

News & Notes

5th August 2017.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 709



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

The Ascent of the Sacrifice - 2 The Works of Love -The Works of Life (continued)

It is for this reason that Divine Love which is at the heart of all creation and the most powerful of all redeeming and creative forces has yet been the least frontally present in earthly life, the least successfully redemptive, the least creative. Human nature has been unable to bear it in its purity for the very reason that it is the most powerful, pure, rare and intense of all the divine energies; what little could be seized has been corrupted at once into a vital pietistic ardour, a defenceless religious or ethical sentimentalism, a sensuous or even sensual erotic mysticism of the roseate coloured mind or passionately turbid life-impulse and with these simulations compensated its inability to house the Mystic Flame that could rebuild the world with its tongues of sacrifice. It is only the inmost psychic being unveiled and emerging in its full power that can lead the pilgrim sacrifice unscathed through these ambushes and pitfalls; at each moment it catches, exposes, repels the mind's and the life's falsehoods, seizes hold on the truth of the Divine Love and Ananda and separates it from the excitement of the mind's ardours and the blind enthusiasms of the misleading life-force. But all things that are true at their core in mind and life and the physical being it extricates and takes with it in the journey till they stand on the heights, new in spirit and sublime in figure.

And yet even the leading of the inmost psychic being is not found sufficient until it has succeeded in raising itself out of this mass of inferior Nature to the highest spiritual levels and the divine spark and flame descended here have rejoined themselves to their original fiery Ether. For there is there no longer a spiritual consciousness still imperfect and half lost to itself in the thick sheaths of human mind, life and body, but the full spiritual consciousness in its purity, freedom and intense wideness. There, as it is the eternal Knower that becomes the Knower in us and mover and user of all knowledge, so it is the eternal All-Blissful who is the Adored attracting to himself the eternal divine portion of his being and joy that has gone out into the play of the universe, the infinite Lover pouring himself out in the multiplicity of his own manifested selves in a happy Oneness. All Beauty in the world is there the beauty of the Beloved, and all forms of beauty have to stand under the light of that eternal Beauty and submit themselves to the sublimating and transfiguring power of the unveiled Divine Perfection. All Bliss and Joy are there of the All-Blissful, and all inferior forms of enjoyment, happiness or pleasure are subjected to the shock of the intensity of its floods or currents and either they are broken to pieces as inadequate things under its convicting stress or compelled to transmute themselves into the forms of the Divine Ananda. Thus for the individual consciousness a Force is manifested which can deal sovereignly in it with the diminutions and degradations of the values of the Ignorance. At last it begins to be possible to bring down into life the immense reality and intense concreteness of the love and joy that are of the Eternal. Or at any rate it will be possible for our spiritual consciousness to raise itself out of mind into the supramental Light and Force and Vastness; there in the light and potency of the supramental Gnosis are the splendour and joy of a power of divine self-expression and self-organisation which could rescue and re-create even the world of the Ignorance into a figure of the Truth of the Spirit.

There in the supramental Gnosis is the fulfilment, the culminating height, the all-embracing extent of the inner adoration, the profound and integral union, the flaming wings of Love upbearing the power and joy of a supreme Knowledge. For supramental Love brings an active ecstasy that surpasses the void passive peace and stillness which is the heaven of the liberated Mind and does not betray the deeper greater calm which is the beginning of the supramental silence. The unity of a love which is able to include in itself all differences without being diminished or abrogated by their present limitations and apparent dissonances is raised to its full potentiality on the supramental level. For there an intense oneness with all creatures founded on a profound oneness of the soul with the Divine can harmonise with a play of relations that only makes the oneness more perfect and absolute. The power of Love supramentalised can take hold of all living relations without hesitation or danger and turn them Godwards delivered from their crude, mixed and petty human settings and sublimated into the happy material of a divine life. For it is the very nature of the supramental experience that it can perpetuate the play of difference without forfeiting or in the least diminishing either the divine union or the infinite oneness. For a supramentalised consciousness it would be utterly possible to embrace all contacts with men and the world in a purified flame-force and with a transfigured significance, because the soul would then perceive always as the object of all emotion and all seeking for love or beauty the One Eternal and could spiritually use a wide and liberated life-urge to meet and join with that One Divine in all things and all creatures.

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA, Chapter VI SRI AUROBINDO

The
Ponder
Corner

Love and Ananda are
the last word of being,
the secret of secrets,
the mystery of mysteries.
Sri Aurobindo
ref. The Synthesis of Yoga, Chapter VIII - The Mystery of Love, p.605

Working Committee report May, June, July 2017

The Working Committee was unable to publish monthly reports for the last three months because of the summer time, and being under-staffed throughout. We have instead prepared a combined report of updates for the months of May, June and July 2017.

The main issues dealt with during this time were:

1. **Governing Board:** New members of the Governing Board have been appointed by the HRD Ministry.
 - Dr. Karan Singh, M.P., (Rajya Sabha) as Chairman,
 - Shri. Rakesh Ranjan, I.A.S., Joint Secretary, (ICC, Planning & Monitoring), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, as Member (Ex-Officio),
 - Smt. Darshana M Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India, as Member (Ex-Officio),
 - Dr. Prema Nandakumar, as Member
 - Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Orissa, as Member
 - Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Director, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, as Member
 - Dr. Nirima Oza, Prof. Mahatma Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Dental Sciences, as Member

We have not been informed of the remaining two member appointments yet.
The next GB meeting is scheduled for the 12th, 13th of August, 2017.
2. **International Advisory Council:** The members of the IAC wrote a letter to the Auroville Community which was published via News and Notes, 15th July 2017, Number 706. Dr. Karan Singh's letter of appreciation, and on behalf of Auroville the Working Committee's letter of gratitude to the members, are published here for your reference: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/63805>. With regards to new members of the IAC, we have no news yet.
3. **Delhi visit:** Carel and Hemant for the WCom, Chali and Frederick for the 50th Team, along with Mr. Chunkath and MR. Srinivasmurthy for the AvF, paid a visit to Delhi, where they met with Dr. Karan Singh, and officials of the HRD Ministry. Main topics discussed were follow-ups on 1) 50th Celebration and Grants, 2) GB Agenda, 3) Regular Gol Grants for 2017/2018.
4. **50th Anniversary:** Preparations are on-going towards the expected visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during the Golden Jubilee week. Discussions with the TDC, the 50th team, and the Secretary, are on-going on improving the conditions of the existing access roads into Auroville (namely, the access that begins from Certitude, through the Solar Kitchen round-about, up till the Visitor's Centre).
5. **50th Anniversary Grant:** The HRD Ministry forwarded some questions of the Finance Department regarding the proposed 50th grant. The 50th core team, together with the Working Committee, has meanwhile sent a response to these questions. We await news on the total amount that may be sanctioned. In the meantime, the 50th core team continues to work on a basic celebration packet.
6. **Gol Regular Grant:** the final confirmation from the HRD Ministry for the extent of the grant available for the current financial year 2017-18 has arrived. The same as last year of Rs. 18 Crores has been sanctioned. There has not been an increase as proposed by us for Rs. 23Crore. Nor has there been the usual annual increase which is expected every year. The Utilisation Certificates for GOL grant 2016-17 from all of the recipient units were received on time and have been submitted to the Auroville Foundation. We thank you for your dedicated efforts.

7. **Aadhaar camp:** We received appreciation from many Aurovilians for having arranged the Aadhaar Camp in April and have been requested to arrange another one. We will soon arrange a second one and inform the community about it.
8. **Visa Issues:** We are continuing our efforts to resolve and improve understanding and compliance of Visa regulations. The RRO has pointed out possible misuse of some tourist and business visas, and that some C-Forms have entered wrong data. We have asked all our guest facilities to verify information while filling out C-Forms. All who host foreign guests, are to ensure that C-Forms are filled timely and that the data entered is factual. The RRO is at liberty to make visits to question guests, even residents.
9. **GST - jointly with the FAMC:** a sub-group has been formed consisting of members of the FAMC, WCom and auditors. This group will look into the impact of GST on Auroville. The community will be informed about the findings as soon as clarity is established.
10. **Name and Symbol of Auroville:** Did you know the Auroville name and symbol are legally protected? This is a request to all residents of Auroville to inform themselves of the protection and comply. Please also ensure that anyone you associate with, in the region, in the state, in the country or otherwise, is well informed of the same. Click the link to know more <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4095>. For any queries please contact: nasa@auroville.org.in
11. **New executives Matrimandir - jointly with AVC:** The new executives are going to assume their official role effective 1st August, 2017. During the months of May, June and July, the AvC and the WCom, along with facilitators Manas and Leena, designed a transition plan and met with the MM team (incoming team, current executives and coordinators) on several occasions. A report of the same will be shared with the community next month.
12. **Entry - jointly with the AVC, Entry service and the ETG:** The draft Entry Policy 2017 was published for feedback on July 7th, 2017. The feedback period came to an end on July 21st, 2017. Elsewhere in this issue of the News and Notes, you will find an announcement leading you to the compiled list of feedback collected from the community, and the next steps towards the ratification process.
13. **Selection process of the WCom:** It is that time of the year for selection of members of various working groups. For the WCom, please note that the outgoing members are Carel, Angela and Ranjithkumar. Even though they are ending their first three-year term, according to the community's policy, they are still eligible for renomination for the WCom for another term, or for nomination for the other working groups.
14. **B-Forms clarification:** Please be reminded that the date of signing the B-Form is the official date when a Newcomer status changes to Aurovilian status. Upon signing the B-Form, one is eligible to partake and participate in community processes as any Aurovilian, irrespective of the fact whether one has met with the Secretary, AvF, or not.

ON-GOING ISSUES:

During the months of May, June and July, much time went into discussions on the following issues, which we hope to complete soon:

15. Annual reports
16. TDC new mandate - jointly with the AVC
17. Code of Conduct Trusts-Units - jointly with the FAMC
18. Work of sea erosion control on Samuthira beach
19. Works Manual
20. Facilitating the entry of young people in Auroville - a second meeting will be called soon
21. Safety and Security matters - jointly with the AVSST

The Working Committee (Angela, Carel, Hemant, Inge, Kumar, Mandakini, Ranjithkumar)

Entry Policy 2017 (draft) and the Feedback received from the Community

Dear Community,

The draft Entry Policy 2017 was published for feedback on July 7th, 2017. The feedback period came to an end on July 21st, 2017.

Please click here to refer to the feedback received: <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/64075>

Please note:

- 141 submissions were received. The % shown in charts are based on the submissions received.
- While you read through the document, you are to refer to the Draft Entry Policy for the relevant text / section in question. (also accessible through the link above)
- Currently the integration of this feedback is in process by the ETG, AvC and WCom.
- The revised and integrated version of the Draft Entry Policy will be shared with you later this month.

Thank you for all your inputs and feedback.

With regards,

The Auroville Council, the Working Committee and the Entry Task Group.

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

Introduction to the document "Code of Conduct"

The Code of Conduct is a revision of the current 'Guidelines for Commercial Trusts and Units of the Auroville Foundation' (Guidelines) that were developed collaboratively by the FAMC and Auroville Board of Commerce (ABC) before being passed by the former Governing Board (GB) in August 2014. Some amendments to the Guidelines were deemed necessary and in February 2016 a proposed revision, referred to as 'Regulations', was presented to the GB, however no decision was made. Then Mr. Chunkath, Secretary, Auroville Foundation, was appointed in June 2016 and in August 2016 he was asked by the GB to review the proposed Regulations.

A first draft Code of Conduct document was submitted to the Working Committee (Wcom) in February 2017, who passed it to the FAMC. Starting in February, a subgroup of the Wcom and FAMC made some revisions while at the same time requested input from both the ABC and the Auroville Board of Services (ABS). In general the document has support of both the ABC and ABS with one notable exception: in the Guidelines the ABC had a clearly defined recommendation role that was not proposed in the first draft Code of Conduct.

Over the last several weeks members of the Wcom, FAMC and ABC have discussed how to move forward together. A relevant clause (section 4) has recently been added.

The salient changes are:

- A. Clarity of the trustees of a Trust role and responsibilities
- B. Clarity of the expectations of the unit executives
- C. Financial accountability details
- D. Creation of advisory Intermediary Bodies (section 4)

This document is supported by us because it is our sincere aim to increase unit executives' and Trust trustees' knowledge about what is expected and can be expected in many circumstances (ie fiscal responsibility and accountability, appointments, creation of new units, reappointments, and closure of a unit in full transparency).

From our point of view Auroville in general, and FAMC and the Working Committee in particular, has a dual function of both serving the community and being responsible to our host country, India, vis-a-vis the Auroville Foundation. We believe the Code of Conduct captures this responsibility.

The Code of Conduct document is being presented to the Governing Board during their meeting on 13 - 14 August.

Thank you for visiting the AuroNet to peruse the entire document, as it is 17 pages with appendices and we could not print it in the News & Notes.

In community,

Amy, Bindu, Chali, Chandresh, Lyle, Prabhu, Ulli and Yuval (FAMC)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SRI AUROBINDO'S ROOM DARSHAN on 15th AUGUST 2017



Tokens for Darshan will be registered on:

Days: Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th August

Timings: 9 am - 12.30 pm and 3 pm - 6 pm

At: PITANGA, Samasti.

This is a service for Aurovilians & Newcomers only.

We inform you dear friends that we are not taking requests by mail. (Sorry for the inconvenience)

So to register your name(s) for Sri Aurobindo's Darshan tokens, we invite you to come or send someone to Pitanga with a requesting note. We will do our best for your requirements.

Registration on phone will be taken only for people who are sick or not mobile.

Collection of tokens will be on Saturday 12th and Monday 14th at Pitanga from 9-12.30 pm and 3- 6 pm

Darshan timings: The tokens given by the Ashram enables you to go for Darshan usually between 12 noon and 6 pm with the limit of 24 persons per slot. The time slot 3.30 - 4 pm is reserved for Aurovilians taking the bus.

Transport: The bus will start from Matrimandir at 3 pm following the usual route and coming back to Auroville at 6 pm. The trip is restricted to those who are going for the Darshan. Please check on N&N the Darshan Bus Information

Reminder from the Ashram:

Auroville will not be granted extra tokens, beyond the 288 tokens provided in the regular 12 time slots.

Reminder from us:

There are four ways to go to Sri Aurobindo's Room or Mother's Room without a token on Darshan days.

1. You may join the queue of devotees at 5-6 pm on the previous day, spend the night waiting on the street and enter the Ashram compound for Darshan from 9 am onwards.
2. You may go on the day itself, join the queue between 3 and 6 am.
3. You may go in the morning of the Darshan day and get your token at the Ashram. In this case you will probably need to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.
4. You may join the queue on Darshan day before 5 pm as the queue is generally over between 5 to 6 pm.

Pitanga: Kumar, Mallika, Meha

From Housing Service

Dear Communities of Auroville,

As you are aware we have an acute shortage of houses for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers and we are at a point when as a housing group we find it difficult to remedy this situation without the active collaboration and co-operation of our communities. We therefore appeal to you to get back to Housing Service (contact: Svenja, housing@auroville.org.in) if you have the following in your community to convert into living

spaces for house-sitting arrangements for those in need of housing.

- 1) A garage or store room that can be changed into a living space.
- 2) Under-utilized community kitchen spaces, a part of which can be converted into living spaces.
- 3) Under-utilized or locked living spaces without any house sitter.
- 4) An independent room attached to your living space which can be offered to house sitters.
- 5) Space in your community where a single incremental housing can be created/constructed for a person or a family. (Housing will remain the steward of such assets and they will be given for house-sitting or they could be given for stewardship only upon the approval of the respective community)

We really need the proactive participation of our communities to help resolve the housing situation. We have 130(?) communities. Can you imagine how many housing solutions we can have if all the communities come forward with any one of the above or any other innovative solutions to help create housing for all?

In your next community meeting please consider this request and get back to us as soon as possible.

Awaiting your early response with photos if possible.

Warm regards,

The Housing Board / The Housing Service - Supported by AVC, FAMC, WC, ITDC

Houses available for transfer

Surrender - Surya House: Area 88.53 Sqm. Double storied RCC framed structure Residential building with Brick walls exposed and plastered in cement mortar, RCC flat roofing consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bedroom & Toilet with inner wooden stair. Community Sharing for Parking lot. Available in July 2018

Gaia's Garden - Rene & Nelly House: Area 292.77 Sqm. Double Storied Ground floor Load Bearing Structure and first and second floor R.c.c Framed structure Residential building with Brick walls un-plastered, Ferro cement and R.c.c roofing with

covered R.C.C roof consisting of front verandah, living cum Kitchen, Bedrooms & Toilet with wooden stair and Open portico.

Promesse - Velu & Suguna House: Area 72.33 Sqm. Single standing house residential building with inner and outer plaster brick wall, RCC roofing with covered for front verandah, living cum Kitchen Bedroom & Toilet. Suitable for Family.

For more information contact: Housing Service (Town Hall) - Phone; (0413) 2622658 / e-mail: housing@auroville.org.in

Housing Project under construction:

Kalpana: 17 apartments of different size available. Studio - 6 1 BHK - 7 2 BHK - 2 3 BHK - 2

Will be ready 30th June 2018.

Contact Person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

Satyakam is available on the site on: Thursday: 3 pm to 5.30 pm / 1st and 3rd Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm. Surya is available the second and fourth Saturday

Auromodele Orchard - Several houses are still to be built. Will be ready in 2018.

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

From the Entry Service - N&N #709 Dated 05-08-2017

Our team is happy to confirm the following person as AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

We will wait for your feedback within one month. Send your feedback to: entryservice@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE YOUTH TURNED 18:

Camilla TROMBETTA (Italian) Staying in Transformation and working at Linea Dental.

B-Forms and Recommendation letters: on appointment only.

The Entry Service is open to the public Monday, and Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.

Wednesday and Thursday for Interview by appointment only.

At your service,

The Entry Service Team

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Temporary European House in the International Zone

Dear Friends,

Last April, the International Zone Coordination Team invited you to a meeting in order to build a team for supporting the project to build a Temporary European House. A dozen people responded to the invitation and came to share with the IZCT at the Unity Pavilion. At the meeting we outlined new plans for the temporary structure to be built, and discussed its purpose and manifestation.

Our friends of the various European pavilion groups and AVI's have collected nearly Rs10 Lakhs for the project that we hope will be inaugurated on the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of Auroville, this coming February 2018.

The purpose of the Temporary European House is not to replace the national pavilions, which are intended to manifest the soul of each nation, but to provide a meeting place for the people of Europe and a focal point for the manifestation of those national pavilions. Despite its problems, Europe is today a reality and we are more than 1000 European people in Auroville today.

We invite you to participate in this project, and for those who wish to participate physically, we are cleaning the ground this coming Thursday, August the 4th at 2 pm, inside the fence of the International House.

For those who have ideas to develop the future activities of the Temporary European House, please contact us at: european-pavilion@auroville.org.in

We are still in need of more funds for the project, as costs have increased considerably since our first estimate. For those who can help us financially, here is a financial account No 251207. Any contributions would be very welcome.

Thank you, Merci, Danke, благодаря, Tak, Kiitos, Gracias, tapadh leibh, diolch i chi, σας ευχαριστώ, köszönöm, go raibh maith agat, grazie, Dankjewel, takk, obrigado, mulțumesc, tack, děkuji,

Denis (Project Manager)

Auroville OutreachMedia



Announces its new website. It aspires to be a platform dedicated to the media regularly updated with relevant content about Auroville. Media will be able to use the material provided such as articles, videos clips, pictures and info graphics.

It will also serve to inform about the 50th Anniversary program and all related events.

You like writing article? Catching images of an event? Or creating a clip? Contact us and be part of the publishing team of this new website occasionally or a regular basis. Anyone who has skills with writing articles or would like to learn is invited to join. For more details please contact *Fabienne* #9443602194 or email on outreachmedia@auroville.org.in

Giving/Exchanging Things at the Auroville Library of Things (ALoT)



Join us in celebrating abundance and generosity at the Auroville Library of Things (ALoT). Bring a thing or two to share and find something that you may need!

Let us reach into our homes, closets and shelves for things that are not being used to their full capacity.

And THINGS can be toys, kitchenware, tools, travel gear, hiking gear and cycle equipment.

Juice will be served

Timings: Saturday, 5th August from 4 pm onwards / Location: Container Opposite PTDC

"There is a deep need to reevaluate the relationship that humans share with the environment which is directly related to patterns of consumption. We tend to own "things" that we think we need, which ultimately sit in the back of our closets and catch dust. The idea is to set these things in motion so that they may then reside in a space of dynamic accessibility as opposed to static ownership. Considerable informal sharing already happens in Auroville, but there is a need for a systematic organization in order to truly enable its manifestation. The proposed space for this is the Auroville Library of Things (ALoT) that will facilitate sharing in the community. A space that will reverberate with generosity, abundance and the pure joy that comes from sharing"

ECO TALK

Dear All,

We all produce waste, and throw it in the bin. There has been a big improvement in the sorting of your waste, but things can

still be improved by feeling responsible, refining and adding little habits to your daily gestures. Eco Service is collecting waste from 330 points and is sorting approximately 7 to 10 tons of waste every month. Unfortunately we have to put 24 % of it in the landfill. This can easily be reduced with your help.

We request you to please:

- Wash the plastic bags before throwing them into the bin (cheese, milk, curd plastic bags).

- Empty your jars and rinse them clean. It only takes a short time per jar but very long for tons of them.

- Throw the gray bakery paper in your organic (compost) waste bin, it quickly and naturally decomposes and becomes compost with the rest of your organic waste.

On our side we have been finding solutions for recycling as much as possible, and managed to reduce the landfill material by maximizing categories of segregation (more than 60 different categories).

But we are still unable to find solutions for the tetra packs, or for all the plastic wrapping that has shiny silver finish inside (biscuit packets, chips packets etc...). Please try to minimize your consumption of those products and discover existing alternative options.

Together we can work towards a cleaner Auroville, and a cleaner planet. Let's do it!

The Ecoservice Team.

House of Mother's Agenda

For your information: We confirm that Mr Claude de Warren will be permanently present at the House of Mother's Agenda on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am to 12 am, starting 4th August 2017. In the Joy of Service, GangaLakshmi (House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan)

POSTINGS

New Yoga hall/Multipurpose hall and Spa facilities in Srīma: A new yoga hall/multipurpose hall for seminars, workshops, conferences to seat approximately 50 persons available in Srīma. Also Moroccan style spa with adjustable massage beds/high quality linen, Jacuzzi and bathtub available for therapists by the hour. Workshops packages with food and rooms also possible. For more information, please write to : tantofarbeach@gmail.com

No hair-cutting: Hello everyone, I'm sorry to inform you I am still not able to work at the moment as I have an arm injury. It's slowly getting better but sadly I don't know exactly when I can start again. I will keep you all informed as to when I will be back at work. Have a nice day, *Mimi*

Creative Expressions: "Creative Expressions" is a large format coffee table book, portraying the arts and crafts of Auroville. Auroville Consulting's core team member and photographer, Vimal Bhojraj conceptualised the book, to bring out the beauty and essence of each product and its creation. Using photographs and poems, the book aims to permeate the viewer with a feel of Auroville, as well as the motivating force driving the activities taking place in Auroville. This is a welcome invitation to delve into the limitless arts and craft in Auroville, of 30 different artists and craftsmen of woodwork, paintings, sculptures, ceramics, garments & accessories, and decoration items to name a few. Vimal displays these not only as commercially viable products, also but highlights the spirit behind them, with sensibility and poetry. Copies are available at Auroville.com - Auroville Consulting

Film Making Apprenticeship (NoSchool Prod.): Dear fellow Aurovilians, since the last school year we have started a film making apprenticeship program with a few students, as a trial. Thanks to the support of SAIER, we are now ready to welcome and open the program to new students for this new school year. This program is for pre-adults and adults. The student should have a project for a film. This is an individual tuition, the course of study is done depending on the student needs and his/her project. The schedule is designed based on those parameters and also on other activities that the student may have elsewhere. To know more about it, contact *Claire and RV* by phone: 2623197 or by email: aurovillepictures@gmail.com

Water Words: Let's talk: It's time to talk about water. And not just talk, but hopefully also like good art move you to reflect, inspire, act. Introducing a new column to N&N/Auronet: Water Words. These short blurbs will include info and clarifications, water saving tips, good news and more. Although we considered it, we won't engage in public shaming of those who waste water (though remember: we see you). We aim to balance honesty with hope when discussing the water situation - and again, with a healthy dose of inspiration toward action. We'll also try to be consistent, adjusting to maternity leave, the Auroexodus and general inertia, to deliver this to you with some regularity. Help us out! If there's a topic you think we should cover, get in touch. Or, if you're a young person, you have a special invitation to submit your Water Words to us and we will reflect them back to the community. *Water Group* [watergroup@auroville.org.in]

AVAILABLE

A king-size mattress: Hardly used, is available for sale. Please contact *Mechtila*, mobile 9787626452

Flea market at Jinhee's house: Where: ground floor in Progress community(Progress is one building community between Luminosity and Prarthna) / When : 6th of August

(Sun.) 1-6 pm / What: A fancy mountain cycle(M size, 5 years old), a Rockrider cycle (size for 7-11 years old kids, cycle itself 5 years old), a medium size fridge(Samsung, 8 years old), two antique rosewood deck chairs, an antique 7drawers desk, two (traditional) pickling jars, two wall mirrors in antique frames, a 22" monitor(LG patron E2240, 6 years old but very good

condition), a HP laserjet printer(Black&white, 4 years old) and a desktop computer box(with power). More information, call me at 9489823112 (*Jinhee*).

A white bicycle with gears: In good condition - For more info call me 915-905-2743 or email: olesya@auroville.org.in - *Olesya*

Bed, bike etc: Colonial queen size bed: Electrical Yo bike without battery, Very simple men's cycle, window ac - With love and gratitude, *Prem Shakti*: premsakti@auroville.org.in

Tamarind Bakery's cookies in Pour Tous: A range of Tamarind's cookies are now available in Pour Tous, Aspiration.

A taste for every palate, including vegan and gluten free varieties. Baked in our wood fired ovens, using organic ingredients, offered to you in recyclable packaging...BON APETIT!

3 kittens: 8 weeks young on 1/8: litter-box trained, eating Purepet kitten food, dog-friendly, roaming outdoors already. Two boys and one girl. Each precious and sweet. Wanna meet 'um? Email me: *Amy*: amy@auroville.org.in



LOOKING FOR ...

Second hand Laptop: If you have one in workable condition that you'd like to sell please message or What's App me at 9443035469 - Thanks, *Elizabeth*

Bamboo poles: I would like to acquire fifty yellow bamboo poles, ranging from 5cm to 10cm in diameter, and 2.75 meters long. I would like them to be as straight as possible. I would like for them to have been cut recently. I do not need to acquire them all from one source, so if you have at least ten of the above, please contact me and we will come to an agreement befitting all parties. Thanking you, *Francis*: 9486536586

Unicorn / Activa: Hello! We are looking for a second hand Unicorn motorbike and a second hand Activa scooter to buy. Please, write to merianichiar@gmail.com - Thanks! *Chiara & Jan*

French native young woman: My daughter Asia which at present studies at Transition school (5th grade) needs someone who would like to support her French studies. Once a week for 1 hour - preferably Thursdays afternoons after school time 4.30

to 5.30 pm. I can offer a contribution, many thanks. Please call *Bebe* 8940557864 or email Lifepure41@gmail.com

A bicycle: Dear Aurovilians, I am looking for a second hand bicycle for me, but at the moment I have not found anything affordable. So, if you just in case have a bicycle you don't use... what about lending it to me for some time? I could give you some contribution or give you back as "exchange" some hours of my time (a few hours of babysitting, help for some event or activity... whatever!!) Every kind of bike is ok, Indian style too :). Please, contact me at: merianichiar@gmail.com or 8270599656 - Thanks from my heart, *Chiara*

Teachers: New Colors is looking for Newcomers, Volunteers and teachers to teach and play in the Kindergarten at Edayanchavady. Contact: newcolors2002@gmail.com / Cell No: 9865444472 - Regards, *Renana*

Cycle: I am looking for a 2nd hand ("pre loved") large frame cycle with broad tyres and less gears (3 is enough) for intense daily use. If you have one that you don't use very often or know anyone who has one they might be willing to part with, please let me know. Thanks! (Gijs@auroville.org.in) - *Gijs*

THANK YOU

Dear Puncture Service

I think you need to change your name to the Puncture Ninjas. We didn't see you, we didn't hear you. One minute our Humvee had a puncture and the next minute it was fixed. You guys are great!

Very many thanks, *Matthew & Yangmi*

Sustainable Livelihood Institute

The Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI) would like to thank all who attended the seed festival on Wednesday, 26th July 2017 at our campus, and helped make it a huge success! The event had an overall turn out of over 600 visitors, including more than hundred from Auroville.

We would like to especially thank Mr. Mohan Verghese Chunkath, Auroville secretary, for his support; for gracing our campus with his presence and inaugurating the festival.

We were very touched by the response from the farming community of Auroville and the bio-region and grateful to everyone who came with curiosity and an openness to share their own experience, knowledge, and questions about traditional seeds. Thank you for supporting the stall holders by buying seeds and being curious about their respective projects. They are all trailblazers in Tamil Nadu who are committed to the cause of conserving traditional seeds and thereby maintain freedom.

There were 19 stalls set up by seed savers and supporters of traditional organic agriculture in Tamil Nadu. Together, they

sold approximately 5 kilograms of seeds. The combined revenue of the stalls on the day was over Rs. 35,000 rupees. The different varieties of seeds available for sale at the Seed Festival comprised of 75 different vegetables, 10 - 15 different pulses, 25 varieties of greens, 20 varieties of Paddy and Millet crops. Over 300 varieties of Paddy seeds were on display.

Five schools from around Auroville attended the festival, bringing students who learnt to make seed balls, got to learn about traditional seeds and attended talks about the diversity in the bio-region, including the flora and fauna, well presented by the team from Pitchandikulam Forest.

Prominent farmers from Auroville who have been faculty for various SLI programmes were honoured at the festival - Murugan from Discipline farm, Herbert from Siddhartha farm, Eric from pebble garden, Aravind and Jasmin from Auro-orchard and Juan from Terrasoul.

Our herbal tea and varagu biryani (recipes available on request) were a big hit!

All of you have given us hope for the future of our planet with your interest in traditional seeds and what it means for the Earth. Once again, we thank you for making with event as beautiful as it was and monumental for SLI. We hope to make this an annual event.

Please find more details in our website tnavli.in and many photos on our FB page @sustainable livelihood institute.

For more details about SLI, please write to: sliauroville.org.in

A P P E A L

Auroville Cleanup Group

The Auroville Cleanup Group has been doing some cleanup for more than 15 years. We do cleanups every Sunday from 4 pm onwards. Those who are interested are always welcome to join us. We also need help from the community with any gloves, garbage picking sticks, garbage collecting sacks or any other

material which can be used for cleanup - to give away or donate. Please call 9443349444 (*Anandh*) to pick up or Mail to: avcleanupgroup@auroville.org.in.

Our Account number: 102331

Thank you, *Avcleanup group*

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1: Looking for a house-sitting starting early September - late September. My name is Malcolm and I am a volunteer. Contact me at: sumtinels@gmail.com / Ph: 91 90801 59721 / whatsapp: 1 718 902 4295 - Thanks.

TAXI SHARING

Please note that there is a new Auroville service of taxi sharing available with STS at: <http://sharedtransport.auroville.org/>

August 6th: Leaving Auroville 5.30 pm to reach Chennai airport at 8.30 pm on Sunday August 6. Please contact *Lesley* on 9488373747 or lesleybra@yahoo.com

August 7th: Taxi share to Chennai Airport - Taxi leaving Auroville (Prarthna) on Monday 7 August at 02:00 am - Contact *Swar:* 9486749317

August 10th: Thursday - from Chennai Airport, coming back to Auroville - My plane lands at 5:05 am - Places available both ways. Contact *Antoine:* antoine@auroville.org.in

August 20th: Auroville to Chennai, 20th of August at 3.10 pm - Contact *Sergey:* sergev@auroville.org.in , +91 94434 90153

August 26th: Hi! I will arrive at Chennai airport from Paris the 26th of August at 2.30 pm. If you are interested to share a car this day, let me know by email please: moeglelison@gmail.com
Lison

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Caretaker wanted for Lilaloka!

Dear friends,
Lilaloka is in search of a new caretaker, as Rajan (our caretaker for the past 5 years) is leaving us in order to be full-time on his own project (*Brahmanaspati Kshetram* Center in Edayanchavadi). We need someone from beginning of September.

Job description:

- Taking care of the land, nursery, fences.
- Administration (following up with accountant, financial service, SAIER: 20 % of the time), running errands.
- Taking care of small repairs (water, electricity, small masonry...) and supervising all works pertaining to land and infrastructure. In the future: coordinating cleaning ladies.
- Preparation of events, classes (renting chairs, providing drinking water, donations sheets...).

Profile and competences:

- We are searching for an Aurovillian, someone who also would be ready and happy to live on the land in very simple conditions to start with (beautiful atmosphere, water, electricity and a hut).
- Young and dynamic, physically in good shape.
- Tamil speaking, consistent and regular in the work (presence on the land required), basic use of computer skills (mails).
- Loves the project Lilaloka ☺ (www.lilaloka.org), loves children and nature.

Aurovillian maintenance is available. Hoping to find Lilaloka's care-taker for the years to come!

If you think this job is for you, write to lilaloka@auroville.org.in, or call Lise (0413)2623407 or Anna 9943528729 during the day (8 am to 5 pm), preferably not on week-ends.

Lise (ex-Yvelise) and Anna for Lilaloka

Aurovillian with interest in education

The Scholarship & Educational Fund (SEF), a unit under SAIER, is looking for an Aurovillian with interest in education (formal and informal) and preferably below 30 yrs of age:

- 1) To take up an evaluation of the first nine years of the SEF's existence and beneficiaries: funds distributed, studies completed, work activities of beneficiaries: employment outside Auroville, work within Auroville etc.
- 2) Based on the assessment of the early beneficiaries to follow up on loan repayment;
- 3) To help with other administrative aspects of SEF work, including meetings and correspondence with applicants for support.

Half a maintenance is available.

For more details and a personal meeting please write to: scholarshipfund@auroville.org.in or phone to 2622469 (Lucas / EcoPro office).

Thank you, *the current SEF team (Auralice, Chali, Davaselvi, Devi, Lucas, Palani, and Suryagandhi)*

PTDC Milk Pasteurisation Project

Requiring someone to oversee the current milk pasteurisation project at PTDC for up to 3 months, starting mid-August 2017.

The position entails 3 hours' work per day - Monday to Saturday afternoons, and comes with a half maintenance. The job is fairly routine and not technically challenging, but requires daily commitment.

Anyone interested please contact Greg as soon as possible on email: greg@auroville.org.in or mobile: 890-3980942 to set up a time to meet and discuss the opportunity. There is also the possibility of full-time work starting early 2018"

50 Years Of Auroville's History in Images

We are looking for someone's help half or full time to scan old photos from Auroville - half or full time for a few months.

Basic knowledge of computer is necessary + sense of organization and meticulousness; we provide scanner technics training.

Contact *Olivier:* olivierbarot@auroville.org.in (9999386020) or *Rakhal:* rakhal@auroville.org.in (9488483485)

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

Our live streaming can be heard on <http://radio.garden/live/villupuram/auroville-radio/>

From our volunteers and internship students we

have:

Internship *Ishana* shares [Rahindranath Tagore's Namashkar](#), and [SLI Seed Festival Interview](#). Her internship has finished, and her contribution with amazing team work are deeply appreciated. Volunteer *Kshithij* recorded [Solar Energy](#) presentation at CSR.

Future School student *Surya*, along with *Kenden* made an interesting [Vox Pop on Music](#).

Circe talks about her life in Auroville in interview - [The Land under the Skin](#).

Within our regular programs:

Gangalakshmi reads her [Selections](#) of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!

Marlenka continues with [Synthesis of Yoga](#).

Out of the regular programs are here the news of [Thursday](#), and [Monday](#).

Music, music, music....Ishana shares her choice in [Sympathique](#), Circe her eclectic [Mix of World Music](#), Surya shares rock playlist [Rock 'n' Roll!](#), K continues with his choice of bits -[Beats by K#2](#). For lovers of European classical music we have this week Vaidyanath's two playlists - [Inspirational light Classical](#), and

[Classical Treats](#). We also have [Latino Lounge](#), and jazz funk mix [Swahililand](#).
Happy listening,
Your AV Radio Team [www.aurovilleradio.org]

S P O R T S



AUROVILLE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2017

Where:
Certitude Badminton Court

When:
Starts from Wednesday 9th of August
Finals on 19th of August 2017

Categories:
Sub Junior Boys Doubles (Under 12)
Sub Junior Girls Doubles
Junior Girls Doubles
Junior Boys Doubles
Women's Doubles
Men's Doubles

Last Day of Registration
Monday 7th of August 2017

For Registration Contact
975111 0018 / 94436 17098 / 94430 01761 / 94435 35172

AUROVILLE BASKET BALL LEAGUE INDEPENDENCE CUP 2017

	SENIORS	SENIOR GIRLS	JUNIOR BOYS	SUB JUNIOR BOYS	
	AUROVILLE	RED DIAMONDS	DIAMOND ARROWS	LOTUS	
	FRATERNITY	BLUE DIAMONDS	GOLDEN ARROWS	AUROVILLE	
	NEW CREATION	WHITE DIAMONDS	SILVER ARROWS		
	CERTITUDE			SUBJUNIOR GIRLS	
	BLUE STAR			AUROVILLE	
	ASPIRATION			LOTUS	
	LOTUS				
1	05/08/2017 (SAT)	AUROVILLE	VS	BLUE STAR	SENIORS 4 P.M.
2		ASPIRATION	VS	FRATERNITY	SENIORS 5 P.M.
3		LOTUS	VS	NEW CREATION	SENIORS 6 P.M.
4	06/08/2017 (SUN)	ASPIRATION	VS	BLUE STAR	SENIORS 6 A.M.
5		LOTUS	VS	CERTITUDE	SENIORS 7 A.M.
6		FRATERNITY	VS	CERTITUDE	SENIORS 4 P.M.
7		NEW CREATION	VS	ASPIRATION	SENIORS 5 P.M.
8		AUROVILLE	VS	LOTUS	SENIORS 6 P.M.
9	07/08/2017 (MON)	AUROVILLE	VS	ASPIRATION	SENIORS 4 P.M.
10		CERTITUDE	VS	BLUE STAR	SENIORS 5 P.M.
11	08/08/2017 (TUE)	BLUE STAR	VS	LOTUS	SENIORS 4 P.M.
12		NEW CREATION	VS	FRATERNITY	SENIORS 5 P.M.
13	09/08/2017 (WED)	AUROVILLE	VS	FRATERNITY	SENIORS 4 P.M.
14		ASPIRATION	VS	CERTITUDE	SENIORS 5 P.M.
15	10/08/2017 (THUR)	FRATERNITY	VS	LOTUS	SENIORS 4 P.M.
16		BLUE STAR	VS	NEW CREATION	SENIORS 5 P.M.
17	11/08/2017 (FRI)	ASPIRATION	VS	LOTUS	SENIORS 4 P.M.
18		AUROVILLE	VS	CERTITUDE	SENIORS 5 P.M.
19	12/08/2017 (SAT)	AUROVILLE	VS	LOTUS	SUB JUNIOR BOYS 4 P.M.
20		AUROVILLE	VS	NEW CREATION	SENIORS 5 P.M.
21		GOLDEN ARROWS	VS	SILVER ARROWS	JUNIOR BOYS 6 P.M.
22	13/08/2017 (SUN)	SILVER ARROWS	VS	DIAMOND ARROWS	JUNIOR BOYS 6 A.M.
23		RED DIAMONDS	VS	BLUE DIAMONDS	SENIOR GIRLS 7 A.M.
24		AUROVILLE	VS	LOTUS	SUB JUNIOR GIRLS 4 P.M.
25		CERTITUDE	VS	NEW CREATION	SENIORS 5 P.M.
26		FRATERNITY	VS	BLUE STAR	SENIORS 6 P.M.
27	14/08/2017 (MON)	GOLDEN ARROWS	VS	DIAMOND ARROWS	JUNIOR BOYS 4 P.M.
28				SEMI FINAL 1	SENIORS 5 P.M.
29	15/08/2017 (TUES)	BLUE DIAMONDS	VS	WHITE DIAMONDS	SENIOR GIRLS 6 A.M.
30				SEMI FINAL 2	SENIORS 7 A.M.
31		RED DIAMONDS	VS	WHITE DIAMONDS	SENIOR GIRLS 4 P.M.
32				FINALS	SENIORS 5 P.M.

Notes

An open letter to Luciano



Thanks for having been with us at the beginning of Realization dear Luciano. In this red desert space with five simple cozy houses, just four women and you. No green, no trees, no good water, no fence, no place for the garbage, you made it!

Always smiling and with a solution and the necessary action. We used to call you all the time, and always the same attitude... a real Aurovilian, Luciano. We have learnt a lot from you.

First, the collective things, after the personal needs... You did not make anything in your house till it was done for everybody. And when there was not enough money for buying Community's things, we knew you were there to give the necessary in order to get them.

No words for expressing the gratitude for your presence here and the best for the next experience to be done.

Always with you on Her Dream.
Anandi - Realization-

When art changes your life

Anything can change your life, and in that sense, art is a powerful tool, as it is everywhere these days.

In Auroville, Southern India, 15-year old Aloe watches a movie about world famous photographer Sebastao Salgado at Cinema Paradiso with her parents and younger brother. Although the individual portrayed in the movie is from a different place and time, he has much to say to young Aloe who is mesmerised. A couple of years later, she takes online classes in Journalism from Berkeley University. Because art is everywhere, it does not mean it is well noticed and integrated. But when it touches us in a subtle way, it can open doors to sparks and acts of achievement.

This is the purpose of Centre d'Art, an elegant building located in the Citadines community. Created and founded by the photographer Dominique Darr who passed away last December, and adorned by the sculptures of the late architect and aesthete Roger Anger, Centre d'Art is first and foremost about beauty.

But the manifestation of beauty is not enough; it reaches its true purpose if it triggers a response of the audience. So if Centre d'Art started as a gallery, it is slowly evolving to much more than that, meaning it is transforming to what Dominique Darr wanted it to be....a real Art Center.

First, it will not only continue to cater to Aurovilian artists with their ongoing works, but also to national and international artists, in an equal ratio. But through the usual static aspect, it will also involve a dynamic element. Instead of transporting audiences to faraway places, Centre d'Art, in collaboration with the artists, will develop programs and workshops that address the local needs in Auroville, especially concerning education.

Education both for the young and the young at heart is one of the best ways to give to the community. Teaching artists have high expectations and give both student and teachers numerous opportunities to reflect on the world and improve it.

This new season in Centre d'Art already promises to be interesting in its metamorphosis aspect, with new exhibits from local Aurovilians mixed with workshops, but also with the presence of two well-known and impressive national and international artists.

In this perspective, it could play a critical role in the development of art in Auroville, and it could also involve new audiences by developing non-traditional scenes, one of the main example this year being the venue of Auroville film festival in December.

The spotlight will be on movies and Kino Kabaret, but it will also intermingle with touching and non-conformist local art, the whole setting promising to be the center stage of an explosive stimuli to mind and emotions.

Centre d'Art or Cinema Paradiso, cinema, photography, painting or pottery....when you allow individuals the opportunity to experience art and experience themselves in the act of making art as well, that's how you really transform life and the world.

Chana Corinne Devor for AVArts.

The Talking Spiders

"A wolf spider crab species has been named after Aragog - a giant talking arachnid from J.K.Rowling's popular fantasy Harry Potter series. Researchers named the newfound spider "Lycosa aragogi" which has a one-inch-long body" (The Hindu, 10.7.17, p.18).

All nature is talking including spiders. There is a social spider *Stegodyphus sarasinorum* in Auroville. It said:"2015 was a very rainy year. The insects and spiders were unhappy. But 2016, 2017 years are dry and hot - it is favorable for the tiny creatures in the city". In our ecosystem there are many arachnid species. But the social spider is unique. Of course it has eight legs and a predator behavior like other spiders; But only one species of spider prefers to live in family and colony.

In Aspiration community this July there was an enormous society of social spiders. It is located under a gigantic Peepal tree (or Boddhi tree, Buddha tree or *Ficus religiosa* in Latin). Once I visited the Boddhigaya in Bihar State. The Lord Buddha received enlightenment in Boddhigaya under the Peepal tree. Now many Buddhist monasteries are in Boddhigaya. From this place the Buddha's word "compassion" sounded throughout the planet. In Aspiration community the social spiders received enlightenment too under the Peepal tree. It helps them to create the huge nests and nets.

For 25 years I have been living in Auroville but it is the first time I see so big nests and nets of the social spiders. And there were numerous butterflies in the city during this month of July. The spiders and butterflies have an equal reaction to the dry hot weather of 2016 and 2017. For the plants the draught is not an optimal condition. But the Peepal has huge roots and takes water from the deep ground levels. And these three components of Auroville's ecosystem exist in harmony in any situation.

Boris

In order to clarify New Creation Free Progress

It should be of great importance to understand well, that the education in the schools has nothing to do with the optimum development of the being. The students in the traditional schools, the youths except for a few children who will try to understand, generally all have to learn by heart all subjects on which they will have to answer for their exams or test.

What we have tried in New Creation (to follow as an experiment): Up to 8 or 9 years old, a child has not yet his mental faculty set in his being to start studying. If a child doesn't know reading or counting by 8 or 9, it has nothing to do with the fact that we have not done anything for that, surely languages will be spontaneously known, but we should not try at this early age to stimulate the mental into learning. Life is a natural process, and we should understand, not enforce a faculty which will not be in harmony with the development of the rest of the being. So the physical, the vital, should get the most important attention at this early age, through a lot of activities, to develop their physical and vital faculties. Then the world knowledge will follow later.

Unless it is done, we simply keep our children away from their inner reality, which should harmonize their being. Changes will occur when we will deeply feel that it is a spiritual education that should be done at first.

Finally we should not forget, a New Consciousness is working on earth for a change, in the same way that the mental consciousness was at work to manifest the actual human being, from the animal.

To discover new ways, without repeating the past, should be the prerogative of Auroville.

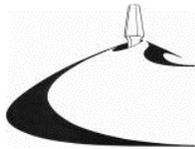
All this development is possible by faith, with an inner certitude.

With love, *Andre (New creation)*

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR



Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music

Every THURSDAY at sunset

We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

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 do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm.

Thank you.

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

Open Capoeira Circle

After a short break, our Capoeira group resumes its monthly events with a first Open Capoeira Roda.

Adults, kids, beginner, advanced, capoeirista or not...

Join us, watch, sing or participate in our circle open to all on Friday 4th of August Visitor Center, 5.30 pm onward.

Kids will have the priority for the first half hour.

For further information contact us: 9488328435.

Group Ginga Saroba Capoeira



BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM

The Mother and Sri Aurobindo Centre

Edayanchavadi, Auroville

In the significant month of August Brahmaṇaspati Kshetram team is inviting you to following events:

On Sunday 6th: reading "The Mother" and "Savitri" led by Bhuvana Sundari and Sudarshan in Tamil and English at 5:30 pm.

On Monday 7th: Full Moon meditation at 6:00 pm

and as usual on any Thursday at 6 pm Meditation!

All are welcome!

Direction in

googlemap: <https://www.google.co.in/maps/place/BRAHMANASPATI+KSHETRAM/@11.992406,79.797806,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x3a5366c469fc05c1:0xe180f153a647cf44!8m2!3d11.9924008!4d79.7999947>

Savi is happy to invite volunteers and guests
To discover Auroville through VIP (Volunteer Introduction Program)

A 4-day discovery journey in Auroville for long-term volunteers and interns

Date: 9th, 10th, 11th & 14th August

8.30 am - 4:30 pm

We'll explore Auroville history, bioregion life, spiritual insights, environmental projects, educational activities and much more. We'll visit projects on site and meet dedicated Aurovilians. And on Saturday evening we will gather around a potluck.

We have a few places available for guests.

Information and registration at: study@auroville.org.in.

Warmly, Savi team (Boomi, Carmen, Dominique, Pranshula, Sara, Saranya)

Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies - India and the World - Bharat Nivas

Our Auroville Experience...

Since last year, we have been meeting each Friday in the Resource Library of the Centre, to share our Auroville Experience in the perspective of Integral Psychology of Sri Aurobindo.

After the gap of the summer months, let us come together again on Friday, August 11th, at 4 pm in the same place. We will take up a study of "The Synthesis of Yoga" of Sri Aurobindo.

We begin by reading the Introduction to the big work, which is entitled, "The Conditions of the Synthesis".

Copies of this text will be there for all of us.

We recall what The Mother once said, "Read the 'Synthesis'. Live in its atmosphere".

Friends, as we move ever forward, let us plunge into this work....

With love, Aster

Invitation to the Fun Dimension!

Dear Friend,

This is to invite you to a night of food, fun and music at The Learning Community's upcoming fundraising event!

WHEN: 6 pm Monday, Aug 14

WHERE: The Learning Community Base Camp next to Baraka.

WHAT: The event promises a night of fun and food to raise funds for TLC's new multi-purpose classroom.

Dinner - Tastes of Auroville

The evening will include a dinner "Tastes of Auroville", featuring a culinary sampling of food from 13 of Auroville's finest culinary establishments

Suggested contribution Rs300: We're encouraging a contribution of around Rs 300 for Aurovilians and Rs 400 for guests, but of course we'll gratefully accept whatever you can manage (don't hesitate to pay more than the suggested amount, for example). You can be creative. How about Rs 1000 for a family contribution package (two adults + two-three small children and free garlic bread)?

Where do I get tickets? At Solar Kitchen: 11 am - 1:00 pm (Aug 5 & 12) at TLC

You can stop by the TLC Base Camp between the hours of 9:00 am and 1 pm between Aug 7 and 11 to get tickets. Just ask for Jin Hee.

Online: You can also buy tickets online here: <https://www.townscript.com/e/the-fun-dimension-443210>

For more information: please don't hesitate to email: tlc@auroville.org.in or call Jin Hee at 948 982 3112a

TALKS , SEMINARS

Exploring Death and Beyond: our journey to immortality

A series of presentations of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo's teachings about death and the afterlife, followed by the screening of a Near-Death Experience testimonial. Led by Muriel.

Every Thursday from 5:15 pm till 6:45 pm

Starting on Thursday 3rd August

At Savitri Bhavan (Sangham hall)

What happens when we die? Where do we go after we leave our physical body? What is death and why are we subjected to it? Do Heaven or Hell really exist? What about reincarnation?

The Mother and Sri Aurobindo have answered all these questions and many more. The recent testimonials of people who have gone to the other side and come back only confirm what they have told us.

All are welcome.

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

"Living Within" Study Camp number 28 - on August 2017 (13th to 14th)

Personality Development: A Consciousness Perspective - Speaker (s): Dr. Soumitra Basu and Others

Time: 9.00 am to 5.30 pm everyday

For Registration please contact: sacarstudycamps@gmail.com / 9994190403

Fees: For Residents at SACAR Guest House: Rs. 2000 (Including stay and food) / For Non-Residents: Rs. 1400 (Lunch and tea included)

Venue: SACAR, 39 Vanniar Street, Vaithikuppam, Puducherry, 12 [Landmarks: Masimagh Road, Mother's Guest House]

For Programme schedule please visit: www.sacar.in

Submitted by Anandi (Progress)

Alpona - Images and Sounds of Bengal

August 12th to 22nd at Bharat Nivas

A panorama of events focusing on the culture of Bengal - Films, music, exhibitions, art and textile workshops and food (book in advance)

For further details and information please see the attached file



Taiwanese Cultural Events

Taiwanese Pavilion team is happy to invite you to a series of cultural events.

1. Traditional Earth Oven experience on August 5th from 2-5 pm. We will make earth ovens and bake food for snack. Location: North East Asian zone, next to Auroville Language Lab.
2. Tea Ceremony at Swayam Tea Pavilion on August 6th at 2 - 3 pm / 3:30- 4:30 (Facilitated by Isha) Taiwanese organic tea will be served.
3. Taiwanese Cuisine workshop and tasting on August 13th at 10 am. Location: Aurovelo. We will prepare ingredients according to your food preferences (Veg/ Non Veg) and have lunch together.

All events are free of charge, registration required, please email: taiwan@auroville.org.in.

Minimum contribution to the cost of food required at Earth Oven and Cuisine events. Donation to venue and seed money for Taiwanese Pavilion welcome!

Warm regards from *Taiwanese Pavilion Team (Allison, Bruce & Patti)*

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Exploring Auroville Architecture

16th - 18th August 2017 at Auroville

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 home-owners 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

Inner Discovery Retreat

This Inner Discovery Retreat is designed to help you unlock and unleash the forces inside that can help you release your limitations and create the life that you desire. In this retreat there is no set formula to find your solutions. We will explore together to understand your current situation. From an array of many possible exercises and approaches the retreat will be customised to help you get the most of it to suit your own individual and unique needs.

We offer a space to learn how you can transform your limitations into opportunities to achieve your goals, and how to continue and advance in this state of wellbeing in your daily life. The objective is to help you find and accept your own way to happiness and wellbeing.

Juan Villegas will facilitate this retreat. He has spent over a decade across the globe, sharing his passion and gifts of spirituality, meditation, life counselling, shamanic plant medicines, and happy, healthy living. Juan has pursued further knowledge in the fields of science and spirituality. He explores and researches about quantum physics, energy healing and cutting-edge education methodologies.

For more information/registration, call +91 96556 96982 or email at: info@aurovilleretreat.org

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

8th August (Tuesday)

- Overview with multimedia presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Practice in Daily Life
- Complimentary Concentration Exercises
- Creative Arts, Interactive Games
- Life of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
- Introduction to the Reference Books

Focus this week on: 'Self-realisation'

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

Place: Savitri Bhavan / Time: 9 am to 12 Noon

(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, 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

Sourcing Our Oneness Camp Nainital

24-30th September 2017

There are still some places available for Aurovilians to participate in the "Sourcing Our Oneness" camp in Nainital. Participants come from India and abroad, and spend a week together exploring the Five Dreams of Sri Aurobindo, with this year's focus on Integral Economy and Surrender through diverse activities including daily walks and treks.

Please contact: sourcingouroneness@auroville.org.in

Watch last year's video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0tzlHrLZXU>

Contact Impro Dance classes

Every week in July on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 pm

At the African Pavilion

Exploring and playing with movement, flooring, spiraling and flying, with and without partners.

Class designed for all experience types.

Class on donation. Contact *John* at: 852 496 3049

Speak To Inspire !! 12 August

The way that we move and speak has powerful impact on our world. Our words, tone of voice and body language immediately affect the way we're judged by those around us and consequently influence the paths our lives take. Subtle differences in the quality of our personal communication have the power to transform our reality.

Speak to Inspire 2 requires no previous experience and will benefit participants of all skill levels. However, as the program builds on processes introduced in Speak to Inspire 1, the introductory session is recommended as a preparation for the advanced session.

With a passion for connecting people through theatre games and fun, actor and voice professional Jesse Fox-Allen demonstrates a talent for bringing out the best in people. He brings wide industry experience and a tremendous understanding of corporate India to his training sessions and will collaborate in this retreat with other experts from Auroville to create an outstanding experience for each participant. To register please call: 9655696982, or email: info@aurovilleretreat.org.

For more info, please visit: www.aurovilleretreat.org to register.

African Pavilion in collaboration with Xahir.

Circle singing workshop - opened to all singers and non-singers. A real fun moment, creative and sometimes even profound!

Organized by Circé, professional singer & songwriter & singing teacher, in collaboration with Tahir.

The workshop is free, but contributions are welcome to the African Pavilion.

www.circemusic.ch / www.voice-studio.org

Dates: Sunday 6 & 13 August 2017 17:30-19:00

Bachata introduction - Latin couple dance class, (originally from Dominican Republic)

Opened to all. A real fun moment, to learn to dance together! The basics are really easy. Organized by Circé, singing teacher, dance lover, sharing her experience, but not a professional dancer/teacher, in collaboration with Tahir.

It is free, but contributions are welcome to the African Pavilion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hrvzttJ91A>

Dates: Monday 7 & 14 August 2017 17:30-19:00 just before the dinner.

Both workshops will take place, whatever the weather, no need to subscribe in advance.

Circé & Xahir

Weekly Vinyasa Flow - Yoga Open Level!

Classes with Bebe are back from August 4th at 4 pm at the hall of light (Creativity Community).

A weekly class to flow with the breathing and movement to engage flexibility and strength through yoga asanas, meditation and relaxation.

Open level, come to feel free and empower your being.

Namaste, *Bebe*

New! Hatha Flow Yoga

With So-Youn at Creativity Hall of Light.

The class is based on alignment of Iyengar and flow of Ashtanga. It remains authentic to ancient yoga tradition while tackling modern challenges.

After class, you will be So Young!!

Schedules, 17:30-18:50 on Aug 2017

Tuesday: Hatha Flow with Sound Mandala

Friday: Hatha Flow Basic

Aurovilians and Newcomers free of charge. Volunteers 100 rupees. Guest 200 rupees.

Holistic presents "Explore your mind"

A 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy: 18th-20th August

"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still"

What is hypnosis?

Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind"

Certified course from ECAA [\[www.ekaa.co.in\]](http://www.ekaa.co.in)

August 18th- 20th at Sharnaga Guesthouse Yogahall

Trainer Sigrid Lindemann (Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville

[\[www.auroville-holistic.com\]](http://www.auroville-holistic.com) /

www.sigridlindemann.com

Reminder "Trauma - the unseen wound"

2 day workshop with theory and interactive exercises, a toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work. The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.

Trainer Sigrid Lindemann

Date: August 12th, 13th - 9- 5.30 pm.

Venue: Sharnaga Guesthouse Yogahall

[\[www.sharnaguesthouse.in\]](http://www.sharnaguesthouse.in)

Register with Sigrid [\[sigrid@auroville-holistic.com\]](mailto:sigrid@auroville-holistic.com) and 09626006961, 0413 2623888]

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group

Hosted by L'aura, NVC Trainer

Dates: Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (5 Wednesdays)

Time: 4.30-6.30 pm

Theme of the month: "Engaging with Silence..."

Advance registration and contribution required. Full commitment (5 sessions) and prior NVC experience.

For more info and to register, contact L'aura joylivinglearning@gmail.com, 9442788016 [Other upcoming NVC events: joylivinglearning.org]



SCHEDULES



Kaya Bodha (Body awareness) Workshop

Friday 11th of August 2017 at 09.00 am-12.30 pm

Better posture and ease in movement.

Tension and stress release.

Chronic aches and pain reduction.



Kaya Bodha trains the brain and nervous system to release tensions and old patterns.

We create a relaxation reflex so that we feel more energised and focused. This release improves our physical and mental wellbeing. There will be less wear and tear while practicing other disciplines, sports etc.

About the teacher and founder of Kaya Bodha: Hans van Baaren has been teaching since 25 years The Art of Chi: Tai ji & Chi Qong, Kaya Bodha and Relaxation.

For registration contact: Pitanga@auroville.org.in or phone 2622403.

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER AUGUST- 2017

Phone: 0413-2623799 / Website: www.arka.org.in

THERAPIES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Body Logic, Soft Massage and Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe - by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi massage, Bare foot body massage & Thai yoga massage.	Silvana by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Holistic Reflexology, Full body massage and Face Massage.	Meha by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Yogic Healing and Therapeutic Massage.	Basu - by appointment 9443997568 or 9843567904	Monday to Friday 8 to 9:30 am & 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Saturday & Sunday any time.
Deep Core Intensive massage.	Sumit by appointment 07839062619	Monday to Saturday
Acupuncture.	Dr.Mohammed Sahel - by Appointment - 9994208068	Tuesday , Friday And Saturday
Systemic Solution Focused Psycho Counselling.	Uschi - by appointment 999 478 1119 / Uschi.coaching@gmail.com	Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 am to 3.30 pm. German and English language
Psycho Spiritual Tarot, Deconditioning Self- Inquiry & Innervoice Dialogue.	Antarjothi - By appointment 0413- 2623767 or Email : antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Also in French.
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy.	Chun - by appointment 8098900708	Monday to Friday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

BEAUTY PARLOR

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Face Massage,Cleaning, manicure, pedicure, threading, waxing, henna & hair coloring.	MEHA by appointment 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Hair Dressing	Mimi by appointment-9489694626	Monday to Friday

REGULAR CLASSES

WHAT WE PROPOSE	WITH WHOM	WHEN
Pilates Classes	Teresa - 7867998952	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Saturday
Acro-yoga	Damien - 9047722740	Saturday-Beginners class 8:15 am to 9:45am.

Internet facility is available in Arka: Monday to Saturday - 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

CREEVA

Center for Research, Education and Experience in the Visual Arts (CREEVA) is a platform for people to experience art first hand and overcome their fears, doubts, and myths. It is a place where art enthusiasts can experiment with mediums, form, themes, etc. and hone their art skills. CREEVA lets you explore deeper and find your language and comfort. It helps you practice your yoga of art regularly and peacefully.

Mother says: "The discipline of Art has at its centre the same principle as the discipline of Yoga. In both the aim is to become more and more conscious; in both you have to learn to see and feel something that is beyond the ordinary vision and feeling, to go within and bring out from there deeper things."

You are welcome to come and practice the discipline of Art every day from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at our studio in Creativity. To further understand the craft, you can participate in our daily evening workshops from 5 pm to 7pm. This week our schedule is as follows:

Monday, 7th Aug - Explore Crayons/Pastels with Sathya
 Tuesday, 8th Aug - Figure Drawing with Lakshay
 Wednesday, 9th Aug - Intuitive Playful Art with Marie-Claire
 Thursday, 10th Aug - Understanding Forms with Audrey
 Friday, 11th Aug - Making Murals with Jean-Marie
 Saturday, 12th Aug - Introduction to Sculptures with Hema

Pls. call/email and make an appointment before coming. Everyone in the studio practices, no excuses. Pls. maintain silence and decorum in the premise. It's a cooperative; pls. feel free to use the art materials. If possible, donate your personal unused art materials. Donate generously for art to flourish. It's free for Aurovilians and Newcomers. AV Volunteers pay Rs.100 and Guests pay Rs.200 per session. These workshops are for adults if you want to bring your child along, pls. confirm with the facilitator. Call Lakshay at 9810052574 or email to creeva@auroville.org.in

We are looking for Volunteers to help us with our Art projects. If interested, pls. contact us!



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, August 11th, 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!

Planet Earth II: Mountains

60 Minutes / English / 2016 / Justin Anderson

In this episode we climb high into the world's great mountain ranges. Only a few pioneering animals have what it takes to survive up here, they are amongst the most elusive and mysterious on the planet. Witness for the first time ever four snow leopards filmed together as a mother and cub become trapped in a desperate fight between two rival males. Like crazy pole dancers, Grizzly bears comically scratch their backs on trees whilst a bobcat struggles to hunt for ducks without getting its feet wet.

(Reminder: Friday 04/08 Chasing Coral)

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at (0413) 2677682 or 2677683 or sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in or visit us online: <http://sadhanaforest.org/> <https://facebook.com/sadhanaforest>

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 7th of August 2017 at 6:30 pm

"On HEALTH and PSYCHOLOGY"

The video of Dr. Alok Pandey's interview by Narad (Richard Eggenberger) put light and understanding on Dual and Non-Dual Consciousness. Basically there are these two ways of looking at oneself and the world around us - and even at God.

The Dual-Consciousness envisages that everything is separate. The body is separate, the mind is separate, the life-force is separate, the emotions are separate, and the spirit is separate. And they have nothing to do with each other. That is how medicine and science advanced. And it was necessary at some point, so that attention could be focused at each part.

But there is coming more up the understanding of Non-Dual Consciousness, the philosophy of One-Existence, of Advaita, and that there is a knowledge which is based on Oneness. That means that all is interconnected also on the practical level and all is woven in each other.

New science and fields of physics are developing both views; they are looking at things as single particles or looking at things in the form of waves.

Also in the field of psychology the time is gone where body and mind were studied separately; there are now many approaches who understand that there are softer, subtler elements and spaces and experiences, which go beyond the traditional separate ways of understanding.

But still there is the problem that we don't look at our body as a living organism which has the capacity to work through from within. We need to work with the body and its parts consciously and with the knowledge of the unity beyond. We need to find a thread which reconnects us to the world around, which reconnects us with each other and reconnects us with the Divinity which is within and beyond. Duration: 43min.

Eye Opening Movie Series

Wednesday, August 9 at the Unity Pavilion

Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds: English, 1h 21 min

One of the world's most precious resources is at risk. This film will help others learn what is at stake and what can be done to protect the source of nearly all our food: SEEDS. While the price of gold and oil skyrockets the fate of our most priceless commodity is ignored. Seeds provide the basis for everything from fabric, to food to fuels. They are as essential to life as the air we breathe or water we drink... but given far less attention. Over the past one hundred years, seeds have steadily shifted from being common heritage to sovereign property. This film tells the story of seeds by following the challenges and triumphs of some of their most tireless stewards and advocates.

Every Wednesday, 8 pm at the Unity Pavilion

All are welcome - No contribution required

CINECLUB (Cinema Paradiso)

BOGART-BACALL MOVIES@CINECLUB

Screening of Cineclub movie on Sunday 6th is NOT CANCELLED, please check the synopsis below.

HD Ciné-Club Sunday 6 August at 8 pm

To have and have not

USA, 1944, Dir. Howard Hawks w/Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Walter Brennan and others, Comedy-Adventure-Romance, 100min, Englishw/English subtitles, Rated: NR Harry Morgan and his alcoholic sidekick, Eddie, are based on the island of Martinique and crew a boat available for hire. However, since the second world war is happening around them business is not what it could be and after a customer who owes them a large sum fails to pay they are forced against their better judgment to violate their preferred neutrality and to take a job for the resistance transporting a fugitive on the run from the Nazis to Martinique. Through all this runs the stormy relationship between Morgan and Marie "Slim" Browning, a resistance sympathizer and the sassy singer in the club where Morgan spends most of his days.

Cineclub team

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The archives are found at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/186>

And regular events at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4201>

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

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

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

Any modifications of the submitted *News* items have to be sent to the editors before Wednesday.

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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News & Notes, Media Centre, Town Hall. Phone: 0413-2622133, email: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 7 August 2017 to 13 August 2017

Indian - Monday 7 August, 8:00 pm:

- **A DEATH IN THE GUNJ**

India, 2016, Dir. Konkona Sen Sharma w/Vikrant Massey, Gulshan Devaiah, Kalki Koechlin, and others, Drama-Thriller, 110mins, English-Bengali-Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Shutu is an unlikely prime protagonist. He could be in a room full of people, sitting by himself and no one would notice. Set in 1978's McCluskieganj - a town now in Jharkhand and once upon a time a hub of Anglo-Indian community and a holiday getaway for the well-heeled in Kolkata. There a Bengali family of nearly a dozen members come for a vacation together after a long time. The mood is joyous; the family members drink freely, smoke frequently. And among this wave of festivity is Shutu: a young man with a recently deceased father, someone who is finding ways to grieve. But, during a vacation, nestled among forests, no one cares about fresh wounds; people want visceral experiences - an adrenaline rush, a horror story, an illicit kiss.... Then, things take a darker turn. *This is an amazing directorial debut with crisp storytelling, great acting that you cannot miss!*

Italian - Tuesday 8 August, 8:00 pm:

- **PASSATO PROSSIMO (Summer and Fall)**

Italy, 2003, Dir. Maria Sole Tognazzi, w/ Valentina Cervi, Paola Cortellesi, Ignazio Oliva, Comedy, 97mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

A summer and winter weekend are intertwined in a series of flashbacks, which talk about the past (the summer) and the present (the winter) of five friends. Through the comparison of the characters, it becomes possible to live together in a place which is very important for them, the dreams and the unfulfilled desires, with memories linked to days spent in the house. A series of events makes this final weekend very decisive for the lives of every one of them.

Interesting - Wednesday 9 August, 8:00 pm:

- **VAXXED: FROM COVER-UP TO CATASTROPHE**

USA, 2016, Dir. Andrew Wakefield w/Del Matthew Bigtree, Mark F. Blaxill, Michaela Blaxill, and others, Documentary, 91mins, English, Rated: NR (PG)

In this debut film the director presents his investigation into the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s alleged destruction of a study linking autism to the MMR vaccine. While hailed by anti-vaccine believers, the director, his intention, and the information presented have been questioned on medical, ethical, and financial grounds. The title of the Guardian's review sums this other point of view: "... one-sided film leaves the elephant in the room". Irrespective of which side of the debate you belong - it is worth a watch!

French - Thursday 10 August, 8:00 pm:

- **LA FILLE INCONNUE (The Unknown Girl)**

Belgium-France, 2016, Dir. Luc Dardenne & Jean-Pierre Dardenne w/ Adèle Haenel, Olivier Bonnaud, Jérémy Renier and others. Drama, 113 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: G

Jenny, young generalist doctor, feels guilty not to have opened the door of her consulting room to a young girl who died

shortly after. Jenny wants to find out the name of this young girl so she is not buried anonymously.

International - Saturday 12 August, 8:00 pm:

- **TANNA**

Vanuatu, 2016, Dir. Martin Butler & Bentley Dean w/ Mungau Dain, Marie Wawa, Marceline Rofit, Drama-Romance, 104mins, Nauvhal (the language spoken in the area) w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

This feature is shot entirely in Vanuatu, takes place in the South Pacific Island, covered in rain forest and dominated by an active volcano, which houses one of the world's last tribal societies, in a village called Yakel. In the island of Tanna, based on a true story from the 1980s, this heartfelt story is about sister's loyalty, a forbidden and all-encompassing love like that of Romeo & Juliet's, and a pact between the old ways and the new.

Children's Film - Sunday 13 August, 4:30 pm:

- **BUNYAN AND BABE**

USA, 2017, Dir: Louis Ross, w/ John Goodman, Jeff Foxworthy, Kelsey Grammar and others, Animation, 84mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Travis and his sister Whitney visit their grandparents for the summer and stumble upon the evil plan of a greedy real estate developer to steal the land of the town's longtime residents. While running from one of the developer's goons, Travis falls through a magical portal which transports him to the world of American hero, Paul Bunyan and his pet ox, Babe.

BOGART-BACALL Movies @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 13 August, 8:00 pm:

- **THE BIG SLEEP**

USA, 1946, Dir. Howard Hawks w/Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, John Ridgley and others, Mystery-Film-Noire, 114mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Harry Morgan and his alcoholic sidekick, Eddie, are based on the island of Martinique and crew a boat available for hire. Since the WWII is happening around them business is not what it could be. After a customer who owes them a large sum fails to pay, they are forced to violate their preferred neutrality and to take a job for the resistance transporting a fugitive on the run from the Nazis to Martinique. Through all this runs the stormy relationship between Morgan and Marie "Slim" Browning, a resistance sympathizer and the sassy singer in the club where Morgan spends most of his days.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. *Pl make a contribution to "Cinema Paradiso" account (#105106) at the Financial Service.*

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group - Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

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