

News and Notes

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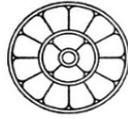
6th February 2021



Evening | 3X3 ft | acrylic on canvas

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



July 18, 1985

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO REIGNS!

This morning, it was like a physical, material revelation. I had this revelation many times, but it is each time new or each time more material—it touches a deeper layer.

I told Mother, in the simplicity of my heart: O Mother, may You be here, may there be a spot of pure Matter where You could be and do what You want—MAY YOU BE HERE!

And it was so simple, so obvious, so material: But I AM HERE! I am the one who reigns!

And all of a sudden it was SEEN, materially SEEN, like a reversal of all the values—all of a sudden I understood, materially understood what Sri Aurobindo says in *Savitri*: “A great reversal of Night and day”—it was THAT! Everything is *inverted*.

We say: You are not here, and we call You and we pray for You to be here. Or we say: You are in “heaven” or You don’t exist. So what exists, what is here, is the sorcerer, the doctor, the great priest, the magistrate and the police and the President of the Republic—that is what is here, that is what reigns. It is cancer, neuralgia, it is Death that reigns! These are LAWS, you see! (And the Bomb for the safety of Falsehood.)

And *this* is the Falsehood, *this* is the Illusion: it is all the fabrication of the Falsehood that *wants* us to believe that You are not here. You are not in Matter, it is obvious! You are in heaven or You don’t exist.

Then everything reverses, really reverses: You ARE HERE, You have *always* been here and You REIGN over Matter and IN Matter—we absolutely want to believe that we are in the Prison.

And the “miracle” is when, by chance, there is a hole in the Falsehood. Then, it is *all naturally* miraculous—what was here is here! It is not something that comes and makes a miracle, not something that *adds up* or comes on top: it is something that GOES AWAY! And the Natural is here. It is the Falsehood that goes away, the Illusion that goes away. YOU ARE HERE! And everything is possible.

It is our Falsehood that is impossible, our cage, our barbed wire, our human concentration camp, our human Gestapo with its sorcerers, its magistrates, its wardens, its doctors, its Presidents and its neuralgias or its cancers. It is a cage of fierce Illusion.

YOU ARE HERE!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO REIGNS
IN MATTER.

A reversal of day and night—but *in matter*, at the level of the body and of those billions of cells that suffocate and suffer and die under the weight of the Falsehood.

P.S. This morning, there was no neuralgia.

A FIERCE illusion that fights back by *all* means.

Then all of Death swells and pulls and presses and tightens its cage with all its strength to prevent the REAL from passing. And it knows so very well how to make the heart palpitate, how to pull on the nerves, strangle and asphyxiate you and make you revolt against the “celestial laws”—while the Miracle is HERE, all the time!

It is something that surges from the body with an *extreme simplicity*, as in the camps: no! there is something else behind the barbed wire!

It is like an obvious fact of simple love and simple truth: but no! it is not possible! IT IS NOT TRUE!

It is *in the body*. It is *there* that the Illusion is undone, that the true Lord REIGNS—and has *always* reigned!

Then *all* the work, the *whole* path, the “breakthrough”, is to come out of the claws of the Illusion. And it is a relentless, fierce struggle. They have very convincing means to make you feel that they reign.

But IT IS A LIE! *That* is the “spell”.

It is quite FORMIDABLE, and it does not look like it! And this is what will change the world.

True Matter is what is HERE. Everything is upside down!

So when I say: “Mother materializes”, it means: “my falsehood dematerializes”! And when I speak of “transmaterialization”, it means that we go through the bars of the cage of Illusion. O simplicity of Truth!

I am quite certain that the Apocalypse is not something that “comes” and manifests: it is something that GOES AWAY. It is the crust of Falsehood that goes away. But *who will bear* the Non-Falsehood, they who are made of Falsehood from head to toe! The New Being is “perhaps” *already here!*

How could Truth manifest *in* Falsehood? It makes it burst, that’s all—its mere presence makes Falsehood burst. *This* is the Apocalypse. I have been in perpetual apocalypse for three years and two months.

Afternoon

A very intense action in the brain (difficult to bear). Obviously, it is there that the barbed wire is the tightest.

Satprem . Notebooks of an Apocalypse . Volume 5 (1985)



It is in the silence of your heart that the Divine will speak to you
and will guide you and will lead you to your goal.

But for that you must have full faith in the Divine Grace and Love.

~ The Mother, Words of The Mother, vol.14, p.374



Meditation at sunset with Savitri
read by Mother to Sunil’s music.
Every **Thursday, 5.30 to 6.00 PM**
(weather permitting)



Matrimandir and the Park of Unity is open
everyday from 6 to 8 am & 4:30 to 6.30 pm (for
Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers holding a
valid Matrimandir Pass). Volunteers’ place of work
will need to send an email to [mmconcentration@](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in)
auroville.org.in to be considered for the valid pass.



ACRES FOR AUROVILLE in collaboration with UNITY PAVILION and AV ARTS is very happy to share
**«LIMINAL SPACE»
 ART FOR LAND2021**
 exhibition & fundraiser for Auroville's land
 with its new WEBSITE & ONLINE GALLERY
www.artforlandonline.com

«Liminal Space» is the theme for the 6th annual edition of Art for Land. A «liminal space» is a threshold, a space of entering or beginning, a place of transition where all transformation takes place. This threshold between what

was and what will be is the theme for Art for Land's magnificent 2021 collection and AFL's doorway to new beginnings. Our celebration of beauty and solidarity for Auroville's land will be ongoing until 28th February.

«Liminal Space» was initiated on January 31st with an inspiring Inauguration and the first viewing of its professional-quality exhibition and artworks. **The inaugural event was a beautiful expression of Auroville's highest aspirations, sense of community and dedicated purpose**, with sharings by a variety of Aurovilians, and carried by Nadaka and Keshava's great music throughout. This magnificent exhibition of the collection, with its hundreds of impressive artworks, truly expresses Sri Aurobindo's words **«Beauty is His footprint, showing us where He has passed»**.

The new Art for Land website www.artforlandonline.com is our online gallery featuring the works and their artists and is itself a luminous expression of exquisite care for beauty and high ideals. **Works can be viewed and reserved online or at the Unity Pavilion** (daily from 10 AM to 4 PM) More information is available at unitypavilion@auroville.org.in and at (+ 91) 413 -2623576.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate **a month of solidarity for Auroville's designated but still-missing land** with the entire month devoted to the exhibition, concerts, performances, stimulating talks and favorite events including the ongoing Grace Lottery and the annual Generosity Fair on the 14th!

All proceeds from art purchase and donations at the events go to the Acres for Auroville land campaign for Auroville's still-missing lands.

Here's the schedule for this week's great events - 3 events are land fundraisers and we invite your support and generosity:

10th Feb (5 PM to 6.30PM)

Sound Bath with Svaram

Join us in an experiential space of deep relaxation through a basic tuning process and an exposure to the soothing waves and vibrations of pure acoustic instruments. *(A Unity Pavilion event)*



JOIN US – THIS BEAUTY & CREATIVITY IS ALL FOR THE LAND

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

NEW MEMBERS OF THE FOUR WORKING GROUPS

The Selection Process for the Auroville Council, Entry Board, FAMC and Working Committee took place on 21st and 22nd of January in Bharat Nivas Auditorium, Bhumika Hall and Unity Pavilion, and the re-selection for the Working Committee (for the selectors from the Unity Pavilion only) - 25th and 26th of January in Selectors Pavilion.

Welcome the newly selected working groups members!*

* - Please note, all these nominees have reached the 50% quorum (PWG 2020, Part 3B, 7c: "To be selected, a candidate needs to have the trust of a minimum of 50% of the selectors. A candidate will not be selected, if this quorum has not been reached").

Total number of selectors participated in the selection process: For Auroville Council - 270 (50% threshold - 135); For Entry Board - 277 (139); For FAMC - 265 (133); For Working Committee - 270 (135).

Auroville Council New members selected (3):



Claudine B. Shivaya Suryan

New team: Ganesh K. - ongoing member (Protection), Claudine B. (Inspiration), Shivaya (Newlands), Suryan (Isai Ambalam).
Open vacancies: 5

Entry Board New members selected (5):



Alain S. Jayanthi Lakshmanan

Matilde Swadha

New team (9 members): Alain S. (Invocation), Dheena - ongoing member (Aspiration), Jayanthi (Auromodele), Lakshmanan (Kuilapalayam), Matrisprasad - ongoing member (Prayatna), Matilde (Madhuca), Ramanarayana - ongoing member (Courage), Sophie - ongoing member (Invocation), Swadha (Courage).
Open vacancies: 0

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) New members selected (2 members):



Amy Elvira

New team (4 members): Amy (Sunyata), Elvira (Pitchandikulam), Kalya - ongoing member (Shakti), Marc - ongoing member.
Open vacancies: 5

Working Committee New members selected (2):



Parthasarthy Sauro

New team (3 members): Chali - ongoing member (Madhuca), Parthasarthy (Maitreye), Sauro - ongoing member (Grace).
Open vacancies: 4

Here's a brief overview of the Selection Process 2021:

FMI: <https://auroville.org.in/article/83338>

The event was conducted by the RAS (Manoj K., Sathish A., Tatiana S.), its courageous resource persons (Slava, Verena) and facilitated by amazing Anita, Elisa, Fif (pool of facilitators). We would like to express our gratitude to many community members, who stepped forward to organise this event: Blue Light, Aurinoco, Auroville Radio, Bharat Nivas Team and some Independent Specialists helped us with technical arrangements, design and set-up of the selection cards system.

Silent Presence Keepers held the atmosphere and supported us on a subtle level throughout the selection and counting procedures. The Auroville Council propped the RAS providing refreshments. Covid-19 Taskforce, YouthLink, Minutes Taker and Volunteers assisted us with the logistics and overall support.

A big thank you to all the Participants, Nominees and Working Group Members for their patience and commitment! Our sincere apologies if we missed mentioning anybody...

Frederic Martin Duchamp Photography © captured some [beautiful moments of the event](#)

EMERGENCY RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION TO APPROVE THE LOWERING OF THE SELECTION THRESHOLD TO 30%

This Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision making process (RAD) is for the community to approve the lowering of the percentage required for the selection of individuals from 50% to 30%.

WHY - Since the selection process did not result in selecting the required number of people for the Auroville Council (5 vacancies are still open), FAMC (5 vacancies open) and Working Committee (4 vacancies open) because of lack of 50% quorum, the Working Committee in writing, on 20th January, [authorised the RAS to call an emergency Residents' Assembly Decision \(RAD\)](#) (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rW4ESMOq_q0i1QrFn7b-yt983GKoCx46/view?usp=sharing) to approve the lowering of the percentage from 50% to 30%.* If the community decides to reduce the selection threshold, the required number of persons for the above mentioned working groups will be reached.

Do you agree to lower the percentage required for the selection of individuals from 50% to 30%?

- **YES**: top 5 nominees for the AVC and FAMC and top 4 nominees for the WCom who received more than 30% but less than 50% quorum, can be considered selected

- **NO**: the 3 working groups will continue to operate with a shortage of members

The Emergency RAD will run until SUNDAY 14th February

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

ONLINE - Use your personalized voting link sent by the RAS on 1st Feb. Look out for this email and participate voting online. Web based Gmail interface users, check the Promotions tab in case the email is not in your inbox. Good to also check your Spam / Junk folders. If you are an Aurovilian and didn't receive this email, please write to raservice@auroville.org.in or visit us at the RAS desk, first floor, town hall on Thursday between 10am to 12pm. We are happy to help you register your decision.

IN PERSON - A printed voting slip is available from the RAS sounding board in Town Hall. Fill your ballot out and hand it over at the RAS desk every **Thursday between 10am to 12pm**.

In-person voting (meeting of the Residents' Assembly) will be organized at Solar Kitchen on Sunday February 14, 11am - 2pm.

Update from the Auroville Council

We would like to keep you informed that while awaiting the results of the ongoing RAD for the composition of the working groups, the Council continues to be active in its work with the newly selected 3 members, Claudine, Shivaya and Suryan who scored 50% votes, along with Ganesh who is a staggering member. Enrica will be joining the BCC team from the 8th of Feb. The other interim members will continue to work and also hand over the work till necessary.

Housing mandate

The Council would like to inform you that the published Housing Mandate does not have amendments suggested by the Council, nor was the feedback from the community members addressed before its publication. The Housing policy was also published by FAMC directly to the community without it being first reviewed by the Council to be published via RAS for feedback. The Council will be initiating the process of incorporating feedback in the Housing mandate with the newly appointed FAMC team. In the meantime the older mandate and policy will stand valid.

Updates & communication from the FAMC mandate review task force

This is to remind and update - that a task force had been formed by the Auroville Council to review the mandate of the FAMC (2016) as was announced by the Working Committee on Auronet on the 30th of Oct. 2020 (<https://auroville.org.in/article/82042>). The members of this Task Force are Anne, Bobby, Martina, Nina, Pashi and Philippe. Two members of the FAMC were also supposed to join as per the announcement by the WCom., we hope that some will join when the new FAMC is in place. Meanwhile, the outgoing FAMC proceeded with its own review of the mandate, posted recently in the Auronet - albeit not following the channel of going through the Council and also not working with the Task Force to share their input as they were supposed to do. However, the Task Force will be considering the FAMC's reviewed version of the mandate, to complete its work on the review. The task force hopes to complete the review in the stipulated time frame which is by April. The reviewed mandate will then be presented to the Council to share it with the community via RAS for discussion and eventual ratification. Until then the mandate 2016 will be followed by the FAMC.

From the Auroville Land Board Team:

The Land Board **invites landowners within the Masterplan area to contact the Land Board directly if they wish to sell their lands.** If the landowners wish to lease the land after sale, a renewable 3-year lease for organic farming can be arranged according to the location. The land board will extend its support and assistance for a fair price and a smooth purchase process. The Land Board takes this opportunity to convey that access on Auroville land granted for agriculture purposes on ancestral property based on mutual goodwill is not transferable.

- Land Board Team, Town Hall (1st floor), (0413) 262 3699

Protecting Auroville's name and symbol

It is good news that more and more people are aware that NPG (Name Protection Group, a subgroup of the Working Committee) exists to look into the use and misuse of Auroville's name and/or symbol. We have had a number of mails recently, requesting us to look into this or that use of Auroville's name. Usually we are able to get a good percentage of such issues amicably resolved with co-operation of the stakeholders.



"Aqua Auroville" - A specific topic that has been recurring for a few years is the unauthorized use of Auroville's name by a mineral water bottling company in Pondicherry. The mineral water is branded as "Aqua Auroville" and is widely available. We lately again received several mails from Aurovilians alerting us about it. This issue was first brought to our notice in June 2018. We learnt that a Trademark had been registered in this name, and subsequently an opposition form against this Trademark was filed by our lawyer a few months later, as it is legally in violation of the *Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act*. As

the Trademark issue takes time to be resolved, we have recently sent a letter to the bottling company, requesting them to cease and desist from this unauthorized usage.

For any queries, alerts etc. regarding the use of the name or symbol of Auroville, write to: nameprotection@auroville.org.in. More about NPG on Auroville's website: <https://auroville.org/contents/4095>

- The NPG team (Vinodhini, Tim, Giovanni, Elaine, Annemarie)

City service Contributions and Payments Jan. 2021

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	6,33,05,389
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	1,60,29,754
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	7,93,35,144
Total Payments	1,66,32,201
CS Ending Balance(Includes BOB)	6,27,02,943
<i>Monthly loss/gain</i>	<i>-6,02,447</i>

Internal Contributions

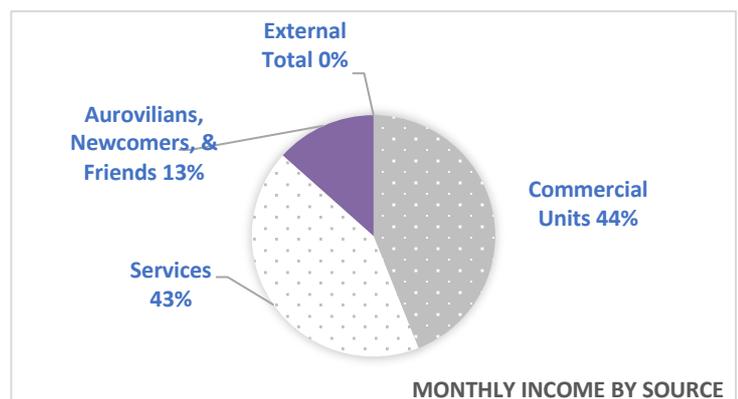
Source	Total
Commercial Units	70,47,835
Services	68,38,684
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	21,43,235
Internal Total	1,60,29,754

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	-
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	-
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	-

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments	Yearly Accumulated Since April 20
Education	32,21,443	2,79,41,622
Social Support	22,51,691	1,70,32,071
Organization	16,73,876	1,22,13,020
Children & Youth	15,67,140	1,44,56,999
Health	12,63,019	1,00,96,138
Village Education	10,20,767	95,95,074
Forests	9,99,772	93,31,002
Land	8,91,522	26,23,611
Security	6,00,308	50,87,246
Prosperity Services	5,47,709	46,10,999
Culture & Sports	5,39,369	43,23,645
Outreach	5,33,462	34,50,971
Farms	4,75,318	44,83,748
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	3,67,246	41,27,230
Matrimandir	1,90,464	17,37,401
Housing	1,89,882	12,58,681
City Planning	1,44,517	11,06,637
Utilities	31,002	2,76,013
Projects	16,621	1,48,835
Contingency	1,07,073	45,74,569
Total	1,66,32,201	13,84,75,510



Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	15,10,410	15,10,410
Tanto	5,46,432	5,56,432
Conscious Living	5,06,940	5,11,940
Maroma	4,06,940	4,22,940
Sciro Pizza	3,35,429	3,35,429
MG Ecoduties	2,80,410	2,80,410
Auroyali Production	2,56,940	2,56,940
Eco Femme	2,24,290	2,24,290
Svaram	1,74,290	1,74,290
The Colors Of Nature	1,57,940	1,57,940
Arthena	1,46,362	1,46,362
C3Stream Land Designs	1,42,759	1,42,759
Miniature	1,17,350	1,17,350
Artisan Revolution	1,06,940	1,06,940
AV Bakery	92,015	92,015
Aureka	87,760	89,760
Cadd Studio	86,940	1,01,540
Imago	76,820	76,820
La Ferme Cheese	75,720	75,720
Cynergy	70,820	70,820
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Right Path Café (VC Café)	55,000	55,500
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	53,470	53,470
Hers	45,410	45,410
AV Consulting	36,435	36,935
Auroville Energy Products	33,470	33,470
Shradanjali	31,940	31,940
White ant studio	31,526	31,526
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
Auromics	24,290	34,290
AV Online Store	24,290	24,290
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
AVA-Wasteless	20,820	20,820
Pitchandikulam Forest Consult.	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
Varuna (To Com: Rs. 10,15,947)	17,448	67,448
Aurinoco Systems	17,350	17,350
Aurodent	17,350	17,350
Kallialay Surf School	17,350	17,350
Tree Care	17,350	17,350
Flame	16,940	17,940
Mahasaraswathi Constr.	16,940	16,940
Mereville Trust	16,940	16,940
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880
Buildaur	13,880	13,880
Gastronomica	13,880	13,880
Holistic	13,880	13,880
Naturellement	13,880	13,880
Worktree	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
New School Crafts	12,839	12,839
Aurosoya	10,410	10,610
Auroville Papers	10,410	14,610
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
M&M Cheese	10,410	10,410
Magica	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Sound Wizard	10,410	13,910
Sumark	10,410	10,410
Tree House Community	10,410	10,410
ADPS (Aurelec)	9,076	9,076
AAS-Mona	8,675	8,675
ASSA-Aire	8,675	8,675
Abacus Accounting	8,470	9,470
Aqua Dyn Research	8,470	8,470
To be Two (Auromode)	8,470	8,470
Nala Builders	8,440	8,440
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
AFA-Auro Amirtham	6,940	6,940

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Ilion	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Raman Constructions	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Auro Lakshimi Construction	6,940	6,940
AV Language Lab	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kalya's Delight	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	6,940	6,940
AVA-Spirit of Leadership	6,940	6,940
Bamboo Center Auroville	6,940	6,940
Boutique Visitors Center	6,940	6,940
Comfort Design	6,940	6,940
CSR-AV Design Consultants	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eco Pro	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
La Terrace	6,940	31,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
Mantra	6,940	6,940
Mira Computers	6,940	6,940
Natura	6,940	6,940
OK Upcycling Studio	6,940	6,940
Omega	6,940	7,190
Pragati Construction	6,940	6,940
Progress Landscape	6,940	7,440
School for sust. Management	6,940	6,940
Tapasya Design Studio	6,940	6,940
The Neem Tree	6,940	6,940
La Maison Boutique	6,470	6,470
LEAD-Integral Learning Center	5,205	5,205
Auromode Trust	5,000	5,000
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770
AVARTS-Ritam Bhu Project	3,570	3,570
AV ARTS-BHU Nausheen	3,503	3,503
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
AFA-Joy Health Food	3,470	3,470
AFA-Natures Gift	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
AFA-Taste of Korea	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Nirami	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Swastika	3,470	3,470
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Auroville Printers	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Medi Clown	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Nomad Art	3,470	3,470
AVA-ATB with AMIR	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Brainfever Media Product.	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Naturelle	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Software	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AVA-Inscapes	3,470	3,470
AVA-Matrigold	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
AVA-Octo Studio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
AWS -Indi Surfboard	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Café 73	3,470	3,470
Discovery	3,470	3,470
Earth & Us	3,470	3,470
Earth Institute	3,470	3,470
Eco Fare	3,470	3,470
Ecoteco Pools	3,470	3,470
Filaure	3,470	3,470
Freeland	3,470	3,470
Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
Gecko!	3,470	3,470
Iruita Dreams	3,470	3,470
Kalki	3,470	3,470
Kottakarai Food Processing	3,470	3,470
LEAD-IPK Activities	3,470	3,470
Light Fish	3,470	3,470
Linea Dental	3,470	3,470
Mandala Pottery	3,470	5,970
Metamorphosis	3,470	3,470
Mira Boutique	3,470	3,470
Mukti Accounting	3,470	3,470
New Creation Corner Frites	3,470	3,470
PAPUI AND SOMETHINGELSE	3,470	3,470
Path Architects & Planners	3,470	3,470
Perceptive Eye	3,470	3,470
Pitchandikulam	3,470	3,470
Pottery Sipapu	3,470	3,470
Prisma	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Sagarmatha	3,470	3,470
Sunshine Music	3,470	3,470
Taboo	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470
Akriti Construction	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
Vahana	2,203	2,203
Aurosarjan Trust	2,000	12,500
AFA-Vegan Essence	1,735	1,735
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
Bhojanam	1,735	1,735
LEAD-Kolam Yoga	1,269	1,269
LEAD-Being	1,193	1,193
AVA-Oceans	1,000	1,000
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
LEAD-Ara	847	847
LEAD-Stilelibero	46	46
AV ARTS-Creeva	43	43
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Boutique D`Av Pondy	-	500
Inside India	-	350
Total	68,67,235	70,47,835
Percent of Total	97%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
EUU - Exploration GH (Total 76)	1,50,691	1,50,691
Afsanah GH	83,874	84,674
Isai Ambalam GH	76,430	76,430
Auromode GH	61,323	61,323
Center GH	48,400	52,200
Mitra GH	41,265	41,265
Arka GH	37,279	37,279
Gaia's Garden GH	34,339	34,339
New Creation GH	32,300	32,300
Aspiration GH	25,690	25,690
Sharnaga GH	23,054	23,054
Samasti GH	16,388	16,388
Joy Community GH	12,719	12,719
Swagatham GH	12,428	12,428
Reve GH	11,180	11,180

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Atithi Griha GH	11,021	11,021
Tanto GH (Show: Rs. 1.94 Lakh)	10,410	10,410
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
Needam GH	10,000	10,000
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Discovery GH	6,700	6,700
Youth Camp Fraternity GH	5,656	5,656
EUU - Creativity GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Sonja & Umberto GH	3,470	3,470
Tibetan Bodkhang	2,200	2,200
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
Buddha Garden Coll.	560	560
Subtotal	7,39,932	7,44,532
Net Additional Guest Contri.	1,98,268	1,98,268
Total	9,38,200	9,42,800

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	45,87,510	46,79,108
Visitor Center Parking	6,86,210	6,86,210
Deepam	75,948	75,948
Botanical Garden	53,785	53,785
CSR	38,170	38,170
Quiet Healing Centre	34,700	35,700
Working Committee	26,025	26,025
Bharat Nivas	13,880	13,880
Birth Center	8,675	8,675
Visitor Center	8,675	8,675
ABC	6,940	6,940
Citadine	6,940	6,940
Korean Pavillion	6,940	6,940
New Era Secondary School	6,940	6,940
Thamarai	5,205	5,205
AV Arts Service	4,070	4,070
Anntara	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
Ayarpaadi	3,470	3,470
Electrical Services	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
L'Avenir	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Distribution	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
Sewa	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470
Supportive Learning Satellite	3,470	3,470
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
Sunship Maintenance	1,735	1,735
Roads Service Collection	-	1,85,828
Total	56,17,458	58,95,884

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
School Participation	3,36,475	3,36,475
Aurovilian	14,97,245	14,97,245
Newcomer	46,000	46,000
Friends of AV	2,63,515	2,63,515
Total	21,43,235	21,43,235



WHY WE FUNDRAISE FOR LAND FOR AUROVILLE

When Auroville started on a barren plateau, the Banyan tree was small, with just a few palmyra palms ... but lots of sandstorms. There were no roads, no birds, sparse vegetation - only few species of fauna and flora could survive here. The first grass was brought from Lake Ousteri, 20 kms away from here. The villages around were small and poverty-stricken. Only rain-fed farming

was done, trying to cultivate millets on very poor soils with crops often failing.

Till the '90s, everybody who came and stayed worked daily for afforestation and farming: watering those precious seedlings every 3 days all through the hot dry summer months, and producing a few organic vegetables during the winter months. Aurovilian foresters travelled South India to collect seeds, plant and foster them and nature responded!

Why fundraising for land for Auroville`s greenbelt is a very urgent priority for the bioregion? Biodiversity is rapidly dwindling in Tamil Nadu due to urbanisation, population growth, modern agriculture and falling water tables.

Forests: Water, and Auroville`s forest Biodiversity:



Auroville's original "Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest" is a highly endangered forest type of which less than 0.3% remains intact. Auroville is a pocket of this forest, which is still being regenerated to its original biodiversity from scratch! Forest equals water - the health of the region's aquifers and watersheds is directly correlated with the health and extent of the forests on them. The forest fauna and their life activities themselves add to the land's regeneration. **Over 3 million**

Trees have been planted in Auroville and the bioregion.

Biodiversity Fauna: 101 bird species and wildlife have returned: porcupines, civet cats, wild boars & many smaller species of animals

Biodiversity Flora: Over 1000 species are growing here today, over 500 of these species have a recognized cultural use within the local culture, be it for medicinal, spiritual or cultural purposes :

1. 400 ethno-medicinal plant species now exist - resources for Ayurvedic seminars & treatment
2. The Arboretum hosts 250 species
3. Botanical Gardens: 30 000 saplings are planted each year,
4. Shakti nursery: with 15,000 plants in the Auro Herbarium including rare & nearly extinct species
5. 24 fully organic farms, practicing the 4 different kinds of organic farming practices: natural farming, permaculture, biodynamic and biointensive farming.
6. Auroville`s foresters focus on re-generating the original fauna and flora, while restoring the forest. A lot of wildlife has returned on its own, and forests have become breeding grounds. Auroville's forests are a precious habitat, and connecting the forests would enhance this multifold!

Aurovilians have been involved in preserving seeds for 3 decades: grasses and millets, traditional vegetable seeds, trees and shrubs. Auroville`s biodiversity - flora and fauna - is the seedbank for regeneration work in southern India and the protection of its watersheds.

Pitchandikulam forest, Pebble Garden, Shakti and the Botanical Gardens are the main organisations fostering biodiversity. This winter more than 20 000 trees have been planted in Auroville.

If you'd like to see Auroville manifest and flourish, please support our actions and donate for Auroville`s land and future. Acres for Auroville, GreenAcres and LFAU have their office at Town Hall, 1st floor, open mornings, 0413 2622657. Come see us & bring your ideas to support this work! Donations via LFAU's website: land.auroville.org; Donation gateway: donations.auroville.org or via a direct transfer to FS 0100 Land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future School Admission

Students wishing to apply for 9th or 11th grade this upcoming school year, are requested to apply through our website <https://futureschool.org.in/> In the 'Admission' section you will find the links ([9th grade](#) & [11th grade](#)) for the student application. All applications have to be submitted **before 28th of February 2021.**

**Reminder from ABS: All services meeting
8th Feb, Unity Pavilion, 3-5 pm.**

The confirmed agendas are:

- Service presentation of the month by L'avenir/ TDC.
- Update from Kavitha on the ongoing field research on services
- BCC presents their latest report + Q&A
- ABS Representative for the BCC
- Status of City Services
- Update from the Code of Contact Task Force



Apartment for transfer

One home is currently available for transfer:

- New Creation Community - Single and/or Couple occupancy / Couple and/or Family occupancy

To apply, click on the "Houses Available" button in the right column on Auronet main page. You will be directed to our Housing Transfer App at <https://housing.auroville.org.in>. You need to:

- click on the transfer you are interested in,
- view all the details and pictures of the asset for transfer and if you wish to apply,
- click on "Apply" button & fill in the online application form.

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the site visit. For any questions, please feel free to come and see K. Venkatesh at Housing Service Office -The Housing Service

To all members of the AV Health Fund Scheme

If you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, **together with your doctor prescription & your PT account number**, in the Health Fund box at Aspiration Health Centre or at SANTE.

As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from April 2020 till February 2021 have to be processed before the end of March 2021. Only the medical bills from March 2021 can be paid till end of April 2021.

The audit service has told **not to process** any bills from last financial year **after March 2021**. Please check your cupboards while there is still time! - From AV Health Fund Scheme

Thank You from Baraka Team!!

Thanks to all who attended the Baraka Fair event last Sunday. You all helped create a wonderful and supportive atmosphere. The horses and their helpers are grateful for the good energy and funds raised.

Special thanks to parents of riders and other people who helped us out with stalls or food.

If anyone still wants a 2021 calendar, Baraka has 3 models available (horses or mandala theme). If interested, message 9443697477. Proceeds go to the horses.



Found: Kid's bag - AVSST found a kid's bag on the road and will be happy to give it back to its owner :) Please contact us if it belongs to you: 0413 262 3400



Taxi-sharing - To Chennai, on the 15th of February. Write to hartmut (vontieres@gmx.de)

APPEALS

Laptop needed for AVCP

We are a recently formed team for the Auroville Child Protection (AVCP) Project. We are working in collaboration with AV working groups and are part funded by SAIER, part by external donors.

We are desperately in need of a laptop for one of our team members, for simple documentation type work & Internet connection. If anyone could spare a second-hand laptop, it will be put to good use, in the service of Auroville's children.

OBITUARY



Peter Kuhrt

This is to inform the community that our old friend and pioneer-brother Peter Kuhrt - also known as Stream - passed away on 28 January in a Munich hospital due to heart failure. He was 76.

Peter came to Auroville with the Caravan of 1969, together with Michel Klostermann, Christl, Joachim and Dorothee Hach. The group of Munich friends had read about the inauguration of Auroville in a German magazine and decided then and there to come. They had written to the Sri Aurobindo Society but never received an answer, so they just started off in an old VW bus, driving overland for 6 weeks and reaching Pondy in November 1969. In due time the group was assigned some accommodation in Auroville's Aspiration.

Originally born in East-Prussia, Peter had grown up and studied in Germany. In Auroville he stayed for quite a few years in Aspiration, doing garden work, working at the then AuroPolyester unit, and growing more into his passion of painting. Later on, he lived for some time in the Pump House and in Existence (naming it 'Edge of Existence').

Residents who know him from that time remember him as a quiet, interiorised person, very gentle and kind-hearted. They observed that the intensity of his inner life came through in his art, and that he, as an artist, saw himself in a state of transition, without thinking to have "already arrived". He considered such thinking as the greatest danger to creativity, to the gift of his life which he so abundantly had received with great gratitude. That he took on the name 'Stream' may have to do with this transitory stance.

After some ten years he left, feeling unsupported and insecure, realising that Auroville at that stage was not a place for artists. Friends who knew him in his later years in Germany, tell us that he lived his life as an *artist to the bone* - no cell phone and internet, utmost simplicity and only concerned with painting - which was his yoga. A strong yoga which carried him throughout. He was a true and faithful soul and Aurovilian until his last breath.



Matthias

In the morning of 30 January, our dear friend and longtime brother Matthias Achenbach passed away in his room at Mahalakshmi Home, ending a year-long process with cancer metastases in lungs and brain. He had just celebrated his 74th birthday a good week ago with all his close friends attending.

Having completed his studies in Physics and Pedagogy at Frankfurt's Main University, Matthias started out as an electro-mechanic in Frankfurt to then pretty soon create his own 'Achenbach Sprachlehranlagen' company which manufactured language laboratories for Lufthansa, Bosch, Siemens etc.

In his own words: "Very early I developed a fetish for all things technical and I liked to play guitar and double-bass and joined a pop-band and later a jazz-band, where I fell in love with the singer and she became my first wife. Then I became a private and commercial pilot, and started my first own company producing language-laboratories. In 1977, when I had just become 30 years of age, I travelled for the first time to India with a German jazz band (Barrelhouse Jazzband from Frankfurt - they still play!). I very much liked it there and inquired how one could live there. We were playing for the German Cultural Institutes and it happened just then, that they needed a new Regional Engineer for South Asia. I immediately applied for the job and by end 1977 I was posted to New Delhi with the Goethe Institute (Max Mueller Bhavan) for the next 5 years."

While stationed in Delhi, Matthias with his (second) wife Marusch got to know about Auroville and at times Aurovilians would stay in their house. The result was that the pair joined Auroville on 28 February 1984, and soon Matthias gravitated towards Aurelec

where computers were made. Having worked there several years, he formed his own 'Altecs Energy Systems', which produced solar-charge-controllers, PL-lamps and inverters enabling more than 100 totally self-sufficient solar houses in Auroville. The unit manufactured its own Inverters from 80VA to 5kVA and installed solar-pumps in and around Auroville. For this, he thoroughly taught and trained a large team of young aspiring Tamils who still see him as their guru. On top of that, Matthias built the multi-storey Altecs building in Auroshilpam where he lived with Dodo, as well as the Kailash Youth complex on the Crown Road. He later moved to Hope.

Naturally, being the open, good willing and authentic person he was, Matthias has been approached till the very end for his knowledge and expertise in electronic and other matters, and which he always readily shared. In the beginning of 2020 his physical problems started, and after a first operation he quietly moved to Mahalakshmi Home where he was warmly received. Very often surrounded by close friends, with whom he had good communications and understanding and who helped him prepare for this challenging phase of his life, he was clear-headed, ready and faithful to go.

Thank you for having been with us, Matthias, you definitely left a footprint and will so often be remembered. Our warmest condolences go out to Marusch, Dodo and Ingrida, as well as to his sister and brothers in Germany, and all his other close friends. He's now in the Light.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

News from Aurodent!

Dr. Valentina is in Auroville during month of February. Contact Aurodent if you were waiting for Valentina's presence in our clinic and if you need get an appointment with her. Please do not wait till the last moment so that everyone can get an appointment on time. 0413 2622063 & WhatsApp +91 96291 99328

~ Stay well and healthy! Aurodent team.

New Hours for Nandini Distribution

Since the schools have re-opened and Nandini **Distribution** would like to be more accessible for the children and other members, we have changed our opening hours. Our new timings:

MORNINGS: Monday to Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM

AFTERNOONS: Monday and Friday, 2 to 4 PM

If you are not able to come during our opening hours or in case of emergency, our team is happy to meet you at your convenience. Feel free to contact us at 262-2033 or nandini@auroville.org.in.

~ Angela, Chandra & Devi

Citizens' Assembly update

As of January 23rd, the Citizens' Assembly pilot has concluded with the participants agreeing on a water vision for Auroville and their suggestions for implementation.

We are now in the process of sharing the outcomes & suggestions on the next steps forward with the water players, all of which will be shared with the community in the next few weeks. We also plan to translate the outcomes in Tamil & French & create graphical representations for a wider understanding. A report incorporating all the ideas formulated during the Assembly as well as a description and analysis of the process and results, which are being undertaken as a research project for collective decision-making in Auroville, will be made available to everybody in the community. In addition, screenings of the films shown during the sessions, as well as an additional one covering the proceedings of the Assembly, will be shown at Cinema Paradiso every Thursday afternoon. The date for the public presentation to the community will be made available in the coming weeks.

The organizing team would like to thank very profoundly everybody who worked so hard to make this pilot Citizens' Assembly such a worthwhile exercise for all involved. Further info regarding the Citizens' Assembly project can be found at our website: <https://caexplorationauroville.wordpress.com>. You can get in touch with us at caexploration@auroville.org.in

The Citizens' Assembly Exploration Group

(Kathy, Suryamayi, Helen, Alan, David, Aditi, Martin, Sandhya, Nikethana, Anshul and Lesley)

On the Occasion of Seollal, the Korean New Year
The Korean dinner team at Cafeteria Visitor's center invites
you On Friday 12th February from 6:30 pm



Choice of Vegan or Non Veg meal centered around the New Year Rice Cake Soup, 'Tteokguk' with its constellation of eight side dishes followed by a

Rosella and fruits cocktail. As it is an occasion to get together and share food we will have a minimum of three people around tables. Booking is a must and you will need to state your choice by Whatsapp 8903963137, cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in or in person at the counter by Thursday 11th evening latest!

As always, using Auroville and organic products wherever possible. Note that we will serve no other food that evening.

Auroville Supper club invites you to join us for a
Chinese New Year Dinner
Sunday the 14 Feb
From 6.30 to 9.00 pm at Mitra guest house
 We will be serving a delicious Chinese plate prepared by
 Lijun & friends
 Come and enjoy soup, dumplings, noodles and other Chinese specialities
 Booking is recommended 8300633708
 For takeaway prebook and remember to bring your tiffin between 6.00-6.30

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021
YEAR OF THE OX
Looking forward to see you
Lijun, Sang, Henri and Efrat

Av Supper club is a new community venue. We wish to serve a variety of meals cooked by fellow Aurovilians in a relaxed and welcoming setting. We are a group of likeminded food lovers who feel there is a need for culinary cultural space where we can explore together. We share who we are through food

Sri Ma at Tanto Far Beach Café on 7th Feb at 4 PM.

Deepa and Calvin cycled from Delhi to Auroville over 61 days without carrying any phone or money with them. They are sharing this journey with different communities in Auroville.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

"ILION" IS LOOKING FOR ANOTHER TEAM MEMBER



"Iliion" is the title of a 6000-line poem by Sri Aurobindo, yet much lesser known or studied than Savitri. The name itself comes from one of the Greek mythology's pillars: The Iliad. Why this clear reference?

What is the bridge between the spirituality as seen with Sri Aurobindo and the Greek classics?

These are new grounds, you will need a pioneer spirit...

As it is understood that this subject might be new to you and the proposed approach of the Greek mythology is not the classical one, you will first join the newest members of the team in an interactive introductory group study of the spirituality hidden in the Greek mythology - with constant links with Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's works, and supported by 30 years of research on this. Past these initial 4 months, the aim of the Iliion activity team will be to start sharing this information and foment new studies and collaborations worldwide, while providing a new and dynamic gateway to Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's research via the Greek mythology.

Iliion activity is just starting this journey, and is expecting a passionate and enthusiastic candidate who is ready to commit to this long-term project. Someone who enjoys learning and is willing to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to develop

the web site, articles, visuals, radio programs, educational videos, contacts with universities, etc.

Prerequisites: ability to write contents, capacity for individual work and research, deep interest in symbolism and in (re)discovering Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's works. English Proficient (French would be a plus). Ready to start immediately. Maintenance provided. Part and Full time possible. If interested, send a motivation mail at ilion@auroville.org.in

LOOKING FOR

Housesitting - Two young women, long term volunteers, are looking for a house that we can care for & give love to. We will be more than happy to be of help while you're away. You can reach us at 758-818-2741 or tejaswini.waghulde@gmail.com.

House sitting - I just recently received a notice from the Entry Service that I am now at the end of my Newcomer process, prior to being announced as an Aurovilian. One of their requirements is a 12 mo minimum housing contract. If you are, or know anyone, looking for a single house sitter for your home, I am available. I am including the following personal profile link for your kind perusal and reference: <https://land.auroville.org/zsch-inspiring-newcomer/>. Zsch: +918300191193 / zschjoaya@gmail.com

Items - headlamp, contact lens solution even if expired, discarded body & clothes soap, kindle with backlight, floaters/sandals with straps (6), cycle tubes: semi thick tires, lone earrings, stigmatad@gmail.com. Thank you for helping me sticking to my never buying new challenge.

AVAILABLE

Mixing Table Behringer Eurorack MX2004a & Multi-effect Lexicon MX 400. Contact : olivier.barot@gmail.com

Children cycle - white, purchased in Aurovelo, for age 7 to 12. Contact 8072449091

Puppies - Do you want someone to lick your feet? We are 2 expert feet lickers and we are looking for a home together. We will love you forever. Contact Nandita: 9488483286 / nandita@sharan-india.org if you would like to meet this little beige girl and brown boy whose tails never stop wagging

GREEN MATTERS



Water Saving Tip of the Week!

Next time it's time to plant, make the effort to put local plants in your garden. Replace your water-hungry grass lawn with native species of plants that do not require water. With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. watergroup@auroville.org.in / www.aurovillewater.in.

You're invited: Citizens' Assembly film showings

The Citizens' Assembly and Auroville Water Group invite you to watch some Aurovilian water players reflect on our water situation! Throughout the months of Feb/March, you will get to watch the videos, produced for Auroville's recent Citizens' Assembly on water by Outreach Media (Serena and Venkatesh), at MMC! This will include interviews with 30 Auroville water players. Mark your calendar - the series will be screened every Thursday at 4:30pm till March 18. See you there!

Speakers who will be featured are: Allan, Alok, Bhagwandas, Dariya, Dave, Gilles B, Giulio, Ing-Marie, Jean-François, John, Juergen, Kireet, Krishna, Luca & Bobby, Lucas, Margarita, Meenakshi, Mita R, Nagappan, Priya, Ramalingam, Renu, Ribhu, Satprem, Sreevatsa, Suhasini, Tency, Toby, Tom and Tomas.

Film: Chap 2: Farming (43 mns), followed by Q&A w/ speakers
Thurs 11th Feb, 4.30pm at MMC

Summary: This video features four different farmers' perspectives to the current water situation in Auroville. Please join us in exploring the dreams, challenges and opportunities farmers face in this unique context. Presenting different perspectives here are: Priya, Tomas, Ramalingam & Krishna. [Link to Tamil version.](#)



Edible Weeds Exploration w/ the Coloring Book

Every Saturday, 7.30 AM, duration: 1-1.5 Hrs

It is important that as a basic skill for climate change adaptation, we start recognizing the naturally growing weedy herbs around us & their usage. Come and join Nina to discover and learn to recognize the fresh, edible weedy herbs that are featured in the coloring book "Edible Weeds and Naturally Growing Plants in Auroville".

Place: Auroville. Details will be communicated after registration (max 10, first come basis) /

Contribution: Find details at the time of registration / **What to**

Bring: Your copy of the Edible Weeds coloring book. There will be a few copies to use during the walk. Other items: Notebook, Pen/Pencil, basic camera, comfortable clothing, and footwear, drinking water, hat, and mosquito repellent. **Contact /**

Registration: Archana Saraf +91 8628955394 (WA/SMS)

Community Food Gardens

In March last year we started working on the community garden project again. Surrender, Creativity, Serenity, Svedam, Dana, Tibetan Pavilion, Invocation, Alok's place, Shanti, Auromode, Angard's, Maitreiya, the Secretary's house and others communities all took steps to start growing their own food. Some of these gardens have become real success stories. The reason being is that they had community and energy to engage regularly with the land and specially explore local foods. There have been bumper crops of bottle gourd, and spinaches, some radish, cucumbers, now pumpkins and wing beans are everywhere. Tomatoes are growing and egg plants have started producing. There is turmeric, snake gourd, rossella, ladies fingers, dill, mint and amazing taro! I was gifted by Kartick (AV Foundation) who manages the secretary's house garden, and also from Kalsang and Namgyal delicious radish and cucumbers. Many trees have been pruned or cut, in cases they were dominating fruit trees. Now the mango in Tibetan Pavilion is finally growing and there are lemons falling from the tree and the Ramphal is looking great in Creativity, all thanks to a simple resource called light! Seeds have also been saved & shared, ladies finger seeds are being planted again along with the second generation of Gerard's famous Aurorchard cucumber. The results of this are so tangible.

In Last School lunches are served with salad composed of local weeds, thanks to the huge efforts of Nina Sengupta and her "Edible weeds coloring book" (Mark my words this book will grow to be recognised as an invaluable resource of Auroville.) Along with green papaya, Gautam, a student of the school. who took time to join our eat local week at Solitude, along with other students, cooks up Drumstick spinach sambar and has started sourcing delicious assamese giant ladies fingers (that foodlink says it has trouble selling, although people can't get enough of them at Solitude Cafe) along with wing beans and more! In TLC the kids regularly eat green papaya, wing beans, Radha's consciousness juice and have started to eat drumstick spinach which UNESCO says is the food with the highest nutritional content in the world. If you eat the Momo's prepared by Kalsang and Namgyal, you will find them full of chicken spinach, chaya, beans and green papaya in the salad, ask the people who eat them, there is a waiting list!!! And to get you really inspired, Matilde uses many local weeds including chicken spinach (called by another name!) at Marc's cafe. Her customers love it. At the entrance you can find the plants growing in pots so you know what you are eating. They no longer buy lettuce from Ooty. Why would they when they know and grow the abundance around them. B became slightly obsessed with Chaya, the Mayan tree spinach and planted over 500 cuttings, he never stops talking about its values and you can be sure where ever you met him he will have a cutting to offer you! We held a Chaya workshop at Solitude where we made many dishes with Chaya, including chaya crisps. Aurevan was also inspired and repeated the mass planting in other places of Auroville. The Mayan tree spinach is now well known in our community food group.

Another aspect of this project which is getting back on its feet was the community nursery where people would meet at Alok's place with pots and seeds and prepare seedlings for each other.

Alok offered the space and Angard offered beautiful clay pots made just for this. I think everyone felt again that it was about coming together to support each other and create a collective resource. Many other plants such as peepali, Glioy, nannari, sweet potatoes, chicken spinach, turkey berry and banana flower have also been discovered by people and integrated into their diets. Many of these local foods grow with very little effort and use less water. In fact they are so easy to grow you could say that there is no expertise needed! When we are talking of food security we have to deeply understand it is not about more land (although that wouldn't be bad) it is about "US" as a community, understanding what foods are local. Understanding that they are the very foundation of our culture and our well-being and of our planet. Tamil Culture, of which we are all in awe, with its Bharat Natyam, Carnatic music, the Temples, the ancient spiritual texts and poetry, the language which is over 40,000 years old, didn't emerge due to potatoes and Maggi noodles!! The people had a relationship with where their food came from and ate what was seasonal and simple to grow. Farmers like Ramalingam and Auro orchard (& the others!!!) could grow so much more bottle gourd, pumpkin, brinjal, snake gourd, bitter gourd or yams, taro but people don't buy. They want potatoes, beetroots, carrots, broccoli, leeks, NONE of which grow here. We are responsible for climate change. On the next "Earth Day", if we are serious we should all eat local food. The industrialisation of our food is a sticky web, we are all in it. It is not easy but until collectively we bring our awareness and understanding to what is HERE & what are truly the gifts of Mother Nature we, as a community can never reach our full potential. That's absolutely sure.

On Friday we had a Community food garden potluck at Solitude Farm, along with the beautiful Chaya/ wing beans soup, Angard's pumpkin, Matilde's Kefir lime pickle (YUM!) and other delicacies, we talked about seasons. Now we are still in prime time, season wise (Feb start) and we gave a title of "Almost Everything" to what will grow now. Then we saw, but hang on it also depends on the duration of the plants as it will get hot in April. We noted that if we use this last cool month to get crops started like cucumber melons, corn, chillies, capsicum, cluster beans, a last ladies finger crop, possible a last radish crop, maybe some cherry tomatoes, pumpkins, ash gourd, bottle gourd, snake gourd, ridge gourd and bitter gourd, long beans and cowpeas... we will also have crops in the summer. Of course we must also mulch heavily and work with rotations and intercropping. It was also pointed out that when we leave tubers like air potato and turmeric in the store room they start sprouting in June, this is the indication to start tubers in this month, including Taro, elephant foot yam and arrow root etc. Next comes July and the lunar Moth of Addi, which on its 18th day, we are almost guaranteed rain. This is the moment to "gather seeds" as the ancient Tamil Addi proverb goes. Start planting gourds and pumpkins, beans, ladies fingers and even corn. Then in August through October we can plant crops that grow through the monsoon: sweet potato, avarakai (flat beans), wing beans, assamese giant ladies fingers... Then when the rain has cooled down a bit, mid-December we can plant out tomatoes and brinjals, capsicums... (although I have amazing tomatoes that have been through 3 batches of intense rain!!) This monsoon I encouraged people in our group to try planting early and we found that the timings and ideas I had about certain plants were quite wrong! Plants are more flexible than we think! Then we have the "Almost anything" months Late December, January and February, where you can even grow carrots, cauliflower and potatoes. I have some growing at Solitude. It is a bit of fun. There is such a huge diversity of local foods that these plants that you have to "work" at growing and buy the seeds from outside, are almost not worth it.

This was what I thought was really valuable in sharing with the community. A real overview of what can be grown in which months. Possibly a document that can be added online, accessible to us all. Going on from here we need collective resources like seeds and maybe a tool room where people can share tools, (although this is already happening spontaneously.) We need groups to help implement. I imagine 50 wing bean structures, 50 bottle gourd structures, 50 pumpkin patches with assamese ladies fingers and air potato growing freely everywhere! I think the success of the last year only goes to demonstrate how Covid has shown us that foods that we can grow easily, with delicious taste and high nutritional value, foods that are the very fabric of this

culture and thus of a cultural identity, really is our most basic need. We have so much knowledge and resources. There is the depth and wisdom of an ancient culture where food is still understood as a medicine. Most importantly we have Mother's charter which pushes us to keep exploring and finding a way to live in the most beautiful way we can. If we can get ready for July with pumpkins, wing beans and gourds so much food can be grown and it is this that can act as an adhesive in our society. A true collective need. I encourage people to visit the community gardens near you and see if you can get involved. ~ Krishna

Martuvam Healing Forest Activities

Herbal Walk & Talk / Consultation Siddha Herbal Traditional Medicine from local herbs. / Quilting with Herbs
 Student Groups very welcome. For dates and timing please contact: martuvam@auroville.org.in or Shivaraj: 93454 54232



Two live concerts published last week coming from the Fantasy Fair held in Yc. These and other nice programs in your favorite radio! Enjoy and stay tuned! [Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7). [Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

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- [What do you know - ep.4 "With Larry"](#) (Yoga and Philosophy)
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- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering - ep.19](#) (Integral yoga)
- [Neo Urban Chronik - "Mauricette: The polymorphic upbringing of an Auroville child"](#) (Humour)
- [Happiness, Love & Laughter - ep.81 "The Divine Sun"](#) (Wellness)
- [Audible Weed Walk - ep.27 "Feeling and singing the blues"](#) (Edible weeds)
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REMEMBERING OUR SERVICE FLOWER LADY ON 10.02.2021 (1st Anniversary)

My dear Auroculture. already the days rolled down a year. I was very proud of being your student. You have inspired me in many situations. We both had a good time together. We all miss you a lot my Love. ~ Raji

To Matthias with love

There is another silence.
 A silence of the absence
 of your voice
 of your smile
 of your will of being.

The passion's leaves
 grow and dance
 Lorraine is tidily cleaning
 under the Wisdom's tree

But the silence is still here
 Today.

~ Anandi-a, MahalaksmiHome, 2-2-21

An update on the skies

If I told you that world leaders are meeting in New Delhi, what do you suppose the agenda would be? It will be about India without any doubt, isn't it? Instead of Delhi, what if they were meeting in Hollywood? Then most certainly the group will discuss cinema and the entertainment industry. So, you see, the place and the environment of a meeting, can be used to infer the agenda for that meeting.

Now what if a meeting was taking place in Capricorn? Could we infer about the agenda of such a meeting? And what will each of the attendees bring to the table? Because that is exactly what has been scheduled for 10th and 11th Feb 2021. The planetary cabinet - the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto are scheduled to meet in sidereal Capricorn, with Saturn playing the role of the host.

Capricorn happens to be the 5th house in Auroville's chart (if we take 19th Sept 1960 as the day of birth), and the 10th house in the 28th Feb 1968 chart. So could we infer what this meeting would imply for Auroville? If you're interested: <https://www.allthingsvedic.in/post/a-meeting-in-capricorn>

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

CANCELLED: Music workshop for everyone on 6 & 7 Feb by Harmut in Bharat Nivas is cancelled till further notice.

INAUGURATION - Arts, Crafts & Handloom Mela
 Friday 5th February, 4 PM at Kala Kendra



You're all cordially invited to our inauguration of the Art, Crafts & Handloom Mela sourced from various Tribal communities of India organised by Dev Mohanty, Friend of Auroville.

"The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Bharat Nivas present an exhibition cum sale on handmade art, craft, home decor & exquisite handloom products, which have been sourced from tribal artisans from across India. Please help support the grass root artisans and rural entrepreneurs if you can."

The exhibition runs from 5th Feb to 28 Feb 2021, gallery is open from 10am - 6pm daily (including Sundays)

ALL are Welcome. All COVID PROTOCOL & GUIDELINES NEED TO BE RESPECTED: Please bring your masks!



Contemporary dance performance created by Irena Taskovski, PAL collective, Gopal Dalami from Surya Performance Lab and special dancers guests - "Where everything begins..." is an experimental reflection on our human connection in today's world. How do we move through life, how do we connect, how do we rediscover ourselves in this journey ... and where it all begins. As performance artists collective work in progress and process, we are questioning...the human connection in the future of post-COVID time. PAL collective : Livia, Bernardo, Orev, Leela, Kshitij, Irena, Gopal, Wei, Ami, Chloe, Raquel. Thanks to Cripa team specially Christoph and Nahar for their support and help



Temple Tree exhibition opening
Sunday 7th February 5 to 7 pm, Pavilion of Tibetan culture
Exhibition from 7thFeb to 2nd March

I would like to invite you to my exhibition opening where I will be talking about the work, which was all printed from the Ficus religiosa behind the Pavilion during the AV Art Camp 2019. I just finished the last ones and there are a lot of surprising manifestations of Ganesha and many more beings showing within... Love, Birgitta

Savitri
B H A V A N

MOTHER'S PRAYERS & MEDITATIONS
from JULY 21 & 23, 1913
Monday, 8th February, 4 PM

The prayer from 21 July 1913 is about patience and how to invoke the Divine. And in the prayer from 23 July 1913 the Mother expressed her aspiration for oneness and to love the whole earth and entire humanity:

"O LORD, O inconceivable Splendour, may Thy Beauty overflow the earth, may Thy Love be kindled in all hearts and the reign of Thy Peace be upon all.

A chant grave and profound, smiling and subtle, rises from my heart, and I do not know whether this chant travels from me towards Thee or from Thee towards me or whether

Thou, I and the whole universe are this marvellous chant of which I have now become conscious....

There is certainly no more Thou, nor I, nor any separate and distinct universe: there is an immense harmony, sublime and infinite, which is everything and of which everything will become conscious one day. It is the harmony of limitless Love, Love victor over all suffering and every obscurity. By this law of Love, Thy Law, I would live more and more totally; to it I give myself without reserve. And my being exults in an ineffable Peace."

These two short reflections are presented by Dr Alok Pandey. Duration: 27 min. The links are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9sGT9L52XM;>

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

KIRTAN

Monday 8, February, 5pm - 6.30, Svedam, Butterfly Barn

Welcome to join the circle of singing from our hearts. We sing devotional songs from different traditions, celebrating divinity of all life.

The Sound of Bamboo
live at the Solitude Farm Cafe

"The Call of the Hudson"
Milestones of Jazz and Jazz-Rock

Michael Winkler (bansuri) & Dhani Muniz (guitar)

Wednesday - Feb 10, 2021
- contribution requested -

LIVE MUSIC and LOCALICIOUS VEGAN DINNER

food starts at 6:30
music starts at 7pm

venue Solitude Farm Auroville

AUROFILM

"ONDINE"
FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2021, 8PM
at MMC, Town Hall

Directed by : Neil JORDAN, Ireland, 2009 *With:* Colin Farrell, Alicja Bachleda, Alison Barry, Tony Curran, Dervla Kirwan
Synopsis: Syracuse, an Irish fisherman, one day discovers in his net a young woman named Ondine, whom he believes could be a mermaid. As Ondine becomes part of the fishing community, several theories emerge as to her nature, and Syracuse begins to fall in love with her... Let yourself be charmed by the story of beautiful Ondine and Syracuse, by the magnificent landscapes, music and folklore of Ireland -the director's country.
English version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h51' - Please follow the current SOP.

Reminder: FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY, "PHOTOGRAPH" by Ritesh Batra, India, 2019

Centre d'Art, Citadines, Auroville invite you for an exhibition
"FIRE and ICE" by Ray Meeker.

Exhibition opening on 13 February 2021 at 4.30pm.

Exhibition dates 13 February to 27 February

Gallery hours: Monday to Saturday 10 am to 12 pm - 2.30 to 5 pm
Sunday closed, please park at the town hall parking.

Monoliths as if made of lava and concrete, sculptures from an angry god that would have ended up destroying its own creation, columns of a temple found in a post-apocalyptic era: the landscape composed by Ray Meeker is a metropolis crystallized by a cataclysm, the remains of a monument to an inevitable tragedy.

Fire and Ice, the title of the exhibition, refers to the poem of the same name by Robert Frost opens with:

"Some say the world will end in fire, some say in ice."

Frost's poem speaks about love and hate, Ray about care and neglect, action and reaction. Of consequences of human behavior towards his habitat. The world is on fire and the ice is melting. In 1970, when Ray Meeker graduates in ceramics from the University of Southern California, global warming was not yet in the vocabulary of environmental degradation, renewable energy in its infancy. Ray says, *"I was looking at the momentum of consumerism (desire certainly), of over production, and the concomitant pollution. That momentum, was expressed in fired clay by huge—full-sized—excavator buckets stenciled with the continents of the earth; buckets that became the planet itself."* Born in New York in 1944, he is two years old when his family moves to the suburbs of Los Angeles, at the time one of the most polluted cities in the USA. With his father, who takes him on long treks in Californian mountains, he develops a profound appreciation of nature, far from the smog-choked city of LA.

Fire and Ice is composed of sculptures of diverse dimensions, the smallest seem like meteorite fragments or cooled down lava, the larger like headstones, manifestly born of a human matrix and branded with fragments of inscriptions from a red hot iron, in different languages and alphabets. One of them, *"The American lifestyle is not up for negotiations."*, expresses the US position on climate change at the Rio Conference in 1993, which Ray had translated into Hindi and Chinese. But our mother Earth doesn't negotiate, she reacts - adds Ray. An inscription that is now part of our collective unconscious is the first verse of the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty. *"All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again."* The broken egg is the Earth.

Fire and Ice is a synthesis, a point of equilibrium and extreme identification between matter itself, the artist, and his subject, that we find in the perfect ambiguity of textures capable of evoking millennial stones, petrified or charred wood, products of industrial civilizations, steel or concrete, like the agglomeration of stratified shapes, where one can recognize prehistoric bones, machines parts, and fragments of phrases embossed as a testimony, a warning: The future of the Earth is not negotiable, sculpted in ice, engraved by fire.

Dominique Jacques / Centre d'Art Citadines, January 2021



AV Art Service - basket of the week

1. AUROVILLE THEATRE GROUP PRESENT - Watch the latest play by Auroville Theatre Group online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inAU8yOHe7Q&feature=youtu.be>

2. PONDICHERRY HERITAGE FESTIVAL: A PHOTOWALK WITH ALESSANDRA SILVER & OTHERS - Join an urban exploration of the fishing villages of Vaithikuppam-Kuruchikuppam on Sun 7th Feb., 4pm to 6pm, starting from the Old Distillery on Beach Road. For details, contact Devangi devangi.r@ifpindia.org / 9786700408

3. THE DRAMA SCHOOL MUMBAI PRESENTS CURATED CONVERSATIONS #2 - Heisnam 'Ima' Sabitri, the mother of Manipuri theatre, speaks about how art and life collide when performances foretell real life events, and how to treat both with respect and dignity https://www.youtube.com/watch?ct=t%28EMAIL_CAMP_AIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01%29&v=6RPJ_4NrNoE&feature=youtu.be

4. PETER BROOK'S THE MAHABHARATA - his original 1985 stage play was 9 hours long. In 1989, it was reduced to under 6 hours for television. www.youtube.com/watch?ct=t%28EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01%29&v=yhqkRGISQr8&feature=youtu.be

5. THEATRES TRUST: SCENARIO PLANNING FOR 2021 - A toolkit & set of 4 base scenarios to help theatres to challenge assumptions & plan for the year ahead. [http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/latest/news/1413-scenario-planning-for-2021?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01\)](http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/latest/news/1413-scenario-planning-for-2021?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_8_24_2018_19_34_COPY_01))

6. CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - Art Mart Khajuraho 2021 'City of Women' are calling for entries from women artists (paintings, drawings, graphics, sculptures) for an exhibition to be held from 20-26 Feb. Submission deadline: 8 Feb. www.facebook.com/art.mart.543

7. INKO CENTRE PRESENTS AN ONLINE EXHIBITION - A Porous Membrane - the body as subject, a specially commissioned virtual exhibition featuring works by Yeonhee Cheong, Yoonshin Park and Rina Yoon. Watch on https://www.inkocentre.org/A_Porous_Membrane.php

8. NRITHYA GANDHARVA - PROF. C. V. CHANDRASEKHAR, HIS ART & LIFE - Prof Chandrasekhar is one of the well-known students to come out of Kalakshetra, one of the finest institutes of Bharatanatyam in the world. This feature film will interest those who wish to know more about this dance form. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvC4NpDVXdk&feature=youtu.be>

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5 DAY INTENSIVE WITH ABHILASH NINGAPPA

IMPROVISATION AND COMPOSITION

11TH TO 15TH FEBRUARY 2021

VENUE : NEW CREATION STUDIO AND CRIPA,
AUROVILLE , INDIA

Performing Arts Lab PAL & New Creation Dance Studio are organizing contemporary dance and movement training for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers in collaboration with Play Practice Residency Bangalore led by Abhilash Ningappa

About his work : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkJ9Tt1LEck&feature=emb_logo, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RD1B-n07IP8&feature=emb_logo. More on this link: www.playpractice.in/artistic-director

EMBODYING CRITICAL SITUATION (Improvisation and Composition workshop): His Workshop is focused on Improvisation working on fundamentals like breath, speed and energy, involving the core structure of the body influenced by different methods of kalari payattu and other martial arts combined, focusing mainly on dancers relationship with the space and the people around. The practice is about identifying our way of expressing into certain situations like a moment of confrontation, dealing ,accepting and mainly reacting. Inventing a score to create an incident and let the body react and mind follows and other way around. Using senses to provoke emotions created through incidents. Identifying the space filled with accumulated information through movement and research.

We experience reaction through various tasks and scores, to disengage mind from body and observing the reaction of body, reflecting or replaying the incident and to identify it with a new perspective, the new is nothing but a combination of various memories played in different time and space which is changing and passing every moment. Bringing feeling and letting the body

occupy and transfer, letting it pass in order to give space for the next incident. Running from incident to incident, going through different emotional state, identifying the presence and absence, and identifying the state of mind and body through these different emotional state.

Schedule: Thurs 11th & Fri 12th : 12 to 2pm & 2:30 to 4pm (at New Creation studio) / Sat 13th : 10am to 12pm & 2 to 4:30pm (at New Creation studio) / Sun 14th : 11am to 1pm & 2:30pm to 5pm (at Cripta) / Monday 15th : 11am to 1pm & 2 to 4:30pm and 7:30, on final day, we will deliver work in progress performance.

FMI contact: Irena Taskovski: itaskovski@gmail.com, WA: +44 7562977143



Jiva Workshop: Transforming Trauma
13- 14 February, 9am - 4.30pm
Sharnga GH yoga hall

What is trauma? How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder? How to recover a person's full potential, energy and zest for life - and even integrate the wisdom of it all?

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

Facilitator: Sigrid Lindemann, international faculty in integral regression therapy, Sensation method homeopathy, trauma therapy, lives in Auroville for 20 years.

Contact: Wa: 9626006961, contact@auroville-jiva.com, www.auroville-jiva.com

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Information and booking: taichi@auroville.org.in. website: taichi.auroville.org, www.artduchi.com

Transformational Yoga Intensive

Mon 15th to Sat 20th February, 8am to 9.30am @ Joy GH

Come & join this Intensive workshop to purify the mental, physical, emotional and pranic aspects. We will practice asanas along with Pranayama, Raja & Mantra yoga & Meditation. Ideally for those who want to work on the self-discovering & inner Progress. Transformational Yoga, the yoga that goes beyond asanas.

Benefits: Stabilize emotions/ Improve balance and lungs functions / Boost positivity and immune system / Mental clarity / Deepened relaxation / Greater self-esteem / Purifying body and mind / Enhance presence, perception and awareness

Registration: Lakshmi 8489764602 or lakshmiprem369@gmail.com



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PRANAYAMA & CHAKRAS HARMONIZATION

w/ LAKSHMI, Sat 6 Feb - 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Explore ancient yogic breathing techniques (Pranayama) used to improve lung function, and connect body, mind and soul to bring clarity and peace. Combining breath with chanting of Bija mantras (the seed syllables of each chakra) can help improve mental power and concentration, to release fear, anger, depression and enhance spiritual power. All are welcome!

GUIDED CHAKRA HEALING MEDITATION (Intensive) - w/ TANIA
Friday, 12 February - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

This intensive will include a guided chakra healing meditation which is a journey throughout the body and its chakras. We will also go deeper into the introduced tools which promote

purification, healing, balancing of the chakras and an increased awareness of the body. Furthermore, we will explore the importance of proper grounding, self-love, and more, which brings more balance and an enhanced feeling of wellbeing.

SOMATICS - AN INTRODUCTION FOR EVERY BODY! - w/ MAGGIE
Monday, 15 February - from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Somatics is a system of slow mindful movements (mind-body training) in the tradition of Thomas Hanna. A gentle, easy and effective way to gain more ease in the body, better posture, flexibility, coordination, wellness, and balance, resulting in a decrease of the aches and pains commonly attributed to stress, injury and aging.



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Pregnant Women Classes with Friederike & Appie
9 & 23 February, 9.30 – 11.00 am

Experience the relaxing and connecting benefits of floating in warm water. You are invited to come with or without your partner or birth-attendant.

Baby Swim with Appie & Friederike

11 & 25 February, 9.30 – 11 am

For babies between 1 and 12 months with their parents. Please bring a closing swimming pant for your baby and towels.

Watsu & OBA Basic with Dariya & Daniel

Mon 8th - Sat 13th Feb, 1.00 - 6 pm (1st day starts 1.15 pm)

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool (ideally 35° C). Watsu introduces the qualities & body mechanics required to work w/ someone on the water surface in order to create a profound state of both physical and mental relaxation. During the OBA part the receiver is also brought under water (with nose clip) which offers a unique experience.

In this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) of being and moving another body in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. No previous experience required!

Watsu 1 (TF) with Dariya & Daniel

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February, 9 AM - 6 PM

In Watsu 1 (Transition Flow) you will learn to connect the basic Watsu movements and positions with long, gracefully flowing transitions and to adapt this aquatic bodywork to people of different sizes, shapes, and dispositions.

You will also gain insight about your own body mechanics and learn how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible. *Prerequisite: Watsu Basic*

Open Heart-Space Meditation Workshop with Samrat

Friday 19 & Saturday 20 February, 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Open Heart-Space Meditation is a simple practice of becoming aware of the reality as it is without judgment, interpretation or reaction, and settling into its vast, luminous expanse. We learn to embrace and let go of each experience as it arises and subsides. Eventually, the mind falls silent and sinks into the open heart-space, a doorway to oneness, where the inner and outer worlds meet and merge.

We use practices from insight meditation and various spiritual traditions to help dissolve habitual patterns of closing ourselves from the reality that is ever-present in each moment. The key pointers during this workshop will be dropping our identities and opening to an embrace of awareness and love.

No previous experience required!

Morning Yoga Practise with Manasi

Monday-Friday, 7:30 to 8:30 am, Butterfly Barn, Svedame

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Dr. Anuradha Choudry teaches Sanskrit, Indian Psychology, French and Language Sciences at IIT Kharagpur. She is an alumna of Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Puducherry.



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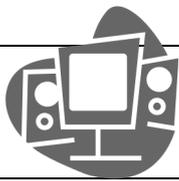
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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 8 February 2020 to 14 February 2021

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center are fully operational. We offer 53 seats now. Mask is a must (and not scarves etc.) Standard Covid19 protocols will be followed. However, now the screenings are now open to ALL.

Indian - Monday 8 February, 8:00 pm:

- **THE GREAT INDIAN KITCHEN**
India, 2021, Writer-Dir Jeo Baby w/ Nimisha Sajayan, Suraj Venjaramoodu, Ajitha V.M., and others, Drama-Comedy, 100mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)
With a name like that you would think it is a foodie movie. Well there will be many mouthwatering foods on screen but the movie which has become an overnight sensation and receiving accolades from all quarters - will not allow you to focus on the food. Slowly but surely, it will unfold how a woman is raised to win her husband's heart through food - but no one cares about her dreams. A dancer with dreams to pursue a career is married off to a conservative family where she tries to be a submissive housewife. Does she manage - what most women are expected to? *Critiques say it is the most powerful film on patriarchy in recent years and it makes for a particularly important watch.*

Selection- Tuesday 9 February, 8:00 pm:

- **THE SAPPHIRES**
Australia, 2012, Dir. Wayne Blair, w/ Chris O'Dowd, Deborah Mailman Jessica Mauboy, Biography-Comedy-Music, 103 mins, English-Aboriginal w/English subtitles, Rated: PG 13
1968 was the year that changed the world. And for four young Aboriginal sisters this is the year that would change their lives forever. Indigenous Australians finally secured the right to vote. And there was Vietnam. The sisters, Cynthia, Gail, Julie and Kay are discovered by Dave, a talent scout with a kind heart, very little rhythm but a great knowledge of soul music. Billed as Australia's answer to 'The Supremes', Dave secures the sisters their first true gig, and flies them to Vietnam to sing for the American troops. Based on a true story.

Interesting - Wednesday 10 February, 8:00 pm:

- **THE ALBATROSS**
USA, 2013, Dir. Chris Jordan-Bloch & Sabine Emiliani, Documentary, 97mins, English, Rated: NR (PG)
In the heart of the great Pacific, a story is taking place that may change your outlook. Using spare narration and stunning imagery, the film explores the plight of Laysan albatross plagued by ingesting our plastic trash. The film explores the inter-connectedness of species, with the albatross as a mirror of our humanity. The filmmakers offer this film as a public artwork. *A must see if you have not seen it already; and even then.*

Favorites - Thursday 11 February, 8:00 pm:

- **BAIT**
UK, 2019, Dir. Mark Jenkin, w/ Edward Rowe, Giles King, Chloe Deane, Drama, B&W, 89 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG13
Martin Ward is a cove fisherman, without a boat. His brother Steven has re-purposed their father's vessel as a tourist tripper, driving a wedge between the brothers. With their

childhood home now a get-away for London money, Martin is displaced to the estate above the picturesque harbor. As his struggle to restore the family to their traditional place creates increasing friction with tourists and locals alike, a tragedy at the heart of the family changes his world.

International - Saturday, 13 February, 8:00 pm:

- **THE SECRET GARDEN**
UK-France-USA-China, 2020, Dir. Marc Munden w/ Dixie Egerickx, Richard Hansell, David Verrey, and others, Drama-Fantasy, 99mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
Mary Lennox is a spoiled 10yrs old girl of rich parents who grew up in India. After everyone in her family dies from cholera, Mary is sent to live in the manor in Yorkshire with her uncle Archibald Craven and the housekeeper Mrs. Medlock. Soon, many secrets of the household are revealed including a magical garden.

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 14 February, 4:30 pm:

- **SWIFT**
Germany, 2019, Dir: Christian Haas, w/ Kate Winslet, Willem Dafoe, Josh Keaton and others, Animation, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G
The little swift Manou grows up believing he's a seagull learning to fly he finds out he never will be. When he runs from home, he meets birds of his own species and finds out who he really is.

JOSEPH LOSEY FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club Sunday 14 February, 8:00 pm:

- **ACCIDENT**
USA, 1967, Dir. Joseph Losey w/Dirk Bogarde, Stanley Baker, Jacqueline Sassard others, Drama, 95 mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR.
Stephen is a married Oxford professor experiencing the pangs of a mid-life crisis as he begins to bristle at the stifling emotional repression of the society. Things begin to change for him when he meets Anna von Graz, a beautiful student who is engaged to William, another of Stephen's students. Though he begins to feel alive again in her presence, Stephen's feelings for Anna can only end in tragedy for them and those around them.

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

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