Till then must life carry its seed of death
And sorrow's plaint be heard in the slow Night.
O mortal, bear this great world's law of pain,
In thy hard passage through a suffering world
Lean for thy soul's support on Heaven's strength,
Turn towards high Truth, aspire to love and peace.
A little bliss is lent thee from above,
A touch divine upon thy human days.
Make of thy daily way a pilgrimage,
For through small joys and griefs thou mov'st towards God.
Haste not towards Godhead on a dangerous road,
Open not thy doorways to a nameless Power,
Climb not to Godhead by the Titan's road.
Against the Law he pits his single will,
Across its way he throws his pride of might.
Heavenward he clambers on a stair of storms
Aspiring to live near the deathless sun.
He strives with a giant strength to wrest by force
From life and Nature the immortals' right;
He takes by storm the world and fate and heaven.
He comes not to the high World-maker's seat,
He waits not for the outstretched hand of God
To raise him out of his mortality.
All he would make his own, leave nothing free,
Stretching his small self to cope with the infinite.
Obstructing the gods' open ways he makes
His own estate of the earth's air and light;
A monopolist of the world-energy,
He dominates the life of common men.
His pain and others' pain he makes his means:
On death and suffering he builds his throne.
In the hurry and clangour of his acts of might,
In a riot and excess of fame and shame,
By his magnitudes of hate and violence,
By the quaking of the world beneath his tread
He matches himself against the Eternal's calm
And feels in himself the greatness of a god:
Power is his image of celestial self.
The Titan's heart is a sea of fire and force;
He exults in the death of things and ruin and fall,
He feeds his strength with his own and others' pain;
In the world's pathos and passion he takes delight,
He glories in the sufferings of the flesh
And covers the stigma with the Stoic's name.
His eyes blinded and visionless stare at the sun,
The seeker's Sight receding from his heart
Can find no more the light of eternity;
He sees the beyond as an emptiness void of soul
And takes his night for a dark infinite.

SAVITRI, Book VI, Canto II

Remain fixed in the sunlight of the true consciousness
- for only there is happiness and peace.
They do not depend upon outside happenings, but on this alone.

Sri Aurobindo
Letters on Yoga, vol 2, p.1709
“ACRES FOR AUROVILLE” INVITES YOU TO 2 SPECIAL EVENTS!!

FILM EVENING FOR THE LAND AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

On Monday, September 10th at 6:30 PM, Savitri Bhavan will present 2 films produced to support Auroville’s land:
- **THE MOTHER – AN ARTIST & ARTISTIC INFLUENCE**
  This 21-minute film with music presents the Mother’s life and work as an artist from her youth in Paris to her stays in Algeria & Japan, and her Pondicherry years - as well as works by Ashramites she mentored - including Huta, who made the painting the Mother named “The Spirit of Auroville”.

- **EARLY DAYS LANDING AUROVILLE**
  This 14-minute film is a must-see! In moving interviews with four pioneers - Frederick, Dayanand, Narad, Joss - we hear how The Mother saw the land as a place for her work & the already-descending New Force. Her words ”The most important thing is to secure the land now!” is an urgent call for us today!

“MATTER AND LIGHT” EXHIBITION AT UNITY PAVILION

Don’t miss the exquisite beauty & the last week of this exhibit by ART FOR LAND with donated works by Auroville ceramicist **Kratu** and the late Ashram painter **Usha Patel**. Come to see all these beautiful creations & also support Auroville land purchase. Many works are available as prints & cards: **Daily 10 am - 4.30 pm till September 15th.**

In solidarity,

The ACRES FOR AUROVILLE team

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GOOD NEWS AT YOUR NEWS&NOTES!

Dear Community!

This is to share with you the good news that Isabelle has joined the News&Notes as full time co-editor.

We kindly call for your patience while the necessary training is happening, as it could slow down our process over the next few weeks. We hope to have a smoother running very soon!

With a kind reminder that the News&Notes is a Monday publication, so the target for us is MONDAY delivery. Of course, any time it is ready before (we try for Saturday), we will have it reach you before, but the real date is MONDAY.

This MONDAY publication means that all the events included in the News&Notes happen AFTER the MONDAY. So there is no rush. Reading the News on Monday is early enough, you are not missing the big weekend events, which will only happen the weekend AFTER. We know you like to read it on the weekend, we do try for you to have it on Saturday, whenever possible.

The soft version is ready earlier than the paper, so if you are in a hurry, please read it here on Auronet or online on Auroville website, it’s open to all! (see above for links)

Deadline for regular submissions is weekly Tuesday 5pm!

Warmly, The News&Notes team
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Printing & Delivery: Jayamoorthy and Arumugam

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WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) Half-Yearly Report January - June 2018

FAMC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- Reports
  - We would like to begin with an apology for the long gap in reporting since regular monthly reports stopped last December. The work of the FAMC, including timely monthly reports, has been hampered by the lack of adequate secretarial support. The mandate requires us to report every quarter. We are thus publishing a joint report for the first two quarters of this calendar year and hope to continue with a quarterly report henceforth.

- Secretariat
  - Please join us in welcoming two new secretaries for administrative work who have joined FAMC in recent months, Naren in April and Elizabeth in August. We also hired a finance secretary, P. Vijayshankar for helping us mainly with accounts consolidation and audits.

- Quorums and Decision making
  - In terms of process, we have a slight change in dealing with quorums for meetings and taking decisions. FAMC have been faced with several occasions with members being temporarily out of station (TOS) or absent from meetings for extended periods of time. As FAMC is no longer a representative group, when members go out, achieving a quorum in meetings can sometimes be difficult. The FAMC mandate (2016) prescribes that a quorum is formed with 6 of 9 members, that is 2/3 membership constitutes a quorum. Last year, when a member resigned, with the consent of Auroville Council, it was agreed that the quorum can be adjusted to 5 persons if the strength of the team was 8. In January, it was agreed that when members were absent for 1 month or more, they would be requested to give their consent to accept the majority vote at the table. Absent members’ contributions via email will continue to be considered and included. This reasonable modification allows the group to move forward with decisions even when members are absent.

COMPLETED ISSUES

- Units and Trusts
  - Quiet (Health and Healing Trust) executive changes: FAMC issued a resolution approving the following executive changes: Resignation of Guy Ryckaert; Reappointment of Samrat Das; Appointment of Rosella Bovani for an initial term of three years.

- Name change of unit: Auroyali. The unit continues under Kattida Kala Trust. FAMC issued a resolution approving the name change.

- Road Service (Service Trust): Resignation of executive: FAMC issued a resolution approving the resignation of Alain Grandcolas. Continuing executives are P. Manikam and Jacques Rosler.

- Exploration Guesthouse (Guest House Trust): Executive changes: FAMC issued a resolution approving the following executive changes: Resignation of Robera Keeping (Bobby); Appointment of Selvam Rajamani and Ingeborg Meinhardt (Samata) as new executives for an initial term of three years.

- Samasti Guesthouse (Guest House Trust): Executive changes: FAMC issued a resolution approving the following executive changes: Resignation of Jerome Van Der Linden; Reappointment of Srimoyi Rosegger; Appointment of Srijita Roy for an initial term of three years.

- Sharnga Guest House (Guest House Trust): Executive changes: FAMC issued a resolution approving the following executive changes: Resignation of Kripa Borg. Appointment of Mirabelle, Sophie and Bernard Borg as Executives. Only Mirabelle and...
Sophie are signatories on all financial accounts and transactions, and have been appointed for an initial term of three years.

- **Mandala Pottery (ABC Trust):** Executive changes: The FAMC approved the appointment of Ms. Angela Julietta Kuehle, and the resignation of M. Heidi Elke Feltensiek (Chimnayi) and Borst Anna Maria Geertruida (Anamika). Adil Writer is a continuing Executive.

- **Home Stays Unit (Guest House Trust):** Executive re-appointments: Leive Claes and S. Sivacoumar have been re-appointed as executives.

- **Youth Link (Auroville Service Trust):** New unit: FAMC issued a resolution approving the creation of a new unit Youth Link with executives S.Kavitha Urvasis, Natasha Salgia and Abhimanyu Rathnam. Youth Link was also advised to register its service activities separately from the above income-generating activities.

- **Imago (Auromode Trust)** New unit: FAMC issued a resolution approving the creation of this new Architecture and Design unit with executives Michael Granitsizkii, Sindhuja Jagadeesh, and Louis Cohen.

- **AV Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (Sangamam Trust):** Unit Closure: Sangamam Trust recommended closure of this particular unit. FAMC issued a resolution for the closure of this unit. Please note that SLI is not the same as AV Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative.

- **Eternal Builders (Kattida Kalai Trust):** ABC and FAMC determined that this unit will be closed as it has failed to submit balance sheets for the past few years, despite reminders for the same.

- **Colors of Nature (Artisana Trust):** Additional executives: FAMC issued a resolution approving the following executive changes: Appointment of Juannah Andrade and Jose Merinero.

- **Farm Fresh (Free Flow Trust):** Executive vacancy: An executive replacement needs to be made for Raman since his resignation, which is to be followed up by a task force comprising of a few members of FAMC and resource persons.

- **Sumark (Kattida Kalai Trust):** Contributions: Pending contributions as per the Code of Conduct currently practiced, were agreed upon by Sumark and a conclusive payment plan was arrived at.

- **Mitra (Pour Tous Trust):** Addition of scope of activities: After reviewing the request and ABC approval, FAMC agreed that the unit can engage in the import and sale of watches as it both provides employment in Auroville and will result in increased income for Auroville. A resolution was issued for the same.

- **PTPS (Service Trust):** FAMC and PTPS are working towards an agreement about the operation of this unit. This includes change of name, change of Trust, strengthening the unit with addition of active executives, and an agreement about past contributions due and future contributions as per the Code of Conduct.

- **Aladin (Aurosarjan Trust):** Loan request: The issue of pending rent to Aurosarjan that was blocking Aladin’s request for a loan has been resolved by mutual agreement with the help of the trustees of the unit and FAMC members.

- **Health and Healing Trust (Trustee changes):** The Office order has been issued for the appointment of Mechtild Schubert as Trustee and the resignation of Hilde D’Heidt and Guido Rykeaert. The continuing Trustees are Jacques Verre and H. Suryagandhi.

- **Service Trust (Trustee changes):** The Office order has been issued for the re-appointment of Eusebio Martinez Burdespar (aka Joseba), Anne Defour and M. Ponnusamy.

- **Advisory Bodies under Code of Conduct:** The Code of Conduct allows the FAMC to be supported by Advisory Bodies. The FAMC and the ABC finalized a document called Role of ABC as an Advisory Body, which clarifies how both the FAMC and the ABC will work together. The FAMC has no such agreement with any other advisory body, although both the Guest Facilities Coordination Group (GFCG) and the ABS were advised to submit a similar document.

- **Code of Conduct Amendments by ABC and FAMC:** The ABC gave recommendations to certain modifications of the Code of Conduct. These were reviewed and incorporated by the FAMC, to be eventually shared with the community, and the Auroville Foundation.

- **Registration of all activities for GST compliance:** There were a number of unregistered activities, including one-off projects, that were directly accounted under the Unity Fund. Most of these activities were transferred out to other existing units and the remaining ones clubbed under the unit Auroville Projects. This unit was further strengthened with the addition of an executive, Simonette Albertine Smits (Tineke). The other serving executive is E. Rathinam.

- **TDC-RELATED**

  - **Building Applications:** TDC recommended and FAMC reviewed and approved a first floor extension in Visitors’ Centre and a storage godown for Sunlit Future.

  - **Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP):** The FAMC and TDC came to an agreement that overall coordination and technical supervision of the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be done by Gilles B, with Giulio providing survey and mapping support. Road Service will continue to be the major contractor with Auroville Water Service providing plumbing connections. The WWTP is being built with Govt. of India grants.

  - **Kalpana Housing Project:** The Kalpana project was found to be in non-compliance with the approved NOC from TDC and FAMC. The project holders have committed that they will regularize by re-applying for the correct parameters with a new NOC and stewardships will only be allocated by the Housing Service after this regularization.

  - **Newcomer refund for a house:** Jorinde’s request for refund of the house that she had contributed to in Petite Ferme was duly processed as per existing guidelines.

  - **Housing Board:** New member: The nomination of Svenja to replace Sonja on the Housing Board was reviewed and approved by FAMC.

- **LAND**

  - **Land purchase (Plot IR 426/1C2):** Court case: The case is now in the hands of a lawyer hired by the Auroville Foundation, in collaboration with the Working Committee.

- **GUEST-HOUSES AND HOMESTAYS ISSUES**

  - **Aurocard use:** Guest Facilities Coordination Group’s (GFCG) mandate does not include taking responsibility for guests not registered in Auroville. However, the Guest Accommodation Services get many requests for Aurocard issue from volunteers, students, interns and others who are not registered as guests in AV. It was agreed to create a small task force with Financial Service, FAMC, GFCG and other resource persons, to work on this issue.

  - **Non-compliant guest houses:** GFCG has a list of guest houses and homestays who do not comply with the guest house contribution guidelines. GFCG has met with the managers of these places, but it has not increased compliance. It was agreed that FAMC will send a note out to these guest houses. The FAMC has also requested GFCG to standardize the contributions of guests and ensure that this is indicated clearly on their website: eg some guesthouses include the guest contribution in their tariffs and some do not; the FAMC expects all guesthouses to include the guest contribution in their tariffs. Follow up by GFCG on this request is awaited.

- **Development Budget:** GFCG requested FAMC to find ways that would allow them to have a small budget for development. They mentioned that guest houses pay a monthly contribution of Rs. 500 each towards guest sector development, but this barely covers basic running costs such as Guest Accommodation office rent, bank fees etc.

- **BCC RELATED**

  - **Arrears in individual contributions to City Services:** At the request of HRT, BCC and AVC, FAMC agreed to the formation of small ad hoc group with three representatives of AVC and one from FAMC to resolve this issue. The first step is to go through and clean up the pending contributions list, and then to attend to each case to see why contributions are pending, and if they qualify for waivers or exemptions.
City Services Budget: The FAMC encouraged BCC to submit a budget for FY 2018-19 as soon as possible. This year, exceptionally, the increase will be based solely on the previous budget submission for FY 2017-18. The reason for expediting the budget is to shift the budget review and approval to be completed by March each year.

Auroville Foundation Related

Chartered Accountants advisory panel: In consultation with Auroville Foundation, FAMC has taken the initiative to form an advisory panel consisting of reputed Chartered Accountants to give us advice on CAG audits, GST compliance, creating a standard chart of accounts for all units and trusts, etc.

Policy and Guidelines

Standardized depreciation method for valuation of assets: CAG insists on a uniform method of depreciation in valuing assets in the balance sheets. After a detailed review, FAMC and Auroville Foundation decided jointly to implement the Written Down Value Method (WDV) of depreciation from the assessment year 2017-18. Information about the same was passed to all the Trusts. We regret any inconvenience caused.

Loan Guidelines: The loan guidelines have been revised by FAMC in consultation with the loan group. The new guidelines and procedures are posted on Auronet and application forms can be requested from the Loan Group: loangroup@auroville.org.in. When loan applications are received by the Loan Group, they will be sent to the relevant group (Housing, ABC, FAMC, etc.) for feedback and recommendations before final decisions are made. The current members of the Loan Group are Chali (FAMC), Otto (Unity Fund, Financial Service), Palani (ABC), Prabhu (Financial Service), and Rathinam (Unity Fund, Financial Service).

Leaving Auroville Guidelines: Leave Auroville guidelines (applicable to Aurovilians leaving Auroville for good) were revised.

Miscellaneous

Sunship loan repayment extension request: An extension of a loan amount of Rs. 65 lakhs till April 2018 for the Sunship Construction Project was agreed to by FAMC with same terms of agreement as an earlier signed MoU.

Auroville Language Lab (Swagatham Trust) request for waiver: Auroville Language Lab had repaid a loan from FAMC in its entirety but asked for a waiver for a pending accrual amount of approximately Rs. 7 lakhs. Their request was not granted.

Fundraising Cell: A new fundraising cell, which includes a team of Bertrand, Sigrid, Nadja and Slava has been created and will be periodically monitored with a review at the end of 1 year. The cell needs to be registered as a unit to enable release of funds from Unity Fund.

Govt. of India (GOI) Administration Budget for FAMC: The FAMC duly utilized the sanctioned GOI grant for Administration by sanctioning creation of the Audit Management Cell and the Asset Registry, strengthening systems in Financial Services and getting some needed office supplies.

Use of vacated Abri space: Upon the recommendation of the Green Group, FAMC has agreed to a process of using the vacated Abri with Philipp Klingspies (TreeHouse Community/Newlands) as a caretaker. Philipp is supported in his role by a support group comprising Green Group, Forest Group and FAMC members. A Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn between the concerned parties detailing the process. Activities to our forests will be given precedence in the use of the space as Abri is in the greenbelt and interested parties are asked to contact Philipp directly.

Space Optimisation in the Town Hall area: Together with the Auroville Council, the FAMC resolved to arrive at a proposal for the use of spaces in the administrative zone that would utilize the spaces better and accommodate each user in a more appropriate set up. This task had been assigned to a team of Vikram D and Suhasini as consultants, who are non-stakeholders in this exercise. It is hoped that a proposal will be ready by October.

Growing Auroville’s Economy Initiative (GAES): FAMC, with the help of Elvira and Joerg (GAES coordinator), has started this initiative to collaboratively review all new economic proposals being made by individual and concerned groups. A report comprising recommendations that can be implemented, which will be presented to the community and the Governing Board, is an expected outcome of this exercise.

In community,
Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Daniele, Dhruv, Lyle, Prabhu, Nicole, and Yuval

Announcements

GM to Discuss Master Plan & Highway: YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE

Dear Friend,

The RAS has received a call for a General Meeting from 148 members of the community (please find on Auronet the full list of those calling for the meeting) with the following title and agenda:

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THE MASTER PLAN & THE HIGHWAY:
A General Meeting to Discuss Ways Forward
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“The struggle against a 6-lane Highway crossing Auroville in many crucial parts showed us that we need to protect not only the current Master Plan area but also Auroville as a whole as it is existing now, as well as the villages which are inside the Greater Auroville.

There is an urgent need to update the Master Plan realistically and expand it to include the existing Auroville communities.

We also need to look at how Auroville is placed in the whole region. Without its bioregion, Auroville’s existence is in peril. The bioregion is a big part of our sustainability. Just as we have a master plan that attempts to organize our internal workings, we need an integrated bioregional plan that attempts to organize our water, air, transportation, farmland and essential services – ecosystem services as well as social services.

**WE NEED TO CALL THUS A GENERAL MEETING TO:**

- Protect the Master Plan area;
- Protect Auroville as a whole;
- Protect the villages within the Greater Auroville area;
- Freeze sale of Outlying Lands, except those which are totally isolated;
- Allow newcomers to settle on outlying lands and build whatever they wish, so that we have "eyes" on our borders and revive the "Pioneer" spirit."

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SEND YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE

The RAS would very much like to hear your feedback, comments and suggestions regarding the above title and agenda: please respond by email to RAS at raservice@auroville.org.in.

The RAS will also send out this feedback call as an email to all residents registered to receive RAS emails.

Much love,
your RAS Team

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An Explanatory Overview: Two Matrimandir Gardens Announcements

Dear Friend,

This letter is to present you with a brief explanatory overview of the current situation regarding two recent community announcements concerning the Matrimandir Gardens. The two announcements in question are:

1. A call for designs for the Garden of the Unexpected - called by the MM Executive - Not a General Meeting

2. General Meeting on Matrimandir Gardens Design: Perspectives & Obstacles - Called by Marc & Meera - Assisted by RAS
Details:
1. Call for designs for the Garden of the Unexpected - called by MM Executive - Not a General Meeting

To clarify: this is not a General Meeting. The RAS is merely delivering the Matrimandir Executive’s messages relating to this event, as it does for many groups and events within the community. The RAS was consulted but has not had any meaningful input into this process. This call for designs from the MM Executive is an initiative to invite the community to submit designs on a planned new garden within the Matrimandir Gardens, entitled the Gardens of the Unexpected (GOU). The initiative has received 11 designs from Aurovilians and non-Aurovilians which will be submitted to a mixed panel of Aurovillian and non-Aurovillian experts who will choose three.

The MM Executive has invited residents to register themselves to be part of an assessment panel that will then choose one design from the experts’ top three.

Please find a link to the Public Panel registration here: www.auroville.org.in/article/69893

2. General Meeting on Matrimandir Gardens Design: Perspectives & Obstacles - Called by Marc & Meera - Assisted by RAS

This event is a General Meeting, but at present, still at the feedback stage. The meeting has been called to discuss challenges to the Matrimandir Gardens Design process, experienced by Garden Designers, Marc and Meera (who have called the meeting).

The meeting is the latest step in a series of attempts to arrive at agreement between Marc & Meera and the Matrimandir Executive.

The Matrimandir Executive has publicly stated that it does not support this General Meeting (please see their announcement here: www.auroville.org.in/article/70050).

The RAS is assisting Marc and Meera with the coordination of this meeting as a service available to any resident wishing to call a GM.

2a) Matrimandir and Council Feedback invited

The Feedback call for this General Meeting is the result of a long series of discussions between the RAS and Marc and Meera. Before being presented to the community, the feedback form was also sent to the Auroville Council and the MM Executive for their comments and feedback. The RAS has received many constructive responses in response to the call and will incorporate these into the meeting agenda and structure.

Please find a link to the GM feedback form here: www.auroville.org.in/article/70152.

2b) General Meeting not supported by Matrimandir Executive

Along with their statement in this issue of the News and Notes, the Matrimandir Executive have already made a public statement on Auronet that it does not support the proposed General Meeting, saying that the “general meeting does not have any support from Matrimandir Executives and Coordinators”. Please find the MM Executive post here for your reference: www.auroville.org.in/article/70050.

3. What’s a General Meeting?

Briefly, a General Meeting is an open discussion meeting designed to share information; add clarity and to propose ways forward. Any group of residents can call a General Meeting, saying that the “general meeting does not have any support from Matrimandir Executives and Coordinators”.

For more information: please don’t hesitate to email the RAS on raservice@auroville.org.in or call us on 948 6623 749.

Much Love, Your RAS Team

Main Gardens process

Dear Auroville Community,

Reference: The recent mass email sent by RAS to have feedback on a general meeting for Matrimandir gardens design called by Meera & Marc: “The Residents’ Assembly Service has received a request from the present Garden design team for a General Meeting on the future of the Matrimandir Gardens Design development. The RAS would now like to invite your feedback on how this meeting should be structured.” etc.

Our reply:

The above general meeting does not have any support from Matrimandir Executives and Coordinators.

We have explained the present garden situation and our future plans on 16th April information meeting and it was published to the community as below and it still stands:

“At present there are three completed gardens out of the twelve. One more garden, Progress, will be completed in two months. Over many years multiple designers and at present two designers, working with gardeners and coordinators have brought the situation in the gardens to an impasse.

The situation is such that no decision can be taken, for further development, without taking the side of one or other. Faced with this, the executives of Matrimandir decided to stop further development of main gardens.

An idea was put forward to bring in fresh energy with a call for garden designers from Auroville and world for the main gardens. But the process and guidelines put forward were again polarising and complex.

It was decided to shift the focus to a simpler set of gardens called the Garden of the Unexpected. These are the North-West gardens, envisaged by Roger, for children to experience an inward movement.

A simpler process and guidelines will be compiled and a call for garden designers within Auroville and those connected to Auroville will be done in a month’s time. Further details will be given too.

We believe this will give us a less stressful way to make gardens and hopefully bring in a better sense of unity in Matrimandir and Auroville. Meanwhile, a dialogue with AVC and Koodam will be ongoing and community review of the main gardens will be called for.”

The Matrimandir Coordinators and Executives

Call from Entry Service

The Entry Service is looking for an Aurovilian or Newcomer office staff member, who has good command of English, basic computer skills and likes working in a team.

Preferably full time, half time possible as well.

Maintenance available.

Please provide résumé, photo, and why you would like to work at the Entry.

Contact entrieservice@auroville.org.in

Waste Water Treatment in the Residential Zone: The end of a project and a new beginning

The earlier implementation of small size wastewater treatment systems for individual habitats and communities proved to be very useful for developing a workable treatment method. However, over time such a fully decentralised model demonstrated its short-comings. The separate systems were spread out, without coordinated maintenance and operation schedules, often without responsible caretakers. The setup also contributed to the loss and under-utilization of a valuable resource in the overall water strategy to be developed for Auroville.

A more centralised approach towards collecting the wastewater from habitats and communities was desirable, creating the opportunity to gather, treat and re-use this valuable water resource.

The approach necessitated laying of a sewage pipe network, connecting the different communities along the network, and capturing the wastewater flows and channeling the wastewater by gravity towards a treatment system.

The first sewage network installed on the Vikas radial will collect wastewater from 8 communities (Humanscape, Kalpana, Realisation, Maitreyee 1 & 2, Prayatna 2, Swayam, Serenity) with an estimated population of 413 persons to start with and can be extended to accommodate a larger volume.

The installed sewage pipe line is at an average depth of 2.40 meter below ground level. The total length of the sewage pipe
line covers 1153 meter. Connected to the sewage pipe at regular distances are 14 RCC manholes and 12 brickwork inspection boxes. The return line for evacuating the treated wastewater from the treatment plant to Mahalaksmi park is 1417-meter long.

The treatment plant installed behind Maitreye has a capacity to treat 60 m³/day, which is the estimated daily wastewater production from 450 persons. The treatment plant receives the wastewater in 10 prefabricated ferrocement devices, each device contributing to a distinctive treatment phase for ensuring an optimum and continuous treatment process. The outflowing treated wastewater will fulfil the required pollution reduction parameters for irrigation while also eliminating the smell. It will be stored in tanks from where it will be pumped through a pressurised return line to each community connected on the sewage network.

The surplus treated water unutilised by the communities will be temporarily disposed of at Mahalaksmi Park, where it will infiltrate and replenish the underlying aquifers.

To complete the circle, the next phase will be the installation of four underground tanks where the treated water can be stored and directed to Matrimandir and eventually Deepanam School for re-use in the gardens. An infiltration area is part of the design for discharge of the excess treated water when not needed, such as during monsoon time.

Maintenance and operation of the sewage and return line will be taken up by Pour Tous Water.

The wastewater treatment plant will be operated during a seven-month period by CSR, after which the maintenance and operation will be handed over to Pour Tous Water.

Having dedicated Auroville’s birthday year to the theme of water, the project for gathering wastewater from several communities, ensuring its treatment and redistribution to the contributing communities while creating the possibility for the left-over treated water to be used in Matrimandir, will turn the symbolic ceremony into a dynamic expression of Auroville’s search towards lasting environmental solutions.

Project timeline: 2017 - 18

Project client: TDC and l’Avenir

Project engineers: Jan Imhoff, Gilles Boulcôt

Sewage and return pipe line execution: Road Service Connections on HDPE pipe line: Auroville Water Service Electric equipment and connections: Auroville Electrical Service Wastewater treatment plant construction & installation: CSR

Maintenance and operation: Pour Tous Water

Road Service, CSR

**BUILDING APPLICATIONS**

- Monday 10th September 2018

The following project is recommended by L’avenir d’Auroville and feedback is now invited from the larger community.

The last date for your feedback is Monday 24th September 2018.

- **Project holder:** Suzie from Aurogreen suzie@aurogreen.org.in
- **Location:** Aurogreen Community & Aurogreen Organic Farm
- **Estimate:** Total - Rs. 2,97,770/-
- **Fund:** donation from an American charitable gift fund via AVIUSA (Mary Alexander)
- **Built Up area:** 14 sq.m.

It’s a one room structure mounted on metal earthscrews. The center of the space is 8ft x 8ft. There are three wings, each 8ft x 4ft (for bed, desk, storage). On the third wing, which is a veranda, the size is 7ft x 8ft, and there are stairs leading up to the platform. The occupant will use the existing facilities at the Aurogreen Community Kitchen (toilet & washing machine & kitchen)

- **Design:** It is Johnny’s design with wings of 9ft x 4ft and veranda of 7ft x 8ft roof: sandwich of metal and polystyrene/ floors: wood walls: wood frame with mud wattle/veranda: plywood. Wood from Aurogreen will be used as much as possible for the frames. Roofing is a new material that Johnny has successfully used in Guy & Malivika’s house. It is a sandwich of metal-polystyrene-metal which is supposed to be rat-proof and waterproof and does not need an inner lining. Walls will have wood frames, bamboo branches and mud from Aurogreen.

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

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

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

Warm regards,

L’avenir d’Auroville team

(Anila, Anu, Divya, Inge, Pino, Tejaswini)

**Houses available for transfer:**

1. **Auromodel: Suryanivas:** Plinth area of 70.35 Sq.m approximately. Single storied Load Bearing structure residential building with stabilized earth brick walls outside plastered, Brick vault roofing with Aluminium corrugated sheet covered for front veranda, living cum Kitchen, Bed room & Toilet. (Suitable for Couple)

2. **Auromodel- Suryanivas Community:** Vaiya’s House, Plinth area of 140.36 Sq.m approximately. Free standing house for family or couple with shared parking shed. (Suitable for Family with three or four members)

3. **Gaia Community: Anamika’s House:** Plinth Area of 174.51 sq. m approximately. Load Bearing Structure, Plaster both outside and inside, Living Hall, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Two Attached Toilet and Veranda. (Suitable for Family with Three or Four members)

**RE ANNOUNCED**

4. **Adventire Forest:** Plinth Area of 121.62 sq. m approximately. Double storied load bearing structure residential house with 1 Bedroom, kitchen, hall and Balcony. Separate Toilet & Bathroom. Store room without roof. (Suitable for a couple / family)

5. **Windarra Farm- TerraSoul:** Sandyra House: Plinth Area: 204.53 Sq.m. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roof and first floor metal sheet roofing consisting of open verandah, living cum Kitchen Bed room & Toilet with Open steel ladder. Community-Shared Parking lot. (Suitable for Couple / family) (Active participation and involvement in the Farm Community Project is required.)

**Piece of Auroville land available near Edayanchavadi**

Land survey number IR 202/7 and 8. Suitable to build two family units.

For more information contact: housing-transfer@aurowville.org.in mention Edayanchavadi plot in the subject)

**Houses available in housing projects:**

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

2. **Kalpana Housing Project: Under construction**

The finishing work at Kalpana is going on well but it takes more time than expected. It is over in the south block except the second quote of painting and the floor cleaning. It is going on in
the North and East block. The balcony and staircases railings are in progress in the North Block and will start soon in the East block. The landscaping work will start next week and will take at least 2 months for completion. Therefore, the new date of completion will be 30th November 2018.

- Out of 42 apartments 8 units are still available
  - Studio - 3 units / 1 BHK (Bedroom, Hall and Kitchen) - 3 units / 2 BHK - 1 unit / 3 BHK - 1 Unit
- Also available 2 offices at the ground floor in the North block.

Satyakam is available every Thursday from 3 to 5 h 30 and Saturday from 10 to 12 h 30. Or by e-mail for any information, and for a request for a site visit. satyakam@auroville.org.in

**Information on grants allotted for Aurovilians by Housing Board**

Housing Board informs that there is no more grant available for housing extension. Financial assistance is available only for repairs.

**FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 763**

Dated: 10-09-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:
Sathyara NARAYANASAMY (Indian) staying in Maison des Jeunes and working at Taste of Nature.
Gayagami GANESH (Indian) staying in Aspiration and working at Pre-Creche.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:
Akila VARNAMUTHU (Indian) staying in Aspiration and working at Pre-Creche.
Elisangela MARCOLIN JONES (British)
Babi GOPAL SAHANI (Indian)

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:
Chana Corinne DEVOR (Israeli)

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

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

**ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM - 12:30PM
Monday to Friday (by appointment only) 02:30PM-04:30PM

Yours, The Entry Service

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**OBITUARY**

**LAST QUOTEN CHOSEN BY Londen Tenzin**

On FB - August 26th, 2018:

“Give the ones you love Wings to fly, Roots to come back to, and Reasons to stay.”
- His Holiness the Dalai Lama

On Saturday 1 September, young Thupten Londen suffered a road accident nearby Pitchandikulam at 1am in the morning in heavy storm and raining conditions. He was 24 years old. Thupten lived since some 12 years with his sister, Aurovillian Dorjee in Douceur, and helped her out in their Lhassa restaurant. He completed his studies in Future School a few years ago. He was known as a very amiable, easy going person, always willing to help out, be it by making photos at special occasions, getting folks familiar with their mobile phones etc. His love and skill for photography was apparent.

Before Dorjee took Thupten’s body to their hometown Bailakupe near Mysore in the afternoon of the same day, it was displayed during one hour for a last goodbye at the Crownroad Farewell centre. The great amount of shocked and grieving students and friends attending bore testimony of how much this young man was appreciated and loved.

We pray for his safe passage to the light, and send our warmest support and strength to Dorjee.

OM~

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Pre creche to open for Babies soon & Calling for meetings....**

Dear Parents, we know many of you have been patiently waiting for us. Here we go! As the bigger group is finally settling down we would like to move on and open the babies group from the 9th of October. Therefore, we invite all parents of babies who are born between March 2017 to Feb 2018 for a Meeting on the 15th of September at 9:30 a.m. at the Pre creche building, Mahakali Park on the way to Deepanam school. We would like parents coming without their babies but if few really can’t it’s ok. For further information please contact us at the school number 0413 2623161 between 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or Marie Angel at 0413 2623072 or Auroprem at 9443215065.

Regards, Pre creche Team

**AVI meeting Barcelona Spain**

- 12, 13, 14th October 2018: Public meeting
- 9 October: European AVI meeting
- 9 October for AVI members and Aurovilians Only
- 10 & 11th October: AVI Board meeting (Only for Board members)

Reminder:
Encuentro Internacional 2018
Días 12, 13 y 14 de Octubre

AUROVILLE
50º aniversario

Casa Sant Felip Neri
Nena Casas, 37-47 / 08017 Barcelona

info@auroville.es / Tel. 620 855 875 / www.auroville.es
https://www.facebook.com/aurovilleinternacional.espana/
ONE YEAR ASSISTANT/TEACHER TRAINING at ELUCIOLE CIRCUS

Dear Friends,
The work I do with the children at the Eluciole circus is really enjoyed by them all, and I'm receiving more and more requests from the kids and also from adults to organize more classes. Since I'm actually the only circus teacher in Auroville, the possibilities are obviously limited and that's the reason why I would like to start the full training of an Aurovillian or Newcomer, someone who lives in Auroville, and who would like to learn the job of circus teacher, to become first my assistant and, eventually, be Eluciole's second teacher...

The work we are doing in our circus school is very much connected with the yoga of Auroville, the awakening of the body consciousness, and we are also working on many different aspects of our being: overcoming our fears, developing trust, exploring our resistance, learning to let it go and surrender...

It also creates a connection with the children, through the heart, learning to love and share this love, learning patience and becoming aware that with perseverance and practice everything becomes possible.

This formation will last a year - or more if needed.
The trainee will assist the classes as an assistant, and will receive some private classes weekly to develop his/her technical knowledge, with the possibility to receive a financial support during the training.

Please, contact me if you are interested in this project.
The Eluciole school is located at: Miracle community.
Contact Kalou: 978732791 or via email: eluciolecircus@gmail.com
Thank you,
With Love, Kalou

NEW DATE for the Auroville Underground Music Festival - AUM Festival! Sept 29

Dear Friend,
This is to inform you that the date of the first Auroville Underground Music Festival - AUM Festival, has changed. The time is:
WHEN: 4pm - Late, Saturday, Sept 29 / WHERE: Youth Centre

What is it? The Auroville Underground Music Festival (AUM) is a festival dedicated to experimental music and sound and will feature artists working with:

- the creation of atmospheric soundscapes,
- interesting new vibrational experiences,
- custom synth and bass sounds;
- Loops, beats and all the fun dancy stuff that comes with the new landscapes of 21st century music.

Experimental Music Welcomed! The Festival has a large 'open-mic' section and invites anyone with something experimental and interesting to offer to come forward and share with the festival. Acoustic, electronic, hip-hop, undefined, bring it!

Food & Craft Marketeers Wanted! The Festival will also feature food and craft market, so if you have something delicious or amazing that you’d like to sell to the good people of the Auroville Underground Music Festival (AUM), then please send an email describing your product/s to indispirit@gmail.com.

Get in Touch! If you’d like to perform either an improvised piece or something prepared, it’d be great if you could email to indispirit@gmail.com letting us know what you’d like to do. Otherwise WhatsApp on +91948 6623 749.

We Need Funds! At present the Festival has no funding support. We need to pay Bharat Nivas around Ru6000 for the sound system and lights, so if you have a generous dispostion and would like to support the growth of experimental music in Auroville, then please let us know. Alternatively, any donation, no matter how small would be enormously appreciated to Pour Tous Account number: 252654 (please specify that that contribution is for the AUM Festival).

For more information, don’t hesitate to give us a call on 948 6623 749. Much love, The AUM Festival Team!

AUM Festival! Sept 29 - HELP NEEDED!

This is Karthick from the Auroville radio and I am working with YouthCenter for their upcoming event Auroville Underground Music (AUM) festival. I am trying to organize a small fundraiser program on the day of the event and I would like to request people to donate anything they have in excess or would like to throwaway. Things like stationeries, gift items, candles, books, sports equipments, working condition electronics etc., are most welcome. I can pick up the stuff at your doorstep. Please feel free to contact me (+91-8056811023) if you have any queries or questions.

World Bamboo Day’s Coming UP ! 18th Sept

On 18th of September each year, the world celebrates “World Bamboo Day”!
Bamboo Centre invites you to our ALL DAY EVENT to celebrate our 5th Bamboo Day Celebration at Bamboo Centre and Mohanam to help spread awareness of this miracle plant.

It will be an all-day event, with Food, Fun and Facts to share!

What to expect: Launch of various innovative Bamboo projects with interactive presentations, talk by eminent people, along with Bamboo fun n fair, Hands-On training, and Bamboo music night.

Our Vision for this year: To establish Bamboo as the Most Sustainable Material of the 21st Century.
Our Mission for this year: To plant 1000 bamboo saplings in 1 day, as a demonstration project to create electricity for Auroville.
Additionally, as you already know, Bamboo is capable of producing, FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER, COSMETICS, MEDICINE, COMPOST, ELECTRICITY, PLYWOOD AND PAPER.
Come and explore the 9 verticals of Bamboo Application @ Bamboo Centre & Mohanam

GLIMPSE OF THE EVENT

Bamboo can save the planet: Time-8:00am to 12:30pm
Venue: - Mohanam
- Bamboo breakfast
- Plantation of 1000 bamboo samplings for electricity project
- Followed by talks on bamboo by eminent people of the bamboo society - Speakers: Pashi, Balu, Dr. Bharathi
- Launch of various products and schemes for Auroville

Bamboo fun n fair: Time- 12:30pm to 5:00pm
Venue: - Bamboo Centre
- Bamboo Lunch Make & take workshop which will impart skills of bamboo
- Bamboo Fun N Fair for kids of all ages (0 -100) Bamboo Tour
- Bambo Tour
- Bamboo verticals kiosks and information for supply

Bamboo Jamming and Dinner - Time-6:00pm to 10pm
Venue: - Bamboo Centre
- Bamboo Dinner
- Come enjoy the Bamboo jamming from bamboo instruments.
Sing, Dance and move along with the Bamboo grooves!

THE BAMBOO-MAN IS COMING TO SAVE THE PLANET!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! World Bamboo Day!

Bamboo Centre Celebrates "World Bamboo Day” on 18th September 2018 - An all-day event to celebrate the most sustainable material today!!
Volunteers required to participate on many levels like Communication management, Event management, Graphics, Coordination, etc. Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and guests - Everyone is welcome to join!!!
Please contact: bamboocentre@auroville.org.in
Romel - 9619996080 - 0413-2623394

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**Green Matters**

**Water Words: Conclusion of WMS**

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

This concludes our 10-part series introducing you to the Water Management Strategy, currently in process by the Water Group. In conclusion, an integrated water management strategy for Auroville is critical, especially when considering that water is a limiting factor for the growth of Auroville as a whole. An essential component of the WMS is the shift toward multi-sourcing of our water resources. Another is active community participation (both individuals and groups) working around a shared vision of water security. While a lot of people might say, “What’s the use of a WMS anyway! Isn’t it just more talk?” - in fact, the point is to clarify the path forward and begin to inspire people along the way to join us in this effort. If you have followed along for the past 10 weeks, we thank you for taking the time. If you have given feedback on any or all parts of this document, we thank you for joining us in this journey. Your feedback, including questions, comments, ideas, always remains welcome in this evolving document. Please visit our website to read the full draft and share your feedback.

Water Group (Aditi, Bala, Christian, Dorie, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Jeanne, Meera, Pavneet, Tency, Tom)
Website: www.aurovillevwater.in
Facebook: www.facebook.com/aurovillevwatergroup

**World Clean Up Day**

Saturday 15th September 2018 is World Clean Up Day!
- It is one of the biggest social movements of our time!
- We would love to have Auroville participate in this as the city the earth needs!

**Gear Up in Advance Now!**
Prepare in advance: make sure you wear gloves and have bags to pick up litter. If don’t have any, contact Eco Service, 2 days before.

**On the Day!**
Saturday 15th Sept 2018
1) WAKE UP AND PICK UP!
Until 10 am
- Pick up litter around your AV community until 10am
- and the bring what you collected to Eco Service by 10.30am.
- Call if too much!
2) MEET!
by 10:30 am
Come to Eco Service to weigh the waste and Enjoy Juice & Snacks.
3) LEARN!
11 am onwards
Learn at EcoServices about waste and be part of the solution, with creative activities, demos and presentations

Please join us in any way to clean up Auroville!
If you’ve ever been annoyed with a plastic bag while driving to work, if you like evening strolls and always get bothered by some sweet & snacks wrappers, why don’t you join the movement by picking up litter on Saturday the 15th of September!

Just wake up, gear up… and pick up! spend an hour cleaning up around your community until about 10am. If you want to make it more exciting you can separate the litter you collect into 3 different bags (glass, plastic bottles and mixed waste). By doing this you will help the EcoService recycle more waste!

Bring your litter to the EcoService by 10:30 am. At the EcoService you can learn how the community is dealing with waste, and be part of solutions, have a juice and snack, and share.

It would be really wonderful if we all participate. The goal of the campaign is to involve 5% of the world population or 380 million people. If we get a 100 people in Auroville we would have that, but we are aiming for much higher than this. So please join us in whatever way you can by picking up just one wrapper, spending an hour and collecting litter or learning about waste by coming to the EcoService.

If you have a school, service or unit please join us.
If you need help in finding sacks, gloves or if you need help bringing the litter to the EcoService then please call Palani (+91 9443535172) at the EcoService.

If you want to get more involved through forming a litter pick up group, taking pictures, writing an article, sharing something about waste or joining the WhatsApp group please give Vivekan a call on his number: +91 7410509358 or email him: letsdoit.auroville@lilo.org.

Let’s do it, let’s clean up Auroville. Let’s be part of this global movement the biggest civic action of our time. Let’s fight garbage!
If you would like to learn more, please look at the poster on the back page of this News & Notes.

This campaign is jointly organised by:
Ecoservice, AVCleanUpGroup, LitterFreeAuroville, Wasteless, Upcycling Studio Auroville, Let’s Talk Trash, Mohanam, and Let’s Do it

**For easy and clean home composting**
Dear Community,
With the help of Good Earth, now anyone can make clean composting without stink or leachate.

Good Earth composting kit comes with a dual composter. Normally, the first composter will take two to three weeks to get filled; when it is full, you will have to use the second composter. In about two weeks, a fresh compost with the smell of ‘Good Earth’ will be ready in the first composter. You need to empty it and repeat the process.

For more information, please contact: +91 7477203220
(WhatsApp available) or nalan@aurouville.org.in
/ Web: www.nalan.in
Happy Composting!
Mathan for NALAN - Environmental Research & Service
Auromics Trust Campus, Isai Ambalam Auroville - 605101
Climate Action month and the power of ‘Drawdown’

Last week we spoke about the many global initiatives like *Rise up for the Climate* and the ‘Fossil Free’ movement, coinciding with the Global Climate Action Summit which starts on September 12th in San Francisco.

For this month of September (and hopefully forever after!) the world’s attention is focused on climate change. The media are dominated by so much doomsday reporting that there is an urgent need to shift the conversation from hopelessness and despair to collaboration, possibilities and commitment to reverse this biggest of challenges humanity is facing.

‘Drawdown’ used to be a little-known word until recently, when it has risen to fame. In climate science, Drawdown is the point in time when the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere (now reaching 490 ppm instead of the ‘safe’ 350 ppm) · after peaking, begins to decline on a year to year basis. In finance, the same term is used for a reduction in investment or fund. But it is also the title of a recent book that has become a bestseller, a project, a plan for the world – and in the words of its author, an adventure for humanity; *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming.*

Based on meticulous research by a coalition of 200 scientists and policy makers, 120 advisers, and with 40 peer reviews from 22 countries on six continents, *Drawdown* proposes the 100 most impactful, ecological, technological and behavioral solutions to global warming.

From the website of the same name: “Drawdown is based on meticulous research that maps, measures, models, and describes the most substantive solutions to global warming that already exist... It is the most important goal for humanity to undertake. We did not make or devise the plan – the plan exists... It is the most important goal for humanity to accelerate the knowledge and growth of what is possible as soon as possible.”

The measures identified by the researchers as the most effective are not what might be generally expected:

1. Refrigeration management (the cooling and freezing of foods, of vehicles, supermarkets, homes, air conditioning etc )
2. Wind Turbines (on land)
3. Reducing Food Waste
4. Plant-rich Diet
5. Tropical Forests
6. Educating Girls
10. Rooftop Solar... and further down the ranks on the website; 16 Conservation Agriculture. 18 Geothermal 26 Electric Vehicles

(See more on the Drawdown website)

The power of *Drawdown* lies in showing practical, feasible actions through which we can participate as individuals in the great change, deepening our understanding as well as the ability to communicate to others how a healthy future for our planet is possible. As *Drawdown* seems to go viral, the Earth draws a breath of hope!

Lisbeth (writing), Jasmin, Island and Isabelle
avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

This column is also published on Auronet where comments and discussions are invited!

Simple question: Why you should visit Probiotics House in Reve?

Many people love to come to Probiotics House in Reve because, as they say:

1. It smells so good
2. It looks so nice, clean and tidy
3. Nice music
4. Great environment
5. Great products
6. Innovation, creativity, and science

The question we always have when people visit us is: “What is new?” Besides of what you find there in regular basis, the refilling system, the Consortia Probiotics within all our products without exception, and the fair prices compared with chemicals, is that we are taking care of customers’ ideas and suggestions. What is new and what is on the line of production available for you all very soon?

1. The Face Beauty Bath Bar, with vodka and red walnut shell powder. Wonderful for normal to oily skin.
2. The Probiotics Sea Salt (tested for heavy metals, pesticides, and pathogens contamination.)
3. The Probiotics Sea Salt with fresh dried Rosemary from Guidelma’s mom garden in Ferrara – Italy.
4. The Probiotics Liquid Deodorant, with “Citrus Fragrances”
5. The “Pencils” that are WOOD-FREE.
6. The “Pens” designed with 80% lesser plastic! It is made from 100% recycled cardboard, that contain seeds of vegetables, and after is used, can be buried in your garden pot. Some of the seeds are: Mustard seed pen - Sunflower seed pen - Chili seed pen - Tomato seed pen - Daisy White seed pen... and more.

Just pass by and get in touch with us.
Guidelma and Margarita (M.Ecogestures Executives)
Reve, Auroville. 605101. TN. India - Phone: +91 413 2623774 / mecgoduties@aurouville.org.in / www.probioticshouse.com

Thank you

Thank you for supporting Northeast Asian Pavilion cleanup

A hearty thank-you to all who supported and participated in last Sunday’s cleanup at the Northeast Asian Pavilion site. Around 50-60 people came and together we collected 58 bags of garbage. Afterwards, we did puja, planted a neem tree and had traditional Tamil breakfast.

The event manifested synergy from:

- The Grace of the Divine Organiser
- Individuals - Aurovilians, newcomers, workers, volunteers, guests, caretaker Jayamothry, his family and villagers; Groups and units - L’Avenir d’Auroville, Land Board, Eco Service, Asians, AuroMira, Faith Group, Auroville cleanup team, International Zone and Pavilions Group, Auroville Radio, etc. who came together as fellow human beings to prepare the ground for a garden to take shape.

Well, if we start to mention every name, every act of kindness in this process, the list will be quite long:-) We cherish you all dearly in our hearts. We need and welcome the whole community to give us continued support in spirit and in action.

Northeast Asian Group

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity to become a team member of Udavi school

Here at Udavi school, we are looking for a class teacher in the primary grades. (from 4th std to 6th std). We expect the person to have the fluency in English and excellency in more than one subject matter. If you are the person please contact the school and apply for the job. Thanks, Davasehby (for Udavi School)

Auroville Energy Products (AEP) is looking for enthusiastic research fellows, as team or individuals, from Auroville’s geek community to explore solutions for solar energy system components in relation to exciting topics such as Raspberry Pi, Arduino, IoT and many more. Working hours and work place are flexible and so is the remuneration. For more information please contact carsten@aep-auroville.com or (0413) 2623335

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Care Taker for Mahalakshmi Home for Assisted Living
Mahalakshmi Home for Assisted Living is nearing completion. We will have:
• 8 units for permanent residents who may be more or less in need of care.
• a cafeteria with a kitchen where the occupants will be prepared.
• an office for Auroville Health Service staff
• a day care room and a tea kitchen for care givers and for storage
• 2 room for temporary occupancy (reconvalescents, intensive care)
• and a care taker unit on the second floor.

We need: a responsible person to take care of this establishment.
This person should:
• be an Aurovillian or Newcomer with some experience of Auroville’s functioning
• have some experience of care giving (optional)
• have some technical skills and understanding
• be able to organize and guide the staff of workers
• organize house-keeping for the occupants
• maintain the building
• We offer: Auroville maintenance
• a nice apartment to stay in a beautiful environment

Applications and/or more detailed information to be sent to AVHS@Auroville.org.in and to Manfred@Auroville.org.in

HEALTH

2 Doctors now in Santé - Auroville Institute for Integral Health:
As Dr. Igor has just returned from being out of station for some time now, Santé is now able to offer a general practitioner to attend to patients in both the mornings and afternoons from September 2018.
The timings will be:
every Monday - Friday from 8:45 -12:30 and 2:00 - 4:30, except for Tuesday afternoons when we have our weekly staff meetings, and Saturday afternoons.

For appointments: Please contact the Santé reception on 0413-2622803.

INTEGRAL HEALTH
Classical homeopathy hypnotherapy child care
- Peter is available for homeopathic treatment - Sigrid is leaving til 10 Nov 2018
- Aqua Terra - a homeopathic remedy has been prepared from the water collected at the Water ceremony. Homeopathic dilution and potentiisation is the science of preserving and opening of the information field of a substance in physical, emotional, mental and higher levels.
Aqua Terra C 30, C 200 and C 1000 is available in the remedy box.

We hope to conduct a fully documented “homeopathic proving” noting effects of taking the remedy for 2 months, and at least 14 days on a daily basis.
Those interested in participating, please contact us.
Sigrid is available for homeopathic consultations and sessions in transpersonal regressiontherapy, inner child work, trauma therapy.
Aditi Patel, fully qualified classical homeopath from Baroda, with 6 years of experience including working alongside an allopath, working with “special needs children” and with psychiatric patients joined Integral Health.
Malar has trained in homeopathy and provides homeopathic consultations in Tamil, homeopathic First Aid, providing follow up remedies etc. Malar can visit your womens group, Service Unit etc. and present the homeopathic first aid and PC remedies.

First Aid Kits with 32 remedies are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available.
PC Shock, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Bloodpressure etc. are available in our remedy box, along with Harmony and

Samata - remedies carrying energy of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Just come and take anytime. Benefits are well established - no side effects.

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil
Malar is managing the office, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9 - 12.30 a.m.
You are welcome to contact us at integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669
Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in, www.sigridlindemann.com
Peter peterhi@auroville.org.in 9787698464, Malar malar@auroville.org.in 9585012007

EATING OUT

Well Cafe will be closed on 13.09.18 (Thursday).
Dear All, please join us for breakfast and lunch at our beautiful garden cafe, for healthy and tasty Mediterranean, vegetarian and vegan food. on Tuesday we serve Vietnamese spring rolls!! Opening: Monday to Saturday - 8.30 till 16.30.
Have a nice day! Love, Well cafe Team / Sve Dame
0413- 2622219

Royal Element ice cream unit now opens in the evening!
The Royal Element ice cream shop starts the Ice Cream Nights on Friday and Saturday. We are waiting for you, until 9pm at the Visitor's Center in Auroville.

Royal Element is open every day from 9:30 am to 6 pm and from September on every Friday and Saturday nights until 9:00 pm!

TLC’s Dewdrop Inn teashop is open again!
Do drop in on Tuesday-Friday mornings 9:30-13:00 and Tuesday afternoons until 15:00... TLC (The Learning Community) is situated just past Baraka, on the left.
Enjoy tea, juice and bakes from our wood fired oven, all created by the kids.
Come and support us and enjoy a yummy snack

With love, TLC ♥
Greetings Auroville... Please do collaborate with us in sharing event details and video clips of events happening in the community of Auroville. We would be happy to hear from you, and also for you to make use of our services. Please do follow our updated website which offers a wide range of information with written, audio and video content and stay connected with us for more event updates on our social media sites:

Website: aurovilleradio.org, FB: facebook.com/auroville.radio, Twitter: AurovilleRadioTV

From our volunteers for the past week we have:

Andrea and Mary covered Kalabhumii Goes Live - Thermal and A Quarter, All Stars Blues Band, Soul Cypher, Dhanji Muniz Band, Eddie Jazz Trio
Renu - Norman read Norman
Gino - European Regular Meeting, Pachamama Ceremony, Theatre Monsooning
Steve - GM with update on Proposed Highway
rtm - Sharing with Pioneers and Ashramites on Early Days, Swadharma 5 Final Presentation, Clean Up and Pooja for NE Asian Pavilion, interview with Tomoko, Les Fleurs de Yaroslava read by Marie

Out of regular programs we have


Out of the News: Here are Thursday's, and Monday's.
MUSICAL EDITION: features a playlist in memory of Londen
Your AurovilleRadioTV team

NOTES

SEEING IN THE NIGHT
Power cut after midnight, there is darkness around,
Looking out through the window,
Black-white drawings of trees, black lines appear,
Behind is the light of the sky, dim.
The sight in the darkness is sharp, as in childhood.
Looking out into Night, wide and open,
Gazing in the Night, at black and at dim light,
Silence and delight are there.
Light grows lighter, coming forward,
Lightning gives bright flashes for a moment.
Thunder-sound is ebbing away.

Then, only the sound-carpet of soft dropping rain is remaining.
Listening in the Night and gazing tenderly,
Silence and delight are there.

By Margrit, on September 1, shortly after Midnight.

Tamil Corner Riddles - Vidukathi (விடுகதை)
Continuing our tradition, we submit the riddle for this month. See below:

Sow the black seeds in the white field,
Use your hands to do it. But remember!
To reap what you have sown
You can only use your mouth.
What is it?

Crack you brains, pull your hair or simply subscribe to Vaasal at tamil@auroville.org.in for the answers! Happy riddling!

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**LOOKING FOR...**

**Auroville hibiscus flower needed:** I need to photograph an Auroville hibiscus flower for a book cover but can’t find any! In the Matrimandir garden there is one plant, but without buds. This summer has been cruel to many hibiscus plants, many died because of the heat, plus mealybugs and root-eating ‘pooches’ which kill any healthy hibiscus plant. If anybody can help me and inform me when there is an Auroville hibiscus flower blooming in someone’s garden, I’d be very happy. Please call Gine 8903938649 and 9843984181. Thank you!

**Wanted - Keyboard stand:** Any kind, any condition, as long as it works. Please contact Matthew at m.b.tildesley@gmail.com or 70 943424 07

**Are you experienced in webpage design?** If so, please can you contact us via: fionafraserjehus@hotmail.com. Thanks, Fiona

**Gardener:** to work half days at Repos beach; preferably in the morning half, every day except Sunday. Call Younghe at 0413 - 2622188

**Lap top for the month of October:** I am looking someone who can lend me an old lap top only for use to word to write some texts and only for October. If internet or DVD is not working, it’s OK. Thanks, Francis at Citadines: 75 98 14 62 88

**LOST & FOUND**

**Headphone (Lost):** My dear Headphone has gone missing. It’s from a blue “Zebronics Raaga” mp3 player. If anyone has seen it anywhere, in any of the cafes, please contact me at sharnany.rao@gmail.com, Thanks, Sharnanya

**Bag (Lost):** Dear Friends, a little while ago I lost a blue bag with my art stuff inside, near Mohanam / Bamboo land. Bag contains drawings, my diary, etc. If you have found it, please let me know at anna_franciska@mail.ru or 8754057849. Thank you!

**TAXI SHARING**

Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/ (an initiative by earthåus)

- **September 13th:** leaving at 3.30am Auroville - Chennai Airport (flight at 9.50am). Sharing both ways possible. Contact: bhakti@auroville.org.in / 9499019389. Thanks, Bhakti
- **September 13th:** Leaves Auroville at 2.15pm to Chennai airport. Please contact serena_aurora@auroville.org.in
- **September 16th:** Leaves Chennai airport at 10.30pm for Auroville. Please contact serena_aurora@auroville.org.in

**Week’s Happenings**

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

**ATT MATRIMANDIR**

**AMPHITHEATER - MATRIMANDIR**

Meditation with Savitri
read by Mother to Sunil’s music

Every THURSDAY - 6.00 to 6.30 pm [weather permitting]

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

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

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

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

**INVITATIONS**

**Anubhava- Pan India Gap Year Program**

**Admissions Open**

**Until 15 Sept. 2018**

**EXHIBITIONS**

**Matte and Light**

**exhibition of Art works**

**LAST WEEK!**

until 15 September 2018 at Unity Pavilion open on all week days from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

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

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

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

This is a beautiful way to support the purchase of Auroville’s still-missing land.
Exhibition on The Blessing Packets

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3pm - 5:30 pm / until Sept 15th

group visits on request
(Rajan: 7639845821 / kshetram2014@auroville.org.in)

ALL ARE WELCOME

See Map

Savitri Bhavan
Exhibitions - August 2018

Meditations on Savitri
The entire series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is on display in the newly extended picture gallery
Sri Aurobindo - A Life-Sketch in Photographs in the upstairs corridor
Glimpses of the Mother photographs and texts in the Square Hall
Everyone is welcome

Bharat Nivas presents

At Kalakendra Art Gallery

"The Dawn of Auroville" Ongoing Photo Exhibition

The early days of Auroville with rare historical images and texts by The Mother.

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

“Fabric Art” by Manjula Selvam - A review
From the 8th till 22nd September - Centre d’Art Citadines

Centre d’Art, Citadines is opening its season on the 8th of September with Aurovillian artist Manjula Selvam and her 33 untitled works of fabric art.

Now… what exactly is fabric art? One could say that by pushing boundaries, artists have invented a new art over the past century which encompasses weaving, embroidery, tapestry, fibre art, carpet design and more.

One could also add that it is all about being whimsical with attention to fine details, almost the anti-thesis of Jackson Pollock throwing paints on a canvas; it involves a mix of traditional and contemporary material as well as techniques which fit in the sphere of abstract art. But overall it is a light-hearted work, occasionally witty, intending to bring happiness.

This is what artist Manjula Selvam is trying to express through her work. Born in Auroville, Manjula grew up in the Matrimandir nursery. Her father is the famous and well respected Ramalingam, who placed the foundation stone of the Matrimandir. He is her inspiration and motivates her to do something memorable in her life. Her background is in the arts, first with the famous Kalakshetra school of dance in Chennai, then to Bangalore, where she graduated in fashion and apparel design and finally, back in Auroville, Manjula founded Ishta, a well-known unit creating clothes for babies and children.

In fact, there is something “childlike” and naive about Manjula’s fabric art. It is colourful, playful and extremely uplifting with its colours, shapes, and use of materials like hair clips and earrings. The embroidery is extremely light hearted, a contradiction to the hard work and attention to detail that is obviously behind it.

The 33 pieces are full of curves and colours that make this fabric art collection extremely feminine in its essence. Flowers, little balls, shiny pieces, colourful threads - one can’t help being impressed by the detailed and technical assemblage. What resonated with me the most is the paradox between ‘what was’ and ‘what is’, the crucial element of recycled art.

It is not surprising to learn that Manjula’s next project is to reassemble and work on Mother’s clothes in order to create a kind of a spiritual fabric art work, in all its beauty and symbolism......Like father, like daughter.....

Chana Corinne for AVArtService

Talks:

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture invites you to
An Interactive Session with scholars of the Tibet Policy Institute

Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
Friday, September 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm
Refreshment served at 5:00 pm
All are Welcome

The Tibet Policy Institute (TPI) is the think-tank of the Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala. The session will start with a presentation by Tenzin Dalha on:

‘Social Media: Prevalence, Implications and Impacts on Tibetan communities’

It will be followed by an interactive session of the four scholars with the public.
Bharat Nivas presents, at Kalakendra Gallery

**Sharing of experiences**
**Weekly Sessions**
Wednesday 19 Sept & Wednesday 26 Sept: 5.30 to 6.30 pm
by early pioneers of Auroville and Friends of Sri Aurobindo Ashram

*Please note the change of day and time:*
From mid-September - 3rd week: Wednesday from 5.30 to 6.30 pm at Kalakendra. Hope this change suits everyone.
Also please send a mail to bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

If you wish to sign for sharing your stories so we can plan it better in advance: these sharing moments represent important oral Archival material for Auroville's history.
Thank you, Tapas for Bharatnivas

We, at SEA (Social Entrepreneurship Association) are happy to invite you to the talk:

**Remembering 9/11**
and opening the windows with films
Sharing a journey of screening films to communicate and understand
by Nina Sengupta

11th September (Tuesday) - 4.30 - 6.30 pm
SAILER Conference Hall

Nina is an Aurovilian, living in Auroville since 2004. She has been associated with MMC Cinema Paradiso since its inception. However, her efforts in organizing film screening dates before that. Nina is an ecologist who has worked in various parts of India and the world. In the talk, she will share about her journey into films, and what got her into conducting regular screenings, and how she sees films as an instrument of social change.

*All are welcome!*

**The French Pavilion presents**

“**Underground diving in Yucatan: cenotes and history**”

**Conference**
Saturday 15th September 2018 at 5pm
Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso

In French with audio translation in English, length: 90min

What is the common point between the advent of the Mayan civilization and scuba diving?
The networks of underground rivers connecting the different ‘cenotes’ in the province of Yucatan are accessible only to divers trained in aquatic speleology techniques and constitute, in addition to a formidably field of exploration, a window to the past, to both historical and geological, from the Mexican peninsula.

Julien, Aurovilian and speleological diving instructor, will present a pictorial introduction of this very specific diving discipline, including not only an overview of the risks and techniques, but especially the links between cenotes and history.

A journey to the center of the earth in an aquatic environment abolishing gravity.
WORLD CLEANUP DAY!

JOIN THE BIGGEST PEACEFUL CIVIC MOVEMENT IN HISTORY ON SATURDAY 15TH SEP

150 countries
Millions of volunteers
1 Historical day

Gear up!
Prepare in advance: make sure you wear gloves and have bags to pick up litter. If don’t have any, contact Eco Service, 2 days before.

On the day
1. Pick up litter around your AV community until 10am and bring what you collected to Eco Service by 10.30am. Call if too much.
2. Meet at Eco Service to weigh the waste and Enjoy Juice & Snacks.
3. Learn about waste and be part of the solution

If you need gloves, bags and any further information: letsdoit.auroville@lilo.org or Call +91 7410509358
or Eco Service: +91 9443535172
**Regenesis Notes**

**Regular Events**

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

**Auroville Bus Schedule**

The current AAP Bus schedule (for Pondy trips) is always available at [www.auroville.org/contents/3988](http://www.auroville.org/contents/3988). Contact: avbus@auroville.org.in

**Other Events**

- **Inner Work Workshop**
  Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.
  **Focus this week on: 'Self-realisation'**
  11th September (Tuesday) - at Savitri Bhavan, 9 am to 12 noon
  (For those who are new to Yoga, from 8.45 to 9 am there will be a brief presentation on Yoga and Spirituality.)
  - Overview with multimedia presentation
  - Questions and Answers
  - Practice in Daily Life
  - Complimentary Concentration Exercises
  - Creative Arts, Interactive Games
  - Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
  - Introduction to the Reference Books
  These Workshops are conducted every Tuesday, each week with a different focus. Study, play and creativity go hand in hand with various inner exercises. Led by Ashesh Joshi (Contact: 9489147202, 0413 2622922). No Registration required (except for groups). Fees: Voluntary Contribution. All are welcome. For details on the Integral Yoga and the upcoming workshops: please visit [www.integralyoga-auroville.com](http://www.integralyoga-auroville.com).

- **Management & Leadership Training**
  For your kind attention!
  Our free Management & Leadership training has received great response. Some of the feedback we received:
  "We could relate Management to what we do; the training has been simplified for us to understand".
  "The translation has been very good. We think this will definitely help us perform better personally and professionally".
  Our next session details:
  **Date:** 12 - 14 September, 2018  
  **Time:** 09:00 to 12:00 hrs
  **Venue:** Ilaignarkal Education Centre, Saaram Community, North of MatriMandir
  **Target Audience:** Administrative staff, Supervisory staff, Support staff, Middle Management, Senior Management, Teachers, etc.
  The Training is offered free of cost. Training handouts will be provided. Voluntary contributions towards resources are welcome. Feel free to make any contributions to Ilaignarkal community account 2367.
  For further details and bookings, kindly contact 0413 2623773 / tamil@auroville.org.in

- **Vocal & Nada Yoga Workshop**
  Thursday 13th & Friday 14th September 9.00-5.00pm
  At Creativity Hall of Light
  to register please contact Hamsini 9487544184.
  Italian Maestro wisdom & Yogic approach: Discover & develop parts of the body involved in vocal sound production. Learn to use these parts through vocal practice and sound healing circle to consciously create and strengthen your unique Musical instrument. Nada Yoga: Access inner consciousness through sound. Ancient Nada Yoga links music to spiritual growth through vibrational sound. Use musical scales inside energetic centers to deepen auditory and kinesthetic awareness. Use Indian Raga to free emotional blockages. These techniques help you to sing in tune, Nada Yoga is a powerful meditative tool to deepen movement between consciousness states, enhance inner peace and contentment. Sacred Chants Help to quite the mind & open the heart the Divine Within.
  **No need of any previous experience. Bring a small mirror with you.**

**Restorative Circles Learning Community**

**Building a Compassionate Justice System**

- with L’aura Joy
  **Sept 14 (Friday): 9am-1pm**
  **Sept 15 (Saturday): 9.30am-5pm (with lunch break)**

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

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

More info about Restorative Circles: [www.restorativecircles.org](http://www.restorativecircles.org)

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

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

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

Contact L’aura for more information and to register: joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016.

[Other upcoming RC events: joylivinglearning.org](http://joylivinglearning.org)

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Auroville Peer Education Training (APET)
1 - 7 October 2018

Organized by
Lead Facilitator Juan Andrés Papagno (clinical psychologist, advanced Y-PEER Trainer)
& YouthLink,
using the methodology of Y-PEER, an initiative from the UNFPA

Thank you for helping us build an Auroville Peer Education Network (APEN) for this region!
Any donations welcome to cover training costs to FS #251048.

Why take this training?
- Develop your leadership and communication skills and become part of an International Network of Peer Educators!
- This first training is designed specifically for Auroville & bioregional youth between the ages 16-30 yrs, with flexibility.

Why Peer Training?
- We face several challenges as a collective in the Auroville-bioregional area - regarding topics like bike accidents, substance abuse, suicide and depression. At times we may feel handicap ... not knowing how to react, with questions arising like, "what can we do to help?"
- We know our peer group has a strong influence in how we behave, and this can be for both risky and safe behaviors. This is especially important when we deal with sensitive issues. Many times we want to help, but we don’t know how or we don’t know enough. So, how can you be of real help to your close ones? Use peer influence in a positive way by becoming a reference for information and support in your community.
- Exploration of values and beliefs, theatre based Peer Education, taboo topics discussions, thematic games, movies and much more!

Sign Up! youthlink@auroville.org.in +91 8778312841 www.youthlink.org.in
CARTOONING WORKSHOP on LIFE OF AN ARCHITECT, explored through visual storyboarding. 
- organised by Arpanaa and led by Leewardists - Anuj Kale and team. Please visit www.leewardists.com for those who don't know who they are. Shortly: Anuj Kale, founder of Leewardists, is an architect and urban designer from CEPT turned cartoonist/visual story teller, who focuses on Design, Architecture, Sustainability and urban design through the medium of comics - a wonderful tool for communicating ideas in a simple, joyful manner.

The workshop is from 13-15 September (Thursday-Saturday) timings: 9-5 pm, venue: progress hall (old library, BN) All three days mandatory. Maximum participants: 25 Open to Aurovillians, newcomers and interns of Auroville from all fields. Fixed Contribution: 500 rs. Please register by sending a mail to arpanaa@auroville.org.in with 'Leewardists workshop' in subject field. First come first served basis.

Main Intent of this workshop
1. Creating awareness about Visual Storytelling and how we can tell stories through graphics and illustrations.
2. Explaining the Methods of Architectural presentations / narratives through the power of Comics and Storyboarding.
3. Understand how fiction works, and how it has an impact of telling the same story in a different format.
4. To help participants understand visual narratives so as to help them tell stories about their own stories/experiences/design etc.
5. Introducing the Art of Storyboarding which is being used by Movie Directors, Animators etc. With these major thoughts in mind, the workshop would try to be interactive, innovative and inquisitive, in order to explore the art of storyboarding towards a well-crafted direction. Geeta (creativity) and Mona (Yantra) for Arpanaa, a service under City services

NEW! A sharing of Meditation & Musical Soundscape every Wednesday morning - 7:30am to 8:30am Creativity Hall of Light - Welcome to everyone info: Robert at happy@auroville.org.in

Healing Sounds and Voice Classes re-start!
Every Friday at 6 pm till 7:30 pm. in New Creation Studio: A Vocal and Sound practices’ class to:
- Explore the impacts of sounds and vocal expression on your inner balance.
- Learn how to relate with sounds and vibrations on different levels from anatomic level to psychic level. Beginners are always welcome. For more information contact Caroline: 7397716578

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Films

At Savitri Bhavan
Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30pm - 2 movies:
THE MOTHER - AN ARTIST & ARTISTIC INFLUENCE
This film traces the Mother’s life and work as an artist from her youth in Paris in the innovative time of the “Belle Epoque”, when Paris was the political and cultural centre of the world. As young Mira Alfassa she was accepted by the Académie Julian when she was fifteen where she received training in the classical style of painting. Later she participated in new artistic developments and painted in the impressionist style where rigid details gave way to impressions and the use of light. Then we are shown works from her stays in Algeria and Japan and her Pondicherry years. A great variety of her paintings are presented, as well as sketches and drawings from all the periods and selected works by Ashramites she mentored and influenced such as Champakali, Promode Kumar, Krishnalan, Priti Ghosh and Huta, who made the painting which the Mother named “The Spirit of Auroville”. The film has been made by Mandakini and Rakhal in support of the ‘Acres for Auroville’ fundraising effort for purchasing land for the growing city, and is offered ‘In Homage to the work of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother’. Duration: 21min.

Followed by...
EARLY DAYS LANDING AUROVILLE: Duration: 14min. This 14-minute film is a must-see for those who care about Auroville’s land! Through moving interviews with four City of Dawn pioneers and early workers - Frederick, Dayanand, Narad, and Joss - we hear how deeply The Mother felt about the land as a place for her work, and for the already-descending New Force to enter. Her words “The most important thing is to secure the land now!” is a call that remains urgent for us today.

Cinema Paradiso
Multimedia Center (MMC, Town Hall)
Film program 11 to 16 September 2018

Indian - Monday 10 September, 8:00 pm:
102 NOT OUT
India, 2018, Dir Umesh Shukla w/ Amitabh Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor, Jitin Trivedi, and others, Comedy-Drama, 102mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG Dattatraya Vakharia is a 102-year-old man who wants to break the record of oldest living male. There’s just one problem -- he must find a way to change the sad and grimy demeanor of his 75-year-old son.

SHUT DOWN - Tuesday 11 September: closed
MMC will be shut down for a day for maintenance and technical issues. Program will resume with evening schedule on Wednesday.

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Interesting - Wednesday 12 September, 8:00 pm:

- ROBERTO ASSAGIOLI, THE SCIENTIST OF THE SPIRIT

Italy, 2016, Dir. Maria Erica Pacileo and Fernando Maraghini, Documentary, 52 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

As a psychiatric doctor, he was a great ‘explorer’ of the Human Psyche, a ‘scientist’ who journeyed to ‘the depths and the heights’ of the edifice which is the human soul. In the 1900s he founded Psychosynthesis: “A method of self-growth and psycho-spiritual realization for all who desire to become masters of their interior kingdom, rather than remaining slaves to their inner ghosts and external influences”.

French - Thursday 13 September, 8:00 pm:

- RODIN

France, 2017, Dir. Jacques Dollion, w/ Vincent Lindon, Izia Higelin, Séverine Caneele, and others, Drama, 121mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: G

Paris 1880, August Rodin has his first order: “La porte de l’enfer”. An account of the famous French sculptor’s romance with Camille Claudel with whom he spent 10 years of passion, of mutual admiration and complicity.

International - Saturday 15 September, 8:00 pm:

- LEAN ON PETE

USA, 2017, Writer-Dir Andrew Haigh w/ Charlie Plummer, Amy Seimetz, Travis Fimmel, and others, Adventure-Drama, 121mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The film follows 15yrs old Charley Thompson. He wants a home, food on the table and a high school he can attend for more than part of the year. As the son of a single father working in warehouses across the Pacific Northwest, stability is hard to find. Hoping for a new start they move to Portland, Oregon where Charley takes a summer job, with a washed-up horse trainer, and befriends a failing racehorse named Lean on Pete.

Children’s Film - Sunday 16 September, 4:30pm

- BABE

Australia, 1995, Dir: Chris Noonan, w/ James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski, Christine Cavanaugh and others, Drama, 91mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

Babe, a pig raised by sheepdogs, learns to herd sheep with a little help from Farmer Hog-get.

MARCEL PAGNOL FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club

The distinguished French playwright, novelist, screenwriter and director began as a teacher in Paris in 1922. The success of his first two plays helped him to set up his own film production and distribution company. Pagnol founded the influential cinema magazine ‘Les Cahier du Film’ in 1931. He became best known for his comedic depiction of provincial life in the South of France, marked by witty dialogue and well observed local custom. Many of his actors were well-established stars of the theatre.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 16 September, 8:00 pm:

- MARIUS

France, 1931, Dir. Alexander Korda -Marcel Pagnol w/Raimu, Pierre Fresnay, Fernand Charpin and others, Comedy-Romance, 130mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

César runs a bar along Marseilles’ port, assisted by his 23yrs old son, Marius. Colorful characters abound including Honorine, a fishmonger and her daughter Fanny. Friends since childhood, Fanny and Marius love each other, but Marius has a secret wanderlust: every ship’s whistle stirs a longing for foreign lands. When M. Panisse seeks Fanny’s hand in marriage and when a departing clipper needs a deckhand, Marius and Fanny must decide who and what they love most. César, with his generous, comic spirit, tries to guide his son.

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THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, September 14th, Friday

Schedule of Events:

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

4:30 pm: Tour of Sadhana Forest

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

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

8:00 pm: Dinner is served

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

Before the movie, at exactly 4:30pm you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

**Note: Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 7pm :)

- SURVIVING PROGRESS

86 mins/2012/English/Directed by: Mathieu Roy & Harold Crooks

The film is said to be “inspired” by Wright’s lectures. Unlike the book, which focused on ancient civilizations, the film focuses on the present-day impact of civilization, the lack of an ethical underpinning in modern global economic practices is directly responsible for the over-consumption and exploitation of natural resources to the extent that the increasingly more probable future population collapse would take modern society right along with it.

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Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. The Tuesday deadline (5pm) is absolute.

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

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

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

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