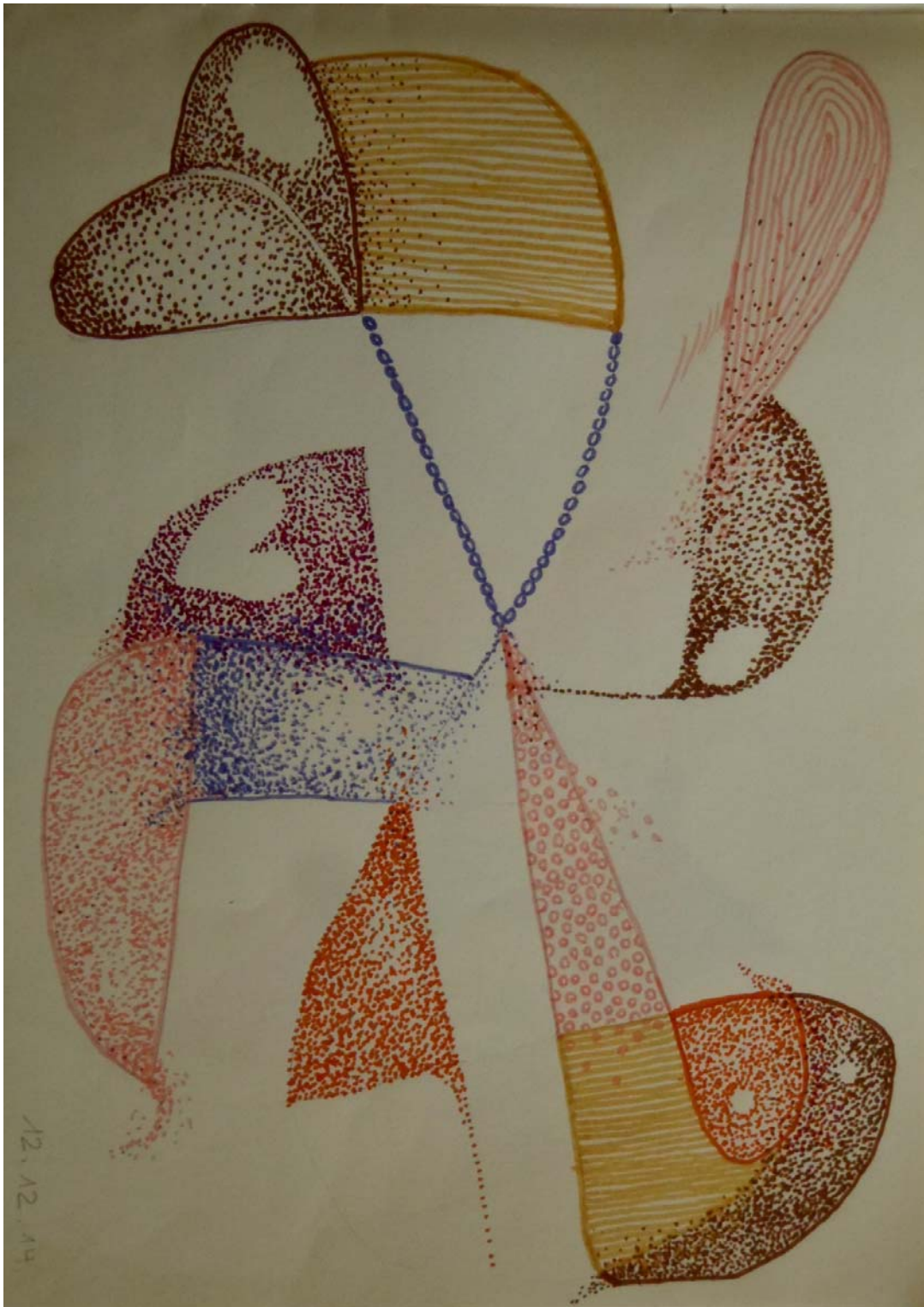


News & Notes

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

NIRODBARAN: How is the psychic control to be got?

SRI AUROBINDO: By constant remembrance, consecration of oneself to the Divine, rejection of all that stands in the way of the psychic influence. Generally it is the vital being that stands in the way with its desires and demands. But once the psychic opens, it shows at every step what is to be done.

SRI AUROBINDO: What's the idea behind your question? Is it something personal or general?

DR. BECHARLAL: I meant, for instance, how to see God in everybody, how to love all and have a goodwill for all?

SRI AUROBINDO: One has to start with the idea of goodwill for all, to consecrate oneself to the Divine, try to see God in others, acquire a psychic control and reject in oneself all vital and mental impulses. On this basis one must proceed towards realisation. The idea must pass into experience. Once the realisation is there, everything becomes easy. But even then, it is easy in the static aspect. When it comes to the dynamic expression it becomes difficult. Thus, when one finds a man behaving like a brute, it is very difficult to see God in him, unless one separates him from his outer nature and sees the Divine behind.

One can also repeat the name of the Divine and come to a divine consciousness.

NIRODBARAN: How does repeating the name help one?

SRI AUROBINDO: The name is a power, like a Mantra. Everything in the world is a power. There are some who do Pranayama together with repeating the name. After a while, the repetition and Pranayama become automatic and one feels the Divine Presence.

There are no limits to the ways of God. In the Ashram here, once people began to feel a tremendous force in their work. They could work without fatigue for hours and hours. But they overdid it. One has to be reasonable even in spirituality. That tremendous force was felt when the sadhana was in the vital being. When the sadhana started in the physical, things were different. The physical is like a stone, full of Aprakasha and Apravritti, darkness and inertia.

NIRODBARAN: Sometimes one feels a sort of love for everybody; though the feeling lasts only for a few seconds, it gives a great Joy.

SRI AUROBINDO: That is a wave from the psychic. But what is your attitude towards it? Do you take it as a passing mood or does it stimulate you to further experience of that sort?

NIRODBARAN: It stimulates, but often the vital mixture tries to come in. Fortunately I could drive it out recently.

SRI AUROBINDO: The mixture is the risk. The fact that the mixture tried to come shows that the wave came through the inner vital and thus took something from the vital. In the vital, one has to be careful to avoid sex impurities. There was a sadhak who, in spite of his occasional outburst of violence, was a very nice and affectionate man. But he used to get his psychic experiences mixed up with the sex impulse, and the experiences were spoiled. The spoiling happens because at times one gives a semi justification to the sex impulse, saying that after all it does not matter very much. But sex is absolutely out of place in Yoga. In the ordinary life it has a certain place for certain purposes.

When I was in jail I knew a man who had a power of concentration by which he tried to make everyone love him, and he succeeded. The warders and all the others were drawn to him. Of course one must know the process of concentrating.

NIRODBARAN: That's just what we don't know. *(Laughter)*

(To be continued)

TALKS WITH SRI AUROBINDO, 22 December 1938

NIRODBARAN

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 GROUPS REPORTS

Entry: results on Questions to the community

Dear community,

On 31/05/2017 the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS), on behalf of Entry Task Group (ETG), Auroville Council (AVC) and Working Committee (WCom), invited the community to answer some Questions on the topic of Entry. These Questions were disseminated, along with a report of the Entry GM held on 11/05/2017, via email dt. 31/05/2017, and the same was published in the News and Notes and on Auronet. The 2-week period for answers has come to an end on 14/06/2017.

You may access the results of these Questions to the Community by clicking this link <https://goo.gl/SD5tdP> Shortly, in the first week of July, you will receive the notification for feedback on the draft Entry Policy (2017) itself.

We look forward to your continued participation.

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

Errata: FAMC monthly report - May

L'avenir d'Auroville / iTDC related

Site applications:

Kalpana Sports Centre:

Provisional agreement to the site application was given. Project holders Satyakam and Devasmita, as well as their close collaborator Lila, have been asked to provide more details regarding the project before they would submit an application for building permission. Site application approval is still pending with the iTDC."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auroville Health Fund Scheme

Dear friends,

The Auroville Health Fund is now called the "Auroville Health Fund Scheme" and not Auroville Health Scheme as previously stated. It was decided to retain the name "fund" otherwise some confusion seems to occur between Auroville Health Services (AVHS) and Auroville Health Scheme.

Thank you to all who gave their valuable time to read the document and give feedback. Each feedback has been replied to individually by the Auroville Health Fund and a tabular format of the feedback received, incorporated into the document or not incorporated, is presented here for your perusal. The final amended document with all the feedback incorporated which will be the document referred to as The Auroville Health Fund Scheme from the date of its publication is also published for your information (See link <https://www.auroville.org.in/article/63467>)

Thanking all again for this collaborative effort.

Warm regards,

The Auroville Health Fund (administration)

The Auroville Health Care group.

The Auroville Council.

International Relevance of Auroville

The International Relevance of Auroville as represented in the Vision of an International Zone of Auroville will be one of the themes for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2018.

Pursuing this goal the 50th Team hopes that the Auroville Foundation through its Chairman, Dr. Karan Singh, invites the Diplomatic Corps accredited in Delhi and also informs the Indian Missions abroad.

Kindly inform the 50thcore@auroville.org.in of

- any relevant person to person project for Auroville
- NGO to Auroville projects
- Govt to Auroville projects
- Other information of interest to the Ambassadors/ Representatives of your nation.

We hope after the inaugural address in Delhi to approach the national representatives with a specific proposal.

Kindly help us to make this meaningful for Auroville's future.

Frederick (frederick@auroville.org.in) for 50th Anniversary Team (50thcore@auroville.org.in) 20.62017

L'avenir d'Auroville / TDC - Site and Building Applications feedback - 24th Jun 2017

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 a NOC (No Objection Certificate). This happens 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:

Building Applications:

1. Jitta Skoles, Fraternity, House extension on plot no B0 145/4 for 33.57 sq.m.
2. Raju & Lea, Grace, House extension 1st floor on plot no. B054/2 for 55 sq.m.
3. NESS- New Era Secondary School, Aspiration School Campus, Office space, Over Head Tank and Toilet on plot no KK74 for 36.66 sq.m.

Project write-up given by the project holder:

Project Title: New Era Secondary School - Toilet block, Overhead tank, Sump & Office for School Campus

Proposed Site Location: New Era Secondary School Campus - Aspiration, Auroville - 605101 Tamil Nadu

Project Holder: Selvaraj Damontharan, Martin Littlewood, Ramesh Tulyani

Architect: Auroville Design Consultant

Contact Persons: Selvaraj Damontharan, Martin Littlewood, Ramesh Tulyani

Description: Toilet block, Overhead tank, Sump & Office for School Campus

Plot no: KK74

Total Area of the project: 36.66m²

Build up Area: 36.66m²

Target Group: Students

Background: Toilet block, Overhead tank, Sump & Office for School Campus

Triggers: Need toilets, sufficient water and more office space for school use

Goals/Objectives: New Era Secondary School is providing CBSE curriculum. This program is particularly appropriate to Auroville because the curriculum is activity based, child centered, and generally recognized by institutions of higher education in India and in many other countries. Apart from the local village children, increasing numbers of Auroville children are coming to the school. The school is desperately short of classrooms.

In order to provide better information about the project approved, L'avenir D'Auroville would be publishing description

of the projects. Here we start with our first attempt and intend to improve the format and content as we move along.

COLLECTIVE PROJECTS

Site applications: No New SA

Building Applications: No New BA

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.

Amendment: Project holders of Taiwanese Pavilion are Allison Lu, Juan Villegas and Jothi Prasad Rajan.

Houses available for transfer

Courage - Vivek's House: Plinth Area of 84.96 Sqm First Floor RCC framed structure residential building with front Verandah, Living cum Kitchen, Bedroom & Toilet, Store room and community sharing drinking water and parking lot.

Promesse - Velu & Suguna's 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

1. Kalpana: 21 apartments of different size available.

Studio 6; 1 BHK 8; 2 BHK 5; 3 BHK 2

Will be ready 30th May 2018: Contact person: satyakam@auroville.org.in

He is available on the site on: Thursday: 3 pm to 5.30 pm / Saturday: 10 am to 12.30 pm.

The model apartment is also visible on the above day and time

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

Contact person: Padmanabhan, Auromodele. Mobile: 8940220333

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bioregional Exhibition

Dear Community,

We are creating an exhibition at the Visitors' Centre that will make, the often times invisible development work Auroville is doing in the surrounding villages and further afield in India, more visible. We have contacted all of the following units for information, many of you have replied, some have not and there may be some we have missed out on. This is a call for all projects working on bioregional development to make sure you are included by contacting us at: bioregionalexhibition@auroville.org.in by Wednesday, June 28th at the latest when the data collection phase of this project will close.

With thanks, *The Auroville Bioregional Development Action Exhibition Team*

Units Contacted

AVAG

AIAT

NESS

Deepam

Arulvazhi School

Ilaignarkal School

Isaiambalam School

Udavi School

Thamarai

New Colors

Life Education Center

Bioregional Sports and Culture Association

Mohanam Cultural Centre

Auroville Health Center

Auroville Dental Clinic

Auroville Clean

Sustainable Practices

Pitchandikulam

Annadana

Palmyra

Botanical Garden

Pebble Garden

Sadhana Forest

Auroville's Herbarium

Eco Pro

Pro-Biotic

Water Conservation Efforts

Waste Management

WasteLess

Animal Care

Sunlit Future

Auroville Wind System

Auroville Energy Product

Aureka

Auroville Building Centre

Auroville Earth Institute

Eco Femme

Well Paper

SEDAB

Upasana

Martuvam Healing Forest

Sankalpa

Reach for the stars

Upcycling

Kallialay

Language Lab

SCORRES: Farmers' Workshop

In collaboration with Sustainable Livelihood Institute (SLI), Auroville Consulting organized a farmers' workshop to learn and understand the challenges faced by farmers in Tamil Nadu. The table discussions discussed opportunities for improving current farming practices, raising awareness of renewable energy options, making farm irrigation more efficient, addressing soil erosion, making the land fertile and the advantages of growing local crops. The outcomes from the workshop will be used in implementing water conservation measures and increasing the nutrient content of food harvested

in Auroville. In the next phase of the project, we will integrate smart control systems with sustainable farming practices.

This is part of the ongoing SCORRES Project (Smart Control of Rural Renewable Energy & Storage), funded by Innovate UK, that aims to develop a viable, location-specific irrigation system for the Indian agricultural sector. We are partnering with Heriot-Watt University, Findhorn Foundation College, Scene Connect & Auraventi from the UK, along with Centre for Scientific Research and Buddha Garden from Auroville.

We invite your support, feedback and suggestions on this project. For more information contact us at: info@aurovilleconsulting.com

POSTINGS

Water Saving Tip - For the Bathroom #1: Bathtub - bad. Shower - okay. Bucket - best! If you shorten your shower to under five minutes, you'll save up to 3785 litres per month. Also do you have a low-flow shower head? If not, think about investing. And are you using chemical-free soaps and shampoos? Just do it. In terms of saving water further, we've heard from several people that they shower by standing in or near a bucket. Purchase a large bucket and either step in it or put it near you - close enough that water flows into it when you're showering. Of course, while having the shower, first rinse the body, close the tap, use shampoo and soap, and again open the tap for final rinse. Then use the water collected in the bucket to water your garden or flush the toilet. *Water Group*, watergroup@auroville.org.in

Paola in Velletri: On 25 June Paola will take her 'Savitri - The finding of the Soul and the victory over Death' into yet another space and ambience in Rome: this time it will be in Velletri on Rome's Alban Hills where she will highlight the book & Sri Aurobindo's vision in the context of '[Laboratorio del Risveglio](#)', i.e. 'Laboratory of Awakening'. The varied programme, running through two days, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June, is organised by the 'Chai Qi' Cultural Association, with the sponsorship of the municipality of Velletri. A wide variety of participants is expected, among whom the staff of the famous [Borgian Museum in Velletri](#) (one of the first European museum, originated at the end of the 18th century and

dedicated to the East, it contains many Indian paintings and scriptures, old books and manuscripts etc.), as well as students and teachers of yoga, hatha yoga, aikido, tai chi, acupuncture, Tibetan students etc. Paola's talk will take place on Sunday 2.30 pm. The complete programme can be perused on: [ChaiQi's Facebook page](#). Submitted by *Mauna*

Africa Pavilion - Calling Ubuntu Energy!: Mama Africa is calling everyone to help us clean Safari site. Safari is the camping experience coming soon to Africa Pavilion. Join us every Friday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm to experience the Ubuntu energy as we cut, clean, rake, laugh and sing. Refreshments will be provided. Please note that the entrance to Africa Pavilion has moved to the side of the Visitor Centre Entrance. Contact *Tahir*: 7867899203

Joy Hall reopens: Dear Friends, we are reopening our Joy Hall for various activities, like yoga, chanting, therapies etc... If you are interested in giving regular classes at Joy with a long term commitment, give us a call: 9443617308 - Have a Good Day, *Joy Team* :)

Free store closed: Dear all, Free store will be closed for a big summer clean up from Monday 26th of June and will re-open on Wednesday the 5th of July! Happy to see you there. Please remember to bring clothes washed and in good condition. Thank you, *Free Store Team*

AVAILABLE

Coconut oil: From Gokulam Farm - Usage: Massage; hair; cooking etc. - Contact *Anand*: 8270103198

LOOKING FOR ...

Some work: My name is *Nithiya* and I live in Auroville. I did a B'sc Botany degree. For a long time I have been looking for work. I have some good experience in Auroville - I worked at the Matrimandir petals and at Isaiyambalam School. Please contact me if you are interested in my service: 9786807071 (or) email: sbalu.av@gmail.com - Submitted by *Balu*

A second-hand desktop computer: I'm looking for a processor with a French operating system. If you have a desktop in good running condition that you wish to sell, please contact me. *Abha P.* (2622003 or abhaprakash@auroville.org.in)

Work as a gardener: Ravi is a gardener who works with me in the mornings. He also wants work for the afternoons as he has children to take care of. You can contact him directly on his cell: 9943644419 or contact me at: 9159275745. *Ben - Utility*

Electronic piano: I am looking for a second hand electronic piano. If anyone has a piano which is not used anymore and

still functions, please contact me at 7868075934 or elkej@free.fr - Thanks a lot, *Elke*

Some work for a highly recommended Amma: A long experienced Amma is available for work again after a 6 month break in Bangalore (ideally mornings, but afternoons may also be possible). English speaking, with own m'cycle, from Alankuppam, hardworking and fully reliable, I have known her for over 35 years and can strongly recommend her. For more info call me (*Timwrey*) on: 2622296 (work) or 2381 (home) or email: timwrey@auroville.org.in

Crystal healing courses: I'd like to learn techniques of crystal healing and crystal dreaming. I'm open to a mix of multiple techniques using gongs, singing bowls to activate chakras, chants, etc. I have undertaken this journey a couple of times before. I am looking for courses in Jan/Feb 2018. Please get in touch if you know somebody who could help. Contact: Bgodara1980@gmail.com - Submitted by *Helena*

THANK YOU

An added Thank You for the Health Service Staff

Thank You Babu for the wonderful care you took of Tekeste. Always ready to help, always happy and friendly, doing whatever was needed with great care.

With love and appreciation,
Jaya

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND NEEDED

House-sitting 1: We are an Aurovilian family (*Juan, Ally and Nalia*) looking for long-term house-sitting. Please contact us at: 7639318959. Thanks.

House-sitting 2: Hello my name is *Roberto*, I and my wife are looking for house-sitting for 1 or 2 months starting July 2017, we are serious and reliable. Email: roberto@auroville.org.in - Thanks

TAXI SHARING

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

June 26th: I have to be at Chennai airport at the latest at 7 am on June 26. Does anybody want to share a taxi with me? An empty taxi will go back to Auroville. *Galina*, 262 2595

June 26th: Leaving at 9 am from Svedam to Chennai Airport. Contact: 2623888 / voulieres@gmx.de

June 30th: I'm leaving Auroville (from Joy Community Guest House) on the 30th of June at 1 am. Destination is Chennai airport. Email address is this one (alijo@hotmail.it) and phone number is: 8270710907. Best, *Alice*

July 1st: Leaving Auroville at 2 pm Saturday for Chennai International airport, for sharing please contact *Antarjyoti*: 0413 262 37 67 or antarcalli@yahoo.fr

July 12th: My cab is leaving for Chennai Airport 12 July at 22.00 hours. If you would like to share call *Ben*: 9159275735.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

Isai Ambalam School needs an Aurovillian teacher for 4th Grade

We are looking for an Aurovillian teacher for 4th grade. Persons with good communication and written skills in English and Tamil are required. Please contact the school (isaiambalamschool@auroville.org.in) or *Subash* (94862 22047), *Sanjeev* (94498 35658) and *Kavitha* (89404 34614) for this purpose.

Auroville Consulting - Internship opportunity

Auroville Consulting has one research position opportunity available. We are planning a new campus in Auroville using principles of bioclimatic architecture and optimized resource management. The research-intern will be majorly responsible for identifying opportunities for applied research that can be implemented in the project. The intern will conduct feasibility studies of the identified research topics and formulate

proposals for research grants. The intern will also help in facilitating the design studio as well as develop relevant content on bioclimatic architecture. If interested, send us an email at: aurovilleconsulting.com along with a CV and a brief motivation letter.

Crochet product designer

AVAL is a social enterprise founded by Auroville Village Action Group which has provided livelihood skills and given employment opportunity to local women from the Auroville Bio-region. We have a small but skilled crochet unit that produces toys, scarves and household items. AVAL is looking for an innovative designer to bring new products to our existing range, which can be seen at the Anjali Stall in Visitor's Centre (right next to Dosa Corner).

For more information on AVAL, please contact us at: avalauroville@gmail.com.

HEALTH

Santé Announcement

Dear Community,

For your information, Santé will be open to the public in July only in the morning from 8.45 to 12.30.

Dr Ruslan and Dr Igor will not be available in July. If you want to see a doctor, please go to the Health Center.

To contact Santé reception: 2622803.

For medical Emergency, please call the ambulance: 9442224680

Santé Team

Integral Health

Sigrid is out of station till mid-July, but the clinic is active with Malar giving out remedies, offering homeopathic first aid, and keeping the remedy box functioning with Harmony & Samata, PC remedies for Trauma, High blood pressure, Diabetes etc. All remedies are a free offering to the community. Welcome to contact the team of Integral Health via integralhealth@auroville.org.in / 0413 2623669 / and Malar directly at: malar@auroville.org.in / 9585012007

AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear listeners!

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

Our internship and volunteer Shriya started with series of interviews on AVFF, and the first one is with *Sasi*. *Ishana* made a book review on *In An Antique Land*. From our regular programs:

Gangalakshmi reads her *Selection* of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother texts in French - uncut version on the request of listeners!

Out of our regular programs are here news of *Thursday* and *Monday*.

From the musical editions you can listen to *Dj Spinall* and *Yoga in Music*.

Happy listening, *Your AV Radio Team* [[Auroville Radio](http://auroville-radio.org)]

SPORTS

Basketball Tournament

The Auroville Basketball family cordially invites all to our annual Puducherry state level Basketball Tournament for Senior men & women, Junior boys & girls and Sub-Junior boys & girls.

At New Creation Sports Ground
From 23rd June to 2nd July 2017.

Jothi

Auroville Aikido - Adult students - Auroville Budokan at Dehashakti

Ai: Union Ki: Energy Do: Path

Quoting Tamura Nobuyoshi Shihan, who inspires our practice for all these years in Auroville: "A way of mental and physical energy coordination, Aikido represents an excellent discipline which regular practice leads to the perfect balance of the body and mind."

Dear All, we are happy to inform you we have restarted the morning Aikido practice; Beginners' evening classes will restart on Monday 10 July. We welcome all who want to start their practice, to continue it or want to restart an old one.

Timings: - Beginners: Wednesday 6 to 7.15 pm with *Surya*

- Advanced: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 to 7.30 am with *Murugan* and *John*
- All levels: Saturday 6.30 to 7.30 am with *Murugan*, *John*, *Surya*
- Girls & Women class: Sunday 8.30 to 9.30 am (Outreach Schools' students & all others most welcome) with *Surya*

Please note that all Aikido/Budokan students should be part of the Auroville Health Fund or insured by a personal insurance. Please come 15 min. before class starts, wear long & comfortable pants and a T-shirt (no tight-fitting please) for the beginning or with white Keikogi if you have one. If you are motivated to keep learning and make progress, a minimum of 2 classes a week would be a must. To wear the white Keiko Gi will be necessary as you decide to continue.

The Auroville Budokan does not receive a city budget, therefore a one-time contribution of Rs. 1000/- for the upkeep of the Budokan is asked to all, as well as a reasonable contribution per class for non Aurovillians - according to age and status in AV.

For children classes, please see specific announcement in this N&N issue. For further inquiries please contact *Surya*: 0413-2623 813 - 9655485487 or write to budokan@auroville.org.in. Our website: <http://budokan.auroville.org/>

Hoping to see you there, *Surya*, *N. Murugan* and *Cristo*

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - Wednesday dinner changes:
 We are happy to continue Wednesday dinners at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture. As usual we request you to register with us at 0413 2622401 or send an email to: kalsang@auroville.org.in
 We serve only veg and vegan but you are requested to mention specially if you are Vegan. At the moment we will still serve

just Momos (Veg and Vegan) - Your last request is taken by 10 am on Wednesday.
 Thank you.

Le Morgan Café is open: We go on proposing breakfast, lunch (Veg and non-veg), crepes and galettes throughout the day - from 8 am to 5 pm. See you soon



Tekeste Berhan G. Kidan

By Jaya - continued

In 1996 Tekeste came back to India to settle down in Auroville. Since 1970 he had dreamed about the creation of a second Auroville in Ethiopia. Through a close friend he had secured the land towards the manifestation of this dream: a small mountain in central Ethiopia. Now, when settling in Auroville, his focus became the creation of a Pavilion for Africa in the International Zone. In his early years and during his time in the Foreign Ministry, Tekeste had become aware of, and very deeply touched by, the early African Unity Leaders. They were an inspiration throughout his life and he deeply shared their vision. After talks with Roger Anger, it became very clear to Tekeste that what he was working for was not a Pavilion just for Ethiopia, his goal was a House for all Africa. In the beginning Tekeste worked quite alone in his work but he never hesitated, he persevered whether he saw results or not. He had been given a work and he would do it. Together with Helmut (Grace) and in collaboration with Satprem (the Earth Institute) he brought professors and students of architecture from the Addis Ababa University to Auroville. A competition was set up for the design of the Africa House project, and it was won by Brook Teklehaimanot, then a student, now the Chair of Architecture at Addis Ababa University. This model was much appreciated and fully approved by Auroville's Chief Architect, Roger Anger and land was assigned for the project. The present temporary structures for the African Pavilion only occupy a corner area of this land.

When the Auroville International Conference was held in Addis Ababa in 2011 it was a dream fulfilled. The event was very successful with a large participation of AVI members and Aurovilians. Many Aurovilians had come to make presentation of their work, there were interactions with President Girma Wolde-Giorgis, and presentations at the University were well attended by professors and student alike. Also the media amply reported on the event. Tekeste had succeeded in bringing Africa to Auroville and Auroville to Africa. He was very happy.

On returning to Auroville life became quieter for him. The Parkinson's disease which Tekeste suffered from started to affect him more. But he kept up his morning walk to Matrimandir, eating lunch at Arka and playing tennis in the afternoons at Certitude. He kept up as long as he could his Sundays with Shradhdhavan at Savitri Bhavan, would regularly go to the Ashram's Samadhi and see Monada and Chandaben and other friends. He also went for a visit to Atlanta to stay with his nieces Genet and Alemnesh and their families. During the last years several of his family members came to see him in Auroville, including his dear sister-in-law Samainesh and Genet and Tesfaye from Atlanta. They also stayed in touch by phone, both from Ethiopia and USA. When they came, it was a joy for Tekeste to hear and speak Amharic, and he who normally would be rather quiet was then pretty talkative. That Elene, his youngest niece, had settled to live in Auroville was a great joy for him. A few months before his death his great nephew Moses came to live here and help with the care taking. Moses was there with him when Tekeste passed away. His family meant a lot to Tekeste.

But Auroville was also part of his close family, as was the Ashram, and he had many brothers and sisters here, a large family of the soul. The African youth who took up the Africa House project, Tahir, Clapton and Iraguha, referred to him with love and respect as "Elder" and he was very happy that the African participation in Auroville was growing. He loved his home in Courage community and at the point when it was becoming clear that he could no more travel, he chose to stay in Auroville. When regaling how last New Year's night, at midnight, he insisted that his night helper walk him down to the Courage gate where community members were busy sending up fireworks, Tekeste's eyes would shine up at the memory, his smile clear like starlight.

On hearing about Tekeste's passing, his nephew Temesgen wrote me...*he has departed to the Divine peacefully, may his soul rest in peace. I know that it was his wish to stay in Auroville until the end of his life on earth. He was always being led by the spirit of the Lord and he loves being obedient to the Divine's will...I Thank God for all his brothers and sisters and his loved ones who were in contact and close to him till the end.*

I knew Tekeste in many moods as we lived closely during our work together in Ethiopia. For me, he is the heart of my heart, a brother and friend, who more than anything taught me about faith. He had courage and perseverance, humor and could also at times be rather obnoxious. Though people did not always quite understand him, there was a clarity to his purpose and consequence to his action and all who knew him greatly respected him. He made Ethiopia my country too - I am eternally grateful for the adventure that he took me on. No depth too deep, no height too scary when you are with a person like him, it's just work and you do it. One step in front of the other without any calculation or expectancy. Miracle, Miracle, Divine, Divine.

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

FOOD FUN FRIENDS

A Savi POTLUCK

The Savi Team invites you for a potluck for Volunteers.
Fellow volunteers, bring your favorite dish or drink and of course your appetite.
The back side of the Unity Pavilion (right building) is THE place to be!

Join us at Friday 30 June - 6.30pm to 9pm

Just to know how much food we need, please register in advance through our email study@auroville.org.in
Hosted by Boomi & Carmen



CULTURAL EVENTS

Classical Indian dance (Bharatanatyam) performance

You are welcome to attend the arangetram performance at 17.30 on Saturday the 24th of June.

By 7 dancers (aged 7 to 11) of one of the best Bharatanatyam School in Pondy, Ezhilar Kalaikoodam (whose guru, Sumati Sundar, used to teach in Auroville).

At Kamban Kalai Arangam (Pondy).

The admission is free. See more info on: <http://IndianDancer.org/2/>

Submitted by Ruslan D.

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

Desi Cotton Workshop at Upasana

Importance of growing the local cotton seed varieties

Date: June 24th - June 25th 2017

Venue: Unity Pavilion and Upasana Design Studio

A 2-day workshop with experts from the field of textiles and farming to empower ourselves and spread awareness about the cotton industry and fashion. India being the 2nd largest producer of cotton, and fashion being the 2nd largest polluting industry, there is much to be learnt and understood about where we stand!

We bring together textile and fashion enthusiasts, designers, social workers, farmers, businessmen, environmentalists and everyone with interest in the country's future to discuss, brainstorm and participate in this hands-on workshop! Activities involving natural dyeing, upcycling and conscious styling will be hosted during the workshop.

If you would like to register, please email us on: office@upasana.in or call us on 0413-2622939.

For more information, visit: www.upasana.in

Inner-Work-Workshop

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

27th June (Tuesday)

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

Focus this week on: 'The Supermind'

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 Jashi* (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

Weekend classes for Aurovillians and Bio region

We are continuing the classes for Bharatanatyam, Folk Dance, and Carnatic Music for the AV children and bio-region. We welcome the beginners who would like to learn South Indian classical dance & music. Our teacher teaches Bharatanatyam to kids in a sincere, delicate, and friendly way. Hereby, we request the parents to send their kids to participate in the above classes.

So kids will learn something new and creative ideas will emerge in their mind. They can spend the time in a useful and joyful way. Honestly nowadays children are playing video games/cell phone, watch television, so we create this opportunity to learn something meaningful instead in their spare time.

The classes are being held at the SAWCHU building (Bharat Nivas), on weekends, Saturday and Sunday.

The funds for organizing the classes are provided partly by SAIER, the balance amount is shared by the students.

Interested children, women & men - Please contact, if you need any further information: *Usha* (9443003708) or Grace@auroville.org.in.

F I L M S



THE ECO FILM CLUB

Sadhana Forest, June 30th, 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!

VIRUNGA

100 mins / English / 2014 / Directed by Orlando von Einsiedel

In the forested depths of eastern Congo lies Virunga National Park, one of the most bio-diverse places in the world and home to the last of the mountain gorillas. In this wild, but enchanted environment, a small and embattled team of park rangers - including an ex-child soldier turned ranger, a carer of orphan gorillas and a Belgian conservationist - protect this UNESCO world heritage site from armed militia.

(Reminder: Friday 23/06 - Racing Extinction)

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>

The News&Notes is available for all to download from the Auroville website at <http://www.auroville.org/contents/4186>

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

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).

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.

Extra Page Requests have to reach us by Monday, and will be met only if space allows. Extra contribution requested.

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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 26 June 2017 to 2 July 2017

Indian - Monday 26 June, 8:00 pm:

- OTTAAL (The Trap)

India, 2015, Dir. Jayaraj w/ Shine Tom Chacko, Sabitha Jayaraaj, Ashanth K. Shah, and others, Drama, 81mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The film is based on Anton Chekhov's timeless works, Vanka. The 18th century story traveled in time and space to be retold in the present day context of a small village in Kerala. The film is centered on Kuttappayi, a young boy, and his relationship with his grandfather - his only living relative in the world. Kuttappayi's recollections take us to the picturesque locations of Kuttanad, where he and his grandpa arrive with their ducks. With hope and freedom, Kuttappayi is about to start his life afresh among the village's letterless postman, the nameless dog, the rich lad, Tinku and many more. *The film won several national and international awards.*

Italian- Tuesday 27 June, 8:00 pm:

- È GIÀ IERI (Stork Day)

Italy, 2004, Dir. Giulio Manfredonia w/ Antonio Albanese, Goia Toledo, Comedy-Fantasy, 90 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Filippo Fontana hosts a weekly nature show on Italian TV. He's a difficult, arrogant man who abuses his colleagues and even his bosses. The network sending him to the Canary Islands in the height of summer to cover the migration of a flock of storks to a local volcano. The beautiful ornithologist Rita carries the burden of showing him around. As always, Filippo immediately gets off on the wrong foot with everybody and starts counting the minutes until he can return to "civilization". A freak storm forces him to spend another night on the island. But when Filippo wakes up, it is not the next day. It's the same day as yesterday, with the same people and the same situations and this day repeats itself again and again and again.

Cultural - Wednesday 28 June, 8:00 pm:

- TRUMBO

USA, 2015, Dir. Peter Askin w/ w/ Bryan Cranston, Diane Lane and others, Documentary, 96mins, English w/French subtitles, Rated: NR

This film about Hollywood screenwriter Dalton Trumbo (1905-1976), who was blacklisted in 1947 during the Second Red Scare. This film shows what the blacklist did to him, to his career, and to his family. Imprisoned after refusing to comply with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the screenwriter and novelist was unable to work using his own name for years to come. According to Trumbo, it is better to stick to your principles than to betray your friends. He never gave up his battle and finally won. *Information about the film is presented here as it is provided by the contributor.*

French - Thursday 29 June, 8:00 pm:

- QUAND ON A 17 ANS (Being 17)

France, 2016, Dir. André Téchiné, w/ Sandrine Kiberlain, Kacey Mottet Klein, Corentin Fila, and others, Drama, 114 mins, French WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES, Rated PG.

Damien lives with his mother Marianne, a doctor, while his father is on a tour of duty abroad. He is bullied by Thomas, whose mother is ill. The boys find themselves living together when Marianne invites Thomas to come and stay with them.

International - Saturday 1 July, 8:00 pm:

- A DOG'S PURPOSE

USA, 2017, Dir. Lasse Hallström w/ Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid, Peggy Lipton, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 100mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A devoted dog discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan. As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self.

Children's Film - Sunday 2 July, 4:30 pm:

- THE BOSS BABY

USA, 2017, Dir: Tom McGrath, w/ Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Jimmy Kimmel and others, Animation, 97mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

A suit-wearing, briefcase-carrying baby pairs up with his 7-year old brother to stop the dastardly plot of the CEO of Puppy Co.

WOODY ALLEN Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Ciné-Club - Sunday 2 July, 8:00 pm:

- LOVE AND DEATH

USA, 1975, Dir. Woody Allen w/Diane Keaton, Georges Adet and others, Comedy-War, 85mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

Boris Grushenko, the most reluctant Russian patriot ever to take up an arm against Napoleon, sits in his prison cell awaiting execution. At the instigation of his wife, Sonja, the sort of young woman who likes to debate moral imperatives, Boris had plotted the assassination of the French general and gotten caught.

Besides being one of Woody's most consistently witty films, the movie marks a couple of other advances for Mr. Allen as a film maker and for Miss Keaton as a wickedly funny comedienne.

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

Important message from the Financial Service Town Hall

To the person holding: Credit Card MAESTRO ending number - 66388
Please contact IMMEDIATELY the financial Service: 0413 / 26 22 453 or 26 23 648

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REGULAR EVENTS IN JUNE

AcroYoga for Beginners: Saturdays 8:15 to 9:45 am at Arka. - Partner flow: warming up with asanas and stretching with a partner - Inversions: flying and playing with partners. *Damien* 90 47 72 27 40

African Pavilion's regular events: By Popular Demand the African Pavilion is happy to announce, every Monday from 6pm to 9pm, a new event to host African Cooking, Music, and Dancing. Every Thursday enjoy the drumming circle together with dinner from 7 pm till 9 pm. Every Friday at 4.30pm: Transformational yoga.

Auroville Aikido Will restart early July. For Children classes & general info, please write to budokan@auroville.org.in.

Alcoholics Anonymous: meeting (open) every Saturday 6pm, Centre Guesthouse (Merriam Hill Centre). Contact: Ingrid 9443843976 or Shankar 9442010573.

Argentine Tango: Mondays: Beginners' class 6.00pm to 7.00pm and intermediates 7 to 8 pm@ New Creation Sports Resource Center, Kulilapalayam. Wednesdays: Practica (tango dance space open to all) 7.30pm @ Sawchu, Bharat Nivas. Fridays: 'An hour to study' 8.00pm @ Naturellement. For milongas or further information please contact: tango@auroville.org.in Bring socks or dance shoes.

Astrology, its holistic approach: Astrological Chart by *Uma Giménez*. You are welcome to call and fix an appointment at 0413-2623080 or 9443697972 (Surrender). The reading can be held in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

Authentic Tamil culture: *Meena*, a Tamil Aurovilian, offers courses every Sunday morning to explore the beauty of the authentic Tamil Culture. Meeting point: Courage Gate. The course can be tailored to your choice including: 1. Cooking lessons, 2. How to make kolam, 3. How to wear a sari, 4. Henna design on hands and feet, 5. How to make flower garlands 6. Tailoring. If you are interested, please call Meena to talk about the details of your class and fix the time. During the day call: 9787702180, after 5 pm you may use the landline: 0413 2623263.

AVYA Auroville Youth Activities: a brand new website presenting the regular Youth Activities available in Auroville: youthactivities.auroville.org.in. The primary goal is to provide the Auroville community (especially children/parents), with an organized and simple overview to become aware of the Activities available in Auroville, for the AV Youth. If you wish to add your activity to the website, kindly send your contact details (sport, name, phone number, email) to youthactivities@auroville.org.in.

Bharatnatyam classical dance classes At Yatra Arts Foundation Every Saturday evenings 4.30pm to 5.30pm and on Sunday mornings 9.00am to 10.00am.

Brahmanaspati kshetram: The Mother and Sri Aurobindo Centre is launching regular activities: Every Thursday meditation 6:00-6:60 pm - Every first Sunday of the month reading circle from 5:30 pm led by Bhuvana Sundari in Tamil and English (for directions kindly consult Google maps at this link: here)

Body Care in Auromode: Facial treatment - cleaning, scrubbing, massage, moisturizing mask, rejuvenating mask, deep cooling mask. Exotic SPA - Scrub, Wraps (chocolate, Tropicana). All used materials made from natural and organic products. Body Treatment - Cup massage. For more information contact *Svetlana* +919344639707

Buddha Garden Activities: We have an *Introductory tour* every Monday at 10.00 am until lunch time. Walk around the farm and see how we grow our organic food. For further details contact *Priya*: priya@auroville.org.in.

Capoeira (Group Ginga Saroba): Join our Capoeira family! Classes open to all levels, led by Prof. Samuka da India and his students

- ADULTS >> Monday: 5.15 PM - SAWCHU (Bharat Nivas) | Tuesday & Thursday: 6.00 PM - Deepanam School
- KIDS >> Monday & Friday: 1.15 PM - Deepanam School - Contact us prior bringing a new kid
- CONTACT >> 9488328435 (Prof. Samuka) | info@ginga-saroba.com | www.ginga-saroba.com

Children Activity Garten: in a friendly home-environment for all children from 2 to 6. Open Monday to Friday from 9 to 3:30 and during the whole year & school holidays. Contact: egle@auroville.org.in or 94880 47368.

Coaching and Personal development based on NLP with *Christine P.*: 9489805493 / or contact@auroville-holistic.com. www.auroville-holistic.com

Creativity Atelier - Life Drawing Circle: Time: Tuesdays, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Venue: Creativity Atelier. Creativity Community. Fees: Voluntary Contributions to Materials and Model. All are welcome to immerse themselves in our intense and inspiring session of life drawing. The idea is to explore one's creative self in a friendly and fun environment. This is not an instruction based class. A model and basic drawing materials will be arranged for.

We seek your generous donation to maintain the well-endowed studio and sustain the enriching experience. We also welcome those who would like to model for our artists. You need not necessarily have prior experience to pose for few drawings. Moreover, you get to enjoy many creative manifestations of yourselves while you indulge yourself in a quiet and meditative sit-in moments. For more information or to book yourself, please contact *Lakshay* on 9810052574. Cheers!

Cuban Salsa: Learn and practice Cuban Salsa, every Wednesday, 6-8 pm, at African Pavilion. Class is Free and all are welcome. Instructors: *Mouhsine & Camilla*. For questions, email serrarr@gmail.com

Dance Fitness: classes have started again in New Creation with *Elodie*. Tuesday and Friday from 5pm until 6pm. If you want to have fun and be active see you there!

NEW dance fitness class: Where - New Creation Dance studio. Timing - Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.30 to 9.30. Teacher - *Vijay*

Darkali Fitness Track open hours: New, redesigned Darkali Fitness is closed in the mornings until further notice. Track is open afternoon only from 4.30 p.m. till 6.45 p.m. Please remember to come 30 minutes before closing time. Please note, in case of rain the Fitness Track will be closed until the path is dry. To be aware when the Fitness Track reopens after the rain please visit Auronet group <[Darkali Fitness Track](https://www.facebook.com/Darkali-Fitness-Track)>. Way to the gate in Google Maps: goo.gl/dpdTgf.

Eco Femme open session: Eco Femme welcomes you on every Thursday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am for a small talk about our work, sustainable menstrual products and menstruation experiences. Contact number: 9487179556

***Evening* Farmers Market:** The Saturday Market is now ON in the cooler evening! Every Saturday at the Youth Center, 6pm - 8:30 pm, along with the Pizza Night. A community celebration of local food & creativity. Yummy organic veggies and hand-processed food from AV Farms, eco-green products, fantastic jewelry, snacks and kefir, handmade clothes, music, etc. *See you there*. YC 0413-2622857

Feminine dance for all women: in Cripa, Kalabhumi: Tuesdays at 4 pm. An additional class is held by Priscila on Fridays at 7:15 am. Feminine Dance has historically been a mystical art, a dynamic method to experience the energies of the Universe. We will create an opportunity to reconnect joyfully to our body, reawaken the flow of feminine energy, move to the living pulse of life and have fun in the loving presence of other women. Bring comfortable dance clothes. A flowing skirt and hip scarf are recommended. galit@auroville.org.in

Flamenco In Cripa Every Wednesday: From 3:15 to 4:45 pm. We will practice the flamenco position and attitude for dancing, the movements of hands, arms, body, legs and foot. We will listen to flamenco music to understand the roots of this dance. We will create a flamenco choreography. Come and enjoy with us, *Flamenco team*.

French classes at Savitri Bhavan, House of Mother's Agenda: French classes at House of Mother's Agenda, every Monday and Friday from 5 pm to 6 pm.

From the Food Lab: Horizon. (In front of Sve-dame). Mon., Tues., Thurs. 4.00 to 6.00pm. Call *Lorenzo* before coming at 09443362274. All relevant information about the after effects of food on your body for e.g. allergies, intolerance, chronic pathology. Homeopathic Immunopharmacology is available.

GAMES! An evening of fun board games. Every Friday from 6:30 pm onwards, upstairs at le Zéphyr restaurant in Visitors Center. We have many games already! Bring yours if you have!

Hatha Yoga classes @ JOY GH: The classes will be geared towards achieving a balance in our energies. Education about the body, mind and breath and yoga asanas, sequencing and their benefits will be an integral part. We will also do a little chanting and pranayama practice. The classes will be on Mondays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. First class will be on the 3rd of April. Thought by *Sakshi*. For more info: 9487272393, *Joy Team*.

Heartbeats - Dance Therapy with *Julie*, until April 27th (except April 6th). Thursdays from 5-6:30 pm, Sankalpa Art Center (behind Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone). Come explore your inner rhythm and move to the beat of your heart. Be guided through movements and music that will bare your soul while letting go of dancing to impress, instead dancing to express. *Julie facilitates private coaching and dance therapy sessions, workshops and retreats across the world, combining her strategy consulting background with a passion for yoga, dance and meditation.*

Hindi & English Class: Learn to speak, read and write Hindi at New Creation every Sunday at 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm. Contact *Shiv*: 9884035536 at *Reach for the Stars*. shiv.godi007@gmail.com

Hip Hop Class: Hip hop classes for Children at New creation Dance studio. On Tuesdays: 6 pm to 8 pm and Saturdays: 4 to 5 pm - For more information call: 9786167917.

Leela, the Game of the Self Knowledge (a 2000 years old game!): Come and play the Game of your Life! Sundays, 9.30am to 12.30 (above 15 years old), in SVEDAME, at the Butterfly Barn. English, Spanish, French, Italian, German and Russian versions all available. Contribution kindly asked. Always better to call before to confirm, please contact: *Veronique J.* 948 85 12 678 www.leelathegame.blogspot.in

Mandala & Meditation: *Daily practice from 4:30 to 5 pm, at Art Cart (VC) on Tuesdays/Fridays, Sankalpa Art Center on Mondays/Wednesdays/Thursdays.* A simple co-creation and affirmation practice, bringing awareness within community through metaphor of an impermanent artform. Open to all.

Meditation for Peace and Healing: Join us from 5:00 to 5:45pm every Thursday around the Peace Table at the Unity Pavilion to build and 'hold' a Collective Space for Healing and Peace. Please offer your Presence to help in this collective experiment, whether you need healing yourself or simply want to support others in their healing and well-being.

Mudra-Chi Workshop: A body Prayer in a Tai-Chi Form. First Sunday of each month, at 5 p.m. At Savitri Bhavan. Facilitator: *Anandi*. For further information or Special Classes, contact me, anandi7@auroville.org.in

Nonviolent Communication (NVC): workshops, practice groups, facilitation, mediation, coaching. Contact *L'aura* (NVC Certified Trainer): 9442788016, joylivinglearning@gmail.com, www.joylivinglearning.org, www.facebook.com/JoyLivingLearning

Odissi & Semi-Classical Bollywood Dance Class With Tejas: Private Dance Classes at the Shakti Dance School in Felicity. Learn grace, discipline, and the beautiful temple dance of east India. +91-8489477222. tejas@shaktidancetroupe.com.

OM Choir: *Paused in May*

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - Wednesday dinners: As usual we request you to register with us at 0413 2622401 or send an email to: kalsang@auroville.org.in

Pilates with Savitri: at New Creation Dance Studio on Mondays at 5pm, basic level - on Tuesdays at 7.30am, intermediate level - on Saturdays at 7.30 am, basic level. savitri@auroville.org.in

Pilates with Teresa: At Arka. All classes last one hour. Tuesdays, 7:30am: focus on breath & use of the core - Tuesdays, 10am: General class - Wednesday 5:30pm: General class - Thursdays, 7:30am: focus on alignment - Thursdays, 10am: general class - Fridays 5:30pm: advanced class only for regular practitioners - Saturdays, 10:00am: General class. ****Advance, medium, beginner... everyone is welcome!**** Teresa: 7867998952 / teresa@auroville.org.in

Psycho-spiritual work, tarot and other sessions: To bring more clarity and freedom on life issues where there was confusion and entanglement in order to allow new steps in life. Tarot, deconditioning self-inquiry, "inner personalities" discovery and balancing, guided meditation and other tools...by *Antarjyoti* in English or French, tel(land): 0413-262 37 67 or email: antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Quantum Shiatsu Massage: With *Sami A. Latzke*. www.auroville-holistic.com. Contact us by mail for more info: contact@auroville-holistic.com

Réception Francophone: Tous les mardis de 17:00 à 18:30 à La Terrasse, en haut de la Cuisine Solaire, Ananda et Michiko sont à la disposition des visiteurs francophones qui voudraient poser des questions sur Auroville. Les Auroviliens et Newcomers francophones peuvent aussi participer.

Regression Therapy with *Sigrid Lindemann*. www.auroville-holistic.com. Contact us by mail for more info: contact@auroville-holistic.com.

Restorative Circles (RC): workshops, practice groups, calling a live Circle, and other questions. Contact *L'aura*: 9442788016, restorative@auroville.org.in, joylivinglearning@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/RestorativeAuroville

Salsa in CRIPA: Salsa dance class led by *Vijay*, followed by practice time. Every Tuesday 6pm-7:30pm. At CRIPA in Kalabhumi. Open to all: Aurovilians, Volunteers, Newcomers, and Guests! (on contribution)

Sankalpa Art Cart (*parked on the Visitor's Center stage, next to cafeteria*) *Tuesdays and Fridays from 4-6 pm, Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm.* An open and welcoming space for creative expression and connection through various media, for all ages and no art experience necessary.

Sanskrit Mantras: at Joy Community GH Hall, Centre Field. Drop in classes on Thursday at 6:15 to 7:15pm and Regular Classes on Friday from 6:15 to 7:15pm. Chanting Mantra is performing an ancient prayer. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the chant, the mind gains clarity, the ability to concentrate increases and a person becomes more tranquil. Through daily chanting the mind gains qualities which are essential for students of Yoga & Spiritual Scriptures. The specific pitches and rules of intonation and syllabic length will be learned in these classes in the traditional way.

Satsang: a sharing for spiritual upliftment; Savitri Bhavan, Saturdays 5-6:30 pm

Singing & Dancing Celebration around the fire in Yatra 2017
Joyful spiritual songs from all over the world - keyboard and drums - Bring your instruments and join us! Every Thursday at 7.30 pm. at Yatra - Near NewVreation Sports ground/La Piscine. *Osiva*: 919629832216

Skyworks: Tree Climbing Workshops: RECREATIONAL. You want the experience without learning all the knots? The ropes are already positioned in the trees. The knots are tied and tested before you hook on. After being fitted with your saddle and some short instructions on safety and climbing techniques, you are off and climbing! Kids of all ages welcome. **ADVANCED** You want to learn the ropes and get off the ground. During class we teach both the double and single ropes techniques plus demonstrate many of the new climbing devices available. You will learn to install the ropes in the trees, tie and use several climbing knots and ascend and descend both with the knots but also with ascenders and descenders. For conditions&appointment call *Satyajji* 8531033545

Solitude Farm activities:

- Weekly farm tour with *Krishna* - Saturdays 11:30am
- Cooking workshop to learn how to use local, traditional ingredients and their nutritional benefits - Saturdays 3pm
- Volunteers welcome! Drop by to visit or call *Krishna* 9843319260

Somatic Explorations with *Maggie* - *No classes in May* -for further info call 94866 23465

Sound Bath - Unity Journey: *no session in May*

Sound Massage And Bath With Tibetan Singing Bowls: Lying on a mat with bowls of different pitches, sound energy flows right through your cells forming a beautiful OM harmonic cocoon of peace, melting away tightness and discomfort while tuning you up to its healthy grounding vibrations. The powerful bronze bowls take

us deep inside into our true home.... Info & booking for guests: *Antarjyoti*, tel (land)(0413)262 37 67. Mail: antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Sound Therapy and Exploration in the Body for Self-Healing: Harmonizing and restoring healing sessions through the magic of the sounds from a specially designed sound bed and other music instruments that enhance the self-healing powers of your being...The aim is to put you in a state of relaxation which enables you to see or feel yourself deeply according to your own awareness. In addition to the sound journey, you will be guided through your body to explore new dimensions which has an action and a benefit on the 3 levels: Physical, Energetical and Mental. This exploration based on the concepts of Chinese Medicine will help you reconnect with your organs and holistic being. In case of emergency I may help releasing sciatica pain ("Ischias" in German). To book your appointment, please call *Isha* at: (0413) 2622192 / (+91) 99433 05092

South Indian Classical Dance (Bhratnatyam): Bhratnatyam dance classes offer by Bhratnatyam Dance classes offered for beginners. Weekly twice. The classes are offered for children and adults. If you are interested please contact me after 4pm on my mobile. *S.Caveri:7598368514*

Spanish Tertulia: A gathering for cultural exchange, every Friday from 4pm to 6pm at La Terrace. We welcome anyone interested in Spanish culture and those who practice colloquial language.

Spiritual coaching with Sitara: tools: Bach flowers, mandala and affirmation work, spontaneous writing, hypnosis, meditation, visualization and yin yoga. For appointment contact *Sitara* 9751798408 tara@auroville.org.in

Spontaneous Singing with Antoine: *Paused until Aug 16th.*

Sunday Farm & Forest Walks: *no walks in May*

Tamil Literary Classes and Craft Lessons: Ilaignarkal Education Centre organizes Tamil Literary Classes every Thursday evening 5 pm-6 pm. Regular attendance is appreciated. Lectures by seasoned professors in Tamil Literature, History and Culture are opened to all Monday through Friday any time Also classes on languages, sewing, drawing, painting and simple handicrafts for Auroville workers and Aurovilians interested. Contact us to organize classes according to your schedule. Phone No: (0413) 2623 773. Email: tamil@auroville.org.in. *R. Meenakshi (Ilaignarkal Education Centre)*

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA: There will be no Tai Chi classes from May 23 to August 7. The last class will be on May 22 Monday and the first class (next) will be on August 8 Tuesday. taichi@auroville.org.in

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture - Wednesday dinners: As usual we request you to register with us at 0413 2622401 or send an email to: kalsang@auroville.org.in

Tanseikai Aikido in the Auroville Budokan: Tanseikai Aikido will take its summer recess from May 20th. Classes will resume after July 20th with a new timetable. The new hours of practice will be announced in due time.

Tea Gathering: Experience and learn the East Asian way of drinking and serving tea - The art of sharing joy and peace through a cup of tea with your friends will change your perspective towards tea - Every Saturday 2 pm to 5 pm. Booking is required. Approx. 1 hour for each session, please choose your time slot. Book at: 7868825918 - 04132622192 -04132623918 / francesco@gelatofactory.in . Venue: Gelato Factory main Auroville

road (near Auroville Bakery and Farm Fresh), Kuilapalyam [\[www.artfood.in\]](http://www.artfood.in)

Thai massage to re-harmonize the energy and heal with Christine P. Registration & infos: contact@auroville-holistic.com, *Christine P:* 9489805493/ www.auroville-holistic.com

Ultimate Frisbee: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Gaia Sports Field 4.30 pm to sundown (turn left before Gaia community gate). Helps improve stamina, hand/eye coordination, and focus through running, throwing, & catching the disc; along with patience & teamwork and Spirit of the Game. Bring running shoes if you have them. Contact avultimate@auroville.org.in with any questions or just come ready to play!

NEW! Ultimate Frisbee women's team training: Sunday 4-6 pm

Veena Musical Classes: One of India's most ancient string. Regular veena musical classes by *Ravi* for everyone, Children & Adults, at Yatra Arts Foundation, near New Creation sports ground. Every Friday evening from 5pm to 7pm. Contact: 0413- 2623071 / 9786772209

VocalYoga, Nada Yoga and Sacred Chanting: Mondays and Tuesdays, 2 to 4pm In Creativity hall of light. **Explore** and learn how to use your vocal instrument according to Italian Masters of the voice in a yogic approach. **NadaYoga** teaches us to perceive sounds in different parts of the body connected to energetic channels. These ancient Yoga techniques re-align the energy flow give peace and serenity. Allow people who sing out of tune to sing well **Learn:** Mantras, Kirtans, Bajhans. Contact: *Hamsini ONLY ON APOINTMENT* 9487544184.

WARAKU Practice in Auroville Budokan: Waraku practice will take its summer recess from May 20th. Classes will resume after July 20th with a new timetable. The new hours of practice will be announced in due time.

Youth Entertainment Program presents the YEPweek: a program especially designed for guest kids, to enjoy their stay, and discover Auroville. We will take them from place to place, where the kids will participate in various activities facilitated by Aurovilians. This program (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm) offers a good balance between visits, activities and free playing time. Joyfully, *Yep Team* (+91-9626565134)

The Youth Center Pizza Nights are on Fire: And so is the fire wood oven, so when Saturday evening 7 00 pm comes around, get your chappals on and kick your bike to life (or jump on your cycle), follow your nose and you'll end up at the right place! We have pizzaiolos rolling out doughs by the second and a precisely highly trained group of hands sprinkling the pizzas with all kinds of toppings and tasty Auroville cheeses. And lots more, so see you there!

Vinyasa Yoga: - at Creativity Hall of Light, every Thursday from 4 pm to 5.30 pm with *Bebe Merino*. This style is sometimes also called flow yoga, because of the smooth way that the poses run together and become like a dance. Please come and enjoy the classes.

NEW! Vinyasa flow Yoga classes 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, 17:30-18:30 starting in May 2017

Tuesday - Vinyasa flow lv.0

Thursday - Vinyasa flow lv.1

Aurovilians and Newcomers free of charge.

Volunteers 100 rupees. Guest 200 rupees

Please, park the motorcycle in Creativity garage.