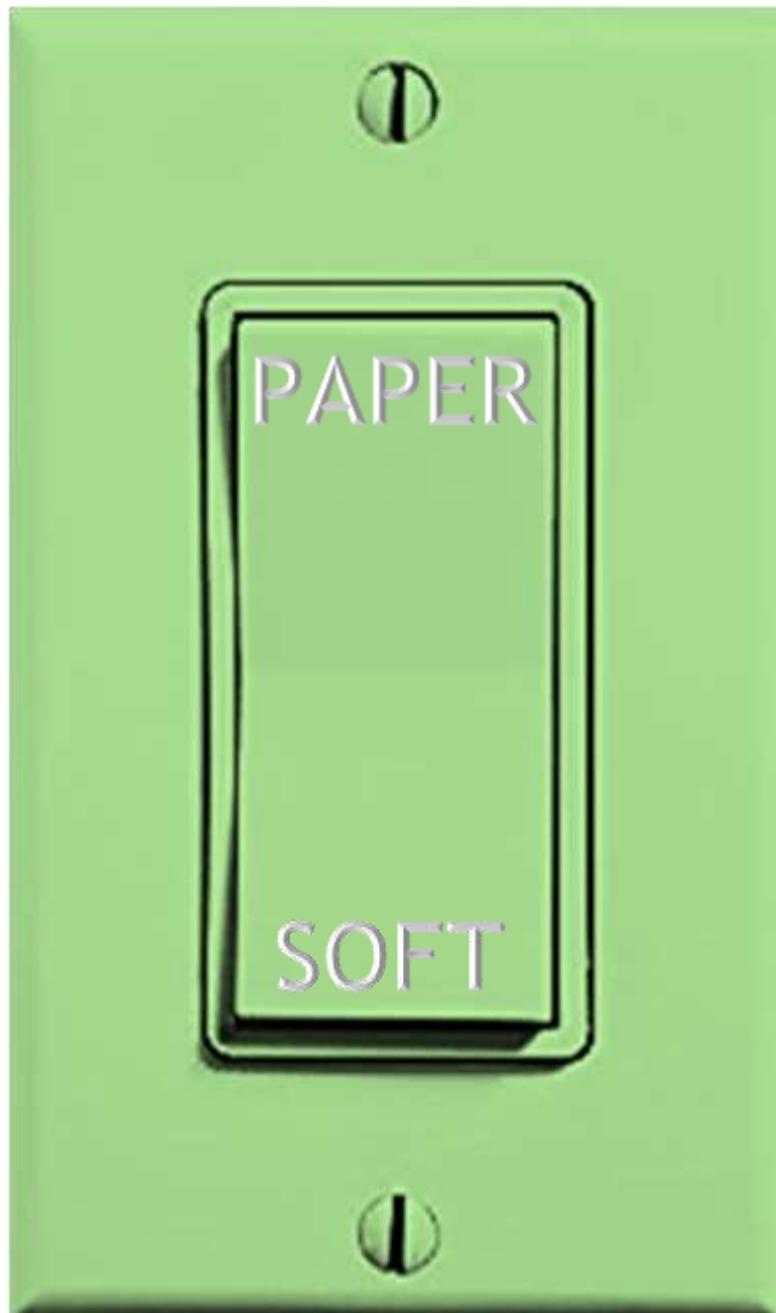


News & Notes

17 March 2018

A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

Number 741



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MOTHER'S AGENDA

I have been asked if we are doing a collective yoga and what the conditions for the collective yoga are. I might tell you first of all that to do a collective yoga we must be a collectivity (!) and then speak to you about the different conditions required for being a collectivity. But last night (*smiling*) I had a symbolic vision of our collectivity. I had this vision in the early part of the night, and it made me wake up with a rather unpleasant impression. Then I went back to sleep and had forgotten it, and just now when I thought of the question I have been asked, the vision suddenly came back. It returned with a great intensity and so imperatively that now when I wanted to tell you exactly what kind of a collectivity we want to realise in accordance with the ideal Sri Aurobindo has given in the last chapter of *The Life Divine* – a supramental, gnostic collectivity, the only one which can practise Sri Aurobindo's integral yoga and be physically realised in a progressive collective body that grows more and more divine – the memory of this vision became so imperative that it prevented me from speaking.

Its symbol was very clear though of quite a familiar kind, so to speak, but so unmistakably realistic in its familiarity.... If I were to relate it to you in detail, probably you wouldn't even be able to follow; it was very complicated. It was the image of a kind of – how to put it? – of an immense hotel in which all earthly possibilities were accommodated in different rooms. And all this was in a state of constant transformation: fragments or entire wings of the building were suddenly demolished and rebuilt while all the people were still staying in them, in such a way that if a person went somewhere even inside this huge hotel, he ran the risk of not finding his room again when he wanted to get back to it! For it had been demolished and was being rebuilt on another plan. There was order, organisation... and there was the fantastic chaos I have described, and in that there was a symbol. There was a symbol which certainly applies to what Sri Aurobindo writes here on the necessity of the transformation of the body, what kind of transformation should take place for life to become a divine life.

It was somewhat like this: somewhere in the centre of this huge building, a room was reserved – in the story, as it seemed, it was reserved for a mother and her daughter. The mother was a very old lady, a self-important matron with much authority and her own views on the whole organisation. The daughter had a sort of power of movement and activity which made it possible for her to be everywhere at once even while remaining in that room which was... well, a little more than a room; it was a sort of apartment, and its main feature was to be right in the centre. But she was in constant argument with her mother. The mother wanted to keep things as they were with the rhythm they had, that is, with precisely that habit of demolishing one thing to build another out of it, and then again demolishing another to rebuild another one – which gave the building an appearance of frightful confusion. And the daughter didn't like that and had another plan. She wanted above all to bring something quite new into this organisation, a sort of super-organisation which would make all this confusion unnecessary. Finally, as it was impossible to come to an understanding, she had left the room to go on a sort of round of inspection.... She went her round, saw everything, then she wanted to go back to her own room – for it was her room as well – to take some decisive action. And it was then that something rather peculiar began to happen. She remembered quite well where her room was, but each time she set out to go there by one route either the stairs disappeared or things were so changed that she could no longer recognise her way! And so she went here and there, climbed up and down, searched, went in and out... impossible to find the way back to her room!

As all this was taking a physical appearance, which was, as I said, very familiar and very ordinary, as always in these symbolic visions, somewhere there was – how to put it? – the administration of this hotel, and a woman who was a kind of manager, who had all the keys and knew where everybody was staying. So the daughter went to this person and asked, "Can you show me the way to my room?" – "Oh, yes, certainly, it is very easy." All the people around looked at her as though saying, "How can you say that?" But she got up and, with authority, asked for a key, the key of the room, and said, "I'll take you there." Then she took all sorts of routes, but all so complicated, so bizarre! And the daughter followed her very attentively so as not to lose sight of her. And just at the moment when obviously they should have reached the place where this so-called room was, suddenly the manager – we shall call her the manager – the manager with her key... disappeared! And this feeling of disappearance was so acute that... everything disappeared at the same time.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, July 3, 1957

THE MOTHER

The Ponder Corner

The very first lesson in this Yoga is to face life and its trials with a quiet mind, a firm courage and an entire reliance on the Divine Shakti.
Sri Aurobindo
ref. *Bases of Yoga*, p.71

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Dear All,

Your support and donations are most welcome towards finding the solution to your needs. An account dedicated to receive donations for a new professional photocopier machine and a delivery vehicle has been created:
"252652 - News & Notes Donations".

The News&Notes is struggling in the current conditions to continue with PRINTING weekly 850 paper copies (plus 220 Tamil and 110 French). In order to continue for the News&Notes to function correctly, the BCC has stepped in to help with the budget and material needs of the News&Notes.

First step for this to happen, is to get a proper picture of the current minimum need for PAPER COPIES from the Auroville community.

On the 18th of March, we will stop the current PAPER delivery list and will try to restart with a new updated list, compiled with all your answers as informed community members. (if you are receiving the News&Notes by email only, no paper, then no action required! - this continues as previously).

We would like to remind you that currently 90% of the News&Notes budget and time is spent for the PAPER COPY to happen weekly.

PAPER PRINTING ONLY has a heavy cost for our community:

- for the environment (that's 70 trees yearly - trees of more than 30 years of age - Plus harmful ink - And a lot of petrol&hands to delivery to your door - Huge paper waste)
- for the community budget (over 6.5 lakhs yearly - current BCC budget allocated to N&N is TOTALLY of 5.6 lakhs)
- for the manpower needed (budget: 1 maintenance plus 1,5 salaries) - many hours of works

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO PONDER and consider if you are **READY TO SWITCH** and read the News&Notes in its electronic form (to be received in your email box, or online at Auroville website, or on the AuroNet) or if **YOU NEED** the paper copy.

Advantages of the SOFT COPY are **MANY**.

- It is kinder to the environment,
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Please send in your choice **BEFORE THE 18th of MARCH** by either:

- filling the online form, to switch to soft version OR to request paper subscription. The form is available online at this link: <https://goo.gl/hX8LGK>
- or filling the paper forms that you can find near the BOX ready to receive your choice at the Town Hall reception desk.

Once the new total number of paper copies needed by the community is known, the proper printing device for that volume can be found to replace the 35 year-old offset printer that we are currently struggling with, the correct running budget allocated to this service, and an adequate vehicle decided.

We are still hoping for a massive reduction of paper copies and we thank you in advance for your willingness to try and change your reading habits, for the ones who can.

There are already over 3000 readers of the News&Notes soft version (2332 receiving by email).

You can join the weekly News&Notes email mailing list at any time at this link:

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Warmly,

The News&Notes, BCC, AVCouncil, WCom and RAS

WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Report of the Working Committee over the month of February 2018.

The work of the Working Committee focused this month on two main events, e.g. the visit of the hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi to Auroville on February 25th, and the 51st meeting of the Governing Board on February 25th and 26th.

1) Visit Prime Minister of India.

A note of thanks from the PM Task Force and the Working Committee has been published on the AuroNet, as well as the congratulatory note of Dr. Karan Singh, the Chairman of the Auroville Foundation

2) Unfortunate events during the visit.

Two unfortunate events occurred during this visit.

One was that two Tamil Aurovilians, members of the Working Committee, were not given a proximity pass, which they thought had been instigated by members of the PM Task Force. The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation subsequently emailed that none of the Working Committee members or the PM Task Force were involved in finalizing the list of persons getting Close Proximity Passes and that in his view nobody should be blamed for how the events unfolded. We don't know who made the decision to exclude them.

The matter has caused a lot of hurt to all involved and is being addressed by the Auroville Council.

The issue of perceived discrimination was subsequently discussed by them and a few other Tamil Aurovilians with Dr. Karan Singh, who afterwards wrote to the Auroville community expressing his concerns. This letter has been published on the AuroNet. A reply will be formulated.

The second unfortunate event was that an Aurovillian sent a private email to the Prime Minister's office less than 48 hours before the visit, stating that 5,000 Aurovilians would have liked to hear the Prime Minister's speech but that only 250 had received a pass. This information is incorrect and caused a lot of consternation. The matter will be discussed with the Aurovillian concerned.

3) Prayers and aspirations from the Auroville community sent to the Prime Minister.

After the visit, the Working Committee has sent a letter to the Prime Minister asking his help in the following areas:

3.1) Protection and purchase of remaining land for Auroville.

The Prime Minister has been asked to ensure that the Auroville Foundation are given the required permissions to sell certain outlying lands as to be decided by the Residents' Assembly of Auroville so that the privately-owned lands inside the city and greenbelt area can be purchased. Additionally, the Prime Minister has been asked for his advice on ways and means to protect Auroville from the influence of undesirable developments which could jeopardise the growth of Auroville.

3.2) Tax relief for donors of the Auroville Foundation

The Prime Minister has been asked to promote that donors of the Auroville Foundation can benefit from 100% tax relief without a qualifying limit for all donations made to the Auroville Foundation.

3.3) National and international support for Auroville

The Prime Minister has been asked to convey a message to International and National leadership of countries and corporations to actively engage in the manifestation of Auroville by making donations from their CSR budgets.

3.4) Liberal Visa regime to include Integral Yoga.

The Prime Minister has been asked to expand the definition of Yoga in India's Tourist Visa regime and for the benefit of seekers who come to serve Mother India in the spirit of Integral Yoga.

3.5) Auroville becoming a hub for youth of India and the World.

The Prime Minister has been asked for his help in expanding housing projects in Auroville by building spaces for 500 youth, so as to provide an environment for youth from all over the world to experience a new healthy life style and carry this further to the regions they come from, and beyond.

4). Meeting with the Governing Board.

The meeting with the Governing Board members took place over two days. On February 25th, the report of the Working Committee was discussed (see below); a presentation by the new members of L'Avenir d'Auroville was made, introducing the new team and report on work done; and the land and land protection team discussed issues of statutory land protection (New Town Development Authority) and the need to develop a Land Purchase Policy and Strategy. There was regretfully no time for the Auroville Council to discuss its presentation on Auroville's governance

On the 26th, after participating in the Bhoomi poojas for the Re-Centre and the Hive Hub, and the inauguration of the Auroville Archives, the Board members listened to a presentation on the Auroville economy by Chartered Accountant Mr. Manuel Thomas. This presentation focused on the difficulties facing the Auroville economy including that of attracting external growth capital for Auroville enterprises, the need to explore sources for internal credit, and a proposal to do a 6-months study involving the Working Committee, the Funds and Assets Management Committee and the Auroville Board of Commerce and community members into the possible restructuring of the units under the Auroville Foundation.

This was followed by a presentation by the Funds and Assets Management Committee on the difficulties facing the Auroville Foundation regarding the implementation of GST, and the necessity of requesting a partial relief.

The last topic on the agenda was the loss of Auroville's beach assets. The Board listened to a presentation by Jan, and discussed possible options to prevent further loss of beach assets.

The Working Committee brought the following concerns to the attention of the Board members:

4.1) Governing Board and International Advisory Council, Auroville Foundation.

We expressed the hope that the HRD Ministry will soon fill the vacancies in the Governing Board and appoint the five new members of the International Advisory Council.

4.2) Auroville Foundation (Entry and Removal of names of Persons in the Register of Residents) Regulations 2013.

We requested the Board to ensure that the HRD Ministry approves the Governing Board approved 'Entry and Removal of

names of Persons in the Register of Residents Regulations 2013'. It is now 4 years that this approval is pending.

4.3) Rules of the Auroville Foundation

We requested the Board to ensure that the proposed changes in the Rules of the Auroville Foundation are approved by the HRD Ministry. This change is pending since almost 20 years and is of particular importance because the existing Rules specify that the HRD permission is required for any land sales in excess of a value of Rs 5 lakhs. It has been proposed that this limitation is changed into Rs 2 crores.

4.4) GOI Grant.

We informed the Board about the Government of India Grant Group and its mode of functioning, which now includes a project management office with an architect and a civil engineer to monitor the quality and quantity of construction, and a finance department with an in-house chartered accountant and a finance person supervising and approving financial flow of money.

We subsequently reported that the full allocated GOI Grant of Rs 15 crore for the financial year 2017-2018 will be spent and presented details of the spending by the various beneficiaries. The Board was then asked to approve the proposed GOI Grant allocation of the financial year 2018-2019, which has been budgetted at a total of Rs 23 core.

4.5) Visa issues.

The Board was informed about the recent changes in the visa policy for Auroville. The Regional Registration Office in Pondicherry may now issue 5-year Residential Permits / Stay Visa extensions to those who arrive in India with a shorter term Entry Visa, if the formal request by the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation to the Indian Mission abroad which issued the Visa had been to issue an Entry Visa for 5 years. These 5-year visa and their extensions have a limitation of 3 entries a year, which can be twice extended at the advice of the Secretary in emergency cases.

The Ministry of Home Affairs also decided that volunteers may be given an Entry Visa for a three-month period, upon the recommendation of the Secretary. This period is not extendable and the visa is for one entry only.

Conference visa are mandatory for those wishing to attend workshops and conferences in Auroville. A number of conference visa have meanwhile been issued at the recommendation of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. However, this requires a timely application.

The issue of holders of tourist visa not being allowed to attend workshops and seminars has not been resolved. As one of the objectives of Auroville is to develop into a learning society for the benefit of people from India and all over the world, which come in the form of formal courses, seminars, workshops, or volunteering, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested to allow foreign nationals holding a tourist visa to give or participate in seminars, workshops and courses given by and volunteer at institutions of the Auroville Foundation.

The Ministry has not responded to our request that Auroville residents of foreign origin who have been residing in Auroville for a consecutive period of 15 years or more can be given a special Indian residents status such as OCI or residential permits for 10 or 20 years.

4.6) Fundraising issues

There is a need to speedily develop the Auroville Township for which an increase of funds is required. A major source of support for Auroville can be achieved if large Indian corporations would make donations to Auroville from their Corporate Social Responsibility resources.

The Governing Board has been requested to issue a message at the occasion of Auroville's 50th Anniversary inviting nations of the world, States of India, Corporates and Indian public sector undertakings that the Auroville Foundation is to be included in the list of institutions that are eligible for CSR donations.

4.7) Land sale permission

The Governing Board has been requested to support the request made to the Prime Minister of India that the Auroville Foundation are given the required permissions to sell certain outlying lands as decided by the Residents' Assembly of Auroville

so that the privately-owned lands inside the city and greenbelt area can be purchased.

4.8) Tax relief for donors of the Auroville Foundation

The Governing Board has been requested to support the request made to the Prime Minister of India to promote that donors of the Auroville Foundation can benefit from 100% tax relief without a qualifying limit for all donations made to the Auroville Foundation.

5) Internal group dynamics

The group healing session to improve our group dynamics has not yet begun. The Auroville Council has meanwhile suggested that a Restorative Circle be formed to address the issues. Manas and Sheba have attended a few meetings as observer to see how the meeting processes can be improved.

6) Residents' Service

The members of the Residents' Service are under high pressure to answer to the demands of the Regional Registration Office. All residents are required to check the validity of their passports and Residential Permits and inform the Residents' Service timely when they wish to depart for the summer.

The Working Committee

(Carel, Hemant, Inge, Mandakini, Partha, Ranjith and Sauro)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Board Selection Committee update: Replacement of two members

Dear Community Members,

You may remember, on 16th February, we informed you of the newly formed Land Board Selection Committee:

1. Sacha (Grace);
2. Navros (Aurodam);
3. Rishi (Kamataru);
4. Min (Maitreye);
5. Divya Kapoor (outgoing Land Board);
6. Ranjithkumar (Working Committee);
7. Shivaya (Auroville Council);
8. Daniel (FAMC member); and
9. Divya Lieser (l'Avenir d'Auroville).

In the meantime, the four working groups (AVC, WCom, FAMC, L'Avenir) have been informed that Rishi W (community representative) and Shivaya (AVC representative) will not be able to fulfil their responsibilities as members of the Selection Committee.

The AVC have assigned Mita (member of AVC), in the place of Shivaya.

On Tuesday, 13th March, the RAS has conducted another draw to select a community member (from the original list as announced on 16th February) in place of Rishi W. The draw selected Judith (Grace) as member of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee now consists of:

1. Sacha (Grace);
2. Navros (Aurodam);
3. Min (Maitreye);
4. Judith (Sunship);
5. Divya Kapoor (outgoing Land Board);
6. Ranjithkumar (Working Committee);
7. Mita (Auroville Council);
8. Daniel (FAMC member); and
9. Divya Lieser (l'Avenir d'Auroville).

Thanking you, Much love, *Residents' Assembly Service*

NEW SITE AND BUILDING APPLICATIONS - 17th March 2018

The following projects are recommended by L'avenir d'Auroville and feedback is now invited from the larger community. The last date for this is 31st March 2018.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS

Industrial Zone:

1. Extension to Studio Naqshbandi_Mona at Yantra, near Vérité Built-up area: 22 sq.m.

Please note:

- An NOC (No Objection Certificate) is issued only after evaluation and processing of the community feedback received during the two-week period.

- Any work on the site/ building should start only with an NOC.

- Site permission is valid for one year. For fencing and clearing of the site, special permission of L'avenir d'Auroville is needed.

For additional information, please write to avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville office in the Town Hall. The maps and details relevant to these announcements can be found on the AuroNet page of L'avenir d'Auroville.

Warm regards, *L'avenir d'Auroville team*

(Anita, Anu, Aurovici, Divya, Inge, Pino, Sindhuja, Tejaswini)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - N&N # 741

Dated: 17-03-2018

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

NEWCOMERS ANNOUNCED:

Ganesh SHANMUGAM (Indian) Staying in Acceptance and Working at AVdzines.

Ilango RAMASAMY (Indian) Staying in Fertile and Working at Tree House Community.

Keerthi SUBRAMANI (Indian) Staying in Solar Kitchen and Working at Blue Light.

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

Manikandan ARUMUGAM (Indian)

Mojib MIRZAEI (Indian)

AUROVILIANS ANNOUNCED:

Amarnath THANGARAJ (Indian) Staying in Acceptance and Working at Auroville Web Service and NESS.

Alessio FERRANDO (Italian) Staying in Sharnga and Working at Botanical Garden.

Asha SUNDER (Indian) Staying in Douceur and Working at Transition School.

Saranya PANEERSELVAM (Indian) Staying in Shakti and Working at Omega.

Sridevi VENKATESWARAN (Indian) Staying in Maitreye and Working at Housing Service.

Rajan MALLAIYALATHAN (Indian) Staying in Buddha Garden and Working at Buddha Garden.

Ruchir SHARMA (Indian) Staying in Maitreye and Working at Cynergy.

AUROVILIANS CONFIRMED:

Arunadevi SUBRAMANI (Indian)

Balamurugan GUNASEKARAN (Indian)

Punithavalli (Known as Shanthi) Thananjayan (Indian)

Rama VINAYAGAMOORTHY (Indian)

Saranya MONTAGNE (Indian)

ERRATA CORRIGE:

Avigal LEMBERGER (Israeli) was wrongly confirmed in the N&N #740 10/03/2018. Presently her status is still "announced Aurovillian".

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

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

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

ENTRY SERVICE OPEN TO PUBLIC TIMINGS:

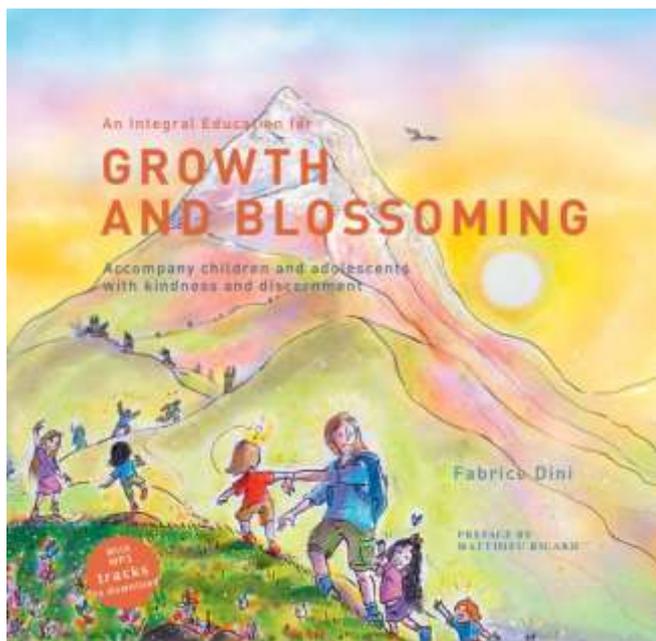
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 09:30AM-12:30PM

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

Yours,

--The Entry Service--

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



New Book: "An Integral Education for Growth and Blossoming": SAIER is happy to announce the publication of the new book, "An Integral Education for Growth and Blossoming", written by Fabrice Dini and illustrated by Emanuele. This book was released by Prime Minister Modi as part of the program in Bharat Nivas on Feb 25. It takes inspiration from Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, offering practical tools and exercises for developing all parts of the being. As the author describes:

This book is built on the solid foundations of Integral Education. It is an approach that combines in a coherent and subtle way all the aspects of a child's development - physical, emotional, mental and inner. From techniques to develop mental faculties - memorization, concentration, visualization - to tools to better manage stress and cultivate self-confidence in children and adolescents. It also presents the currents shaping the future of education: Mindfulness, emotional intelligence, positive psychology, outdoor education, ethics, character strengths and fundamental human qualities in education, etc. All of these represent tools for parents and teachers to discover and explore.

The book is available at the SAIER office for Aurovilians and Newcomers at cost price Rs. 680 (using Financial Service accounts). It is also available at the Seagull bookshop in the Visitors' Center, and through auroville.com.
SAIER team

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Your support and donations are most welcome towards finding the solution to your needs for paper copies
- An account dedicated to receive donations for a new professional photocopy machine & an E-delivery vehicle has been created:
"252652 - News & Notes Donations".



Integrated Transport Service is an initiative to provide pollution free, safe and affordable transport facility for Auroville!
(All Newcomers and Aurovilians are invited to try out the electric bicycles and scooters for a week and offer valuable feedback! To participate, please contact Vijay at vijaymathew@earthandus.org to receive the link for the reservation form.)

A message from the Library

The Auroville Library has been gifted two major development projects over the last few months.

A new hall has been built to expand the collection by an additional 4000-5000 books. This has been made possible thanks to SAIER, Suhasini as the architect, and Vinayagam as the contractor. It is open since a few weeks.

As part of a UK sponsored research initiative Auroville Consulting installed a solar system at the Library, which is now running only on solar energy since the last eight months. The system supplies the energy demand for the building, the pump for the wastewater treatment, and seven street lights. Having a battery storage and the option to draw electricity from the grid, if and when required, the system has proven to be a guarantee for uninterrupted power supply. Despite regular power cuts in Auroville, recently even for two days, the Auroville Library and the street lights remained operational.

We would like to express our profound gratitude to everyone who has made these developments possible.

The Auroville Library



THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OF KAMALA

As you stand in your truth, you stand in your strength.

The Free Store and PTDC fashion show this past Saturday (Mar 10) embodied integrity and the best of Auroville values. Its composition and creativity were beautiful to watch. It was also a celebration of human unity thanks to lots of components, one of them being its Aurovilian actors.

It all started about 3 months ago when Kamala, who has been serving the Free Store for the last 30 years, decided that it would be nice to have a fashion show to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Auroville. For Kamala, seeing people dressed nicely makes her happy and her main wish is to continue to evolve and grow into consciousness through a joyful path of truth and sincerity with the Free Store as her tool for karma yoga. As she said, she could not have found a better opportunity to serve the visions of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Dream, dreamers, play and players, act and actors, the beauty of this Aurovilian was presented in all aspects of this remarkable event. In a co-production with PTDC, the Free Store, which has grown to serve over 1000 people, got out of its humble room and, for a couple of hours, was projected into the glamorous flash light of artists, models and acclamation.

In this latest “coup de chapeau” to Auroville, Arlet put together a talented and creative event. Over the last 14 years, Arlet has been well known for her exhibitions, interiors, and fashion design (Remember her production for the last Trashion Show!?!).

About 45 models, men, women and children, came to life on a runway defined by small little yellow flowers in the courtyard of the PTDC and Free Store. It could have been one of those Luis Buñuel surrealist movies. Who would dream to see people of all sizes and ethnicities, united to celebrate a vision, going down a runway in the middle of a forest in Tamil Nadu, all of them wearing beautiful clothing, heads covered with hats made of lettuce or watermelon skin, wearing necklaces made out of carrots, leeks and earrings made out of tomatoes or parsley. Those were just a few examples of this display of vegetables and fruits mixed with second-hand outfits, along with pans, clothes pins, egg holders and more.

The last standing tableau with its centerpiece of Kamala, Arlet and Sowmya, colourfully surrounded by all the models and actors of the show, was a very touching composition. In glory and humbleness, it represented an expression of the evolutionary vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother: giving, receiving, unity and above all, love, beauty and art.

Chana Corinne for AVArt Service - (see pictures album [HERE](#))

European House Wishes

Dear Friends, during the inauguration of the European House, last 17th of February, we invited the attendees to express their wishes and put them on a Plumeria, Psychologic Perfection in the matter.

“Il n’y a pas une perfection psychologique, mais cinq, comme les cinq pétales de cette fleur : la sincérité, la foi, la dévotion, l’aspiration et la soumission.” La Mère (The Mother. Collected Works of the Mother.- Volume 8. - Questions And Answers (1956))

“There isn’t one psychological perfection, but five, like the five petals of this flower: sincerity, faith, devotion, aspiration and submission.” The Mother (The Mother, Complete Works of the Mother - Volume 8. - Questions and Answers (1956))

Here are the expressed wishes:

“True Unity in Diversity. Progression towards more integral research within, and without.

Spiritual communication, cooperation, organization with the soul and the attitude to be willing servitor of divine consciousness.

We wish that the preserve energy of AV becomes strong in Croatia and the beautiful union of Europe.

From the Heart to head, brain to light, keep Europe tight.

May it build a bridge to Europe - expressing unity in diversity.

Orundheit

Moge dis ein ort ds zusammen seihs in Archtsamkeit sein, ds miteinander, Traumes und winkens

May this be one place... Where European nationals meditate on hour to overcome every aspect that may be diving Humans from “the euro west” from each other and from European continent from an organised “bunker or Prison” of nations, TV + consumerism into a colourful garden, thriving with mutual understanding + leaving behind heavy Heritage that keeps people think traditionalist, even nationalist Of creative work for these aims. Of open heartness + welcoming hands to remember only the best + beautiful that came out of Europe.

No more war

Creativity

I wish the divine inauguration of the permanent Eu. House. Peace- Love

Human unity

I wish I wish I wish end of the kali yoga + peace for all

Authenticity lots of love, Happiness + peace, Unity, Togetherness, Energy, Progress and open heart + Plenty of food, good journey into the unknown for unity, save diversities, Save cultures, lots of inspiration + peace for the Europ. House+ May

wisdom + love be granted to all, More sovereignty for each country “Unity in Diversity”, Unity in ourselves and with each other,

Peace, love, supramental in Europe, Unity and a free mind, I wish for a lot of heart full moments together may it blossom+ Unite people in peace + harmony, Creative from the heart - Nothing more- nothing less, put the colours into your life.

Llibertad Ecuallitat, Fraternitat

Tegu saule jamsunug prasatina uz uienybe tezydi

Que le mental Européen soit mis AV service de la conscience

Unitat- Humana - en Deversitat

Spero che L’Europa resti unita ma inservisca al primo posto dell sau anione e vision lo scambio e la diffusione Bella sua immense bella e importante ricchezza culturale le sue conoscenze

Kaxos kax + vos Le bcant et be ban pourLinnion Auroville

Viva La Republica Catalana Libertad, Equalitad, Fraternitat

Con l’angevio e la speranza che L’Europa sia final mente UNITA.”

The European House is now ready to host your meetings, and our wish is to make this place alive. Please, feel free to come and organize your event, class or workshop.

To plan an event, please contact [Denis 9500271460](tel:9500271460), or mail to european-pavilion@auroville.org.in. Thank you.

To watch the video of the inauguration: youtu.be/snqgzMTYz4o

To look at the pictures of the inauguration: www.flickr.com/photos/manohar_auroville/albums/72157692543674361

POSTINGS

Birth of A Baby Girl: Dear friends, we are happy to share with you that we have been blessed with a beautiful baby Girl, named “Diya” on 7th March 2018. Love and Smiles, Murugan from PTDC and Suganthy (Ayyarpady farms, Kotakarai)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AN ART EXHIBITION IN KOTTAKKARAI - Organised by “Ivana’s Drawings & Paintings”

Do you like art and do you have free time on Sunday the 15th April 2018?

There will be an exhibition of international art work (prints sent by artists from around the world) and a few volunteers are needed to help.

The preliminary meeting for volunteers will be at Mitra Youth Hostel at 6pm on Friday the 23rd March.

If you have an enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact Ivana <ivana@auroville.org.in>, [+91-7094344154](tel:+91-7094344154).

Auroville Art Service

Wanted: Space for an eatery/café: Need a place for setting up an eatery as part of our social enterprise development program. The space will be used to run a cafe and for workshops and community building for social entrepreneurs. If you have a place to offer, please contact by email: socent@auroville.org.in or phone: [9047520702](tel:9047520702).

Thanks & Regards,

SEA Team (Gijs, Revathi, Naveen & Varatha)

Collective Procurement for Auroville: Dear community, Easy Procurement Solutions (registered Auroville unit under Swagatam Trust) purchases all kinds of construction materials, fittings and appliances for construction, maintenance and repair on behalf of all kinds of projects in Auroville. Our goal is to save Auroville & Aurovilians money and reduce the cost of construction and other projects in Auroville. If you have need of any materials, please let us know and we will get for you the best price possible!

We have so far saved INR 6042353 over retail prices for Auroville through our shared procurement services.

For more information and to see a list of products and brands which we deal with, please visit our new website: <https://www.epsauroville.com/>

Feel free to also reach out to us by email and ask for a quote: eps@auroville.org.in

- EPS team

THE KING COBRA ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION PROJECT

The Agumbe Rainforest Research Station (ARRS) is currently recruiting volunteers for the radio telemetry part of the King Cobra Ecology and Conservation project (KCEC).

This project consists of implanting king cobras with transmitters and tracking them, using receivers, through their natural habitat to learn about the habits, biology and conservation of these remarkable creatures.

The primary questions to be answered involve foraging patterns, home range, habitat utilization, diet, interaction with other king cobras and, hopefully, recording nest building, nest maintenance and attendance by the females.

Food and accommodation will be provided with basic amenities. The volunteers will be living at the field station near the village of Agumbe, in the midst of the rainforests of southern India's Western Ghats.

Primary criteria for selection are that candidates should be physically fit for field work, willing to work during challenging weather conditions, passionate about conservation and willing to commit to a minimum volunteering period of 1 month.

Slots are open from 12th March 2018, onwards.

Contact: Tanaaz <operations@agumberainforest.org>

Submitted by Krishna Devanandan

PIERO AND GLORIA MONOGRAPH by Mona Doctor-Pingel

Please note that the second monograph in the Auroville Architects pioneers series- on Piero and Gloria Ciconesi - is now be available at the bookshop in Visitors centre, priced at 2750 Rs. For Aurovilians they are available at 30% discount with mona@auroville.org.in, at Yantra.

THANK YOU

Waveboard - found!

We would like to deeply send our thanks to Martin, staying in Citadine, who spotted the waveboard lost by our son Nijam, in his Community and gave it back to him. And a big thanks also to that person who stored it! *Nijam and family*

"State of Siege" - thank you

I would like to send my deepest thanks to all the people and services involved in the success of the performance "State of siege" in Town hall: The French Pavilion for support and funding, CRIPA for rehearsal space, lights, screens and others, ACUR & Laxmanan G. for the use of the space, storerooms and some chairs, Le Morgan for more chairs and catering, SAIER for one of the video-projector and more chairs, Matrimandir for extensions, Bharat Nivas for cables, extension and dimmer, Tanto, Visitor Center and Kalyia for catering, Nandini for costumes, Mahi for the lights, Jo and Lore for the amazing make-up and their dedication to their work, Av Radio for recording the novel photo and the teaser, Manohar for filming, John for taking pictures, Marc, Anne, Vers Haut and Natacha for their help before and during the performances, Daniel for his Van.

For the surtitles: Martin Littlewood and AVI Uk for getting the English book, Philipp and Veronese for the translation, Alex for typing, Yves for the work on the files, Bryony and Magali for last minute operations during the performances.

Visuals projections: Melodie for the conception and realisation, R for the sounds and the amazing radio teaser, Yves for the announcements, Esteban for the operation during performances.

Rehearsal and acting: Thanks to Sebastien for his presence and support every evening in Townhall, the neighbourhood from Inspiration for bearing the noise, JC from CRIPA for arranging slots, Antoine for voice training, Anne, Manu, Esteban and Satyavan for helping with small but needed parts, Aubert for constructive and precious feedback, Veronese for the props, Christophe for the set up and much more and a big thanks to all the actors for their time, energy, creativity and talent.

Thank you to the audience and their enthusiastic feedback and generous donations each night.

Thanks to all.

Celine

Thanks from The Bridge Team!

The Bridge Team would like to thank all those who participated in and supported the collaborative research encounter, and made it a success!

Thank you to all the Aurovilians who shared their work, experience, insight and willingness to collaborate, bringing the event to life with the Auroville spirit - whether as presenters, panelists or participants!

Thank you to the Auroville Foundation, 50th Team, Working Committee, AVI Germany, and the Pavilion de France for their endorsement and help with funding, visas and official invitations. To Auroville Outreach Media (Serena, Doris, Valentina, Marco), Auroville Radio (Andrea, Stefano), and Dominique for their help in documenting the event in video, photo, audio, and in writing.

Visit the Auroville Radio website or the Facebook page "The Bridge" for the audio recording of the full event!

Thank you to all the venues, enjoyed by so many: Unity Pavilion, Pitchandikulam, Verite for hosting presentations and panel discussions, as well as the Visitors Centre and ACUR Team for hosting performances and installations by our visiting artists (with special thanks to Rolf, Jurrian, Moghan and AVArtsService for the organization). A big thank you to all those who hosted us for site visits: Solar Kitchen, PTDC, Nandini, Free Store, Shradanjali, Humanscapes, Gaia's Garden, Pitchandikulam, the Tai Chi Hall, Auroville Earth Institute, the Youth Centre, Citadines Centre d'Art, DuStudio, Solitude Farm.

Thank you to the Auroville Earth Institute, for the joint inauguration of the Universal Earthen Wall & The Bridge, Svaram for offering a Sound Bath welcome. Thank you to all the units who contributed towards the event in kind: Auroville Arts Service, Auroville Bakery, Auroville Outreach Media, Auroville Papers, Auroville Today, Marc's Coffee, MAROMA, Mason & Co, Probiotics House, Upasana, as well as the individuals who contributed their skills in-kind for the event: Muna for the facilitation, Pala for gracing the gathering with beautiful flower arrangements, Marie for the calligraphy, Sophie for the translation, Laurence & Wonja - and their volunteers - for catering a special silent Korean lunch.

And last but certainly not least - THANK YOU to all our enthusiastic and reliable helpers: Anandi, Cassandra, Johannes, Kira, Priya, Pragnya, and X!

With love and gratitude,

The Bridge Team

(Aditi, Aneeta, Ann, Bhakti, Matthias, Suryamayi.

APPEAL

Kabbadi Championship tournament 2018

Dear friends,

The Puducherry Kabbadi Association has approved Auroville Kabbadi Club to conduct the Puducherry State Kabbadi Championship tournament in Auroville from 26 to 29th April 2018.

Around 60 male and 25 female teams are going to participate in this tournament.

We welcome your kind support and contribution:

FS. A/C. No: 0258

Thank you,

Auroville Kabbadi Club

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

At Pitchandikulam Forest - Project Coordinator: We have an opportunity for a talented, adaptable and motivated individual to join our team at Pitchandikulam Forest as a Project Coordinator.

We are looking for someone to join our team with:

1. A passion and drive to protect our natural environment and waterways, and a real interest in the work and ethos of Pitchandikulam Forest

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A printout of the table is being displayed in PTPS, next to the shelf of Auroville soaps.

Category	Typical ingredients	Brands of soaps (in alphabetical order)
Soaps containing basic soap components and harmless ingredients	Natural essential oils, herbal extracts and shea butter	Avatar (all soaps), Ayush, Bax, Essence Aromathologie (all), Khandige Soma Organic, Maroma Bamboo Charcoal, Maroma men, Maroma Bubbles of Joy, Mereville bamboo charcoal, Natura (all), Neem Olive (by Natural)
Soaps with ingredients that could be irritant or toxic to bodily health or/and could be environmentally harmful	Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), butylphenyl methylpropional (Lilial), silver oxide, thymol, disodium EDTA, tetrasodium EDTA, Peg-8 (polyethylene glycol), Ci 61565 (Quinizarin Green Ss), trideceth-10	Ajanthaa's Aloe Fresh, Chandrika, Cinthol Lime, Devotion Sweet Basil, Doy Care Aloe Vera, Fiama Di Wills (Gel Bar) La Fantasia, Himalaya Herbals Cucumber & Coconut, Himalaya Herbals Neem & Turmeric, Himalaya Herbals Almond & Rose, Himalaya Herbals Honey & Cream, Johnson's Baby Milk Soap, Lifebuoy Care, Margo, Mysore Sandal, Nivea creme soft, Park Avenue Storm, Santoor Sandal & Turmeric, Vivel mixed fruit + cream, Vivel (with) green tea
Soaps with ingredients that are likely to be harmful or toxic to bodily health and/or to be environmentally harmful	Phenol, methylchloroisothiazolinone, methylisothiazolinone (also quoted as methylisothiazolinone), triclocarban, triclosan	Dettol Deep Cleanse, Dettol Original, Dettol Cool, Hamam, Lifebuoy, Liril! Lime Rush, Lux Soft Touch, Margo Active Glycerine, Mysore Sandal baby, Mysore Sandal Gold, Mysore Carbotic

This table is a simplified version of our findings. Some of the information and conclusions are currently under dispute. This table is meant to be a guideline and not the final verdict on ingredients or soaps.

Soaps made from the basic components, fats and lye, are mildly disinfectant. For daily hygiene e.g. hand washing after toilet use - this is all that is needed. There is no need for, nor any extra benefit from, the addition of disinfectants. (Disinfectants have their adequate use in specific situations such as e.g. the area of surgical entry into the body under the conditions of a surgical theatre.) But if used daily, these substances often have a potentially harmful effect on bodily health and definitely have a harmful effect on the environment.

An additional concern is the source of the basic ingredients, e.g. the oil source. Due to the use of oil of the African oil palm, tropical rainforest is cut down - and almost all soaps contain oil of the African oil palm.

Soaps without palm oil - to our knowledge: Avatar, Ayush, Fiama Di Wills (Gel Bar) La Fantasia and Nivea Creme Soft.

For some ingredients, information on hazardousness to humans or the environment was not readily available. Many colouring ingredients are only listed with a number of the Colour Index (CI) - and this Colour Index is only accessible for a fee.

Researched and compiled by Mira, a volunteer at EcoPro. For more information, please write to ecopro@auroville.org.in

Lucas & Mira & EcoPro team



About Hand Soaps - Consumers have rights

On August 1st, 2016, was worldwide published that the USA - FDA Bans Antibacterial Chemicals in Soaps.

Companies could no longer market hand soaps containing several common antibacterial compounds. The FDA instituted the soap ban, which includes the widely used antibacterial chemicals triclosan and triclocarban, citing questions about the antibacterials' safety for long-term use. In addition, there is no evidence these chemicals add any benefit to people's health beyond those of regular soap. In its ruling, the FDA said this would apply to soaps containing any of the 19 chemicals, including triclosan, found in liquid soaps, and triclocarban, found in soap bars.

Some of these 19 ingredients banned by FDA are: Cloflucarban, Fluorosalan, Iodine complex (phosphate ester of alkylaryloxy polyethylene glycol) o Nonylphenoxypoly (ethyleneoxy) ethanoliiodine o Poloxamer -- iodine complex o Povidone, Methylbenzethonium chloride, Phenol, Sodium oxychlorosene, Tribromsalan, Triclocarban, Triclosan and Triple dye.

Consumers have the right to ask for the list of ingredients, but not only that, but to demand that ingredients are not hidden on the labels.

For the last seven years, MGEcoduties - PROBIOTICS HOUSE, has been campaigning regarding the following critical points on hand soaps sale in Auroville:

1. Banned ingredients in the hand soaps like Triclosan and Triclocarban.
2. Palm oil as one of the ingredient to make soap. Palm oil industry is destroying massively rain forest. Some soap producers do not disclose the ingredient "Palm Oil", instead they write "Edible Oil". Be aware of this!
3. Plastic packaging for the hand soap. Why do you buy plastic? What you do with the plastic after you take the soap? Yes, the answer is landfill.

There are choices in Auroville. Be involved with Re-filling system; either in PTDC, or visit the Probiotics House in Reve, or at HERS.

List of all our ingredients is available to all online and we use 100% coconut oil ONLY - no palm oil.

Consumers have rights to get directly from the producers, who show without hesitation the ingredients used to make their hand soaps.

Guidelma and Margarita

MGEcoduties- Probiotics House - www.probioticshouse.com
Reve - Auroville



A nationwide gathering to address the Agrarian Crisis

Farming was the main livelihood in India from the dawn of its history until relatively recently. Two and a half generations ago, at the time of Independence, agriculture contributed half of the National income and engaged almost three quarters of its people. Today, farming has dramatically declined and most farmers are affected by what is called the 'Indian Agrarian Crisis'. This has motivated the initiative of a national **Workshop on understanding and addressing the Agrarian Crisis**, to take place in Himachal (North India) next month (3 - 7 April), addressed to all farmers and those who work with farming communities.

We feel that the issues are pertinent for Auroville, and share here some extracts from the invitation:

'Farmers in our country have been in deep distress over the last few decades as agriculture has been made systematically unviable as a means of living. Farmer suicides are only the extreme symptom of a much deeper underlying crisis that has gripped agriculture. There are many dimensions to it - economic, environmental, social and political. *How do we unearth the roots? And is there a way forward?*'

- **Economics:** 'Recent mobilisations by farmers' groups across the country sought to address key economic aspects of the crisis - the issue of prices for agricultural produce and loan waivers - the freedom from debt.' Other major challenges are 'international free trade agreements, (declining) public investments in agriculture, and a growth-driven 'development' which believes in displacement from agriculture as an indicator of development!' An important question: Can there be a guaranteed basic income for farmers?

- **Environment:** The 'green revolution' 'has led to poisoning soils and water bodies, apart from being responsible for a significant fraction of carbon emissions contributing to climate change. There are many models of ecological agriculture that are based on restoring and nourishing soil health, minimising the use of external inputs and have the potential for climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, and also challenge corporate vested interests which seek monopoly over seeds. Can such 'alternative' methods of farming be scaled up? What policies would help the spread of environmentally conscious farming systems?'

- **Social aspects:** Most of the farming activities are done by women, but a patriarchal society and official policies fail to recognise women as farmers. 'Equally important is how caste structures operate in agriculture, where landless farmers are denied land due to historical injustice and are also not recognised as farmers...'

'We often see that different farmers, activists and organisations have focused on certain aspects in their work while completely ignoring the others... It is essential to come together to understand the various economic, environmental, social and political dimensions, and how they relate to one another. This workshop will encourage **activists, farmers, and policy researchers** to see the interconnections... and to **emerge with a broader long-term vision for new systems of agriculture.**' It is an urgent call 'for a collective, collaborative effort to address the agrarian crisis and to move towards environmentally sustainable, economically viable and socially just ways of practising agriculture.'

In keeping with the spirit, workshop fees are kept extremely modest (Rs 4000 for 5 days for all materials, boarding & lodging, with partial waivers for participants in need), and care will be taken that India's diversity of languages won't be a barrier to those who can't follow English and Hindi. More details on this promising initiative at:

www.sambhaavnaa.org/programs/policy-school-on-addressing-the-agrarian-crisis-3-7-apr-2018/.

For the Auroville Green Center: *Lisbeth, Jasmin, Isabelle, Appie and Island*. We invite you to share green news from Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world: avgreencenter@auroville.org.in



■ Sunday 18 March: Udumbu

9 - 12 am - with *Natacha & Yves*

Udumbu is a 9-acre forest with a cashew tope and an orchard with vegetables beds. There are several families looking after the land, growing Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest species and exploring ways of combining forestry and food production, especially local edible tubers and creepers.

Directions from Matrimandir entrance: Cycle (about 25 min total) towards north past the Kottakarai turn-off, turn right onto the paved road following 'Dana' sign; you are now on the Greenbelt road. Pass Youth Center, Transition School and Dana on your right; at the form keep right and follow the road past the Rajeshwari girls' college on your right, continue (direction Bommapalayam & ECR) until next bend in the road, where you will spot the Udumbu sign.

■ PESTICIDE SPRAYING AROUND AUROVILLE

Just as Auroville's recent cold and flu epidemic is ebbing off, the cashew pesticide spraying season has started and its fallout is affecting many among us. Cashews get doused twice or more during their flowering and growth cycle, with several highly toxic pesticides that are banned in most countries and in parts of India. Among the substances seen in use are endosulfan

(orchano chlorine compound), organophosphates (malathion, monocrotophos) and 'good old' DDT (outlawed even in India except for pest control, but like other banned pesticides freely sold over the counter). These pesticides are sprayed in the hope to fight more than 50 species of insects known to infest cashews, some of which have developed resistances. Cashews are among the most heavily sprayed crops in India, after cotton for which half of India's massive pesticide production is used...

As many of Auroville's communities share a fence with village-owned cashew topes, pesticide exposure can hardly be avoided. Symptoms of exposure are: cough and sore throat, headaches, stinging eyes, kidney pain, nausea, dizziness and general malaise. The poisons are cumulative and in the long run are responsible for a wide range of diseases such as cancers, nervous system and developmental disorders, and many more. If you live in heavily affected areas, the wise choice may be to temporarily move to a less directly exposed location, especially if pregnant or with small children, and take the homeopathic remedy called *Okoubaka*, which is available from the Integral Health Clinic in Prayatna or from the Health Centre in Kuilapalayam.

Lisbeth / Auroville Green Center

ACCOMMODATIONS

Available: house-sitting for single in Petite Ferme during May/June/July. Duty: daily garden watering. contact: Gerhard@auroville.org.in

Needed: Dear Family, I am finally starting my newcomer process in the middle of March. I am still searching for a place where to move with my family: 4 people and a little female puppy. We need a house for one year, or even for 6 months. We are ready to move in April, but we can wait until the beginning of July. If you have a placed for us, wed would bed thankful and happy to take care of a home sweet home! Chiara (merianichia@gmail.com)

AVAILABLE

Auroville Library of Things (ALoT), an initiative by earth&us, at the container opposite PTDC: borrow tools, toys, kitchenware, travelling & hiking gear at your convenience. alot@auroville.org.in.

Available to give away...one king size cane bed and one wooden door with glass panes in the top half. Both need some work but are still usable. If interested please call *Chali* on [9787628806](tel:9787628806) or email chali@auroville.org.in.

Second - hand TVS moped: Serviced and well-maintained. Twelve years old with more than 10,000 km. Good mileage. Please contact Abha only in the mornings before 9.30. Tel. [0413-2622003](tel:0413-2622003).

Honda Hornet: 160cc with CBS (Combi Brake System) bought from Honda showroom in Sept 2016, first owner. I'm selling because I'm going back to Europe. Mileage 8000 km. Marine blue color, both disc brakes, electric start, MRF tires. Brand new engine changed in Jan 2017 by Manolo, our 15-yrns experience Spanish mechanic. Luggage rack at the back and very good maintenance since the start. Karnataka registration. Serious buyers only. *Isis:* [7094403704](tel:7094403704) / isisrouxpages@gmail.com

Second Quality Organic Jaggery: Dear all, we have second quality organic jaggery that can be used for EM solution, pachakavia or bio-fertilizer. Email: siddhartha.farm@gmail.com - Phone: [9003738560](tel:9003738560). *Siddhartha Farm*

HP Laptop model HP pavilion 15-r206tu. For reasonable amount. Specification below: Processor Intel i3 5th generation 4gb Ram. 64bit original windows 10. CD/DVD drive. 15.6 inch screen. 500gb internal hdd hard disk. Contact me on [04132623423](tel:04132623423). Thank you, *Victor Certitude*

Samsung P1000 Galaxy Tab: for reasonable amount. Specification below: 7inch screen. Android 2.3. 16gb internal memory and sd memory card up to 32gb possible. Processor: 1.0 GHz Cortex-A8. 3.15 MP Camera, autofocus, LED flash, Non-removable Li-Ion 4000 mAh battery. Contact me on [04132623423](tel:04132623423). Thank you, *Victor Certitude*

Various: 1. KM electric cloth cutter model KS-EU / 2. Low table - approx. length 1.80m / 3. Microwave oven. Contact - [9047144346](tel:9047144346) - *Vanitha*

Reverse Osmosis Water Filter: in perfect conditions of use (not Aquadin brand). For sale or exchange - email: tottree@auroville.org.in / phone: [9443434182](tel:9443434182). Thanks, *Juan*.

Fridge: Haier brand, single door, 181L, nearly new, and some house items. Please contact *Allison* [7639318959](tel:7639318959)

LOOKING FOR...

Construction Waste Material: Dear Aurovilians, we are still looking for construction waste material (broken concrete) that you would like to get rid of, we will be happy to come and pick it up. The waste will be used to make a road so we can access the farm in Irumbai without getting stuck in the mud when it rains. Thanks in advance. Email: siddhartha.farm@gmail.com - Phone: [9003738560](tel:9003738560). *Siddhartha Farm*

House work: Amma (20 years of experience) looking for half day (mornings) work. Contact *Mali* on [9943919276](tel:9943919276)

Newcomer family looking to get cycling! So we need 3 bicycles- one each for a man, woman and a child of 6 (preferably with side wheels). If you have any to lend, donate or sell please let me know, it will be much appreciated! *Daniela* daniela@auroville.org.in

Motorbike: Dear all, I am thinking of buying a Splendor, or a similar motorbike, for me. If you have one to sell, please write to me! *Chiara* (merianichiara@gmail.com)

Child Cycle: Would you have a bicycle to lend for Emily who is 8 years old (but the size of a 10-year old), until end of April? Please contact her mum Anne-Marie at am.ndidi@yahoo.fr

PUPPY-SITTER 1: Very important! Alex, our medium size puppy of 9 months, is adorable and very social. As we are traveling home, he will need until our return a loving home for 4 months (starting end of April). Fully vaccinated and neutered. Food and all needed care will be covered/provided. Please contact Anne-Marie at am.ndidi@yahoo.fr.

PUPPY-SITTER 2: Hello, we are looking for someone who can help to take care of a gentle, sweet Labrador from April to July. Hope you are a dog lover person or a family. If your place is suitable for having a dog, we will provide food for the dog, willing to pay some for taking care of the dog, or we can provide a free place for you to use during this time. Please contact us through message to: 9751465790 if you are interested in. Thank you. *Wensheng*

Tamil teacher: I am looking for a person who can give me some paid private lessons of Tamil, mainly for the grammar since I lack a person who can explain it to me. I have a good basic understanding of Tamil and can communicate myself somehow but I want to refresh my former knowledge and learn more. Please contact me [+919751518813](tel:+919751518813). Thanks, *Ely*

Child Minder: Looking for an English speaking, young and responsible person who will spend time with my 8 years old son, Ada, at Adishakti, for 5 days, 20-25march. I will be attending Svaram's 5-day training at Adishakti so if anything happens and you need me I will be very close. We will have lunch all together at Adishakti. There is a pool there, be prepared for swimming. If these attracts you please write to me at lebuin@yahoo.com or message me at [9566911479](tel:9566911479). I am not good at talking on the phone so we agree to meet somewhere via writing. Hope to see you soon. *Burcu Altay (Guest from Turkey)*

Friends for a 8 years old: Hello, I am a 44 years old single mother and my son is 8 years old. We are guests from Turkey. It's been 3 weeks since we came to Auroville. We planned to stay till the end of April and hopefully come back again in July and my son will start school in Auroville if everything goes ok. My son needs a friend/friends who he can spend long hours together so they can develop trust and overcome the barriers of a foreign language. We only know English and although my son understands lots he feels he doesn't. He just needs friends. We

can also support each other when trust is developed, such a one of us can stay with the children so the other can go to have her/his own time (maybe visit the Matrimandir for example;) If you are on a similar path in Auroville and your child needs friendship, or you have other ideas, advices, please write to us at lebuin@yahoo.com. Thank you for reading. *Burcu*

Access to a piano: Me and my 8 years old son, Ada, would like to play the piano from time to time. Please let us know if there is a piano that we can come to and play freely. My email is lebuin@yahoo.com. Thank you, *Burcu*.

LOST & FOUND

Backpack (Stolen): Last Saturday, at the very end of the concert of the closing Art Festival at the Well Cafe, my backpack has been stolen. First of all, thanks to all the people who helped me search for it, included the Security; and sorry, that I was sooo angry... The backpack has not been found. It is a Nepalese bag, and inside I had many useful belongings, including my wallet with bancomat, credit card and aurocard. Please, if you see it somewhere, write me an email (merianichiara@gmail.com) or contact this number: [8056425184](tel:8056425184). Thanks a lot! *Chiara*

Silver Pendant (Lost): Dear all, I lost my pendant on Thursday evening while I took my dog for a walk. Between Maduca and Lakshmi Park. It is a silver triangular shape with a pearl on top and a red coral on the bottom. If you found it please call *Kay*: [9943368410](tel:9943368410). THX

USB Stick (Lost): I lost my small black/red SanDisk 64 GB USB stick in the Town Hall area. It contains among other data a bunch of good movies (feel free to copy before return). If found, please contact *Christoph* [9787702495](tel:9787702495) / christoph@auroville.org.in

Chappals (Lost): Saturday evening in New Creation. Someone of the class before my Salsa class likely took them. Please text me: [+917094380183](tel:+917094380183). *Mira*

Chappals (Exchanged): Last Monday, after lunch in Solar kitchen, I could not find my chappals. Someone took them by mistake, and left similar chappals. They are old and damaged, but so comfortable. Quechua brand. If you are responsible of this mistake, please contact *Antoine* [8940740529](tel:8940740529), I will be very happy to have my chappals back!

Wallet (Lost): Lost my black colour wallet Monday night on the way from Dinesh Restaurant to Joy Community It has all my identity cards, PAN and Aadhar. If found, please contact *Hanna* - [8197827934](tel:8197827934), staying at Joy Guest House.

MISSING! 3 Long Skipping Ropes: As a part of "First Full Moon Festival" activities organized at Inuksuk site by North East Asians on 2nd of March, "Collective Skipping Rope" was enjoyed by many people. Unfortunately, the ropes used at that time, all 3 of them, have been missing ever since! They are white cotton ropes with either red or blue stripes, and 10 meter each in length.

If anyone knows its whereabouts, please let us know as we were hoping to use it again at such event in future...

TAXI SHARING

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

March 19th or 20th: for Chennai airport drop on 20th March, morning 3 am, or drop to Mahaballipuram 19th evening, sharing both ways possible. Contact *Ken*, Vanosky@gmail.com

March 21st: to Chennai airport. Starting from Auroville the 21st march at 1 am. Returning empty. If you want to share please contact sylas@auroville.org.in or [8903049763](tel:8903049763), thank you. *Sylas*

March 23rd: departing Auroville at 6am for Chennai Airport (National Departure). 1 person going, taxi coming back empty. Please contact *Ann* at [9443790661](tel:9443790661)

March 25th: to Chennai airport, afternoon or evening with *Hartmut* (Sve Dame) - vonlieres@gmx.de

TRAVEL

Latest News from the Travel Shop - Inside India located in Auroshilpam - We are open from 9am to 1pm and from 1:30 to 5

Latest offers from International Airlines: Emirates has promotional offers to Europe and USA / Oman Airways has special offers to Paris & other destinations in Europe / Air India has promotional offers to destinations in Europe / Jet Airways has promotional fares to International sectors.

Hotels: International and Domestic Hotel bookings can also be done at discounted rates through us. **Insurance:** We highly recommend to avail of a Travel Insurance for all foreign travels. Please check with us in advance regarding flight schedules & **baggage policies** of airlines.

International Flight Tickets / International Hotel booking - 0413 - [2622078](tel:2622078), travelshop@auroville.org.in, Domestic Flight Tickets / Trains / Bus / Travel Insurance - 0413 - [2623030](tel:2623030), domestic@inside-india.com, Tours and Domestic Hotel booking - 0413 - [2622047](tel:2622047), insideindia@auroville.org.in

Week's Happenings

INVITATIONS



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri

read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY - 5.30 to 6.00 pm [weather permitting]

From March 22nd onwards: 6.00 to 6.30 pm

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

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

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

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm

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

Amphitheatre Team

World Water Day

Thursday, 22nd March 2018

May there be an abundance of water for the sustenance and growth of the Planet towards the New World.

5.30 pm concentration under the Banyan Tree to pray for water for Auroville, India and the World.

At 6 pm, some of the water collected in the Water Ceremony of 28th February will be silently sprinkled all around the Banyan Tree as an offering to Mother Earth.

Entrance by the Office Gate at 5 pm. Visitors are requested to bring along their Aurocard.

Auroville Water Group and Matrimandir Team

Hello Friends, Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that Bamboo Centre, Auroville invites you to participate in our:

International Bamboo Convergence - Open House.

"IBC - Open House" is a curtain-raising event held at **Auroville Bamboo Centre on 16th - 18th March 2018** by Bamboo Research Centre, Auroville, in collaboration with ECAS for the International Bamboo Convergence which is envisioned to create and nourish a collaboration platform that inspires a sustainable bamboo lifestyle.

Through this event, we wish to bring awareness regarding the various application of bamboo available across these 9 verticals - food, medicine, compost, furniture, construction, paper, cloth and energy. Also, we would like to introduce our environmental mascot "21st-century superhero: Bamboo Man"

The following are the list of the IBC Open House events:

16th March 2018

Event	Time
Welcome Speech	08:30 AM-09:00 AM
Tree House Workshop using Traditional Kerala Techniques	09:00 AM-05:00 PM
Jewellery Making Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Furniture Making Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Toy Making Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Musical Instruments Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Lunch	12:30 PM-01:30 PM
Jewellery Making Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM
Furniture Making Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM
Toy Making Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM
Musical Instruments Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM

17th March 2018

Event	Time
Tree House Workshop using Traditional Kerala Techniques	09:00 AM-05:00 PM
Jewellery Making Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Furniture Making Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Toy Making Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Musical Instruments Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Bamboo Fabric Workshop	09:00 AM-12:00 PM
Architecture Inspired by Nature Seminar	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Lunch	12:30 PM-01:30 PM
Jewellery Making Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM
Furniture Making Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM
Toy Making Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM
Musical Instruments Workshop	02:00 PM-05:00 PM
Bamboo & 9 Verticals Seminar	02:00 PM-03:30 PM
A vote of Thanks	05:00 PM - 05:15 PM
Wise Man's Gold: Prop's Party	06:00 PM-09:00 PM

18th March 2018-

Event	Time
Tree House using Traditional Kerala Techniques	09:00 AM-05:00 PM

For updates, kindly follow us on Facebook by clicking here [IBC/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IBC/). Also, you could check our YouTube channel by clicking here- [IBC/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/IBC/)

For any other query, you could revert us back to same email thread or contact Festival coordinator on [+91-961 9996 080](tel:+919619996080) / [992 9056 907](tel:9929056907).

For registrations click here:

- 1) [T-Shirt Design Competition](#)
- 2) [Tree House Workshop](#)

**Registrations for other workshops and competitions except treehouse workshop can be done at the venue.

Hope to see you all there.

Love and Peace!



Regards,
International Bamboo Convergence
[Bamboo Research Centre](#) - Auroville



SATURDAY MARKET AT YC

Saturday Market is happening again at the Youth Centre!

This Saturday 17th of March from 10am till 2pm, with fresh and local products as well as amazing dosa at lunchtime!

See you there!

THE CONSCIOUS FASHION FESTIVAL
By
UPASANA The Conscious Fashion Hub, Upasana & shirting...

MARCH 17th, 2018 - SATURDAY

4 - 9 pm - Upasana Market featuring conscious clothing & delicious food
7.30 pm - Barefoot on Earth Fashion Show

MARCH 18th, 2018 - SUNDAY

2 - 6 pm - Upasana Market featuring conscious clothing & delicious food
4 pm - 'shirting...by Upasana' launch
Celebrating beauty beyond vanity at Upasana Design Studio, Auroville



THE CONSCIOUS FASHION HUB

Call for cleanup Kottakarai Area

Sunday 18 March - 4 pm onwards

Dear Community Members,

We did our clean-up 11.3.18 around certitude and covered Pitanga, Samasti, sharanga. We would like to do clean-up next week on Sunday 18 March around Kottakarai area. All are welcome to join with us from 4pm onwards. To help us for this event you can support through our financial service account NO:102331 AV clean up group OR You Can help by buying Gloves, Recycle Bags or any other materials which would help us for doing clean-up. Suggestion or to help please mail to:

avcleanupgroup@auroville.org.in

For More Information, please Contact:

S.Balaji-9843600701 / K.Ganesh-984367040

P.Anandhan-9443349444

THANK YOU! AV CLEANUP GROUP

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research (SACAR),
Puducherry
Organises

Auro Vidya Retreat

Vedanta in the Light of Sri Aurobindo

4th to 19th April 2018 - 9.00 am to 5.30 pm everyday

For Registration & Fees please contact: sacaroffice@gmail.com
9443019172, 9994190403

Venue: SACAR, 39 Vanniar Street, Vaithikuppam, Puducherry, 605012
Landmarks: Masimagh Road, Mother's Guest House

Submitted by Anandi

EXHIBITIONS



"Auroville, India, The Earth"

BHARAT NIVAS
PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE

Photo Exhibition
curated by Olivier BAROT,
14 March to 14 April 2018

Opening Hours: 9 to 5 pm
Venue: Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies, India and the World,
Bharat Nivas



Kokedera

-Moss Temple, Kyoto

Opening 24th March - 5th April 2018

Opening Timings Except Sunday 9:00 - 12:30 / 13:30 - 18:00
[Vernissage Sat. 24th from 5pm]



Monna Maier Photo Exhibition

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville, TN 605101, India.

(0413) 2622403/2622994 Pitanga@auroville.org.in

"DHI"

- Sanskrit work meaning thought or intuition expressed through the word, sound or action.

TUESDAY, 20 March 2018

Inauguration of Art Exhibition, 5 PM

Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery

Duration: 20 to 31 March 2018

Opening from 9 to 5 pm

Curated by *Mimi*

8 Artists selected from and outside Auroville will exhibit their works: painting, art installation and movement Art. Artists will be available daily to interact with the audience throughout the week.

Young Aurovilian musicians will offer a live concert for the inauguration.

Exhibition Reminders:

- "Line of Goodwill" at Unity Pavilion until March 31
- "Beginning to build the Matrimandir" at Unity Pavilion-Hall of Peace - until March 31
- "History of Blessing Packets" at BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre Edayanchavadi until 31 March. Daily open between 4 pm - 6 pm, Monday to Saturday. For location, type "Brahmanaspati Kshetram" on Google map. A person will guide you to the exhibition from the entrance of Solar Kitchen every Tuesday and Friday at 4 pm.
- "Early Days", at Pitanga, until March 17th. A photo exhibition by Lisbeth.
- "The Dawn of Auroville" - Photo Exhibition on the rare texts and photographs of the early days of Auroville: 1965 to 1973 - Text by The Mother. Ongoing exhibition until 11 March 2018, at Kalakendra gallery, Bharatnivas. Open daily from 9 to 5 pm.
- "Matrimandir: A Labour of Love" - Until Mar 20th. 9am - 5pm. At Town Hall. Photographic Exhibition by *Paulette*. Along with photographs of Matrimandir, from majestic to intimate, and its park, on display are archive photographs of the pioneers building the structure, as well as photographs of Aurovilians cleaning the discs taken the last few years.
- "Matrimandir to 17/11/73 & Inner Chamber" - Until 31 March, 9am - 5pm - Unity Pavilion. Exhibition by *Loretta*. Building Matrimandir from bare earth to the minute Mother left - the land, the people, the workers' camp, the workers and Matrimandir. & Creating the Inside of the Inner Chamber - rare photographs, Aurovilians' memories and Mother's instructions.
- "MIRAGE" - Last School invites you to view the journey of self-discovery presented through a few individual installations. Until March 18th. Monday to Friday 3:30 to 5:30pm. Week-ends 10:00 to 12:00am/3:30 to 5:30pm

TALKS

The Pavillon de France presents

Journey in Antarctica

Some news from the poles...

Story of a 40-day stay on the white continent

Saturday 17th March 2018 at 5pm

Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso

In French only / duration 60min

Conference by Daniel Radary

Ecologist wintering on the French Dumont D'Urville base in 1995-97, then specialized on Emperor and Adélie penguins, now focused on trees and agro forestry, sometimes caught up with pleasure by his "polar" past for journeys in France. as a Naturalist Guide to Spitsbergen, Greenland, and Antarctica.

I have just returned from a short trip, 40 days in Antarctica, for "cruises-expeditions" from Patagonia, which allowed me to reconnect with the white continent where I had done research in ecology there 20 years ago. I invite you to share images and experience, and a little introduction on the current situation of the poles in relation to climate change.

CULTURAL EVENTS

தமிழக் கவிதை

தமிழக் கவிதை(பாடல்) வாசிப்பவர்கள்

மீனாட்சி மற்றும் நண்பர்கள்

இடம் வாஸ்த்து கார்டன் (தோட்டம்) ஆரோவில்

18 மார்ச் 2018- மாலை 5.30

VOICES OF TAMIL
Tamil Poetry Read by
Meenakshi and Friends
Auroville Vastu Garden



18-3-2018

5:30pm

Google map: click [HERE](#)

Use the Edayanchavadi Road Entrance to Sacred Groves.
Park at Sacred Groves parking and follow the signs on the path.
(3 mins walk)

The Pavillon de France and Auroville International France
presents in collaboration with
the French Theater Company "Le PasSage":

AND YET IT IS THE HOUR BEFORE DAWN



French Theater

Public Rehearsal

In French only

Interpretation and staging:
Jean-Paul Sermendiras and
Olivier Ythier

Saturday 17th March 2018 at 8pm

Bharat Nivas

International Zone - Auroville
duration 90min

"The poem is a stopping point. He stops the language on itself; it forbids his squandering in the vast commerce that is the world.

Against the obscenity of "seeing everything", and "saying everything", and showing everything, and all probing, and commenting everything, the poem is the guardian of the decency of saying." - Alain Badiou

Rimbaud, Baudelaire, Satprem and Sri Aurobindo, four poets, four attempts to reach an enlightened consciousness.

"And yet it's the hour before dawn", the title of the show that we are creating, during this residency in Auroville, will be played this summer at the Avignon Festival, and this autumn in Paris. We will present a public rehearsal this Saturday at 8pm at Bharat Nivas. This show tries with these texts as different as deep to take us to what we may be richer in us, our poetry



Piano Concert

with Leonardo De Donno

Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 07:30 pm



"The great world-rhythms were heart-beats of one Soul,

To feel was a flame-discovery of God,

All mind was a single harp of many strings,

All life a song of many meeting lives;

For worlds were many, but the Self was one."

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti Community

An Indian Classical Dance

Wednesday, 21st March 2018 - 8.00 pm

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium - Bharat Nivas

Nrityaveni: the dancers weaving together three classical forms, Bharatnatyam, Odissi and Kathak.

A program offered by Amrita, Debolina and Sumati
-- former students of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Pondicherry.

SCHEDULES

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

News about classes

- We will open a new French Class. It will be a conversation class, to practice your speaking, your pronunciation, and to extend your vocabulary! We will work with articles coming from French

newspapers, French news websites, etc. Some French basics are required to register in this class. This class will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30 to 9.30 AM, and will start on April 3. Venez nombreux! A bientôt!

- **Malcolm** continues teaching *English classes* from 5 pm to 6 pm: the Pre-Intermediate class is on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Beginners class is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- **Asha** continues teaching morning classes in *English grammar and conversation, Monday to Thursday*.

!/\ **NEW conversation classes** !/\ will start in March.

- **Christiane** continues teaching French for Advanced level from 10.30 to 12.00 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

- **French classes** for different levels are on-going.

- **Italian for beginners** is still open and everyone interested can apply.

- **Italian mother tongue** classes with Chiara will be on Thursday, from 4 to 6pm instead of Saturday.

- **Language Lab** will be closed on Saturday afternoon.

For more information, timings and dates, please contact Language Lab.

We are looking for people from different parts of India and around the world to make audio recordings in their mother tongues. So if you have a good voice and you would like to contribute, please contact us. Recordings are for half an hour each and could be every morning from 9-10am.

Please note our new numbers.

The Language Lab is open Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9am to 12pm. Location: International Zone, beyond the Unity Pavilion. Phone: 2623661 , 6380042388 Email info@aurovillelanguage.org



Centre for Research, Education, and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA) is delighted to present to you the following intensive full-day workshops on Animation and Photography at Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas:

Make a Stop-motion Animation: Conceive, animate and edit with Tom.

On 24th and 25th March - From 10am to 12.30pm & 2.30pm to 5pm. Open Studio, Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas.

Day 1 morning: design and build the set.

Day 1 afternoon: begin animating

Day 2 morning: continue animating

Day 2 afternoon: editing and screening

All equipment and materials are provided - Contribution for guests is Rs. 2,000/-, and for volunteers is Rs. 1,000/-. Aurovilians and Newcomers are welcome to donate. Call Tom on [8940566639](tel:8940566639) to book in advance.

Invitation to a Meeting

Please come to CREEVA in Creativity's Studio. March 23rd at 10:30am to discuss structures present and future plans. All people who have been involved in our work and anyone who is interested in spreading Integral Education in Auroville through the Visual Arts.

JOY GUEST HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Workshop on EMO Balance with *Andres Lokuta*

22nd-23rd and 24th March - from 8:30 to 12:30

EMO-Emotional Balance of Body and Mind through focus on: Exercises of Qi Gong / Energy points activation / Diet advise Assisted stretching / Healing sounds / Face reading / Visual exercises. Emotional blockages can cause a health in balance that can result in different illnesses. Wellbeing of the person can be affected by thoughts, attitudes, daily routine, body posture and diet. In this workshop we will practice simple but effective exercises of Qi Gong, Acupressure, stretches, healing sounds, dietary suggestions and visual exercises to release emotional and physical tensions and re-balance harmonious flow of energy to enhance our personal wellbeing. *Andres Lokuta is an acupuncturist and naturist, Qi Gong practitioner, manual therapist and physiognomist with 18 years of experience. Registration required with Andres on: [9655474497](tel:9655474497). Joy Team :)*

Holistic



HOLISTIC - therapies, intensives and retreats and training with experienced professionals from Auroville with international profiles.

OUR INTENSIVES:

WOGA® - YOGA IN WATER - 19 & 20 March 2018 At Sri - Ma - Auroville. with *Petra Buschfeld* WOGA® instructor and WABA registered teacher. A deeper sense of joy is entered. Due to the decreased effect of gravity flexibility increases, articulation can be freed, muscles melt and lengthen and the whole being becomes more fluid.

Yoga and meditation: 28 March - 1st April, 8 to 12 am at *Taramangaling*, 2 min after Botanical Garden. We will do yoga asanas, breathing exercises and Hatha yoga pradiipika reading (yoga philosophy). And explore the limitations of our body & mind). To find more stability in your emotions and more peace inside.

Healing Trauma: 23 & 24 March. A 2- day Intensive Learning on Trauma and different modalities to heal. A toolbox for your clinic and self-practice! With *Sigrd Lindemann*- At Sharnga GH.

"Explore your Mind": 29 March - 1st April. 3-day Intensive in hypnotherapy with *Sigrd Lindemann*. Venue Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga Hall.

OUR YOGA CLASSES: with *Christine Pauchard*

The Yoga shala is at "Taramangaling" 2 minutes after Botanical garden, gate on the left side. Contact *Christine* directly on her mobile & WhatsApp: [9489805493](tel:9489805493)

- **Ashtanga Yoga- Mysore style:** (7 - 8:30am) Mon-Wed-Fri-sat

- **Hatha Yoga** (5-6.30pm) Tuesday and Thursday.

OUR REGULAR THERAPIES:

- **Transpersonal Regression Therapy:** with *Sigrd Lindemann*

- **Thai massage** to re-harmonize the energy and heal with *Christine Pauchard*

- **Health & Wellness Coaching:** with *Christine Pauchard*. Health coaching, also referred to as wellness coaching, is a process that facilitates healthy, sustainable behavior change by challenging a client to listen to their inner wisdom, identify their values, and transform their goals into action.

- **Acupuncture and Qi cong:** with *Andres Lokutta*

Further information and registration on www.auroville-holistic.com and contact@auroville-holistic.com mob/whatsapp: [9489805493](tel:9489805493)

OTHER EVENTS

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
20th March (Tuesday) - Focus this week on: 'Self-realisation'

- 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.

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.) Led by *Ashesh Joshi* (Contact: [9489147202](tel:9489147202), [0413_2622922](tel: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

Odissi Dance Classes: If anyone (who is staying in Auroville long-term) is interested in dedicatedly learning Odissi dance as a beginner & is willing to commit to be regular to classes, please contact odissidanceclass@gmail.com

Hormonal yoga for women

at Arka Wellness Center - from 20 March to 15 April 2018
Tuesday from 8.45am to 10am and Thursday from 5pm to 6.15pm
For those who don't know about Hormonal yoga, it is a natural treatment, combining postures, movements and breathing techniques from different yoga, which reactivates hormone production in a natural way and eliminates most symptoms of hormone problems (menopause and other problems). As it increases estradiol level, it also helps in the prevention of cardio-vascular diseases and osteoporosis.

With energetic exercises of dynamic yoga, specific pranayamas and Tibetan energy techniques, Hormonal Yoga Therapy acts directly on the hypophysis, thyroid, ovaries and adrenal glands.

Please contact Arka ([0413 2623799](tel:04132623799)) or *Brigitte* by email Brigitte@auroville.org.in or cellphone ([9443283980](tel:9443283980)) to confirm your participation. All are welcome (young and ever young women). For more information about the technique, <http://www.dinahrodrigues.com.br>

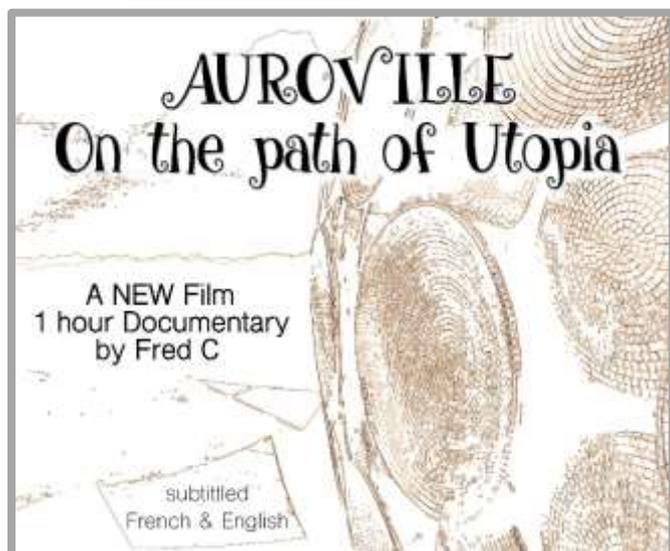
Exploring Auroville Architecture - 21-23 March 2018

Auroville Green Practices is organizing a 3-day workshop titled "Exploring Auroville Architecture" composed of site visits and interactions with architects and building professionals from Auroville. During the program, participants will trail the diversity of architectural expressions in terms of form, context and purpose in the wider setting of this international township. Expected participants are professional and aspiring building professionals and homeowners who would like to gain inspirations and new ideas for their own practices. Participants will enjoy an exploratory tour to different places to witness Auroville's unique architectural styles. Concessional fees (to cover food expenses) for Aurovilians working in this field are being offered. Full program attendance is required. If you are interested to attend, please send an email to: info@agpworkshops.com. For more details please visit: www.agpworkshops.com.

FILMS

AUROVILLE ON THE PATH OF UTOPIA

Thursday 22 March, 6pm - Visitors Center Movie Theatre
(duration: 1 hour, followed by Q&A with the director Fred C.)
(see trailer vimeo.com/207901433)



DOCUMENTARY NIGHTS at UP

Thursday on 22-03-2018 at 8 pm at the Unity Pavilion
This week we will be screening the first episode of the series *Inner Worlds, Outer Worlds* "Akasha, a documentary on the nature of space itself and the vibratory nature of the whole of existence. Do come and become Space.

AUROFILM CINEMA

- VISITOR'S CENTRE - VIDEO ROOM

Reminder: FRIDAY 16 MARCH, "A Cat in Paris" - Une vie de chat
Dir. By Jean-Loup Felicioli & Alain Gagnol - France 2010

Friday 23 MARCH at 7.45 pm:

"WAGES OF FEAR", LE SALAIRE DE LA PEUR (original title)

Directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot - France, 1953

With: Yves Montand, Charles Vanel, Peter van Eyck, Vera Clouzot

Synopsis: In a remote village in South America, a few foreigners who had landed there for various reasons desperately try to find some work and move on. Ultimately there comes an offer that four men take up: to transport, at the risk of their lives, a load of nitroglycerin on five hundred kilometers of broken roads. It is the only way to leave this village of Central America in which they have failed ... The film is based on the eponymous 1950 French novel by Georges Arnaud. A moist and heavy atmosphere perfectly reconstituted, splendid photography that highlights the aggressiveness and beauty of the wild scenery and a greatly arranged suspense, it is one of the only films in the history of cinema to have won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and the Golden Bear at the Berlin Film Festival. In spite of the years, it remains a great moment of Cinema!

French version with English Subtitles, Duration: 2h.36'

Note: Nice temporary venue at Visitors' Center. Screen is large, we use our own projector and sound system, and the Kalabhoomi Music Studio lends us some good cushions for comfort -may not be enough in number... **Welcome**

MOVIE SHOW - "Auroville Conversation"

Bhoomika Hall - Sri Aurobindo World Center, Bharat Nivas
24 March 2018 - 5 pm

100 Aurovilians speaking their heart out.

A simple question opening a deeper depth of conversation.

Find out a hundred different flavors of one Truth.

Part -1: What will you tell a Newcomer?*

Part -2: What keeps you here?

Part one - 55 Minutes - Part two - 40 Minutes- Total 95 Minutes:

This is part of a series on Karmayoga.

We believe "Work is an integral part of our collective life which requires all of us in our capacity to participate."

What makes our dream come alive? Let us dive in and reflect.

*Part -one movie "What will you tell a Newcomer" has been on as installation at Town hall for few weeks, also shown at Multimedia Center.

Coming soon

Part -3: What is your contribution towards the vision of Auroville

Project team

(Uma Prajapati | Danielle de Diesbach | Puneet Bhatnagar)

THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, March 23rd, Friday.



Schedule of Events:

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

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

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

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

20:00 Dinner is served

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

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

****Note: Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00 :)**

KEDI -

79 Minutes / Turkish with English Subtitles /2017/ Directed by Ceyda Torun.- In the city of Istanbul, there are more than just human inhabitants. There are also the stray domestic cats of the city who live free but have complicated relationships with the people themselves. This film follows a selection of individual cats as they

live their own lives in Istanbul with their own distinctive personalities.

This movie is showcased in light of Sadhana's newly started UniverCity of Compassion (UCC) residential training program. For more information on the UCC email india@sadhanaforest.org or visit www.sadhanaforest.org/ucc.

(Reminder: 16/03: The True Cost)

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AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, March 19 2018 at 6:30pm. Duration: 58min.

SRI AUROBINDO and THE MOTHER : A NEW YOGA FOR EARTH AND MAN

The Divine does the yoga. All creation is an act of His yoga and evolution is His yoga. We ourselves are a product of a secret yoga upon earth.

The sadhana is done in a body here on earth. When the Divine Grace comes to us, it is for us to learn to be open. And when the Divine Grace meets with the human response then the soul within us grows. To live from within and in the inner union with the Divine, is the key.

Sri Aurobindo says in Thoughts and Glimpses "All would change if man could once consent to be spiritualised; but his nature, mental and vital and physical, is rebellious to the higher law. He loves his imperfection."

Dr. Alok Pandey delivered this talk at a retreat in Greenville, South Carolina, USA in June 2016.



CINEMA PARADISO

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 19 to 25 March 2018

Indian - Monday 19 March, 8:00 pm:

- **ITTEFAQ (Coincidence)**

India, 2017, Writer-Dir. Abhay Chopra w/Sidharth Malhotra, Sonakshi Sinha, Akshaye Khanna, and others, Mystery-Thriller, 105mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated NR (PG13). A police officer, is investigating a double murder case that has only two witnesses, who are also the prime suspects. The suspects - Vikram, an acclaimed writer, and Maya, a young homemaker, have different narratives about the events of that fateful night. *It is a well-acted, well presented film.*

Italian - Tuesday 20 March, 8:00 pm:

- **CLASSE Z**

Italy, 2017, Dir. Guido Chiesa, w/ Andrea Pisani, Alice Pagani, Greta Menchi, Comedy, 92 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: G
The headmaster of a high school decides to isolate the most unruly and lazy students of the final year in a separate class. This is initially a godsend for them, but they discover the real objectives of the headmaster. By using their talents and abandoning their individualism they could change everything.

Cultural - Wednesday 21 March, 8:00 pm:

- **JONAS KAUFMANN: an evening with Puccini**

Italy, 2016, Dir. Brian Large w/ Jonas Kaufmann singer, opera recital, 115mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR
Jonas Kaufmann, known as the greatest tenor of our times, gave here at La Scala, Milan, the home of Italian opera, an unforgettable event followed by five encores and more than half an hour of ovations. The film of this legendary performance includes an introduction about Puccini the man, the musician, the superstar narrated by Jonas Kaufmann himself, this followed by a wonderful selection of Puccini's arias from the early period to the most famous "Nessun dorma"

French - Thursday 22 March, 8:00 pm:

- **FATIMA**

France-Canada, 2016, Dir. Philippe Faucon w/ Soria Zeroual, Zita Henrot, Kenza Noa Aïche, and others, Family-Drama, 79 mins, French WITH ENGLISH subtitles, Rated: G
In this award winning film, Fatima lives on her own with two daughters to support: 15-year old teenager in revolt, and 18-year

old, who is starting medical school. Fatima speaks French poorly and is constantly frustrated by her daily interactions with her daughters. Her pride and joy, they are also a source of worry.

International - Saturday 24 March, 8:00 pm:

- **BOY**

New Zealand, 2010, Dir. Taika Waititi, w/ James Rolleston, Taika Waititi, Moerangi Tihore, Comedy-Drama, 87 mins, English-Maori w/English subtitles, Rated: Non Rated

The headmaster of a high school decides to isolate the most unruly and lazy students of the final year in a separate class. This is initially a godsend for them, but they discover the real objectives of the headmaster. By using their talents and abandoning their individualism they could change everything.

Children's Film - Sunday 25 March, 4:30pm

- **BATTLE OF SURABAYA (November 10th)**

Indonesia, 2015, Dir. Aryanto Yuniawan, w/ Reza Ramadan, Keagan Kang, Alistair Hendry and others, Animation, 99mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: G

The film recounts the adventure of Musa, a brave, thirteen-year-old shoe shiner, who makes a living under the pressure of poverty during World War II.

WOODY ALLEN FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 25 March, 8:00 pm:

- **BLUE JASMINE**

USA, 2013, Dir. Woody Allen w/ Cate Blanchet, Alec Baldwin, and others, Drama, 138mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

The movie works as a rather sobering character portrait, the inside track on a woman's life that's uprooted from the glamour of high society and forced into a lower class of people who see her more as an object and less an expensive work of art. The film follows her crumbling relationships and struggling slog through the world as it's lived near the bottom, a world where money can't solve everything, where living proves harder than simply putting it on the credit card and rubbing elbows with a who's who of big city socialites. The film excels with its visual simplicity and character complexities. The script is smart and witty but powerfully emotional in a rather subtle.

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

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Thanking You, MMC/CP Group (Account# 105106)

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We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Wednesdays 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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