicating Development"

Student project presentations
Monday, January 11th, 2016
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sustainable Development Practicum
The American University of Paris (AUP), France

Dear Friends,

We invite you to stop by the Multi-media center/Cinema Paradiso on Monday, January 11th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm to see and hear the presentations of development communications projects created by students participating in the AUP Sustainable Development Practicum. The presentations will roll-out over the day. Feel free to drop by at any time!

The AUP-Linnaeus Sustainable Development Practicum is an intensive, transformative, experience-based field course that blends: visits to many Auroville organizations and units; seminars, talks & conversations with Aurovillian engaged in sustainable development and community building; and volunteer work focusing on development and development communications.

The experience culminates with media projects created in partnership with the organizations.

Samosas, snacks, tea & great ideas are on the menu!

Come help us celebrate our 8th year.

Charles - program professor

Sacha and Shandra - Auroville program coordinators & support team

The Teachers Center

Invites teachers, parents, and architects to the next
Conversation on Integral Education
"Architecture and Education"

Maud, an architect and school teacher from Belgium, will do a presentation on how school architectural designs affect the students and will show examples from around the world on how we can improve the spaces to make a more conducive learning experience.

Venue: Teachers Centre, SAIER

Tuesday 12th of January from 4 - 5.30pm

CULTURAL EVENTS

CAPOEIRA FESTIVAL 2016

Dear friends & family... 2016 is Here!

and just a bit more than a month is left before the happening of the our Capoeira Festival: A Vadiação das Velas 2016

The event will feature the confirmed participation of:

- Mestre Branco (BRAZIL / FRANCE)
- Professor Samuka da India (AV)
 - Monitor Chico (INDIA)
 - Monitor Sucuri (INDIA)
 - Monitor Melao (DUBAI)
 - Pierre Angola (AV)
- and other to be announced... :)

Come and celebrate with us the first coming of a Capoeira master in Auroville with this unique Capoeira Festival happening from 11th to 14th of February 2016 - a festival of movements, music, fun, culture, dance, craft, food, shows, friendship...and surprises.

Don't forget to register before the 11th of January 2016 to get a discount!

For further information and registration visit our website or facebook page: ginga-saroba.com / [facebook.com/GingaSaroba/](https://www.facebook.com/GingaSaroba/)

You can also help the festival happening with donations which will help keep the fees fair for all and allow magic to happen :)

Our fundraiser: <http://igg.me/at/imZNB060KDw>

Our FS account: 251616

Heartfelt thanks to all, and see you at the Festival :-)

Capoeira Ginga Saroba

Prof. Samuka da India (Sam) & students

MADHURAM: THE SWEETNESS OF KRISHNA

Bhajans and Bhakti Poetry in English Translation

South Indian Flute: Gordon Korstange

Hindustani Indian Slide Guitar: Joel Eisenkramer

Sunday 10 January, 2016

Unity Pavilion, Auroville 7:30 pm

This concert combines Bhakti poetry and Indian music to elaborate powerful and moving lyrics depicting the love of Radha for the god Krishna - a love whose intensity and range of emotions traces the course of all true love between man and woman and between human and divine. Intermingling physical and metaphysical imagery, the spiritual yearning for the divine is articulated in the passionate language of intense sensual desire for an irresistible but ultimately unpossessable lover, thus touching a resonant chord in our humanity.



SOIREE MUSICALE

Friday, January 15, 2016
8 pm, CRIPA, Auroville

Piano: Pushkar

Music by Bach, Chopin, Granados, Albeniz, Ravel, Mompou, Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Bartok, Piazzolla, Pushkar.

Pushkar is a composer and pianist, studied music and piano in Pondicherry, Spain, Oberlin College - USA, Vienna, Chigiana Academy - Italy. He has performed extensively, and collaborated with other artists and musicians, in India and abroad. He is currently living in Auroville.

Solitude Organic Farm Café Presents...

OPEN MIC NIGHT



JANUARY 12TH, 20TH, 27TH

INVITING ALL MUSICIANS, POETS, DANCERS AND THEATRICAL ACTS FOR A CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION.

Solitude organic farm café will be serving dinner @ 7PM along with smoothies, vegan ice cream and more
PERFORMANCE 7:30PM - 10PM SOLITUDE CAFE
ARTIST SIGN UP AT SOLITUDE CAFE OR CONTACT KRISHNA 9843319260
Facebook.com/solitudefarm www.aurovillepermaculture.com/open-mic-nights

Solitude Organic Farm Café Presents

OPEN MIC NIGHT

January 12th, 20th, 27th

Inviting all musicians, poets, dancers, and theatrical acts for a chance to share your talents and enjoy an evening of celebration.

Solitude organic farm café will be serving dinner @ 7pm along with smoothies, vegan ice cream and more.

Performance 7:30 pm - 10 pm Solitude Café

Artist sign up at Solitude Café or contact Krishna 9843319260

VIOLIN CONCERT

There will be a concert in the Hall of Harmony at the Ashram school on the 11th of January at 8.30 pm by Shri Salil Brahmachari on the violin accompanied by Shri Sudip Chatterjee on the tabla.

Submitted by Veena

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

SOMATIC MOVEMENT WORKSHOP WITH MAGGIE

Friday 15 - Saturday 16 January 2016 - 9.30 am - 5.00 pm (12 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 2622329 / 9488084966)

A 2-day neuro-muscular re-education (mind-body training) workshop in the tradition of Thomas Hanna.

Somatics is a system of slow, mindful movement. It improves the function of the nervous system, creating more ease and freedom within ourselves. Somatics teaches us to recognise and release holding patterns, resulting from pain, injury, stress or habituated posture, and enhances any kind of exercise such as yoga, dance, sport or just moving through life.

You will also learn a daily practice in order to maintain better flexibility, coordination, balance and wellness, resulting in a decrease of aches commonly attributed to stress, injury and ageing.

Maggie is a certified Somatic Movement Educator and graduate of the International Institute for Somatic Movement Education (IISME). She is also a highly experienced massage therapist, and has been working in the field of pain relief for over 15 years.

WATSU & LIQUID FLOW BASIC WITH DARIYA & DANIEL

Monday 18 - Saturday 23 January 2016 (6 mornings) - 9.00 am - 1.30 pm (27 hours)

Quiet Healing Center (tel. 0413 2622329 / 9488084966)

Watsu & Liquid Flow are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. Watsu Basic introduces movements and body mechanics to work with someone on the surface; Liquid Flow Basic introduces and offers a unique underwater experience (with a nose clip). During this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities of moving another person in water. You will experience floating people and being floated, on the surface and under water, creating a space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

You may also discover that this kind of bodywork is something you would like to further explore, in which case this course serves as a perfect precursor to Liquid Flow Essence, Watsu 1 & OBA 1, or WaterDance 1.

No previous experience is required!

INNER-WORK-WORKSHOP

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

12th January (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: 'The Collective Yoga'

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 12.00 Noon (pl be present by 8.55 am)

Led by Ashesh Joshi. Contact: 9489147202, 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.

TREE CLIMBING WITH PROFESSIONAL HEIGHT SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

Recreational: You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before you hook on. After being fitted with your saddle and some short instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome.

Advance: You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders.

For conditions and appointment call Satyaaji: 97 86 40 65 40

PARTNER YOGA

Venue: Joy Community Hall (Center Field)

Date and time: Saturday 3.30 to 5 pm

Starting: 9th of January

Partner Yoga, is a physical practice which combines elements of yoga and acrobatics such as stretching and torsions done with a partner. Partnering work helps improve concentration and balance. Therapeutic Acro Yoga massage, brings together acrobatics and yoga with Thai massage, it provides stress relief and a deep sense of well-being. Drop in.

COMMUNITY KARMA YOGA

Venue: Joy Community

Date and time: Mon to Wed 8.30 to 10.30 am

Starting: 11th of January

Each morning we work on some practical project together for a couple of hours. Come and join our community to share experiences on Auroville and India, while having lots of fun. We also share a free typical Aurovilian breakfast to complete the morning with the food of Auroville's pioneers. Drop in.

RESTORATIVE HATHA YOGA

Venue: Joy Community Hall (Center Field)

Date and time: Monday 9 to 10 am

Starting: 11th of January

Restorative Hatha Yoga lessons for mixed abilities; it is suitable for beginners and intermediate levels seeking a restorative practice. The class includes 3 phases for balance: opening, main and closing. We will aim to develop stillness/calmness of mind and body through asanas and gentle pranayama. Drop in.

SANSKRIT MANTRAS

Venue: Joy Community Hall

Date and time: Monday 10 to 11 am

Starting: 11th of January

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. Through chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga & Spiritual Scriptures. Drop in.

HEALING BY BREATHING

Change your everyday way to breath

3-day workshop: Jan. 13, 14, 15 & 20, 21, 22

9.00 am to 4.00 pm (1 hour lunch break)

For many of us, breathing means air coming in and out the nostrils, inflating more or less the chest and the abdomen. We never really learnt the process of breathing and how to feel what is going on inside our body

- Learn to stretch down the diaphragm and open the rib cage in a proper way; get rid of tensions sitting there.

- Learn to breathe slowly, deeply, regularly (Patanjali Yoga Sutras)

Breathing is not just about gas exchanges; it deals also with subtle energies as Prana and is as well the royal way to relaxation (by consciously directing the Sympathetic nervous system). Efficient breath enlarges consciousness in our body and in our life and brings us « Here and Now »

- Learn to reach a deeper relaxation, to develop inner feelings, to get more centered.

The control of the breath is also a main tool to release and go above our limits, our blockages, at the physical, emotional and mental levels. Whatever are our issues, breathing blockages are always present. Learn to enlarge our comfort zone at those 3 levels.

Stress is the main reason of diseases, by learning to develop and control our breath, you acquire an efficient skill to dissolve stress layer after layer, the best way to recover or prolong health.

As everyone has different issues, a large part of the workshop will deal separately with each participant.

Contact Marie Noelle: General medicine doctor certified from France, Yoga, Pranayama, Vipassana, Chi Kong approaches.

frametim@yahoo.fr, 2622 989 evening time, or 915 998 7194

CLAY WORK

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers, Guests,

An opportunity to learn clay work with Anna (White Peacock Potteries).

Only 3 places are available. Hurry up for registration & details with Anna - Cell No:7598671669.

With regards,

On behalf of Anna, Buvana

UNITY PAVILION

A series of workshops between 5 January and 9 February 2016

The Twelve Aspects of the Divine Mother introduced in Yoga Nidra

Led by Veronik Menanteau

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm on the following dates: Friday 8 January, Tuesday 12 January, Thursday 14 January, Tuesday 19 January, Thursday 21 January, Tuesday 26 January, Thursday 28 January, Tuesday 2 February, Thursday 4 February, Monday 8 February, Tuesday 9 February

SOUL MOTION, A CONSCIOUS DANCE PRACTICE



We welcome you to come and experience the excitement, the energy, and the enlivened presence that dances within all of us as we come together to dance and move body and soul.

At Unity Pavilion

Mon. Jan. 11th, 7 pm - 9.30p m

Mon. Jan. 18th, 7 pm - 9.30 pm

Fri. Jan 15th, 5 pm -7.30 pm

THEATRE IN ACTION

Three-month course in creative process, using physical theatre techniques drawn from a variety of sources. Participants will

learn about ensemble, character and harnessing the imagination to dive deep into the world of theatre and create a short piece together.

Classes started Jan 5 but you can still join this coming week, Jan 12! 7:30-9:30 in CRIPA.

Please contact Kaeridwyn at 7639225831 or dwynle@gmail.com for any questions or information, and to sign up.

SUBBODY BUTOH WORKSHOPS

What is Subbody Butoh?

Subbody Resonant Butoh Method is developed by Rhizome Lee from Japan. Subbody means subconscious and subtle body. With various conditioning techniques we create movements through exploring subconscious realm, away from boundary of ego and daily consciousness. Encountering with hidden pure life languages through the body. Recovering resonant life through dance!

Location: CRIPA

Timings: [Friday Jan 8](#) -> [9:00-12:00](#) / [Saturday Jan 9](#) -> 9:00-1:00

Performance: [Sat Jan 9](#) -> [19:30](#) / [Monday Jan 11](#) -> [9:00-13:00](#)

For more info contact Kaeridwyn at: 7639225831 or dwynle@gmail.com. See you there!

EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCE AND JAM

Beyond Borders "BUTOH"

Sat [9 Jan](#) from [19:30](#) at CRIPA

By Gorka (Spain) Honza (Holland) Iza (Poland) Kasia (Poland) Kaeridwyn (Canada) Sati Dust Gio (Korea)

GRUPO GINGADO CAPOERIA

New class schedule 2016

Monday 6:15p m - 8:00 pm @ Bamboo Land (near Imagination)

Wednesday 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm @ Bamboo Land (near Imagination)

Friday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm @ New Creation dance studio

Join us for this dynamic class taught by Instructor Camaleao (Jeremy) with over 20 years of Capoeira experience.

Open to all levels! [www.gingadocapoeira.in ~ info@gingadocapoeira.in ~ 9489-322-615]

LEC COOKING CLASS: COOK WITH LOCALLY GROWN VEGETABLES

The next session this season will be on Jan 9 (Saturday) in Life Education Centre (LEC) at 10:30 am.

It is the season of bountiful harvest. In the spirit of Pongal, the harvest festival, and the upcoming Tamil month of *Thai* is celebrated with wishes for abundant blessings and prosperity from the sun and earth for the coming year. The demonstration for this session will include a special *kuzhambu*, curry made of a mix of local vegetables. This healthy, unbelievably flavorful dish that can go on the side with rice, millets, chapatti, bread (and even as sauce for pasta for those who want to be creative) is easy to make.

Come watch the demonstration and be inspired to cook with local vegetables, millets, and legumes. Copies of recipes will be made available during the class. The bi-monthly cooking sessions are offered by Buvanandari.

LEC is located opposite Isaiambalam School in Kotakkarai.

Life Education Centre team

JAPANESE PERFORMANCE ART

With various conditioning techniques we create movements exploring the subconscious realm. Away from boundaries of ego and daily contagiousness encountering with hidden pure life

languages through the body recovering resonant life through dance...

Tuesday 12 Jan at 9 am to 13 pm

Wednesday 13 Jan at 13 pm to 16 pm

Thursday 14 Jan at 13 pm to 16 pm

At Eluciole Circus Miracle community

LEARNING SANSKRIT

Dear friends,

Aryavishnu, senior Sanskrit teacher from Sri Aurobindo Ashram, will resume his weekly visits, offering classes in spoken Sanskrit, from this Wednesday 13th January onwards.

All materials provided - Guests 500 all others by donation.

Please be on time - interested beginners and intermediate levels- are welcome to stay the full two days.

These lively sessions in spoken Sanskrit!

Registration required. Information: Audrey 2622641 - answering machine/leave your no. for details and I'll call you back.

HATHA YOGA CLASSES IN ARKA

For beginners and intermediate.

Bryony has been teaching Hatha Yoga for the last 12 years in the south of France. The yoga she teaches is based on the Shivananda tradition and includes relaxation, pranayama and 12 basic asanas with some variations. The sessions always follow the same format enabling the student to develop his or her own personal practice.

Beginners and Intermediate classes: Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Beginner's classes: Wednesday at 8:00 to 9:30 am

Contact Bryony - 07738671045

EXPLORE COLOUR

In this two-day workshop we will Explore Colour with our compass held by Johanne Itten's theory.

Jan.15 & 16 / 9 -

Jan.15 & 16 / 9-12 & 2-4.

All materials provided.

Guests 500 all others by donation.

Please be on time and intend to stay the full two days.

Registration required.

Information; Audrey 2622641 - answering machine/leave your no. and I'll call you back.

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF SOUND HEALING

Introduction, Exploration, Training

When: Thursday 14. Jan 5 pm - Sun 17. Jan 12 & 2-4.30 pm

Where: Svaram Musical Instruments

This introductory course offers the opportunity of an exposure and immersion into the vast subject of Music and Medicine and can benefit the layperson's personal growth journey, deepen the practise of yoga aspirants, as well as enhance the professional work of therapists, educators, health and social workers, and wellness specialists and offer a gradual entry into the world and practice of Sound Healing

Subjects and contents that will be introduced and shared in the course of ongoing training modules and explored experientially: Nada Brahman - The World is Sound / The Human Embodiment as an Instrument / Music and Medicine / Integral Healing and Wholeness

For more information and registration please write to: svaram@auroville.org.in or call: 2622220

SOUND BATH / UNITY JOURNEY

With Aurelio and Team

Now every Wed 530-630 in Unity Pavilion!!



C I N E M A - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM

Reminder: Friday 8 JANUARY "JIMMY'S HALL"

FRIDAY 15 JANUARY - 7:30 PM (Film show starting at 7.45 sharp)

MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN

Directed by Deepa MEHTA, CANADA/UK, 2012

Cast: Rajat Kapoor, Vansh Bhardwaj, Shabana Azmi, Anupam Kher, Shobana Goswami...

Synopsis: At the stroke of midnight on August 15th, 1947, as India declares independence from Great Britain, two newborn babies are switched by a nurse in a Bombay hospital. Saleem and Shiva are fated to live the life meant for the other. They are also inextricably linked to the history of India itself, which takes them on a whirlwind journey full of trials, triumphs and disasters.

Midnight's Children is a 2012 Canadian-British film adaptation of Salman Rushdie's 1981 novel of the same name. With a screenplay by Rushdie and directed by Deepa Mehta. The film was nominee for Best Picture and seven other categories at the 1st Canadian Screen Awards, winning two awards.

Original English version with English subtitles - Duration: 2h.26'.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, January 15th, Friday at 7 pm

THE 11TH HOUR

2007, 95 minutes, Directed by Leila Connors Petersen.

With contributions from over 50 politicians, scientists, and environmental activists, including former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, physicist Stephen Hawking, Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai, journalist Armand Betscher, and Paul Hawken, the film documents the grave problems facing the planet's life systems. Global warming, deforestation, mass species extinction, and depletion of the oceans' habitats are all addressed. The film proposes potential solutions to these problems by calling for restorative action by the reshaping and rethinking of global human activity through technology, social responsibility and conservation.

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

Schedule of Events:

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

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:30 free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen

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

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

14th January Thursday 8 pm

PAN (2015)

Genre: Adventure/Family/Fantasy. Dur: 1:51 mins. Language: English/Subtitle: English. Rated: PG.

Dir: [Joe Wright](#) / Cast: [Levi Miller](#), [Hugh Jackman](#), [Garrett Hedlund](#)

Story Line: 12-year-old orphan Peter is spirited away to the magical world of Neverland, where he finds both fun and danger, and ultimately discovers his destiny -- to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan.

15th January Friday 8 pm

IN THE HEART OF THE SEA (2015)

Genre: Action/Adventure/Biography. Dur: 2 hrs 2 mins.

Language: English/Subtitle: English. Rated: PG 13.

Dir: [Ron Howard](#) / Cast: [Chris Hemsworth](#), [Cillian Murphy](#), [Brendan Gleeson](#)

Story Line: A recounting of a New England whaling ship's sinking by a giant whale in 1820, an experience that later inspired the great novel Moby-Dick.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

"INTERVIEW WITH NOEL PARENT ON HIS LIFE AND WORK IN AUROVILLE - Part 01"

Noel is telling about his first contact with publications of Sri Aurobindo and the book "The Adventure of Consciousness" by Satprem and the unfolding experiences with the consciousness force of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo that guided him and brought him also to Auroville. In Auroville he worked first at the Unity Pavilion and then at the Matrimandir Gardens.

Noel discovered in his process with the Divine consciousness force deep connections with Nature and with the forces of healing, specially also when he worked inside of the Banyan tree at Matrimandir reciting OM and Om Namo Bhagavate, in order to bring consciousness into matter. Duration: 38min.

Monday, 11th of January 2016, at 6:30 pm.

L'HOMME APRES L'HOMME

A Powerful introduction to Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's evolutionary Action

2 filmed interviews with Satprem, Mother's confident for 20 years.

"Satprem" - Le Chemin vers l'interieur - 30 mns

"L'Homme apres l'homme" - 1hr

The 2 films will be in French with English subtitles

Cinema Paradiso - Town Hall

On Tuesday 12/01 at 4.30 pm

THE FRENCH PAVILION

presents

HANDS OF LIGHT

"Healing and Channelling" a film by David Volant and Etienne Brault

"Never mind the story of our life, it is what we do out of it which transmutes it into a luminous reality".

Since his early childhood, Jean Marie Le Gall is in contact with the world of Spirits. During his youth, he was involved in sessions of "moving tables" and automatic writing. He is also an active member of experiments in the field of parapsychology, the effect of mind on matter, psychokinesis, the action on plants of magnetised water....along with Professor Jean Dierkens (Belgium), Yves Lignon (Toulouse), Etienne Guille (Orsay University).

Jean Le Gall is actually an acknowledged "magnetiser" in Pyrénées Atlantiques, "helped" by his grandfather from the spiritual world, a doctor among those from "Heavens" as he tenderly calls them.

This movie mixes interviews and testimonies from patients. While healing, Jean Le Gall shares his reflexions and subtle perceptions, as well as the story of his life and inner experiences.

Saturday, 9 January 2016 at 5: 00 pm; in French without subtitles; duration: 70 minutes. At Cinéma Paradiso

COMEDY NIGHT: BIANCO,ROSSO E VERDONE

Venue: Joy Guesthouse garden

Date: Friday 15th January

Time: 7.30 pm

Synopsis: Italian stage comic Carlo Verdone produced a cult hit with his sophomore cinematic effort, the 1981 Bianco, Rosso e Verdone (Red, White and Green); the artist both directed that film and essayed a triple role in it, as three goofy characters: Furio, Pasquale and Mimmo. There are 3 tales converging: one concerned the goateed Furio, a Torinese man driving his wife bonkers with his ignorant motor mouth; another observed

Pasquale, a southern Italian man who moved from his adopted home of Munich back to Italy - and subsequently had his car dismantled and stolen, one piece at a time; the third story followed Mimmo, a whiny Trasteverian manchild traveling with his enormously overweight grandmother.

Other details: every second Friday, we'll have a barbecue night (reservation required) and afterwards show some comedy cults from around the world (drop-in ok), starting with this Italian movie. We have set-up a simple, but beautiful open-air cinema in the gardens and we'll even have a break with homemade popcorn for those nostalgic of summer drive-ins, when multiplex didn't exist.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 11 January 2016 to 17 January 2016

With the first film series of the year - we bring you a bit of humor and laughter in this Comedy Series. Hope you can come and enjoy some of the shows!

Comedy Series - Monday 11 January, 8:00 pm:

- **WITHNAIL & I**

UK, 1987, Dir. Bruce Robinson, w/ Richard E. Grant, Paul McGan, Richard Griffiths, Comedy-Drama, 107 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

London, 1969 - two 'resting' actors, Withnail and Marwood, unemployed and unemployable - fed up with a damp, cold and troubled life, decide to leave their squalid Camden flat for an idyllic holiday in the countryside, courtesy of Withnail's uncle Monty's country cottage. But when they get there, it rains non-stop, there's no food, and their basic survival skills turn out to be somewhat limited. Matters got worse when Uncle Monty arrived and took uncomfortably keen interest in Marwood...

Comedy Series - Tuesday 12 January, 8:00 pm:

- **PRIDE**

UK, 2014, Dir. Matthew Warchus w/ Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton, Comedy, 119 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Based on a true story, the film depicts a group of lesbian and gay activists who raised money to help families affected by the British miner's strike in 1984.

Comedy Series - Wednesday 13 January, 8:00 pm:

- **MIC MACS**

France, 2009, Dir. Jean Pierre Jeunet, w/Dany Boon, Andre Dussolier, Action-Comedy, 109 min., French w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

A man and his friends come up with an intricate and original plan to destroy two big weapons manufacturers. With imagination and fantasy worthy of Bibi Fricotin and Buster Keaton, the battle of David and Goliath.

Comedy Series - Thursday 14 January, 8:00 pm:

- **BLINKENDE LYGTER (Flickering Lights)**

Denmark, 2000, Dir. Anders Thomas Jensen w/ Søren Pilmarc, Ulrich Thomsen, Mads Mikkelsen, Comedy-Crime, 109 mins, Danish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG 16

Four small gangsters from Copenhagen trick a gangster boss: they take over 4,000,000 kroner which they were supposed to bring him. Trying to escape to Barcelona they are forced to stop in the countryside, in an old, wrecked house, hiding there for several weeks. Slowly, one after another, they realize, that they would like to stay there, starting a new life, renovating the house and forming it into a restaurant. But they can't avoid being caught up by their past.

Comedy Series - Saturday 16 January, 8:00 pm:

- **INEHERENT VICE**

USA, 2015, Dir. Paul Thomas Anderson w/ Joaquin Phoenix, Josh Brolin, Comedy, 148 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In 1970, drug-fueled Los Angeles private investigator Larry "Doc" Sportello investigates the disappearance of a former girlfriend. The film went on to receive a number of award nominations and some reviews have said that it has the makings of a cult film.

Children's Film - Sunday 17 January, 4:30 pm:

- **ATLANTIS THE LOST EMPIRE**

USA, 2001, Dir Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise and others, 95 mins, Animation-Action, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
A young adventurer named Milo Thatch joins an intrepid group of explorers to find the mysterious lost continent of Atlantis.

ROBERT ALTMAN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 17 January, 8:00 pm:

- **THIEVES LIKE US**

USA, 1974, Dir. Robert Altman w/ Keith Carradine, Shelly Duvall, and others, Crime-Romance, 123mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Two convicts break out of Mississippi State Penitentiary in 1936 to join a third on a long spree of bank robbing, which happens to be their special talent and claim to fame. The youngest of the three falls in love along the way with a girl he met at their hideout. The older man is a happy professional criminal with a romance of his own. The third one is a fast lover, a hard drinker and fond of his work. The young lovers begin to move out of the sphere in which they have met. A last robbery in Yazoo City goes badly, but isn't the end of the story quite yet, as all three are notorious wanted men ...

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.

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As a courtesy to the fellow viewers please be sweet and stop chatting after the film starts.

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