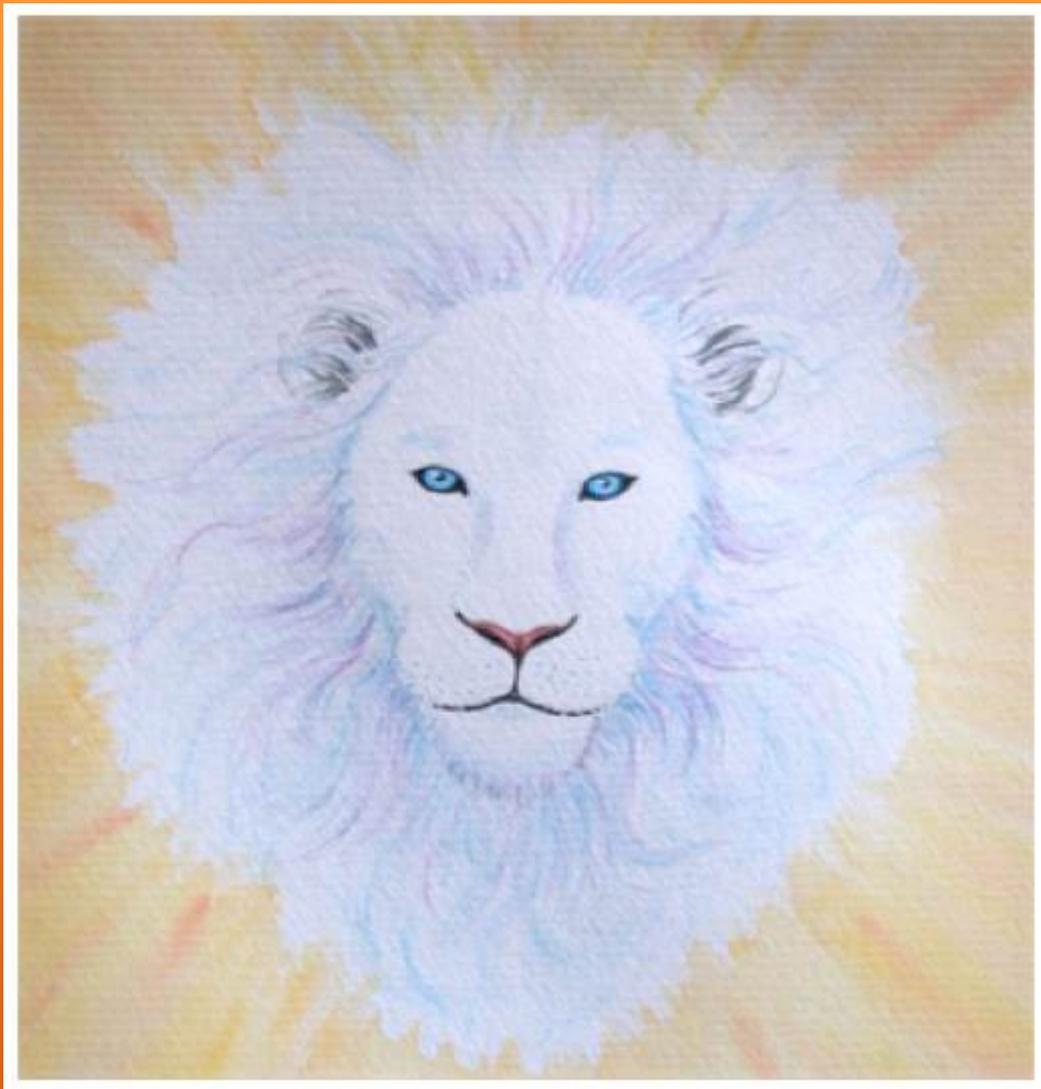


News & Notes

23rd July 2016.....A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville.....Number 657



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

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 enthusiasm 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."

The Synthesis of Yoga, p. 155-57

[.....] You have a question, yes?

Sweet Mother, why does one feel a different atmosphere on Darshan days? What should one do on these days?

Different? You ask this question!... There is an invasion of more or less dark and foreign elements, who may come with goodwill, possibly, but who come with an almost total ignorance and throw it all out in the atmosphere; and so, naturally, if one is the least bit open to what is happening, one feels crushed under the weight of this increased ignorance.

I don't mean that there is no ignorance here! But still, the dose is different. Here, for all that, there is a sort of manipulation of the consciousness going on constantly, night and day, visibly, invisibly; and whether one wants it or not, in spite of everything one takes it in, and after some time it acts.

When a few people come, something changes, but it is not so much as to give a painful feeling; but when it is a rush like this, dashing in all at once, then the whole level comes down immediately, and unless one is able to withdraw into oneself and keep one's head above these submerging waters, this swamping flood of ignorance, if one can't raise one's head above it, well, one feels very uneasy. [.....]

Mother, has this day, the fifteenth of August, an occult or a simple significance? For, in history, important events occurred on this day.

What exactly do you mean? The fifteenth of August is Sri Aurobindo's birthday. Therefore, it is a date which has a capital importance in the life of the earth, from the physical point of view. So?

On August fifteenth other important events took place?...

What, the liberation of India? Is it because the liberation of India came about on the fifteenth of August? And so, it is necessary to tell you why it happened, you can't find it out by yourself, can you? It needs to be said, does it? I think Sri Aurobindo has written it also, hasn't he, in the message he gave? Hasn't he said it? (*Silence*)

Yes, it is exactly that....

Today, there came into my hands one of those greeting cards which people send on puja days or for the new year or other such festivals; and on this card was written something like this — I don't recall the exact words — but anyway they were, "Greetings on the occasion of this memorable day of the birth of our nation." It is sent by someone who, I think, proclaimed himself a disciple of Sri Aurobindo quite a long time ago.... That seemed to me one of those enormities which human stupidity alone can commit. If he had said: "On this memorable day of the birth of Sri Aurobindo and its natural consequence, the birth of the nation", it would have been quite all right. But still, the important point was left out and the other mentioned, which is quite simply a consequence, a natural result: it had to be like that, it could not be otherwise.

But people always think like that, the wrong way up. Always. They take the effect for the cause, they glorify the effect and forget the cause.

And that is why the world walks on its head with its feet in the air. Quite simply, there is no other reason.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, 15 August 1956

MOTHER

The
Ponder
Corner

The aim of this yoga is first to come into contact with this [divine] consciousness and then to live in its light and allow the light to transform the whole nature, so that the being may live in union with the Divine and the nature become a field for the action of the divine Knowledge...

Sri Aurobindo
ref. Letters on Yoga, vol.23, p.550

Cover drawing by *Patti Blair*, cover of the book by *Cedona Holly*: "Over the Sun - How the White Lions Saved the World" - You can listen to *Aikya and Krishna* reading this book on AV RADIO: www.aurovillerradio.org/over-the-sun/

TDC/Avenir Financial Report 1st April-30th June 2016

The total expenses incurred by L’Avenir/TDC for the April 2016-30thJune2016 corresponds to 12,88,476/- (12.89 lakhs). The income received in this period is the following: 1.94 lakhs from City Service, 0.14 lakhs project contribution, 5.23 lakhs from Stichting de Zaaier for Water Monitoring project, 0.06 lakhs other donations & 26.47 lakhs is the reserve from the previous years.

The break-up of overall costs is given in Table 1.

Table 1: L’avenir Office Overall Expenses 2016-17 (amount in Lakhs rounded up figures)

Human resources	8.61
Topographical surveys	0.18
Capital expenses	0.53
ACUR expenses	1.20
Running costs	2.37
Travel & visits	-
TOTAL	12.89

Human Resources represent the major share of expenses for an amount of 8.61 lakhs. This category includes Aurovilians on maintenance as per existing guidelines, external staff, consultants and volunteers. There are also Aurovilians who work part-time or full-time in L’Avenir without receiving any maintenance and they are not accounted.

Table 2 gives a break-up of cost (total does not tally exactly due to round up of decimals) for the department of Human Resources. Annex 1 gives further details of the scope of work that were carried out under Human Resources and other annual or monthly costs.

Table 2: L’Avenir Human Resources 2016-17 (cost in Lakhs)

Categories under Human Resources	Cost
Maintenance of Aurovilians (11full time and 3 part-time)	5.12
External staff	1.90
AV & External Consultants	1.51
Volunteers	0.08
Total Human Resources	8.61

Consultants normally represent one of the major components of the costs incurred under Human Resources. However the expenses in the first quarter have been, until now, relatively low, because the consultants involved in the Detailed Development Plan of the Residential zone have completed their assignment in the previous financial year and the expenses for other consultants working in infrastructure will be supported directly by the concerned units (Road Service, Electrical Service etc) through the capital grant of the GOI. Costs under “Consultants” include external professionals (1.33 lakh) as well as Auroville registered units (0.18 lakh).

A large part of the Aurovilian staff is engaged in technical services and land use (GIS and mapping), regional planning, master plan protection, water monitoring, administration. The details of the staff are given in the annexure below.

ANNEXURE: HUMAN RESOURCE L’AVENIR/TDC Maintenance of Aurovilians

a. Committee Members: The TDC is a committee constituted of 10 people but three Members have resigned and not yet replaced through community process. One member **Cristo M**, Regional Planning has received maintenance for the full period.

b. Auroville Technical Staff:

- o The following members has received a full-time maintenance (Rs 16,230/-) for the following functions:
 - Ms. Deoyani, GIS and land use (April 16-June’16)
 - Mr. Vinayagamurthy, GIS (April’16-June’16)

- Mr. Anbu, Survey and Mapping (April’16-June’16)
- Mr. Ramesh, Water monitoring project (April16-June’16)
- Mr. Boobalan, Site supervision, land protection, asset survey (April’16-June’16)
- Mr. Manu G, Special Housing Project Sacred Grove (April’16-June’16)
- Mr. Paul Vincent, Land protection (April’16-June’16)
- Mr. Dheena, Accounting and reporting (April’16-June’16)
- Mr. Tom, Planning & implementation of water related projects (April’16-June’16)
- Ms. Vallideivanai @ Meera, WAT Consultancy & Engineering (April’16-June’16)
- o The following staff has received a part-time maintenance:
 - Mr. Rik, GIS and mapping (6000/- April’16-May’16)
 - Ms. Divya , Part time Secretary (10,295/- April’16-June’16)
 - Ms. Gillian, Part time coordinator (8115) for Solid Waste Management (April’16-June’16)

All maintenances are running according to the guidelines and policies of the BCC and the HRT. It has to be noted that on request of the FAMC and Working Committee the TDC has absorbed in 2012 all GIS and mapping experts in the other service units of Auroville in order to provide a unified city service.

External Staff

The following are the external staff employed during from April 2016 to March 2017 with related assignments:

- o Mrs. Vijayavalli, part-time secretary and building application, 9,200/- per month including school allowance + social security’s and social benefits (April’16-June’16).
- o Mr. Karthikeyan, attached to the Auroville Foundation Office 23,000/- per month from April 2016 to June 2016 + social security’s and social benefits.
- o Ms. Priya, Full time Secretary: amount paid 9,335/- per month from April ’16 to June’16 + social security’s and social benefits.

Consultants

The following units/consultants have been employed during 2016-17:

External Consultants:

- o Mr. Balamurugan consulting fees amount paid 0.88 lakhs for Bommayarpalayam panchayat village development work.
- o Mr. Govind amount paid 0.45 lakh retainer fees as a quantity engineer for Work Allocation Team and other projects evaluation.

Auroville Units:

- o Auroville Wind System: amount paid 0.18 lakhs for road design.

ACUR costs:

The TDC occupies 202 square meters in the Town Hall, one full wing on the second floor and shares part of the other wing and the library. The cost for the maintenance of this space is Rs 35,000/- per month which covers the following:

- Security 24 hrs
- Maintenance, repair and cleaning of the office
- Maintenance of office furniture and equipment, hardware and software
- Electricity & generator (diesel and maintenance) & UPS maintenance.
- Water
- Internet access and hardware/software assistance
- Waste disposal
- Maintenance of Town Hall Garden

In addition TDC has contributed to ACUR a one-time amount of 15,000/- for the annual tour of Town Hall staffs & workers.

Miscellaneous Costs

- o Travel and visits are mainly cost for:

- Local trips especially to Chennai, Vanur and Villupuram to meet government officers, Taxis for WAT meeting and other allowances etc., amount to Rs 30,303/-
- Other major office expenses are:
- o Computer maintenance & stationeries (25,920/-)
 - o Telephone & internet (29,912/- x 4 lines).

- o Capital expenses: are related to computer systems, with high configuration and Internal HDD Backup Disk (25,600/-), water monitoring related equipment's, rain gauge etc. (27,700/-).

For further information concerning this report, please contact: avenir@auroville.org.in

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Meeting

Dear residents,

The Working Committee invites the community for a General Meeting in order to update you, followed by a Q&A session.

All are welcome.

No snacks or beverages will be served, but there will be love and kindness in abundance served with a dash of patience.

Bring your own humor along.

Day / Date: Tuesday, 9th August 2016

Venue: The Unity Pavilion

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

With gratitude,

The Working Committee

Communication from the BCC

Dear Friends,

We need to inform the community that City Services doesn't have, as of today, enough resources to cover the present level of expenses and still maintain a buffer in case of emergencies. We will face a shortfall of Rs.1.2 crores of income for the current 2016-17 budget; as a result the City Services will be in deficit from October 2016 to March 2017.

There is an unpaid contribution from a number of commercial units who have not fulfilled in the period 2010 to 2015 their commitment to contribute at least 33% of their profit unspecified to City Services. Currently, the total pending amount for 2010 to 2015 comes to approximately Rs. 1.2 crores. Emails have been sent to the defaulting units on 26 February 2016, 16 March 2016, 19 April 2016 and some of the units were personally contacted - with little result.

While the BCC is exploring where expenses can be cut down without touching the individual maintenance level, we invite all the executives of commercial units to check with BCC if they are up to date with their contribution and to regularize their payment - by the 15th of August 2016, and to increase their contribution if possible.

BCC would also like to highlight the fact that there are a number of commercial units who do not just contribute in time but also give more (sometimes much more) than the minimum 33%. It is because of those units and those services, activities, and individuals who regularly give more than they take, that the City Services can run its budget.

We also want to remind the community that the monthly contribution of Rs 3,150, which is only a little more than 50% of the total cost incurred per individuals living in Auroville, is expected from everybody unless a waiver has been granted by the Human Resources Team. Additionally, Aurovilians who are not contributing to the collective in work or in kind are expected to contribute substantially more in money than others - as per Mother's vision. With this note we invite all concerned to organize their contributions by August 15th.

Thanking you, With Regards,
BCC

Call for Nominees for AVCouncil, Working Committee and Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)!

Dear friends,

As you are aware, the AVCouncil and Working Committee need a few new members every year selected during the 3-day selection process. The recently ratified FAMC mandate also calls for a selection process to take place to create a strong and functional team.

This year, this 3-day selection process is planned to be hosted from the 21st-23rd of October for the 3 groups of AVCouncil, Working Committee and FAMC.

We are now calling out for nominations (including self-nominations) for these 3 groups!

How: You will soon receive in your mailbox an invitation to nominate online from Residents Assembly Service, where you can directly select the names from a drop box containing all names in the Register of Residents. If you are not comfortable on a computer, you may pass by the RAS office where you will be assisted to nominate via the nomination form.

You can nominate up to 5 names for the AVCouncil and the Working Committee and 9 names for the new FAMC. Please make sure that those you nominate, including yourselves, have the necessary capacities for the work, by reading the groups' mandates.

The mandate of the Working Committee can be accessed here: www.auroville.org.in/page/mandate-working-committee-2004

The mandate of the Auroville Council can be accessed here: www.auroville.org.in/page/mandate-auroville-council-2004

The mandate of the FAMC can be accessed here: www.auroville.org.in/page/famc-mandate-2016

Alternatively, you can pass by the AVCouncil's office where a few print-outs of each mandate are waiting for those who may need it.

Please note that for the FAMC, you can nominate someone already serving in another working group, while for the AVCouncil and WCom, this is not the case.

The deadline for nomination is the 6th of August 2016.

We are planning this ahead of time with plenty of time assigned for feedback receiving and feedback processing, as one of the major parts of the success of this selection process method. We need you to help us see this through!

Thank you for your participation!

Warmly,

AVCouncil, Study Group, Residents Assembly Service

Meeting for all Guest House Managers

All Guest House managers of large and small guesthouses are invited for a meeting to inform you about the following topics:

- Tax Deduction at Source (TDC)
- How to properly calculate Service Tax
- Auditor's observation in Accounts
- Contribution towards last year's Financial Balance Sheet

Date: Thursday 28 July, 10 am

Place: the Dance Hall in Pitanga.

RAS office attendance

Dear Community Members,

The RAS team is happy to welcome you every morning (Monday till Friday) from 10 am till 12 am, from now onwards.

Our office is located on the 1st floor in Town Hall, next to the Land Board office.

Thank you very much for your collaboration.

Warmly,
RAS team

From the Entry Service - N&N NO- 657 dated 23.07.2016

We would like to inform the community that our team is happy to recommend the following persons as Friends of Auroville, Relative/Partner of an Aurovillian and Associates of Auroville. We will wait for two weeks from the date of this publication, for your feedback, before confirming.

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE:

Mouhsine SERRAR (Canadian)

Helmut ERNST (Germany)

Uschi ERNST (Germany)

SPOUSE / RELATIVE OF AN AUROVILIAN:

Jeyandira Saraswathi YAFAROVA (Indian from Pondicherry)

N.B. The announcements done in the News and Notes are FOR FEEDBACK ONLY and sometimes, after announcement, there can be either an extension of status or a decision to stop the process. We have added Confirmation Section below:

FRIENDS OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMATION:

Armando MUNIZ (USA)

Aurovrata VENET (French/Indian)

Dagmar Maria ROTHER-DEGEN (German)

Jean PIETRI (French)

Johan VAN DEN BOR (Netherlands)

Jyoti MADHOK (Indian)

Nadia LABIOD (French)

Sonja BENOIT (Luxembourger)

Surbhi PATEL (British)

Vineet KAPUR (Indian)

Dear Newcomers,

The Entry Service team would like to inform you of the timings designated specifically for you to collect or submit the Newcomer Kit. Please pass by our office in Town Hall during these hours only: **Monday & Wednesday from 2 pm to 4 pm. Please return these Kits within one month or the process goes on hold.**

We are open for B-Forms and Recommendation letter matters, on appointment only.

For all other matters, the office is open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-12, except every last week of each month when we are closed to the public to do the internal office work.

The Entry Service team (B, Chitra, Christiane, Eva, Giridev, Ishita, Neeti)

L'Avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 23rd Jul 2016

The following Site and Building Applications (SA and BA) are announced for feedback from the community for a period of two weeks from the date of publication.

The announcement is made for feedback only and does not mean that the project has final approval. The final approval is given when L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC issues an NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens only once the feedback period is over, the feedback has been evaluated, a final decision by TDC has been reached and the necessary financial formalities have been completed. It is only after issuing a final

building permission that fencing, building or any other activity on the site can start.

It has to be noted that site permission is given to reserve the site for a maximum period of two years in order to prepare a project proposal. It does not give any right to fence and clear the site unless, for practical reasons, there is a special permission of the TDC.

Individual Projects

Site Applications: No new SA

Building Applications: No new BA

Collective Projects

Site application Feedback

1. Lalit and Shailaja, Housing development in Res. Zone Sector 2. **Project writes up given by the project holder:**

Project Title: Integrated Housing Development Project

Proposed Site Location: Near Maitreye in Sector 2

Project Holder: Lalit Kishor Bhati and Shailaja S Bhati

Architect: PATH Architects and Planners, Progress Community, Auroville.

Contact Persons: Lalit lalit@auroville.org.in 9443790172

Description:

In accordance to LDU G.S2.9.4 , following proposal has been developed :

A) Residential (mixed range of house areas G+1 for 18 - 20 people) 700 sq m

B) Office space G+1 : 200 sq m

C) Guest rooms (for 2-4 persons/sharing basis) 120 sqm

D) Community Amenities (laundry, store room, waste management area, parking etc) 75 sqm

E) Shared Space (in accordance with green unit development parameters of DDP), like children play area, open air amphitheatre - for informal gatherings and interactions, landscaped sitting area, tool/storage room etc

Plot No: LDU Sector 2 (G.S.9.4)

Total Area of the project: 3878 sq m

Build up Area: 1095 sq m

Target Group: Residents of Auroville.

Background: Housing and a suitable space for work is a basic necessity for people and many persons and families are still in need of solutions that integrate this need with appropriate factors for natural light and ventilation as well as harmony being taken as basic requirements.

Triggers: There is an evident need for more and suitable Housing for growing population in Auroville which this project intends to address and contribute as part of solution.

Goals/Objectives: The project will take its basis from the parameters given in DDP for Residential zone sector 1&2 which lays stress on having a layout that is predominantly green and permeable and thus connected by interactive open spaces and walking/cycle paths to other communities around. There will be conservation of indigenous trees on site. We will work towards creating environment, both built and green, which will be regenerative for the inhabitants, by taking into account the connection with nature, social interaction, water and soil conservation and appropriate building materials.

Site Application & Building Application

1. Site and Building application feedback for Peter & Kevin - Sumark- for Workshop, Storage and Tree Care projects near Reve.

Project writes up given by the project holder.

Project Title: Sumark and Treecare Work Space

Proposed Site Location: Between Reve and Edayanchavadi

Project Holder: Peter Klingspies, Kevin Hauser, Julian Becker, Jonas Suchanek, Anadi Skoles

Architect: Kevin Hauser

Contact Persons: Peter Klingspies, Kevin Hauser, Julian Becker

Description:

Plot No: IR 206/3A, IR 206/3B, IR 207/4B, IR207/5A, IR207/5B, IR 207/6

Total Area of the project: Sumark: 4,235sqm, Treecare: 3,590sqm

Build up Area: Sumark: 350sqm, Treecare: 120sqm

Target Group: none

Background: Sumark is a construction unit started by Rolf Redis, which had been closed for several years and then reopened in 2012 by Kevin and Peter. Treecare specializes in professional pruning of trees, and especially over fragile structures such as roofs where the tree can't be just "cut down".

Triggers: Both units need space to set up a workshop and be able to store materials/wood. Sumark has a temporary workshop at the Invocation construction site but as this is nearing completion we urgently need a space to store our tools etc. Furthermore having a better set-up work space will improve the working efficiency especially of jobs like carpentry which do not necessarily need to be done on-site. Treecare has a small space in Sharanga where the pick-up truck, tools and timber are stored. The space there is very limited and tree care also urgently needs more space to be able to store cut timber, waste stumps and branches/leaves which can be shredded and used for making compost.

Goals/Objectives: This workspace will enable both units to function more efficiently as well as diversify. Tree care has already started taking up garden maintenance and this space will enable them to make good compost as well as store garden materials such as stones etc. For Sumark the work space will enable investment into power tools which will speed up construction times as well as improve efficiency. This space will also enable Sumark to do "production" jobs such as fabrication of furniture or other small jobs at times when there are fewer on-going projects.

Building Applications Feedback

1. Building application feedback for Savitri Bhavan for Phase 6 in International Zone.

Project write-up given by the project holder:

Project Title: Savitri Bhavan Picture Gallery Extension

Proposed Site Location: Savitri Bhavan Compound

Project Holder: Savitri Bhavan Management Team - Antim Singhi, G. Dhanalakshmi, D. Murugan, Shraddhavan

Architect: Helmut

Contact Persons: Shraddhavan, Helmut

Description: A building that mirrors in its section the already existing gallery, connecting it with a bridge.

Plot No: IR 225/4

Total Area of the project: 307 SQM.

Built up Area: 140 SQM.

Target Group: All users of Savitri Bhavan: i.e. Aurovilians, Newcomers and guests, students of Auroville and Outreach schools, students and lovers of Sri Aurobindo's Savitri etc.

Background: The Picture Gallery was created during construction of the Main Building of Savitri Bhavan to house the 472 oil-paintings illustrating Sri Aurobindo's epic Savitri - a legend and a symbol created by the Mother from 1961-66 with her chosen disciple Huta. In its present form the Gallery is not big enough to allow permanent display of the entire series of paintings, as wished by the Mother - instead rotating exhibitions are changed every two or three months. The extension will enable a permanent display of all these treasures: visitors will be able to move around from Canto to Canto, Book to Book of Sri Aurobindo's epic.

Triggers: This extension has been planned for several years and is expected to be the final element to be added to the Savitri Bhavan Campus. Since the necessary funding has been approved in principle by SAIER from Gol Grant, we look forward to beginning construction in the 2017-2018 financial year and completing it in time for Auroville's 50th Birthday celebrations in February 2018.

Goals/Objectives:

- To make these study-aids to deeper understanding of Sri Aurobindo's vision as revealed in Savitri available in their entirety to all interested members of the general public.
- To complete construction of the Savitri Bhavan complex.

For additional information, please write to:

avenir@auroville.org.in, call 2622-170 or come directly to L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC office in the Town Hall.

For more information on the location of the plots mentioned above, you can find this same announcement with map(s) on the AuroNet page of L'avenir d'Auroville/TDC.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Did you know the Auroville name and symbol are legally protected?

Over the years, there have been a number of instances where the name of Auroville was (and still is) used for commercial purposes by individuals and institutions that are not related at all to Auroville.

In 2000, a special protection of the name and symbol of Auroville was sought and granted under the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper use) Act 1950. This is the same Act that protects the national flag of India, the image (picture) of Mahatma Gandhi, etc.

There is a group of Volunteers under the name 'Name and Symbol of Auroville Protection group' (NASA) who are engaged in preventing such improper usage happening in the immediate surroundings of Auroville. The intention of the group is to apply

alternative tools before using legal tools to prevent or mitigate improper use of name and symbol of Auroville.

Several Auroville units, activities, projects and individual Aurovilians have been using the Auroville name for carrying out the objectives of the Township through their work. It has been difficult to prevent others from also using the Auroville name for their own purposes. The NASA group, in its one year existence, has managed to contain various instances of improper use in the bioregion.

If the unauthorized use of the name or emblem of "Auroville" continues in spite of NASA's preventive action, legal action will be taken against it.

If anyone knows of any instance of improper use of the name and/or symbol of Auroville they may write an email to:

nasa@auroville.org.in

OBITUARY

Lambert



Once more a long-ago Aurovillian left his body in France: it's our good friend and brother French Lambert Zirnheld who lived and worked in Auroville from 1979 onward when he arrived here with partner Vidya and their young baby Lila.

In the roughly ten years thereafter Lambert functioned as our youngsters' enthusiastic and quite professional football coach and will surely be remembered by many of them. He also ran a flourishing farm in Douceur community and was the one who gave to the old Auroville bakery, then still in Kottakarai, the recipe for French bread and the much appreciated first French croissants.

On 12 July this year, Lambert peacefully passed away at the age of 76 after a short struggle with cancer. Our warmth and sympathy go out to his daughter Lila who now lives in Auroville with her husband and their two children.

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POSTINGS

La Piscine closed 23 & 24 July

On the 23rd and 24th of July all of the Lifeguards at La Piscine will be going to Salem to get their Official Pool Lifeguard Certification. This is a great opportunity which we cannot pass up! Consequently, the pool will be closed Saturday and Sunday, re-opening as usual on Monday July 25th at 12 noon. Thanks for your understanding and sorry for the inconvenience. *La Piscine Team* :)

Hello, Susann Meinke!

I have a parcel for you from Germany. Please pick it up from Heidi, Vikas, 09442357661.

New Auroville Handbook coming soon

Dear friends,
Prisma is about to update and reprint the Auroville Handbook. If you have any changes or new information you would like incorporated please let us know. Once again we also plan to accept advertisements, half page or full page (Rs. 5,000 or 10,000). If this interests you please send us the artwork, or make an appointment with us to design something appropriate for your unit or service. We will be printing around 2,000 copies, which will be sold mostly in Auroville and Pondicherry in the year 2017-2018. The Handbook will have a special section on 50 Years' Auroville Inauguration 28. 02 1968 to 28. 02. 2018. You can contact us by phone 262-2296 or by e-mail: prisma@auroville.org.in
Prisma (Design - Photography - Print)

AVAILABLE

Surf Board

Hello everyone, I have a brand new second-hand surfboard for sale. The board is a 7.2 feet state of the art Firewire model including fins, board bag, leash and grip pad. Cost:25,000 INR. Please contact me under: g_connections@hotmail.de if you are interested, first come first served :). *Geo*"

Black Hero Honda Splendour

It has Pondy registration plates. Great working order, just recently had a new battery, chain sprocket and timing chain as well as a full servicing. Only available as I have upgraded to a bigger bike as our family has grown. Contact *Chris*: 9443351248 or 2623132

Marc's coffee at your office, guest house, and cafés in Auroville.

Would you like to brew organic coffees? Now we deliver freshly roasted and ground organic single estate coffee from Kodaikanal. Packed in reusable bags. We can share with you some tips on how to brew properly. Please call 0413-2623119, *Veera* or *Bhuvana* will take your order, and will deliver it to you next day in the afternoon.

We offer special discount for regular orders.

Looking forward to your call!!!! www.marcscoffees.com



Furniture

1. wardrobe (80x42x169cm) with 2 doors, company brand
 2. single worktree bed frame with coconut mattress (110x200x10cm)
 3. bookshelf(76x200x35cm) with 4 shelves, company brand
- All of them are 4 years old, good condition. Please contact *Phil*: 8940 453 961

Moped umbrella

1 almost new Chinese-made moped umbrella. Contact janet@auroville.org.in

Guitar

Since I will leave soon my beloved guitar needs a new owner. Good condition, nice sound. With bag, extra strings, capo. Interested? *Carla*: 9489744756 or carotenthoff@gmail.com.

3 kittens need homes urgently!

They are all shades of orange/ginger/white, seem to be about 3 weeks old, and used to human handling. We believe they were intentionally abandoned in Certitude as they are not wild or afraid of humans. They are playful and ADORABLE!!!! PLEASE give them a home! Contact: *Grazi* - 0413-2622916 or email: grazi@auroville.org.in

Guitar / Amplifier

Electro-Acoustic guitar and Amplifier (Roland Cube 20) combo!! For details call *Tejas @ Petite Ferme*: 9787732313

House items

I am selling the following items. They are all in very good shape. Washing machine Haier semi-automatic; Mattress Duraflex double size; Computer screen Samsung 21.5 inches - Contact *Xavier* 99 76 10 69 21"

Mobile

Brand new mobile for sale: 3 days old never been used, still in the box with bill and warranty. Model Name: Micromax Canvas Fire 4G + / Processor 1GHz Quad Core / Screen 4.7HD IPS (1080-720p) / 8GB ROM - Expandable 32GB / 1GB RAM / Camera Front 8MP/Back 5MP - Interested person can me on my mobile 7598378514 - *Suresh*

LOST & FOUND

Lost and Found, check it out

Dear All,
The lost & found box at the News & Notes office is getting full.... Mainly with keys and reading glasses (4 pairs). If you are still looking for some of yours, please stop by our office to check the content by August 1st. After this date, we will empty it out! *Eds*.

Mobile (Lost)

White Samsung mobile, with broken screen, lost beginning of the week in the CSR area. Please contact omar.k.rabbie@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR ...

Someone flying to Switzerland

I am looking for someone traveling to Switzerland that could take a book (Savitri) to send to my dad. The book weighs 780gr. You can contact me on: adriane.feldmann@gmail.com. Many thanks. Best, *Adriane*

Someone flying from Hamburg to AV

Hello I am looking for somebody who is going to come from Hamburg (or nearby), Germany, to AV. My brother would like to send some small things if you have some space in your luggage. Contact me under: kay_nag@yahoo.de - *Krishna Nag*.

Used Magazines (non fashion)

Dear community, Transition school is looking for nature, science, human interests or sports magazines; not fashion. The color pictures will be cut out and used for projects. If you have any please bring them to our school - best to the office. Thanks in advance, *Transition School Team*

A Lady's Bicycle

I am looking for a classical lady's bicycle, no gear is fine. Thank you! *Véronique* - 9488512678

A babysitter

Hello, I am looking for a nice (preferred German speaking) babysitter for my 7 years old son Noah during daytime (for sure until 6th of August, maybe longer). Would be very welcome if you have a child of similar age, so they could play together. If you're interested please write to: verena.elisabeth.mayr@gmail.com or leave a message with your Contact details for Verena at Vérité - Tel.2622872 or 2622045.

Blue Barrels

Does anyone have one or two of those big, blue, plastic barrels lying around, that they are not using? At Deepanam we would love to use them for doing vermicomposting as part of our school garden project. Thanks (Contact: Honor: 9159856148)

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

Home stay available

Comfortable, independent, one bedroom residence with private parking, fully furnished. Newcomers, volunteers, interns (working in an Auroville unit) are welcome to contact me at: abhaprakash@auroville.org.in/04132622003. *Abha (Utility)*

House-sitting 1

Looking for a house-sit in September (dates flexible, I can arrive earlier or later) for 3-6 months. My name is *Gerard Alcantara* (from the US), I'm returning to AV to volunteer with the intention to apply and start my entry process. I am a clean, responsible, experienced house-sitter / house-painter, willing to trade minor handiwork and/or take care of your pets and garden. Contact: gerardjude@yahoo.com

House-sitting 2

Hello, I'm *Shanks*. I'm a volunteer and ride a white bullet. You must've seen the bald guy with the guitar strapped on his back. I currently collaborate with several musicians in Auroville. My girlfriend and I are looking for a place to house-sit. Please contact me on: chungates@gmail.com.

House-sitting 3

I am a Newcomer looking for long-term house-sitting. I am single, have been here for 2 years, working with Mandala Pottery, currently at Maitreye2. I have a few months left to becoming an Aurovilian and would need a long term arrangement to complete my process. Please contact me at: nausheen@auroville.org.in. Thank you & regards, *nausheen*

House-sitting 4

We are a French-German couple with a boy of 13 and a girl of 9, coming to AV around 15 of September. We are looking for a place to stay, house-sitting or the like, for long-term commitments (months), with two connected/very close rooms (or cottage etc.), or anything allowing 2 adults and two kids to sleep, live and cook. We are adaptable; we lived already over 2y in a yurt in an ecovillage of 60 persons in France. Anything with more than 2 rooms also gladly evaluated! Email: danrodary@free.fr. Thanking you, *Elke & Daniel*.

House-sitting 5

My 13-year old son and I would need a place to house-sit from January till the end of March (April also optional). We love animals, and are ready to take care of pets, garden, and house maintenance costs. Please contact Corinne at: beautifulhebron@gmail.com

House-sitting 6

Dear Souls, this is *Hamsini* and my kid *Ram* (8 years old), our Newcomer period is coming to its end, and before finding our permanent house we are looking for a long-term house-sitting (one year or even more). I love animals, gardening, beauty and order. I have a monthly income from France so we could participate financially for the house. Thanks, *Hamsini* - 9487544184

House-sitting 7

Hello dear friends, My name is *Tatyana*, I'm 65 years old. Newcomer. Looking for long term house sitting. I love pets and plants. If you need person like me, please contact: btv.12@mail.ru. Thanks a lot

TAXI SHARING

July 24th: Hi. I am a single person arriving at Chennai Airport on the 24th of July at 8.15 am. I'd like to share a taxi to Auroville. If anyone's interested, contact me on: asenjamir5@gmail.com - *Asenla* - Contact number: 8454873348

July 24th: A taxi will be going from Auroville to Chennai airport to be there at 14.30/15.00. For sharing it only to Chennai, pls contact *Mukta*: 9655422346 or mukta@auroville.org.in

July 30/31: I am landing at Chennai airport on July 30 at 23:50, i.e. just before midnight. Would be ready for my pickup sometime between 00:00 and 01:00 on July 31. Contact: Ulrich, Creativity, ulrich@auroville.org.in, 94422-70639

July 31st: I am travelling from Auroville to be at Chennai Airport by 8:30 pm. However, I am flexible and do not mind being there earlier. I would like to share the taxi in whatever ways possible. Please contact Kumar: 9655 47 44 24 / kumarsehdev455@gmail.com

HEALTH

Tibetan Doctor's Visit

Dear Friends,

This is to inform you that the Tibetan Doctor will be visiting us on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday 24th of July.

For your appointment call @ 0413-2622401/ 8489067332 or send an e mail to: bodkhang97@gmail.com

Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture (International Zone).

Submitted by: *Kalssang Dolma Namgyal*.

Integral Health

Classical homeopathy - transpersonal regression therapy - child care

Sigrid starts July 25th with consultations, Peter is still out for a few more weeks.

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

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

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

Consultations are generally held in English, French and German, and Tamil

Malar is managing the office, mailing of remedies, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 9- 12 am.

You are welcome to contact us at: integralhealth@auroville.org.in to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

Please make an appointment beforehand via Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669

Sigrid sigrid@auroville.org.in , www.sigridlindemann.de

Peter peterh@auroville.org.in , mobile 9787698464

Ingo ingo@auroville.org.in , 9489325085

Malar malar@auroville.org.in , 9585012007

More information is available on:

www.sigridlindemann.com

www.auroville-holistic.com

www.auroville.org

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners of AV Radio!

New school year 2016/17 has begun and with us this week is already a second batch of Future School students performing their community service!

Last week we had *Noemie, Arun* and *Arjunan* who shared with us:

Future with Future School: *Noemie, Arjunan* and *Arun* are talking about their schooling, experience at the radio, and their future.

[\(www.aurovillerradio.org/future-with-future-school/\)](http://www.aurovillerradio.org/future-with-future-school/)

You might also want to listen to their VOX POP on gaming:

Vox Pop on Gaming: Vox Pop on random people in the city about gaming by Future School students within their community service.

[\(www.aurovillerradio.org/vox-pop-on-gaming/\)](http://www.aurovillerradio.org/vox-pop-on-gaming/)

Aikya and *Krishna* are reading an interesting story of Cedona Holly on how the white lions saved the world, in 5 parts:

Over the Sun: Over the Sun, How the White Lions Saved the World, story by Cedona Holly, and read by *Aikya*.

[\(www.aurovillerradio.org/over-the-sun/\)](http://www.aurovillerradio.org/over-the-sun/)

Gangalakshmi started to read Savitri in French:

Savitri 1: Savitri by Sri Aurobindo - Le Jour Éternel: le Choix de l'Âme et l'Accomplissement Suprême.

[\(www.aurovillerradio.org/savitri-2/\)](http://www.aurovillerradio.org/savitri-2/)

You are always welcome to pass by AV Radio which is located on the ground floor of Town Hall - opposite of Financial Service if you would like to share, contribute, suggest.....or maybe volunteer....or if you would like to copy your favorite program on your USB stick.

Dr. Sehdev Kumar continues with his lectures on Being&Consciousness:

Seeds of Consciousness: Dr. Sehdev Kumar shares his second lecture on "Being & Consciousness" - Seeds of Consciousness (www.aurovillerradio.org/seeds-of-consciousness/)

Some hand-selected track lists for you to enjoy:

Tamil Movie Scores by *Arjunan*

[\(www.aurovillerradio.org/tamil-movies-scores/\)](http://www.aurovillerradio.org/tamil-movies-scores/),

Getting in Moods by *Noemie* (www.aurovillerradio.org/getting-in-moods/),

and from Durban and the alternative label Ggom Oh!

[\(www.aurovillerradio.org/ggom-oh-label/\)](http://www.aurovillerradio.org/ggom-oh-label/)

This week *Hannah, Kilan* and *Gregorio* from Future School have joined the team and on the very first day of their community service made interviews on Matrimandir:

Matrimandir interviews/Karma yoga: Students of Future School, within their community service interviewing people who are working in Matrimandir.

[\(www.aurovillerradio.org/matrimandir-interviewskarma-yoga/\)](http://www.aurovillerradio.org/matrimandir-interviewskarma-yoga/)

Yours, AV Radio Team

Auroville Aikido, Dehashakti – Children Classes

We are most happy to inform the parents that ultimately, this year, we do have space to welcome the children 3 times a week in our 2 groups.

Schedule:

- 7-10 years young: Mon. & Wed. 4 to 5.00 pm, and Saturday 9 to 10 am
- 11-15 years young: Mon. & Wed. 5 to 6.00 pm, and Saturday 8 to 9 am
- Above 15: welcome to the Adult classes: Beginners can come on Mon. & Wed. 6 to 7.00 pm. Advanced: Tues. & Thurs. 6 to 7.30 am. Mixed levels Sat. 6.30 to 7.30 am.

For more information please write to:

budokan@auroville.org.in

Surya, Atchuthan & Pavitra (possibly more of our young advanced students) and with Cristo whenever possible for him.

Knock knock... ready to sweat again??Auroville Mixed Martial Arts starts again from Monday 25th July

Since one year we are studying grappling, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Muay Thai applied to MMA, and Sambo, in a very friendly atmosphere, sometimes with special martial guest to lead the lessons.

Every Monday 5:30 to 7:00, Dehashakti Sportground Gymnasium (Starting from the age of 15.)

No zip, no buttons, no jewellery, not dirty or over-sweat clothes from previous activities. Short nails and clean feet.

I can teach no more than 13 persons per lesson, so be regular and punctual. Please stay at home if you are sick / you have open wounds or skin diseases.

Free for Aurovillians, Newcomers, SAVI Volunteers. Anyway contributions are very welcome: I want to buy the flight ticket for my Master and invite him in Auroville a couple of months. We will also buy gloves and other protections with that money (Guests: Rs.150 per class) - see you in the fray...

Giacomo: giacomo@auroville.org.in 9487340778



Delighted to discover...

Miracles of Avocado, the Wonder Fruit
by Mrs. Sheela Rani Chunkath

It's avocado season in Auroville, with an excellent harvest this year, and we were asked to dedicate a Green Column to this highly nutritious fruit, which comes to us mainly from AuroOrchard. An internet brought up a very informative article, and to our surprise we discovered that its author is none other than Mrs. Sheela Rani Chunkath, wife of Auroville's secretary! A little more googling on the writer revealed someone whose many activities, interests and achievements are as diverse as inspiring: from social and educational engagements as a senior IAS officer in Tamil Nadu – successfully combatting infanticide, improving women's lives and rural livelihood – to promoting children's and maternal health and sharing her knowledge in Ayurveda, and campaigning to reduce the use of plastic... This small paragraph is obviously too short to introduce Mrs. Chunkath, but we look forward as a community to many opportunities to interact with her, and hope to make the best of her presence in Auroville in all possible ways!

Avocados suddenly seem to be available everywhere. What used to be sold only in speciality vegetables stores is now available with roadside vegetable vendors. Avocados are considered by some to be a kind of miracle food, full of anti-oxidants and oleic acid. It is a fruit that helps to improve your complexion and has a general rejuvenating effect on your system.

Ayurvedic vaidyars consider this food to be anti-vata and anti-kapha, so if you have dry skin or are suffering from joint pains, avocado is the fruit for you. It moisturizes dry hair and moistens dry lungs. It is a builder of ojas and is therefore recommended as baby food.

Avocados have a smooth creamy texture and is somewhat bland in taste. It reminds me of the taste of the cream of tender coconuts. I have long been a fan of avocados and have eaten it in Mexican restaurants as guacamole with nacho chips. Guacamole is a kind of salad prepared with slightly squished avocado fruit, onions, tomatoes and lime juice. Then avocados kind of disappeared from my menu till I discovered the avocado smoothie, the avocado paratha and the avocado omelette.

Avocados contain nearly 20 vitamins and minerals that the body requires including Vitamin W, C and B6. Avocados are the only fruits that have such a high content of fat. This fat is the

'good' fat and is said to help in lowering cholesterol. The fat in avocado provides protection against heart diseases, because oleic acid is the primary fat in avocados. Avocados are rich in omega-3 fatty acids normally found only in non-vegetarian sources such as fish, krill etc. Avocados are rich in alpha-linolenic acid. Avocados help increase High Density Lipoprotein (HDL) and this improves ones cardiovascular health. Avocados are anti-inflammatory and help to mitigate both osteo and rheumatoid arthritis. For a vegetarian getting Omega 3 into one's diet can be a challenge till you discover avocados. However for most of us used to the taste of bhendis and parvals, the avocado can be an insipid tasting fruit.

I looked around for ways to incorporate avocado into my regular menu and 'discovered' the avocado smoothie. Cutting an avocado is simple; cut it length-wise all the way round, then give one half of the fruit a twist and voila, you have two halves of the fruit. Scoop out half the fruit right up to the skin, since the dark green portion is nutrient-dense. Squish the pulp lightly and add to coconut milk extracted from about half a coconut. Blend in a mixie. Add sugar or sugar substitutes and drink with a few cubes of ice thrown in. The recipe given above will be adequate for two people.

The fruit turns black on the outside when ripe. However, many fruits just remain green with a few black spots here and there on the skin. Unripe avocados do ripen at home but may take anywhere between two days to a week. Avocado pulp can be used as facials and for washing the hair. It greatly improves both skin and hair health. Avocados are worth incorporating into your diet and I am sure our readers will find many innovative ways of doing so.

The writer was earlier Health Secretary, Tamil Nadu, and is currently [as of 2014, now retired - ed.] Additional Chief Secretary, and Chairman and MD, Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation.

Other articles can be accessed at:
www.arogyamantra.blogspot.com.

This article was originally published in the Indian Express on 20th July 2014, and is here reproduced with Ms. Chunkath's kind permission. We look forward to sharing other relevant articles by her in near future.

Auroville Green Center invites you to share 'anything green' for a healthy Auroville, Bioregion and planet Earth.
avgreencenter@auroville.org.in
For AV Green Centre - Jasmin & Lisbeth

A Morning at Pitchandikulam Forest

Come join us at Pitchandikulam Forest for a walk where we identify indigenous plants and their uses. The walk will be followed by a demonstration of herbal food and medicine preparation with Ms.Parvati of Amirtha/Meera Enterprises.

Wednesday 27th July, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

To register and for more info: contact email: pitchandikulam.outreach@auroville.org.in, Phone: +91 7094716136

Contributions will be welcome.



Auroville Child Development - A Little History

New Creation is close to Kulilapalayam, a Tamil village of about 3000 inhabitants. Its existence is linked to that of this village and that of others around.

Here is how things started

Fraternity, a small community on the outskirts of Auroville, was created to provide work for the village people and to teach them craftsmanship. The need to release mothers so that they can come to work or learn a trade necessitated in 1978 the establishment of a day care center. But there were not only babies but also older children, most of whom did not attend school. Thus alongside we have instituted a kindergarten and afterwards a school. But gradually, many parents asked that we accept their children into the school. There were parents who worked at Fraternity and others who were employed in Auroville. Thus it was necessary to create more classes. Also, at the time, the children's living conditions in the village were such that, obviously for us, we had to inaugurate a home for children coming from troubled families. At about 100 meters from Fraternity, a large plot of Auroville, then desert, was found available. In 1983, we opened the children's home and moved the day care center and the nursery school. New Creation took birth. There, we lived in huts covered with palm leaves. Our first little family with children from the village was formed. New Creation grew. The school, now a separate entity, has over 240 students. The crèche was recently transferred to the Last School compound so that we can, in New Creation, welcome more children in the day care center, about 49 regularly. Besides, the children's home provides housing for 50 children. All our activities are free for the children.

Today's profile

The Mother insisted on harmony between Auroville and the surrounding villages. New Creation wanted to meet this wish of the Mother and it still endeavors so. How to promote the ideal of human unity without showing solidarity with those around?

Moreover, the cooperation of villagers proved and remains essential to the development of Auroville. But we could interpret the recommendations of the Mother also in a prophetic meaning. You should know that more than 60 children raised in the children's home are now members of the Auroville community and permanently work there.

The future of a child depends largely on his experience of life in the early years. To take care of young children in the proper environment gives them a fuller and more effective achievement of their full potential. In the context of the children's home and the day care center, "Auroville Child Development" is dedicated to the implementation of this idea while attaching to it the notion of "free progress". It is an educational project with both individual and collective implications. Its aim is that every child perfects the physical, vital, emotional, mental, psychological and spiritual aspects of his personality.

The right environment accordingly means that children grow at their own pace, in a surrounding supportive for their development and receive sympathetic consideration. They retain the inputs of their native culture and progress in their new lifestyle with the agreement of their parents or guardians. They enjoy the atmosphere and facilities of Auroville and New Creation. Crucial importance is attributed to joy, beauty, harmony, goodwill and respect for truth, equality and fraternity. Understanding multiple languages gives an opening to universality. The inclusion of the notion of "free progress" serves to safeguard the child's contact with his inner being, manifested at the tender age in a candid and carefree look. In contrast, coercion and physical or psychological violence, inherent in a forced learning, injure the fragile nature of the child. By a personal evolution in line with the profound aspirations of his nature, he becomes more easily conscious of his unity with the Divine and with other beings.

The future of Auroville

Certainly, it is necessary to provide for the acquisition of land by Auroville. In fact, preserving and strengthening the trust and friendship of the neighboring people facilitate the conclusion of agreements to that effect. Moreover, this climate of cooperation promotes the prosperity of Auroville and its population growth. Newcomers originate from different countries, but mainly from India. The Indian people in general demonstrate an innate respect for spirituality and have exceptional abilities in this regard. Only aspiring to the true Human Unity will open the future for a marvellous New World.

André Tardeil (14.07/2016) -Auroville Child Development New Creation [Auroville 605101 India / Email: andre@auroville.org.in]

For your calendar



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every Thursday at sunset

From 6.00 to 6.30 pm (weather permitting)

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

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not to use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc.



Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you - No photos there.
Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 to 6.30 pm.

Please be seated by 5.55 pm
Amphitheatre Team

On Sunday July 31st - 6.30 to 7.30 pm (weather permitting...)

We will sing Mother's mantra "Om Namó Bhagavaté"
With Joy and Jivatman (guitar) to guide the chanting

Everyone is welcome to join chanting or just be...

Please take your torch light for the steps. No photos please.

Dear Guests, please carry your *Aurocard* and note that the gardens
will be open only for this moment at the amphitheatre.

Amphitheatre Team

INVITATIONS

Bantu Ubuntu Infinity Weekend at Youth Center

Hi happy Auroville!! Youth Center would invite you for three days, for the Bantu Ubuntu Infinity in this spectacular endless summer monsoon - from 23rd Saturday to 25th Monday.

The Youth Center is a place where youth (that never ages) come together to express their emotions, as logical and physical perfection and imperfection; in the triangle which is Be creative, Be conscious and Be sharing in the Peaceful City.

Bantu Ubuntu is the language of Humankind in Zulu.

- Day 1 (5 pm): Pizza night with drums, a jam session and a bonfire.
- Day 2 (2pm): Candle crafting, macramé, dance movement therapy, body psychology workshop and explaining more about tree houses. There will also be a Korean dinner including kimpap and isombe from Rwanda.
- Day 3 (6 pm): Dosa night with live music performed by a French band called "Notre Away".

Samy, currently a volunteer at the Youth Center, African Pavilion and the Tree house Community, is seeking a transformation of the Human heart. In these three days he will be fundraising for his safari, during which he will be doing research on "What is the relation between drums and humans" and "Dance movement therapy".

We hope to see your enthusiasm and smiles!
HAPPY DRUMMING!!!

EXHIBITIONS



LAST CALL!

Abstract - the Exhibition of Paintings and Sculptures by Juergen Puetz and D. Saravanan
will be at the Kala kendra's Gallery till the 23rd of July.

All are invited

University of Human Unity
Being & Consciousness
Bhakti Yoga and the Divine Adoration

By Dr. Sehdev Kumar

Based on his forthcoming book, 7000 Million Degrees of Freedom, Dr. Sehdev Kumar presents this lecture/seminar series on the nature and mystery of Consciousness with special reference to the Bhakti Movement, and in the context of studies and research in evolutionary psychology, quantum physics, neurobiology, and new explorations in music.

The Mundane & the Sacred: Are there different Levels of Consciousness?
 July 23, Saturday, 10-11 am

Stepping into the Light of Freedom: Vision of Kabir & Mira
 July 30, Saturday, 10-11 am

Venue: Unity Pavilion

You are warmly invited to attend a program in Tamil:

The true story of Auroville birth?

How and why Sri Aurobindo left his body and how Auroville was conceived behind the veil

Sunday 14th evening followed by Monday 15th August morning
In Unity Pavilion.

Program

14 August evening

6.00 welcome and registration (door will be closed at 6.20 pm)

6.30 pm: Dinner served in Oryoki style

7.30 pm: The story on how and why Sri Aurobindo left his body... and how Auroville was conceived from behind the veil.

8.30 pm: End of the evening

15 August morning

10.00 to 12.00 am: Sharing on the last evening and planning the future.

There is a limited number of places: we have to register your participation as soon as possible. You can sign up:

- Either by email until 7th of August writing to partha@auroville.org.in
- Or get a registration card from the listed below, sign it and drop it in Pour Tous (PTDC), Solar kitchen, Town hall or Pour Tous (PTPS in Aspiration) before the 7th of August.

Ask for a card to the following organisers:

Balaguru: 90920 92499
Balu (Bamboo): 99464 44757
Jill: 94864 16173
Muthu (Morgan): 96597 14155
Partha: 94877 63394

Davaselvy (Prarthna): 94430 35487
Shanker (Aikyam): 89031 52339
Shubalakshmi: 83443 59936
Soundarya: 76394 74400
Uma (working Committee): 97885 67374

Warmly,
 Partha, on behalf of the team

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS



Nada Yoga

(Note the new timings)

Monday 2 pm to 4:00 pm (With Appointment)

Tuesday 2 pm to 4:00 pm

Wednesday 2 pm to 4:00 pm (With Appointment)

In Creativity at Hall of Light

Nada Yoga or Yoga of sound teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body that are connected to the central energetic channel that is in the spine.

This ancient Yoga technique re-aligns the energy flow and gives peace and quiet serenity. In addition, with this technique, you can learn to sing well, even if you sing completely wrong. It is through such a technique that traditional music and classical singing in India were born.

Hamsini has been a perpetual student of Nada Yoga for 14 years and has taught it for 6 years.

Hamsini 9487544184

For Post Menopausal Women: Hormonal Dance

Saturdays, in the Hall of Light in Creativity 4-5 pm

Led by *Suriya Gandhi*.

Contact Suriya for info: 0413-2622602

Salsa Lessons!

Weekly on Tuesdays, at Cripa: 6 to 7:30pm, with *Vijay*
Beginners welcome, contributions too!

Contact Dance Improvisation

Workshop every Saturday from 5 to 7 pm in Cripa.
Discover and enjoy the rhythm of your body and the relation with the ground, the space and with other bodies.
Arianna: 8524959680 / John: 8524963049

Baby-swim and Watsu-class in Quiet's pool with Appie

Tuesday 26th of July, at 9.30 am
Please call Quiet at 8am to confirm (the pool is not yet ready but should be then) and tell other babies! All babies from 2-14 months with at least 1 parent are welcome. It is about fun and connecting with your baby in the warm water. Bring a swim-nappy (available at la Piscine), your swimsuit and a big towel ... and please be on time as I would like us to start together.
Welcome - appie@auroville.org.in

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
26th July (Tuesday)
Focus this week on: 'The Synthesis of Yoga'

- 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.

Place: Savitri Bhavan

Time: 9 am to 12 Noon (please be present by 8.50 am for preliminary study)

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

System for health and relaxation

3 week exploration at ARKA: 7/21-8/13 Tues & Thurs 16:30-18:30

Drawing on practices of Russian Martial Art, we will explore breathing, tension/relaxation, natural movement, falling, pressure, and some impact. The emphasis will be on maintaining a neutral psychological status under varying degrees of challenge rather than on "succeeding" through competition.

Please arrange to be present during all sessions. Everybody is welcome.

Contact *Ashaman*: 9487241975

Joint mobility for "seniors"

ARKA 7/21-8/13 MWF 8:30-9:15

Actually beneficial for all ages, these movements draw on Indian, Russian and Chinese practices. They are moderately easy, promote full body circulation and coordination, and provide minimal toning ("We are as old as our connective tissue")

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Explore your mind: 3-day workshop in hypnotherapy

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

What is hypnosis?

How do right and left brain function practically?

How do conscious and subconscious interact?

Explore the depths of your mind and relax!

Meditate with ease!

Expand your therapeutic toolbox!

Apply Self-hypnosis

A 3-day workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" - Certified course from EKAA [www.ekaa.co.in]

29- 31st July at Sharnga Guesthouse Yoga Hall

Friday: 3.30 to 7 pm - Intro and Self-hypnosis

Saturday, Sunday: 9 - 6 pm. Theory and Practice of Hypnotherapy techniques

Info meeting July 27th: 5- 5.30 pm on Sharnga Guesthouse Terrace

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

www.auroville-holistic.com / www.sigridlindemann.com

Register with *Sigrid*: contact@auroville-holistic.com and 09626006961, 0413 2623888

Important information about News & Notes (Absolute deadline for submissions or cancellations: Wednesday 11 am)

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

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

NB: Messages with large attachments (more than 1 MB) will not reach our inbox.

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

The Wednesday deadline (11am) is absolute as the News is given to the printers by Wednesday 2 pm.

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

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.

Visiting hours: Mondays, Tuesdays 9am to 11.45am and 1pm to 3pm; **No visitors on Wednesday.** Please, no dictations over the phone unless it is an emergency or you have a medical problem.

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AV ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BUS - JULY

MONDAY to SATURDAY		WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY	
8.20 am VERITE	12.00 pm ASHRAM DINING HALL	4.20 pm VERITE	8.10 pm ASHRAM DINING HALL
8.25 am MATRIMANDIR OFFICE	12.05 pm LOTUS HOTEL	4.25 pm MATRIMANDIR OFFICE	8.15 pm LOTUS HOTEL
8.30 am SOLAR KITCHEN	12.10 pm QUIET	4.30 pm SOLAR KITCHEN	8.25 pm QUIET
8.32 am CERTITUDE	12.20 pm LAST SCHOOL	4.33 pm CERTITUDE	8.30 pm LAST SCHOOL
8.40 am KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction)	12.23 pm KUILAPALAYAM (SBI BANK)	4.40 pm KUILAPALAYAM (New Creation Junction)	8.33 pm KUILAPALAYAM (SBI BANK)
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8.50 am QUIET	12.35 pm SOLAR KITCHEN	4.50 pm QUIET	8.45 pm SOLAR KITCHEN
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FILMS



CINEMA - Bharat Nivas - AUDITORIUM
(Film starts at 7:45 pm SHARP!)

- Friday 22 July: "RADIOPETTI - RADIO SET" by Hari VISWANATH - India, Tamil Nadu, 2015
- FRIDAY 29 JULY: "TAXI TEHRAN" - Directed by Jafar PANAHI - Iran, 2015

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

Synopsis: When you are a filmmaker and your government has banned you to direct movies for 20 years, you have to retrain. So why not become a taxi driver? Or better, why not pretend you are a taxi driver and make a film despite everything? This is what Jafar Panahi has done. Now he invites you to get into his cab to ride through the streets of Tehran and discover its people in the persons of his various passengers... A captivating and very warm cinematic experience!

Winner of the Golden Bear, Berlin Film Festival, 2015.

Original version in Farsi with English subtitles - Duration 1h.23' - PG 12.

The film will be preceded by a 5 min short film "TEAM AGORA -The Beat of Rage" (music video) by Jinu Thomas -present with us!

VISITOR CENTER MOVIE SHOW

28th Thursday July 8 pm

THE INTERN (2015)

Genre: Comedy/Drama / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:2: 01 mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Nancy Meyers](#) / Cast: [Robert De Niro](#), [Anne Hathaway](#), [Rene Russo](#)

Storyline:70-year-old widower Ben Whittaker has discovered that retirement isn't all it's cracked up to be. Seizing an opportunity to get back in the game, he becomes a senior intern at an online fashion site, founded and run by Jules Ostin.

29th Friday July 8 pm

THE NOBLE (2014)

Genre: Biography/Drama / Rated: PG 13 / Dur:1:40 mins / Language: English/Subtitle: English

Dir: [Stephen Bradley](#) / Cast: [Deirdre O'Kane](#), [Sarah Greene](#), [Gloria Cramer Curtis](#)

Storyline:Christina Noble overcomes the harsh difficulties of her childhood in Ireland to discover her destiny on the streets of Saigon. A true story.

AT SAVITRI BHAVAN

Monday, 25th of July 2016 at 6:30 pm

"MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI

Book 11: *THE BOOK OF EVERLASTING DAY*"

The Eternal Day: The Soul's Choice and the Supreme Consummation

"A marvellous sun looked down from ecstasy's skies /

On worlds of deathless bliss, perfection's home,.../

God's everlasting day surrounded her, /

Domains appeared of sempiternal light /

Invading all Nature with the Absolute's joy." (Savitri, p.671)

A film by Manohar of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from *Savitri* read by The Mother and accompanied on her own organ music. Duration: 55min.

We supply photocopies from the "Savitri" texts read by The Mother, so that the texts can be followed while seeing the film.



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, July 29th, 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!!

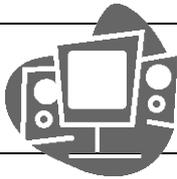
CREATURES OF LIGHT

53 mins - Produced by Chad Cohen

NOVA and National Geographic take a dazzling dive to the undersea world where most creatures flash, sparkle, shimmer, or simply glow. Join deep sea scientists who investigate these stunning displays and discover surprising ways to harness nature's light — from tracking cancer cells to detecting pollution, lighting up cities, and even illuminating the inner workings of our brains.

(Reminder: Friday, July 22nd: "How the Earth Was Made: *The Deepest Place on Earth*")

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: sadhanaforest.org / facebook.com/sadhanaforest



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 25 July 2016 to 31 July 2016

Special Announcement:

There will be a 17mins film screened on Wednesday, 20 July 2016 following 'Pandora's Dream' on some recent and interesting developments in the area of nuclear energy.

Indian - Monday 25 July, 8:00 pm:

- **Lokmanya : Ek Yugpurush (Lokmanya : A legendary man)**

India, 2015, Writer-Dir. Om Raut w/Priya Bapat, Subodh Bhawe, Shweta Bhende and others, History, Marathi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

This film is inspired by the ideologies of Bal Gangadhar Tilak, also known as Lokamanya or "Beloved of the people". Among many things, Lokamanya was a visionary whose ideas inspired thousands of youngsters to join the freedom struggle. The story unfolds through the eyes of Makarand, a journalist, as he reads about Tilak's life and tries to incorporate his values in the changing political scenario in India. The film raises many questions that get you thinking whether we have forgotten the sacrifices that got us freedom and more importantly, are we really free? *We bring you this critically acclaimed film to commemorate his birthday, 23 July 1856.*

German- Tuesday 26 July, 8:00 pm:

- **Krabat**

Germany, 2008, Dir. Marco Kreuzpaintner w/ David Kross, Christian Redl, Daniel Bruehl, Drama-Fantasy-Thriller, 120mins, German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

In cooperation with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan

The 14 year old orphan Krabat lives during the Thirty Years War and tries to survive. Lonely and lost he follows a frightening call to an old mill. Dark sorcery puts him to an ultimate test! It is a movie about power, love, friendship and freedom.

Cultural - Wednesday 27 July, 8:00 pm:

- **CARMEN : opera from Bizet**

UK, 2008, Dir. Francesca Zambello, w/ A. Antonacci, J. Kaufmann, I. D'Arcangelo and N. Ansellmeys, opera, 150min, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

This is an outstanding version of Bizet masterpiece, singing and musical direction (A. Pappano) at its best. Signorina Antonacci is indeed a very sensual Carmen with erotic intensity but the star of this performance is Jonas Kaufmann who gives a unique interpretation of Don Jose, showing with all his sensibility a man slowly possessed by his passion, driven to madness and becoming a broken man. He just doesn't sing or play this role, he becomes Don Jose. This is a Don Jose made of real flesh and blood. The rest of the cast is excellent. This is the Carmen to be seen.

French - Thursday 28 July, 8:00 pm:

- **L'AFFAIRE SK 1 (The SK 1 Affair)**

France, 2014, Writer-Dir. Frédéric Tellier w/ Raphaël Personnaz, Nathalie Baye, Olivier Gourmet, Thriller, Drama, 120 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated: NR (R)

Paris 1991: Franck Magne, a young inspector investigates Guy Georges, the 1990s serial killer, dubbed as "The Beast of the Bastille". The film chronicles the 10yrs long hunt and the trial, - known to be the most complex one in the French Judiciary system. *Warning: Some scenes, language, may trouble sensitive spectators.*

International - Saturday 30 July, 8:00 pm:

- **THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CARING**

USA, 2016, Writer-Dir. Rob Burnett w/ Craig Roberts, Paul Rudd, Selena Gomez, and others, Comedy-Drama, 97mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Ben, a grieving father and failed writer takes a job as a caretaker for an amusingly surly teenage boy who suffers from muscular dystrophy, a disorder that severely impairs his physical abilities but leaves his mind sharp. Ben and Trevor strike up a friendship and the two convince Trevor's mother, Elsa to let them take a road trip. It is in this trip that ability to cope is tested as they start to understand the importance of hope and friendship. It is a simply told heartwarming film that you should not miss.

Children's Film - Sunday 31 July, 4:30 pm:

- **WALLACE AND GROMIT - 4 Episodes : A Grand Day Out, The Wrong Trousers, A Close Shave, and A matter of Loaf and Death**

UK, 1989, Dir: Nick Park w/ Peter Sallis, and others Animation, each episode ~30mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: U
Wallace and his dog Gromit have run out of cheese and uses the excuse to take their holiday on the moon, where, as everyone knows, there is ample cheese. In *the Wrong Trousers*, Wallace is used by a criminal penguin in a robbery. In *A Close Shave* Wallace falls for a wool shop owner, while Gromit is framed for sheep rustling. In the final episode, the duo opens a bakery and gets tied up with a murder mystery. But, when Wallace falls in love, Gromit is left to solve the case.

Ciné-Club - Sunday 31 July, 8:00 pm:

- **ATONEMENT**

UK-France, 2007, Dir. Joe Wright w/Keira Knightley, James Mcavoy, Brenda Blethyn, and others, Mystery-Romance, 123mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

Fledgling writer Briony Tallis, 13yrs old, irrevocably changes the course of several lives when she accuses her older sister's lover of a crime he did not commit. Based on the British romance novel by Ian McEwan.

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.

Kindly do not bring food, drinks, snacks, munchies or your pets into the auditorium.

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

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.*

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