

News and Notes

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Happy Tamil New Year!

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HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



1 July 1970

The Mother: I had an experience which I found interesting, because it was the first time. It was yesterday or the day before (I forget), R. was here, just in front of me, kneeling, and I saw her psychic being towering above by this much (*gesture about eight inches*), taller. It's the first time. Her physical being was short, and the psychic being was tall, like this. And it was a sexless being: neither man nor woman. So I said to myself (it may be always that way, I don't know, but at that time I noticed it very clearly), I said to myself, "But the psychic being is the one that will materialize and become the supramental being!" I saw it, it was like that. There were distinctive features, but not very pronounced, and it was clearly a being that was neither male nor female, that had features of both combined. And it was taller than her, it exceeded her on every side by about this much (*gesture extending beyond the physical being by about eight inches*). She was here, and it was like this (*gesture*). Its color was... this color that, if it became very material, would be Auroville's color [orange]. It was softer, as if behind a veil, it wasn't absolutely precise, but it was this color. And there was hair, but... it was something else. Another time maybe I'll see better. But I found it very interesting, because that being seemed to tell me, "You're wondering what the supramental being will be - here it is! Here it is, this is it." And it was there. It was her psychic being.

Then one understands. One understands: the psychic being will materialize... and it gives a continuity to evolution. This creation gives you a clear impression that nothing is arbitrary, that there is a sort of divine logic behind, which isn't like our human logic, but highly superior to our logic (but it exists), and that logic was fully satisfied when I saw that. It's odd, it was also when R. was here that I had that experience of the supramental light going through within [Mother] without causing any shadow (See *Agenda X of April 16 and May 3, 1969*). R. has something like that, I don't know.... And this time, it's really interesting. I was quite interested. It was there, tranquil, and saying to me, "But you're after... well, here it is, this is it!" So then, I understood why the mind and the vital were sent away from this body, and the psychic being was left (naturally, it was the psychic being that governed all movements earlier, so it was nothing new, but there were no more difficulties: all the complications coming from the vital and the mind, which add their imprints, their tendencies, it was all gone). So I understood: "Ah, that's it, it's this psychic being that is to become the supramental being."

I had never bothered to know what it looked like. But when I saw that, I understood. And I see it, I still see it, I have kept the memory. Its hair almost looked red, strangely (it wasn't like red hair, but it looked like it). And its expression! Such a fine expression, gently ironical... oh, extraordinary, extraordinary! You understand, my eyes were open, it was an almost material vision. Then one understands! All at once, all questions vanished, it became very clear, very simple. (*silence*)

And the psychic is precisely what lives on. So if it materialized, it means doing away with death. But "doing away"... what's done away with is only what's not according to the Truth, that's what goes away - all that's incapable of being transformed in the image of the psychic, of being part of the psychic. That's really interesting.

Do we have time for some *Savitri*?

Satprem: Yes, Mother. In the last verses, *Savitri* said:

*Let those who were tied to body and to mind,
Tear off those bonds and flee into white calm*

The Mother: Is it *Savitri* who says that?

Satprem: Yes, Death told her one must leave one's body in order to find God's height...

*But how shall I seek rest in endless peace
Who hush the mighty Mother's violent force,
Her vision turned to read the enigmaed world,
Her will tempered in the blaze of Wisdom's sun
And the flaming silence of her heart of love?
The world is a spiritual paradox*

*Invented by a need in the Unseen,
A poor translation to the creature's sense
Of That which for ever exceeds idea and speech,
A symbol of what can never be symbolised,
A language mispronounced, misspelt, yet true....*

~ *Savitri*, X.IV.647-648

The Mother: Is there more?

Satprem: Yes, there is more. (those were the last lines of the *Debate of Love and Death* Mother was to translate)

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Calm the vital.
Silence the mind.
Keep the brain silent and still
like an even surface
turned upwards
and attentive
And wait ...



-The Mother



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@aurville.org.in to be considered for the pass

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**Meditation at sunset with Savitri
read by Mother to Sunil's music
Every THURSDAY (weather permitting)
6.00 to 6.30 pm**



WORKING GROUP REPORTS

From the WC re: Confirmed Aurovilian Status

Encouraged to do so by feedback from concerned residents and the Entry Board/Service, we have revisited our previous interpretation and conclusion regarding when someone is considered to be 'Aurovilian'. We agree that the final decision of who is accepted as 'Aurovilian' should stay with the Residents' Assembly and not with the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. Therefore, we have written to:

- the Residents' Assembly Service that those who have been announced as Confirmed Aurovilian by the Entry Board are eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes along with those who have been entered into the Register of Residents maintained by the Secretary's Office;
- the Matrimandir that Confirmed Aurovilians can have access there in the same way as all other residents;
- the Residents' Service that Confirmed Aurovilians be entered into the Master List with the date of confirmation by the Entry Board as the Aurovilian date.

- The Working Committee
(Anu, Arun, Chali, Hemant, Partha, Sauro, Srimoyi)

From the Forest Group to the ATDC



Dear ATDC members, fellow Aurovilians,

As the Forest Group and the Youth Center have reiterated several times before, during and since the General Meeting/Presentation on March 27th 2021, we are deeply committed to a fair and open exchange of ideas, perceptions and interpretations of how we all like to see Auroville grow. As such it was always planned to have a sequence of several information sharing events to bring this all-important topic into the open in the hope that we all can find a way forward together. This could culminate (but does not have to) in a RAD to decide on planning priorities and implementation starting with the routing of the HT Ring in the Youth Centre / Bliss area.

As some voices have expressed their dissatisfaction that during the GM /Presentation there was no time offered for different voices, we want to ask if you would like us to book you the Unity Pavilion for another GM / Presentation and eventually help to set up this follow up event. We hope very much that despite your published response on our GM / Presentation, you will still / again see the benefits of a public and open exchange. Please let us know.

- The Forest Group

City Services Contributions and Payments - March. 2021

A more detailed report is available on the Auronet

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	7,73,56,941
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	3,02,72,559
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	10,76,29,500
Total Payments	1,68,80,080
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	9,07,49,420
Monthly loss/gain	1,33,92,479

Internal Contributions

Source	Total
Commercial Units	1,02,14,674
Services	91,76,312
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	20,00,785
Internal Total	2,13,91,771

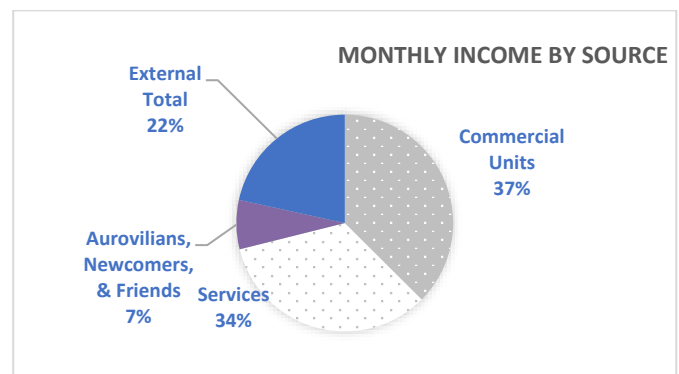
External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	80,00,000
Government of India for Other	-
Other Contribution	8,80,789
Project Contributions	-
Foreign Contributions	-
External Total	88,80,789

City Services Payment

Heading	Total Payments	Yearly Accumulated Since April 20
Education	3,273,435	34,412,801
Social Support	2,312,425	20,950,858
Children & Youth	1,866,027	17,763,641
Organization	1,540,906	16,117,701
Health	1,134,129	12,513,489
Forests	1,115,860	11,329,019
Village Education	1,008,303	11,597,810
Outreach	816,220	3,702,703
Roads/Cycle Paths/ Transport	620,231	5,081,987
Prosperity Services	619,052	5,645,354
Culture & Sports	586,352	5,401,926
Security	560,399	6,365,108
Farms	478,017	5,434,947
Land	281,647	3,291,988
Matrimandir	189,533	2,124,887
City Planning	151,019	1,395,769
Contingency	142,508	6,112,847
Housing	136,346	1,553,147
Utilities	31,033	338,055
Projects	16,638	182,098
Total	16,880,080	171,316,135

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Contribution Details

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Sunlit Future	3,210,410	3,210,410
Cynergy	817,350	817,350
Kallialay Surf School	458,393	458,393
Pitchandikulam Forest Consult.	417,350	417,350
Maroma	406,940	422,940
Tanto	365,611	375,611

¹“Total in 33%” are contributions that are counted toward calculating the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

“Total Contributions” includes specified contributions that are not counted as part of the 33% minimum net profit contribution to City Services.

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
Auro Lakshmi Construction	339,049	339,049
Sound Wizard	310,410	313,910
Conscious Living	306,940	311,940
Eco Femme	220,820	220,820
The Colors Of Nature	207,940	207,940
Maharasawathi Constr.	187,724	187,724
Svaram	174,290	174,290
La Ferme Cheese	136,586	136,586
Artisan Revolution	135,470	135,470
C3Stream Land Designs	123,283	123,283
Nala Builders	108,440	108,440
AV Bakery	102,955	102,955
Aureka	87,760	89,760
Cadd Studio	86,940	101,540
Varuna (ToComm:Rs.15.01Lak)	77,962	127,962
Taboo	77,658	77,658
Auromics	71,230	80,230
Miniature	70,820	70,820
Aurospirul	60,410	61,410
Right Path Café (VC Café)	57,005	57,505
Hers	45,410	45,410
AVA-Matrigold	44,756	44,756
AV Consulting	40,060	40,560
Boutique Visitors Center	34,700	34,700
Auroville Energy Products	33,470	33,470
Shradanjali	31,940	61,940
MG Ecoduties	30,410	30,410
AV Online Store	27,760	27,760
Coffee Ideas	26,940	26,940
EV Future	21,940	21,940
Aurorachana	20,940	22,940
AVA-Wasteless	20,820	20,820
Aurodent	20,820	20,820
Capability	20,410	20,410
Painting Service	18,470	18,470
Aurinoco Systems	17,350	17,350
Earth Institute	17,350	17,350
Tree Care	17,350	17,350
Gastronomica	17,350	17,350
Flame	16,940	17,940
Sciro Pizza	16,940	16,940
Mereville Trust	16,940	16,940
New School Crafts	16,556	16,556
Auroville Papers	15,615	19,815
Buildaur	13,880	13,880
Holistic	13,880	13,880
Naturellement	13,880	13,880
AFA-Aurora	13,880	13,880
M&M Cheese	13,880	13,880
Worktree	13,880	13,880
ASSA-Ilion	13,880	13,880
Avitra	13,410	26,410
Magica	11,410	11,410

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
ADPS (Aurelec)	11,122	11,122
Arthena	10,410	10,410
Eco Pro	10,410	10,410
New Dawn Carpentry	10,410	10,410
Progress Landscape	10,410	10,910
Sumark	10,410	10,410
AVA-Centre D'art	10,410	10,410
Tree House Community	10,410	10,410
AVA-Sabaki	10,000	10,000
AAS-Mona	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
H & S Design	8,355	8,355
AVARTS-Aavartan Studio	8,123	8,123
Auroyali Production	6,940	6,940
Aurosoya	6,940	7,140
CSR-AV Design Consultants	6,940	6,940
Comfort Design	6,940	6,940
Deepam Candles	6,940	6,940
Eutecne	6,940	6,940
La Terrace	6,940	31,940
Mantra	6,940	6,940
AVA-Mia Studio	6,940	6,940
Mira Computers	6,940	6,940
Mitra Auroville	6,940	6,940
Omega	6,940	7,190
Pragati Construction	6,940	6,940
Tapasya Design Studio	6,940	6,940
Natura	6,940	6,940
AVA-150 DPI	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Aire	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Alter Eco	6,940	6,940
AFA-Auro Amirtham	6,940	6,940
Imago	6,940	6,940
AVA-Kalya's Delight	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Naham Consulting	6,940	6,940
The Neem Tree	6,940	6,940
OK Upcycling Studio	6,940	6,940
Perceptive Eye	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Raman Constructions	6,940	6,940
School for sust. Managemant	6,940	6,940
ASSA-Studio One	6,940	6,940
Bamboo Center Aurovile	6,940	6,940
AVA-Spirit of Leadership	6,940	6,940
AFA-Masala Project	6,940	6,940
Lumiere	6,940	6,940
Café 73	6,940	6,940
La Maison Boutique	6,470	6,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
ASSA-Arici	6,450	6,450
LEAD-Integral Learning Center	5,995	5,995
Auromode Trust	5,000	5,000
LEAD-Being	4,162	4,162
Joy Postcards	3,770	3,770
AV ARTS-BHU Nausheen	3,517	3,517
Atmarati Architects	3,470	3,470
Auroline	3,470	3,470
Aurore	3,470	3,470
AV Language Lab	3,470	3,470
Auroville Press Publishers	3,470	3,470
Auroville Printers	3,470	3,470
Roads in Construction	3,470	3,470
Auzolan	3,470	3,470
Bon	3,470	5,470
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	3,470	3,470
Discovery	3,470	3,470
Earth & Us	3,470	3,470
Ecoteco Pools	3,470	3,470
Freeland	3,470	3,470
Gecko!	3,470	3,470
Kottakarai Food Processing	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
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
Pitchandikulam	3,470	3,470
Pottery Sipapu	3,470	3,470
Prakrit	3,470	3,470
Prisma	3,470	3,470
Sagarmatha	3,470	3,470
Sunshine Music	3,470	3,470
Upasana	3,470	3,470
White ant studio	3,470	3,470
Filaure	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Artomic	3,470	3,470
AVA-Aurosystemica	3,470	3,470
AVA-Blossoms	3,470	3,470
AVA-Brainfever Media Product.	3,470	3,470
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,470	3,470
AVA-Flametree Web Software	3,470	3,470
AVA-Food Laboratory	3,470	3,470
AVA-Hemplanet	3,470	3,470
AVA-Insapes	3,470	3,470
AFA-Joy Health Food	3,470	3,470
AFA-Natures Gift	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Softnet	3,470	3,470
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Swastika	3,470	3,470

Commercial Unit	Total in 33%	Total Contribution
AFA-Taste of Korea	3,470	3,470
AVA-Vikram Devatha	3,470	3,470
Functional Forms	3,470	3,470
AVA-ATB with AMIR	3,470	3,470
Auro Bacio	3,470	3,470
AVA-Centre de Soins Naturelle	3,470	3,470
AVA-Happy Art Glass Studio	3,470	3,470
Iruita Dreams	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Medi Clown	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Nomad Art	3,470	3,470
LEAD-IPK Activities	3,470	3,470
AV ARTS-Valentina Beatriz	3,470	3,470
AVA-Natraj	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Bhakti Mills	3,470	3,470
Eco Fare	3,470	3,470
ASSA-Nirami	3,470	3,470
AVA-Octo Studio	3,470	3,470
Mancala	3,470	3,470
AWS -Indi Surfboard	3,470	3,470
Akriti Construction	3,000	3,000
Ganesh Bakery	3,000	3,000
ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000	3,000
AV ARTS-Saraswati Unlimited	2,985	2,985
Malar India Quilts	2,214	2,214
ASSA-Prime	2,087	2,087
Aurosarjan Trust	2,000	12,500
Bhojanam	1,735	1,735
AVA-Cocoon	1,735	1,735
AFA-Vegan Essence	1,735	1,735
AVA-Sarvam Computer	1,735	1,735
AVARTS-Rachana Art Works	1,268	1,268
Stone Age Handicraft	1,000	1,000
AVA-Oceans	1,000	1,000
LEAD-ATB	519	519
LEAD-Joy Activities	394	394
AVARTS-Theatre Group	387	387
Connie's Graphic Design	254	254
LEAD-Ara	187	187
LEAD-Kolam Yoga	141	141
LEAD-Mohanam Program	106	106
LEAD-Rainbow Swan Studio	83	83
LEAD-Hall of Light	36	36
LEAD-Stilelibero	33	33
AV SkyWorks (Dormant)	25	25
LEAD-Youth Link Activities	23	23
Inside India	-	350
Boutique D` Av Pondy	-	500
Naturally Auroville	-	3,000
ASSA-Eternal	-	1,500
Total	10,005,074	10,214,674
Percent of Total	98%	100%

Guest Facilities	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
EUU - Exploration GH (Total 76)	165,542	165,542
Auromode GH	93,290	93,290
Isai Ambalam GH	88,007	88,007
Center GH	75,541	79,341
Samarpan GH	51,409	51,409
Arka GH	45,235	45,235
Gaia's Garden GH	44,193	44,193
Joy Community GH	43,496	43,496
New Creation GH	37,900	37,900
SAILER-Mitra GH	22,057	22,057
Swagatham GH	20,817	20,817
Needam GH	19,850	19,850
Samasti GH	13,054	13,054
Aspiration GH	11,464	11,464
Verite GH	10,410	10,410
Sharnga GH	9,477	9,477
SAILER-Youth Camp GH	8,870	8,870
Atithi Griha GH	7,871	7,871
Tanto Beach GH(Show u:Rs.1.79 L)	6,940	6,940
EUU Moongate GH	6,940	6,940
Reve GH	5,381	5,381
Tibetan Bodkhang	4,408	4,408
Afsanah GH	3,470	4,270
EUU - Creativity GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Douceur GH	3,470	3,470
EUU - Sonja & Umberto GH	3,470	3,470
Savitri Bhavan Hostel	1,735	1,735
FRM-Buddha Garden Coll.	1,470	1,470
Discovery GH	900	900
International House	896	896
Subtotal	811,033	815,633
Net Additional Guest Contribut	209,541	209,541
Total	1,020,574	1,025,174

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	6,587,510	6,827,382
CS-Visitor Center Parking	573,800	573,800
Botanical Garden	60,725	60,725
CSR	31,230	31,230
Quiet Healing Centre	24,290	25,290
CS-Working Committee	24,290	24,290
AV Arts Service	15,400	15,400
Bharat Nivas	13,880	13,880
Birth Center	13,880	13,880
Visitor Center	8,675	8,675
Electrical Services	6,940	6,940
ABC	6,940	6,940
SAILER - Foreign	6,940	6,940
Citadine	6,940	6,940
Korean Pavillion	6,940	6,940
Thamarai	5,205	5,205
Telephone Service	3,470	3,470
AWS/Water supply	3,470	3,470
New Era Secondary School	3,470	3,470
Sewa	3,470	3,470
La Piscine	3,470	3,470
Red Earth Riding School	3,470	3,470
SAILER- Supportive Learning Satelite	3,470	3,470
Pour Tous Distribution	3,470	3,470
Anntara	3,470	3,470
FRM-Aurogreen Farm	3,470	3,470
FRM-Ayarpaadi	3,470	3,470
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,470	3,470

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Roads Service Collection	-	475,041
Total	7,435,225	8,151,138

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
School Participation	339,115	339,115
Aurovilian	1,459,445	1,459,445
Newcomer	26,000	26,000
Friends of AV	176,225	176,225
Total	2,000,785	2,000,785

External Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Govern.of India for SAILER	8,000,000	8,000,000
Other GOI	-	-
Other Contributions	880,789	880,789
Project Contributions	-	-
Foreign Contributions	-	-
External Total	8,880,789	8,880,789

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solar Kitchen & La Terrace will remain **closed** on **Wednesday 14th April** for Tamil New Year Celebration.
Wishing everyone a HAPPY TAMIL NEW YEAR!

Nandini Distribution & Tailoring will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday, 14th April** for Tamil New Year.

Joy Community changing name & phone number
+ long-term discounts

We would like to let you know that from April 1st, we have officially changed our name from Joy Community/Joy Guest House to Serendipity. For those who are new to this word, *Serendipity* relates to a "fortunate" and "miraculous" happening characterized by synchronicity, and it is rooted in the belief that everything happens for a reason, that there is a Divine Hand behind the web of life. We are more and more changing the direction of our vision towards developing a learning campus, managed more and more with volunteers and a community spirit. We will change little by little our name in all Auroville publications/boards. We also would like to let you know that we are offering a 20 - 60% discount to long term guests and volunteers, on top of the low Covid rates. FMI or booking request, write us at serendipity@auroville.org.in or pass by our office from 9 to 12 & 2 to 5. Also, our new landline number is 0413 2965693, while the mobile number is still (0)9487272393.
Love, Serendipity Team :-)

"Somatic Maggie" is still here!

Due to a last minute flight cancellation, Maggie is still here for the month of April, and offering **Somatic Explorations on, Wednesdays, 5 -6.15 PM** in Verité Hall. See Regular Activities for a full description.

LE MORGAN CAFE Open for Dinner - 6.30 - 9 PM

Le Morgan cafe (Town Hall) is open for dinners every day except Sunday. Please come and enjoy our delicious food. Soon we are planning to have an Indian menu as well. *Come and visit!*



Myself Ramanan and my wife Meera are living at Auro-Orchard Farm. We are delighted to inform the community that we are blessed with a baby girl (Medhini), born on 26th February.

TAI CHI HALL, SHARNGA is **closed**. Regular classes resume on Tuesday the 13th. taichi@auroville.org.in

SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET DINNERS at the V.C. CAFETERIA

There will be a simple **Vegetarian Buffet Dinner** every Saturday from 7 PM onward, starting this week on the 10th, using seasonal products and offered at an easily affordable price for Aurovilians, Newcomers & registered Volunteers.

We now also provide music for a pleasant atmosphere. Our evening team wants to see the space used more for such informal community gatherings. Musicians are welcome to come and play on Saturday evenings on the small terrace stage. Please contact Kyoung Hyon, Lee, on 089 039 63137. As always, our food is (mostly!) organic and based on Auroville products wherever possible. Guests also welcome. We look forward to seeing you!
- The Cafeteria Evening Team

Opportunity for "artists"

We have at Aurelec an outdoor shaded vacant plinth, approx 120 cms square, on which we would welcome something "artistic" for temporary, or maybe long-term, display. It can be your own work, another person's work, an upturned tree root, or whatever, but it needs to be big enough to make a visual impact. If you have anything suitable, please contact Tim at Aurelec (timwrey@... or 2622296). We'll be glad to hear from you :-)

OBITUARY



Ellen Eckelmann

This is to inform the community that Ellen Eckelmann experienced an epileptic crisis on the 28th of March, and two days later she left her body in her New Community home in Certitude. She was surrounded by her loved ones, her friends, the animals and bird song she loved so much. She was 79 and had been unwell since a motorcycle accident in June 2020.

Ellen, born in Berlin, Germany, came to Auroville in 1981 and was involved in the difficult situation of Auroville at the time. She had an export unit, brand Cocoon, and later supplied residents with a range of finely tailored clothing items, manufactured from her New Community tailoring workshop. After that, she went into theatre production resulting in a varied collection of well executed performances by Aurovilians. Also, during that period, the large New Community building with its various rooms was transformed into a guesthouse.

In October 2020, a new unexpected project took place at New-Community. Patricia, introduced by Miriam, her mentor at that time, suggested to help Ellen to awaken the community. Her idea was to welcome Newcomers, offering them a space of listening and sharing, as a support to accompany them in their process. Benevolence, mutual help and openness were the qualities selected to explore in New community. The project was born, and then Veronese completed the team.

Rapidly, some Newcomers interested in this community way of life, moved into the apartments of New-Community. Ellen could then let go and delegate, but her health condition started to shift in another way. All the members of New-Community gave time to support and care for Ellen. Despite her persistent state of fatigue and Alzheimer, the relationship built with her was beautiful. We mutually supported each other - us by our presence and care and Ellen by her openness, her beauty, her inner light and unconditional love which she would, without fail give us day after day. Her beauty and tenderness filled our hearts. Ellen's eternal perfume will accompany us in our daily routine in New-Community.

Ellen's remains were cremated at the Auroville Cremation Grounds in the late afternoon of Sunday 4th April. Our warmest condolences go out to daughter Miriam, (ex)husband Thomas and other good friends. Rest in Peace Ellen! - OM Shanti

LOST AND FOUND

LOST - Phone, Redmi in red case. 2-3 visiting cards & 2 little photos of Hamish inside flap. Lost between CRIPA & Health Centre Mon. April 5. Apologies to anyone who is trying to contact me via whatsapp, phone, messenger. fif@auroville.org.in.

APPEALS

Requesting Study Fees

My name is Bouthan, son of Velu and Suguna. I am an Aurovillian, did all my schooling in Auroville and attended New Era Secondary School. I have passed my 12th grades in Science stream last year and have taken B.Sc in Micro-Biology in The Hindustan College Coimbatore. I have two elder brothers, Vinith, eldest, is a B.Tech graduate working for Swagatham Guest House full time. Abinash, the 2nd eldest brother is studying B.Sc in Tourism & Hospitality/Hotel Management. Both my parents have been giving their service to Auroville for the last 15 to 20 years. My mother Suguna is a teacher at Deepanam School and my father Velu is working in the Auroville Security Service.

Both my parents are receiving Auroville Maintenances. For my first semester and for my admission fee the Scholarship Fund (SEF), headed by Lucas and Suriyagandhi, has helped me with my studies. Now my college has sent me a message asking me to pay my 2nd semester fee to attend my online exams. Both my elder brothers' college fees were also funded by SEF. But now due to Covid-19 situation/lockdown, not many funds were received by SEF to support students. They could help me only with my 1st semester and Admission fee.

Now as soon the colleges and universities will open and this month my 2nd semesters will start. I will need to pay Rs. 35,000/- which is the 2nd semester fee including my exam fees. I am also looking for someone who could help me with sponsoring the second year of my studies to lead to the completion of my Degree. With my parents' maintenances I will not be able to pay my study fees, so I am now looking for support. My immediate need is for the 2nd semester fee/exam of Rs 35 000/ -

I am immensely grateful for all support. Donations can be made on FS # 25177Z, "Bouthan Study". For clarity the fee per annum for the second year is as mentioned below:

1). College fee: Rs.66,000/yr, (Rs.33,000/- per semester), excluding exam Fee.

2). Hostel Fee: Rs. 70,000/- per annum.

The total Study cost per annum is Rs. 1,36,000/- . Thank you,

- Sincerely, Bouthan.

Kalabumi Music Studio kindly requests those of you who wish to contribute to Kalabumi studio with any financial means to come forward and donate directly to our AvFS account 105137. Alternatively, we suggest considering a regular transfer to fuel our activities with monthly donations, which at this point of time, will definitely support our growth and regular activities. Thanks! - Edo (+ 919843893652, eddie.grassi@gmail.com)

WELCOME

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 077, 10.4.2021

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- **Thuamzading VALTE** aka Dingbawi (Indian) [correction: staying in La Maison des Jeunes]

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Carine POISSON** (aka) **Karine** (French) staying in Luminosity and working at Auroville Fashion Studio & Happy Glass Studio
- **Julia PULLEN** (German) staying in Creativity and working at Koodam
- **Nidhin ANAND** (Indian) staying in Annapurna Farm and working at Annapurna Farm

- Swati RAJPUT (Indian) staying in Citadines and working at Deepam School & Sante
- Tamara Sivan BOTBOL (British) staying in Soffio and working at PTDC



Karine Julia Nidhin Swati

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Bernard VUILLOD (French)
- Chun Whoa LEE (Korean)
- Gunhui KIM aka Mint (Korean)
- Harishini MUGUNDAN (Indian)
- Jin Yeo KIM (Korean)
- Linda LEE (South African)
- Manikandan NAGAPPAN aka Sathish (Indian)
- Siegfried Hans WERNER aka Saggi (German)



Tamara

FRIEND OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:

- Sumit BAJORIA (Indian) - Sumit has been involved with Auroville since 2001, supporting different projects like Arul Vazhi, Savitri Bhavan, etc. He is also aspiring to work with Luigi (Dynamis) and Torkil (Prakrit). His heart wants to be here now and he is volunteering in Matrimandir.



Sumit

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been completed and returned. Be aware that the duration of the process cannot exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
- An Aurovilian is a resident of Auroville, aged 18 and above, whose name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) as maintained by the Auroville Foundation (AVF) Office.
- The change of status from Newcomer to Aurovilian is official only once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form. An Aurovilian's name is entered into the RoR after he/she has met with the Secretary of the AVF with an appointment arranged by the Entry Secretariat. These appointments are fixed by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary, but not at any personal request of an individual.
- The Auroville Foundation processes issuing of ID cards only to the Aurovilians who are registered in the RoR.

organisations. This group (of around 30-40 people) used the time to explore how to move forward with these actions. Water players were also presented with posters and tote bags with the vision printed in English, French and Tamil. Those present chose 6 ideas they would like to begin work on (sometimes combining multiple ideas) and formed small teams to take these forward.

These ideas chosen by the teams for immediate action are:

- Create a community endorsed independent/neutral implementation group to coordinate works & take decisions on water issues, consulting with existing groups/experts & connecting to (& supporting) those interested in water
- Create AV water budget mandated by community - which is accountable
- Establish system(s) to capture & share understandable, transparent, accurate, beautiful data on water (pollution levels in wastewater, well levels, number of borewells etc) which can be accessed by to community to inform their behaviour & decisions
- Explore ways to strengthen collaboration with bioregion on water - potentially through existing bio-regional partners, 2 way sharing of experience/ideas, bio-regional planning etc
- Water Matters Mela - Invite community to respond to vision through inspirational, joyful celebration of water (annual water festival)/ using visual representation, theatre, dance, roadshows for bioregional schools etc
- Bring stakeholders - experts, users, governance - together to explore blockages to working together (with support from skilled mediator).

If you are interested to support any of these groups - or take forward any of the other ideas suggested by the citizens assembly - please contact avwatervision2021@gmail.com.

If you would like to join Johnny and his team prepare for the Water Matters Mela they meet at Fertile at 4.30 PM every Saturday and all are welcome.



As you may know, YouthLink has recently moved to the Town Hall below Le Morgan Cafe. We welcome all Youth to have access to complimentary internet & printing facilities at our office, and assistance in the writing & editing of documents, e.g. CV, project proposal, etc.) Come say hello and see what we are up to this summer.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Update from the Citizens' Assembly

Last month we shared the water vision crafted by the participants of the Citizens' Assembly, so we now want to share

some of the more practical ideas that were developed by assembly members.

Throughout the Citizens' Assembly the members were asked to consider practical actions needed for the water vision to be realised. The assembly was tasked to identify potential actions and then indicate how much they wanted to see them happen, so that this could give an indication to water players and the wider community where action is needed. This resulted in a list of 57 ideas listed according to how much support/interest there was to see them happen (details of which will be shared on auronet).

On World Water Day (22nd March) many of Auroville's water players met, along with some of the participants and organisers from the Assembly and representatives from several bio-regional

Let's CelebrEat!

With
Authentic Indian Chaat
At
ARKA
on Saturday 17 th April
Two time slots to choose from :
6 - 7 or 7:30 - 8:30 pm

**Bhel Puri
Sev Batata Puri
Sev Batata Dahi Puri
Ragda Pattice
Firni**

To Register:
Kindly send Name, Number of People and Preferred Time Slot to
9445410443 (Messages Only)



Mother's symbol and Her Powers now in 38 languages

Mother's symbol has been translated into 38 languages, including the four languages of Auroville, i.e. Tamil, French, Sanskrit and English, as well as indigenous languages and those used across the world, including Amharic, Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Esperanto, German, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Korean, Macedonian, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Niugini Pisin, Odia, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Telugu, Tibetan, Ukrainian, Urdu. Available for reading and download: **The Mother's symbol in multiple languages:** <https://auroville.org/contents/4891>

Have it in your language?

If your language is not on the list above, would you like to have it translated into your mother tongue and/or other language(s) of proficiency by volunteering yourself or recommending someone else? Please write to Anandi Zhang at symbol-translation@auroville.org.in.

Celebrating our Unity in Diversity. Gratitude to Her Grace and to all who inspire, help and participate.

Let's Talk about Death Saturday, 17th April, 3 -5 PM Unity Pavilion

A presentation from the FAREWELL Team

We have spoken about Death for quite a while now. We've met on several occasions at different venues, shared our hopes and fears in very personal manners. With the upcoming event at Unity Pavilion we are giving the FAREWELL team the opportunity to present their very valuable work to the community. As you might know, FAREWELL is taking care of your body, once your soul has left to a different dimension.

The last event before the summer break will also be at Unity Pavilion on Saturday, 8th. May. We will hear from experts what Sri Aurobindo and The Mother had said about Death. Please join us on these specific topics.

-Greetings from the *Let's talk about Death & FAREWELL* teams



DUSTUDIO

We are moving on with extra rigor and passion to our next phase of work in areas of Architecture, Design, Educa-tion, Research, Incubation & Practice. All this is better represented in our all official new brand name DUSTUDIO. Rest is all same, under Kattida Kalai Trust, Auroville Founda-tion. Our older version, BuildAur, is now archival. All further communication, correspondence & transactions will be in our new avatar, DUSTUDIO.

- Dharmesh Vikramsinh Jadeja, dustudio@auroville.org.in, 262 3514/262 3553.



HEALTH

Health in Auroville, Survey April 2021

To all friends working in the field of Health in Auroville, Health is a major topic and the many Auroville practitioners (150+) demonstrate an outstanding capacity. The topic of Health and Wellness attracts a lot of visitors from all over the world and your service is part of the treasure Auroville shares with the world.

Be it Medical Professional, Therapist, Practitioner, Yoga Teacher, Coach, Nutritionist, or any activity linked to Health, this survey is of interest to you. Today, there is a deep wish and

vision of unifying the field of Integral Health in order to become a more impactful and meaningful force. Maybe synergizing all the activities related to Health would make sense, in order to become more cohesive and powerful?

The first step is a survey. The aim is to collect expectations, wishes and reservations from Auroville's Centers, practitioners & healers, regarding their practice and the way they would like to see it evolve within the community. Your participation will be valuable and highly appreciated. The survey will directly reach you by email in about 2 weeks time, and will be announced on Auronet and in the N&N beforehand, as well. Thank you.

- Dan, dan@auroville.org.in

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in. **And we have a new website - please check it out: hriauroville.org.**

Electromechanical Engineer - You have knowledge in electro mechanics and hands-on experience in repairs (building infrastructures, water/electrical/ac systems). You will repair (hands-on) medical equipment, take care of planning of repair works, write the instructions for the use and maintenance of the equipment. You will make sure that all the equipment is in good working condition ensuring the smooth functioning of the unit. Part time, maintenance provided.

Digital Communication & Community Manager - You will develop the social media tools as per our new brand communication charter (Facebook, Instagram, you tube, etc.), edit our blog online and organize our video and photo library. You will participate in the definition of the e-strategy for the launch of the new product/brand internationally, implement this strategy online to boost our sales and our presence online, and generate traffic on the website (SEO, etc.). You will also implement and follow up on the online direct marketing tools and on our CRM development. You have excellent communication skill in English (written and spoken), French would be a plus, previous experience in the communication field, especially editing and writing is a plus. Digital skills: ability to use Pack Office tools and graphic design tools with a social-media mindset. You are able to work with the IT development team. You have good creative skills, are autonomous, rigorous and have a solution-finder spirit. Full time, maintenance as per experience.

And other positions (please inquire about details):

- Volunteers for Auro Orchard
- Management, Promotion and Fundraising
- Program Management (volunteer)
- Senior PHP developer

FMI or if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or something else, you can find us at hriauroville.org or hr_hub@auroville.org.in

Citadines is looking for a handyman with experience in repair and maintenance. Aurovillian or Newcomer. Send application to citadines@auroville.org.in.

Help with the Helpanimals Awareness Campaign

The Helpanimals team wants to start an **awareness campaign** on the necessity to sterilise dogs and cats, especially street dogs. Some material has been prepared. Now we need PEOPLE (Aurovilians, Newcomers, volunteers) to help us with this. If you care for having a healthy and contained dog and cat population in and around Auroville, and have some time to give for this work, please contact us. helpanimals@auroville.org.in or Enrica (98400 31935), Shivaya (94896 01312).

Thank you! Looking forward to build up a nice team!



LOOKING FOR

House - Carmen, Aurovilian for 3 yrs., looking for place of stay from 26th April. Housesit or room, preferably long term but short time possible. Kind regards Carmen, 853 101 7772.

UPS - in good condition. nausheen@auroville.org.in or WAapp 948 783 3736.

Kitchen items & furniture - induction stove, pots, utensils, tables, stools, shelves, chairs. I am a Newcomer shifting to a new place, so donation basis preferred. bondeepa1111@gmail.com.

Work - either in a school (kindergarten/creche level) or as a receptionist or stock keeper in any type of outlet. Machagandhi Aswatama has been part of the Auroville collective since her childhood. She speaks Tamil & English, likes to be with children, and can do all kinds of jobs, including typing (on computer) & database entry. machagandhi@auroville.org.in or Ph/message: 96009 27720. - submitted via AVC office

A silent pedestal fan, a pantry, small table + chair. Thanks! Isabelle (a new Newcomer), ifp660@gmail.com

Double bunk bed - If you have one you'd like to give away Please contact me at osnat@auroville.org.in. Thanks.

20-inch bicycle for my son, suitable for 6-9 yrs age group. If you have one, Manu at 948 883 0338 / mango@auroville.org.in.

An old tablet - to be used for Skype only. My little one has story telling with her grandparents nearly every day, and I need my computer to work at the same time. So if you have one unused or too old, contact Fanny at fanny@auroville.org.in.

Laptop - If you have one to pass on (I can contribute for it): Chloe at c.tadiotto@orange.fr. Thank you!

Various items - for my new apartment - **table, table lamp, curtains, tools (saw, cutters, screwdriver, etc.), wall clock.** Damaged items OK as I can repair them. 709 434 4154, ivana@auroville.org.in

House cleaner - Looking for house cleaning full or part-time. Please call Tine, Aurogreen, ph# 890 3938 649. Thank you.

AVAILABLE

An experienced teacher offering an after-school private or group tutoring, to help students with their homework, creative writing, English language, and/or math (age 6-11). Yasmin 944 264 4061, Yasmin@auroville.org.in.

Vacuum cleaner - KARCHER WD 3, multi-purpose, only a year old and hardly used. Contact/message: puja: 7043731366.

Good, old table fan - available at Soham's, Transformation, after 3 PM. Free, but a generous donation to the Land Fund in exchange would be appreciated. Enjoy the (new) breeze!

Dry leaves - we have a lot of dry leaves from Supramental Sun trees. If you want for mulching or to make compost, come and collect them. Samata, Transformation, WA 944 379 7601.

GREEN MATTERS



If you have a toilet that needs flushing, flush less. With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city. auroville.org.in/ www.aurovillewater.in



Earth Day 2021, April 22nd: "Restore Our Earth"

This year is the 51st anniversary of Earth Day. Every year has a theme and this time it's "Restore our Earth." Most years, Earth Day events range from river cleanups to removals of invasive plants. With social distancing still in place, Earth Day has gone digital. Virtual events, such as environmental lectures and films can be seen at earthday.org. Social distancing doesn't mean that you can't go outside and enjoy nature, as long as you do so responsibly, Nature is not canceled!

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970. Dealing with dangerously serious issues concerning toxic drinking water, air pollution, and the effects of pesticides, an impressive 20 million Americans—10% of the population—ventured outdoors and protested together. President Richard Nixon created the Environmental Protection Agency, which led to successful laws including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Today, Earth Day is not just a day meant to increase awareness of environmental problems, but also to be a time for communities to gather to clean up litter, plant trees, or simply reflect on the beauty of nature. Below is a summary of upcoming events:

Three Days of Climate Action

* **April 20th;** Earth Day 2021 begins with a global youth climate summit led by **Earth Uprising**, in collaboration with My Future My Voice, OneMillionOfUs and hundreds of youth climate activists. The global youth summit will consist of panels, speeches, discussions, and special messages with today's youth climate activists. In the evening, the **Hip Hop Caucus** and its partners will present the "We Shall Breathe" virtual summit to examine climate and environmental justice, connecting the climate crisis to issues of pollution, poverty, police brutality, and the pandemic, all within a racial justice framework.

* **April 21st: Education International** will lead the "Teach for the Planet: Global Education Summit." This will span several time zones and feature prominent activists from every continent, focused on the crucial role that educators play in combating climate change and why we need transformative climate education now.

* **APRIL 22nd/ Earth Day Parallel** to the Biden Administration's global climate summit, **EARTHDAY.ORG** will host workshops, panel discussions, and special performances. Topics include Climate and environmental literacy, Climate restoration technologies, Reforestation, Regenerative agriculture, Equity and environmental justice, Citizen science, Cleanups, and more.

Meanwhile, where does Auroville stand? In these hectic and fickle times in the 14th month of the Covid pandemic, in the middle of a heatwave, pesticide spraying, land encroachment/ disputes, polarized debates on infrastructure versus ecology, increasing traffic and unwanted visitors/parties with attendant sound pollution and the threat of tarring of roads amidst election chaos, Auroville is faced with ever-increasing environmental issues that have to be solved. Can Auroville pause and meditate on our place and purpose here? What do we stand for within the bioregion, India, the world? Can we see the greater picture?

One of us posted a petition on Auronet to propose **divesting our bank savings** away from companies responsible for the climate crisis (Adani, Shell, etc.). So far, 22 residents have signed and we'll soon follow up with ideas on how to take this further. If you are interested and have not yet signed the proposal, please write to gjjs@auroville.org.in.

Similar movements are afoot across the world to avoid making things worse -even if we're not confident that we can actually make things better. One of these campaigns is pushing the government of France to **stop bankrolling oil and gas drilling in the Arctic**. French oil giant Total wants to pump the equivalent of 535,000 barrels of oil per day from under the Arctic's fragile ice, which could make this one of the most polluting projects in the world. France's President called the project "incoherent" and "reckless". But he is under pressure to fund it anyway.

The Arctic is home to indigenous communities like the Gwich'in, the Inuit, and the Sámi (see more about [indigenous peoples of the Arctic](#) by the Arctic Center of the University of Lapland). It

also shelters many endangered species like polar bears, narwhals & penguins. The risk to the Arctic landscape and life are high, including methane explosions, pollution and deadly heat waves. Across France, activists from the organisation 350.org and SumOfUs are raising awareness and mobilising support. In Australia similar campaigns are under way to prevent Indian corporate Adani to dig up more coal. This Earth Day we invite you to take a moment to find your green voice and speak up. Nature is not in lockdown, but unfortunately neither is corporate destruction of it...

[\(Op-ed in French\) L'Etat français doit cesser son soutien à l'exploration gazière en Arctique.](#) L'Obs. 26 February 2021.

- Lisbeth & Gijs for AV Green Center

The Green Column appears bi weekly in the News&Notes and (not so often) on AuroNet. And reports on green issues in Auroville, The Bioregion and the wider world. We like to hear from you! avgreencenter@auroville.org.in

1000 upcycled AV lemons

20 bottles of syrup 60 jars of pickles 10 liters citrus cleaner

The AV upcyclers invite you for a

Lemon get-together

Sunday 11 april from 5 to 7pm

STAND 4 UPCYCLING

Visitor Centre

All are welcome,

please follow the current Covid SOP



Dear Aurovilians,

Below you will find the podcasts of a new program conceived by Auroson & Aarohan with Yogini back with us again. Enjoy it and stay tuned! [Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7).

[Here](#) you can see on-air schedules. Last published podcasts:

[The Wazo Methodology, with Auroson and Chandra - ep.1](#)
[The Wazo Methodology, with Auroson and Chandra - ep.2 \(Humour\)](#)

[Soul Tracks - Se02 ep. 8 "With Calvin Wumbaya!" \(Music\)](#)

[Aarohan - ep.20 "Khalifas of Kirana Gharana" \(Music\)](#)

[Audible Weed Walk - ep.35 "Weedy plants, linking to our tradition" \(Food education\)](#)

[Savitri B. XI C. II Part 3 \(Integral yoga\)](#)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.94 "The VOYCE of LOVE continues..." \(Wellness\)](#)

[The Tamil Literary Forum - ep.25 "தமிழ் இலக்கியப் பாடல்கள் சில" \(Tamil culture\)](#)

[Neo Urban Chronik - ep.38 "Overwhelmed with invisible humor by Marcello & Giuseppina" \(Humour\)](#)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi -353 \(Integral yoga\)](#)

....and more! on www.aurovilleradio.org

For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in

Some points to be kept in mind when reading the "Notes on the presentations made during the Forest Group/Youth Centre GM of 27-03-202" by ATDC

- The brief for the Environmental Impact Assessment was given by the TDC itself. The coordinator of the EIA was in contact with the TDC throughout the process. The fact that no EIA has been carried out for the remaining areas of the HT cable ring is clearly a neglect on the side of the TDC.

- The repeated mention of an "increase by 30%" is misleading, as it applies to the section in the Bliss area alone, not placing it into the context of the entire ring. The segment of the Crown crossing Bliss forest makes up around 6% of the entire HT cable ring, an increase of length by 30% in this segment results in an increase of length of the entire ring by 1.8%. Efficiency loss by 1.8% can be considered as insignificant.

- The Bliss forest area accounts only for 6% of the "flag-end of the HT ring mains installation work of which only the last 8% needs to be completed". The remaining 2% need to cross or bypass non-AV plots (two private and two temple land plots). What is the strategy with regards to these last 2%?

The one point we do appreciate in the "notes" is the encouragement of community participation in town planning & development. As we made clear throughout the process and in our presentations, we do want to participate in a collaborative town planning and development process. As none of the current members of TDC have expertise in town planning, we suggest to make an active effort to include Aurovilians who do have this expertise.

- Sincerely, Bliss Forest stewards, (Christoph, Elumalai, Manolo)

Otros pájaros	Other birds
otros aromas	other perfumes
otro tiempo	another time
llega	comes
con luna llena	with full moon
con colores	with colors
con canto	with song
y	and
verano.	Summer

- Anandi a/Collaboration: Dany Littlewood

EXHIBITIONS



Exhibition: 9th April 2021 - 18th April 2021
 Inauguration: 4.30 pm on 9th Friday 2021
 Gallery Timing: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
 Sundays Open



[Kalakendra Art Gallery](#)
 Bharat Nivas, Auroville.

0413 - 2622488
bharatnivas-kalakendra@auroville.org.in
elloraarts@gmail.com

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Carnatic Music Appreciation Sessions
 w/ Balakrishnan Raghavan
 Thursday, April 15th
 5:30 - 7 PM, Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

CELEBRATING THE SACRED
 in Architecture, Sculpture/Art & Mystical Poetry

Celebrating the Sacred in Art & Sculpture
 Saturday, April 10, 4-5:30 pm
Celebrating the Sacred in Mystical Poetry
 Wednesday, April 21, 4-5:30 pm

Presented by Prof. Sehdev Kumar
 Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas



**Festival of Tamilnadu through the Ages
w/ particular reference to
Tamil New Year**

**Saturday, 10th April, 4.30 to 6 PM,
Mohanam Village Heritage Center,
near Colors of Nature
Isaiabmalam School Road, Auroville**

We warmly invite you to participate in special evening seminar and interactive session with Tamil Scholars at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre. (English translation provided as necessary). Please come and enjoy the traditional snacks!

With Special Guests:

- Kavignar R.Meenakshi (Ilaigarkal Education Centre)
- Mr.Raman (Founder of Raman Construction)
- B. Anandou (Mohanam Village Heritage Centre)

FMI: 8300949079; 0413-2622667; mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in



MAITRI TUNES
songs, stories and stillness

Immerse yourself into songs from the timeless wisdom traditions of India by engaging in a light-hearted participatory process. Learn the lyrics, poetic interpretations and tune of one or two songs every week (or simply sit back and in-joy the music)

**When: April 11th, Sunday, 5 to 6:30 pm
Where: Progress Hall, Bharat Niwas**

contact: sheetal@auroville.org.in



Artist in residence:
Balakrishnan Raghavan engages with the rich musical heritage of Indian mysticism and has been training in Carnatic music for over 20 years.

Last week this was announced to be happening on both the 9th & 10th, but the 9th show has been cancelled.

adiShakti

BHOOMI
10th April only, 7 PM

We open our **Remembering Veenapani Festival 2021** by showcasing our own play 'Bhoomi', adapted and directed by Vinay Kumar from Sara Joseph's festival curation, one play will be showcased each month.

Bhoomi sees an attempted conversation between polar worlds or rather very different positions. The play sees two artists, a director and her actor, located very differently in their personal journeys, engaging with questions around gender, violence on gendered bodies, retribution and resolution. Their dissonances-resonances with each other and independent trajectories is what the play looks at. What happens when the creative premise you are working on breaks out of the realm of art and play and stares you in the face as your reality. What do you do when your art starts speaking back to you, taking on a life of its own and stumping you with questions you are not equipped to respond to? When a resolution seems impossible - even as the situation seems to be demanding it with a sense of urgency? How do you really respond to a severe absence of answers?

This play contains content that can be upsetting or triggering. Viewer discretion is advised.

Due to Covid -19 regulations, limited seating and mask compulsory. Limited seating. Entry on registration only. To register: 886 108 9822 or 994 185 9258

Important note: Guests who will be in direct contact with Adishakti artists or who are coming to engage with them will have to produce RT PCR test report taken 72 hours prior to their arrival at Adishakti.

Mudra-Chi

Monday, 12th April, 5 PM: New Moon -
We practice Mudra -Chi at Mahalakshmi Park (near Neem Tree).
EVERYBODY WELCOME!



**The Auroville Youth Choir
in CONCERT**

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th April
7:30 PM, CRIPA**

Following security protocols only 50% of audience is allowed. Kindly book your seat with Divya: lieserdivya@gmail.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

FAMILY CONSTELLATIONS w/ Moghan

**Saturday, 10th of April, 9 AM to 6 PM
Creativity Hall of Light**

moghan@auroville.org.in or 975 111 0486



NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

Spaces available!

- ❖ **HINDI** - For both **Beginner & Intermediate** levels; we welcome those interested.
- ❖ **BEGINNER'S CHINESE** - We have at least 2 spaces available for those curious about Chinese. Aurovilian Lifang from China will take this group.
- ❖ **BEGINNERS FRENCH** - A new 3-month course is to start this month with Daniel, please join in!

An Introduction to Daniel

Daniel has loved languages since a young age, and spent 10 years living and working in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. As one of the largest French-speaking cities in the world, Montréal is a vibrant metropolis which is both modern and historical, and is considered the cultural centre of "L'Amérique française". Working for French-speaking companies has given Daniel the experience of using this international language in an everyday context. Daniel resonates completely with Mother's observation that studying French improves the mind through clear thinking.

This course will follow the "French in Action" video-based program (an award-winning video series, which uses the immersion method to plunge you into French from Day 1, in a very step-by-step and natural way. Grammar that learners need to start speaking is built into the video lessons). Learners will be immersed in the standard spoken language to allow them to quickly express themselves and be understood. Other contemporary video and audio material will supplement the course.

- ❖ **Another Beginners French** Group taught by Chris will start in **May** following the same format.

If interested to join or FMI, drop in; call or send us an email!
See the Regular Activities addendum for our full course listing.



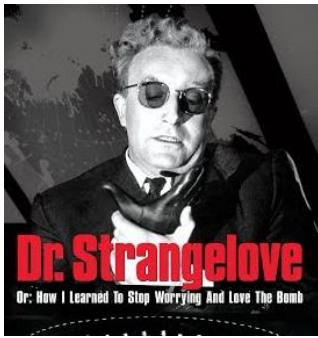
**AUROFILM / AV FILM
INSTITUTE present:**



**"CINE-MASTER CLASS" -
SAT., 17th APRIL, 5- 7:30 PM
at Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)**

If you like to discuss, share & learn more about films and cinema, we invite you to our Cine-Master classes!

Welcome to the 10th chapter led by Philippe May on:
"DR. STRANGELOVE or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" by Stanley Kubrick (1964).



Overview: In the heart of the cold war, when the fear of a global nuclear annihilation was very present, how can things go wrong when humans have mastered so much raw power of destruction? Stanley Kubrick chose to adapt a prophetic, tragic novel as one of the finest comedy ever put on film, as the enigmatic title suggests. Beyond the surface, it is also a complex movie with themes

that resonate way beyond its initial context. We'll explore this classic gem piece of a movie making with an introduction of Stanley Kubrick's style and filmography, introduce some cinematographic techniques, story-telling elements and anecdotes. An open discussion will follow the projection of the movie.

Film in its English Original version with Engl. Subtitles - Discussion in English

We follow the Covid-19 SOP FYI, the Aurofilm building is half open-air. You may carry your torch light.



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Watsu & OBA Basic
w/ Dariya & Daniel

**Postponed due to elections -
New dates:**

Sat - Thurs, 10th- 15th April
1 - 6 PM

**Last basic Watsu course for
this season!**

Please see either of the last 2 editions of the N&N for details.

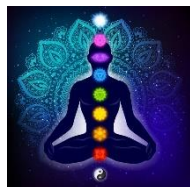
Prerequisite: Watsu Basic

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**Chakra Healing Workshop w/ Tania
Fri., 16th April, 9:30 AM - 12.30 PM**

This workshop includes a guided chakra healing meditation, during which you'll go on a journey throughout your body and its chakras. This meditation will nourish your body & spirit by increasing your energy levels, bringing more balance and relaxation, and giving you an enhanced feeling of well-being. It may also lead to a release of blockages caused by stress, fear, anxiety, anger etc. We'll introduce tools which promote purification, healing, and balancing of the chakras, and offer an increased awareness of your body. We'll also explore the importance of proper grounding, healthy breathing, listening to your body, self-love, use of crystals, and some basic energy exercises.

Tania practiced meditation for over 20 years. This meditation was born out of her successful experiences during her own self-healing journey. Tania is also a certified & practicing Reiki master.



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Guest speaker Elitom Elamin, an internationally acknowledged expert on prolonged fasting and the breatharian lifestyle.

Breatharianism or Pranic living refers to the practice of harnessing energy or Prana instead of dense physical foods to nourish the body. Once reserved for yogis, food freedom is gaining increasing recognition as the key to better health, resourcefulness and freedom. It may also be the key to our evolution into a more harmonious and sustainable planet.

"Warriors' Retreat" (Advanced) - April 14 - 18

"Walking the Path" - April 28 May 2

An opportunity to further practice and integrate the different modalities of energy cultivation into daily life. Suitable for all.

Organised by JIVA and ARA (Awareness research Auroville):

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Vedic Astrology Webinars with Vikram Devatha

Sat AMs from 17th April - 10-11 AM OR 11.30 AM-12.30 PM IST

Houses in Vedic Astrology - for beginners - Learn the basics of different House systems in Astrology and the rules for interpreting them. By the end of the course, you will have a clear idea of how to use the Houses while reading a horoscope. This will be over 8 sessions, payment by contribution. Video recordings available if you miss any day.

Vikram Devatha has been studying Vedic Astrology, Yoga, Cosmology & Philosophy for several decades. He has close to 20 yrs. experience in reading charts and teaching Vedic Astrology.



Registration required for the following intensives:
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programming@verite.in, treatments@verite.in

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**Touch for Health Kinesiology (Level 1) -
w/ Ricardo (2 day course)**

Friday & Saturday, 16th & 17 April, 9 AM to 4.30 PM

Touch for Health Level 1 is for both laypeople and health professionals. Learn the art of muscle testing and the basic procedure to balance the body's muscles and meridians. Touch for Health helps to:

- Increase your energy level
- Reduce stress and pain
- Improve mental clarity
- Enhance immune system function

The basic balancing system includes:

- How to test and correct 14 muscles/meridians (including the spinal reflexes, neurolymphatic reflexes, neurovascular points, and meridians)
- How to assess nutritional support for the muscles
- How to effectively reduce emotional stress & pain by touch.

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Pranayama & Chakras Harmonization- w/ Lakshmi

Friday, 16th April, 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM

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

FILMS

Anitya Outdoor Cinema

Every Sunday at 7 PM in Anitya Community (located past Centre guesthouse at the end of the big cricket field) Please come on time, bring a blanket, socks and anything you need to feel warm + mosquito repellent. See you soon !

April 11th - Honeyland (2019) - The last female bee-hunter in Europe must save the bees and return the natural balance in Honeyland, when a family of nomadic beekeepers invade her land and threaten her livelihood. Oscar nominated for best Documentary feature film

April 18th -Defending Your Life (1991)

In an afterlife way station resembling a major city, the lives of the recently-deceased are examined in a court-like setting. Director: Albert Brooks w/ Albert Brooks, Meryl Streep, Rip Torn

April 25- Down to Earth (2015) (details next week)

Dr Alok Pandey reflects upon Vedanta and Tantra, the best aspects of Western and Eastern culture and the unique relationship between the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. He discusses in detail the role and potential of the Purusha and the Shakti. Sri Aurobindo as the Supreme Purusha is the witness self; in the Gita it is the Purushottama. He stands silent sanctioning all that is happening and yet he is unmoved, like the sun in the sky. Here, in this world the purusha has so far been a diminished godhead and the purusha within "not bigger than the thumb of man". But now it is going to change: the purusha has to recover and discover its own godhead, the Ishvara. The purusha will go to the birthplace of the godhead and will discover its supramental godhead and its supramental personality.

On the other hand, the Mother presents the Divine Shakti, the power that is going into the creation. She organizes all the processes and details of life and is inspiring the art of culture. So far, the shakti has been active through the limited and divided consciousness. It is what we call nature or prakriti, which mostly acts mechanically, is partly conscious and partly unconscious, and yet behind it stands perfect consciousness, which limits itself to the needs of each species. Prakriti is the diminished form of Mahashakti and also has to gain and regain her own glory and splendor. Nature in us is toiling and struggling in darkness and is yearning to return to its spiritual home and its oneness, light, truth, bliss, sweetness, and love.

The evolutionary need to bring the Spirit and Nature together is impelling. And for this great work and realisation Sri Aurobindo and the Divine Mother have come together. During their meeting on 24 April 1920 on the Mother's final arrival to Pondicherry, both immediately felt that "now the realisation will be accomplished". The Mahashakti, the Mother, totally surrendered to Sri Aurobindo, and the Supreme Purusha, Sri Aurobindo, instructed and installed the Divine Mother as the guiding and moving force who would henceforth govern and direct our human race along the pathways that are intended and willed by the Divine. And in the symbolic expression of the shift towards the Supramental, the Shakti sits on the right side of the Purusha and executes the will of the Divine. Duration: 37min. The film is also available on YouTube, AuroMaa: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cd_HBqh_j8k.

AND ERRATUM FROM LAST WEEK:

The wrong link was given for the film: *Journey to the Life Divine, Part 1*. The correct link at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram website is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZwBKJLifas>
Apologies for any frustration caused! ☺



THURSDAY, 15th April, 7:30 PM
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas

Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) is a young apprentice Jedi knight under the tutelage of Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson); Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd), who will later father Luke Skywalker and become known as Darth Vader, is just a 9-year-old boy. When the Trade Federation cuts off all routes to the planet Naboo, Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan are assigned to settle the matter.
Rating: PG (Sci-Fi Violence | Sci-Fi Action)

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Eco Film Club @ Sadhana Forest
Friday, 16th April

Seaspiracy

Passionate about ocean life, a filmmaker sets out to document the harm that humans do to marine species, and uncovers alarming global corruption.
Ali Tabrizi/2021/89 minutes.

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
- 20:30 Free bus from Sadhana Forest 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! The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. FMI about the bus: Sadhana Forest at (0413) 267 7682

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



No film show FRIDAY 16h APRIL
due to the Eco-film festival!
See you the week after!

****Friday, 9th April "Charade" by Stanley Donan, USA, 1963**



Important information about News & Notes

Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 5pm
FOR THE ISSUE to be published that SATURDAY
(though the digital version generally goes out on Thursday)

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: newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.

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Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted *News* items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 5pm. Please do your best to submit copy that is ready for printing (i.e. Word shows you typos, extra spaces, punctuation errors, etc - don't make us do all the work!).

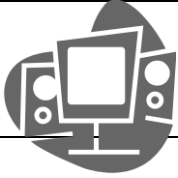
We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.

Visiting hours: Hit or Miss. Call first or email for appointment.

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 12th to 25th April 2021

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center are fully operational and open to all now. Mask (and not scarves etc.) and following standard Covid19 protocols are must. Please come and enjoy the films. To organize a seminar/program please contact us via email for booking conditions.

Indian - Monday 12 April, 8:00 pm:

- **PANGA (Clash)**

India, 2020, Dir. Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari w/ Kangana Ranaut, Jassie Gill, Richa Chadha, and others, Drama-Sport, 130mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

This National Award-winning film is an emotional roller coaster tale of a middle-class Indian woman, who is a forgotten kabaddi world champion. She catalyzes an inner desire, despite her existing role as a wife and mother and decides to return to the e sport despite the challenges of age stereotypes and other issues. *An inspiring well-acted film!*

Interesting - Tuesday 13 April, 8:00 pm:

- **BABYTEETH**

Australia, 2020, Dir. Shannon Murphy w/ Elisa Scanlen, Michelle Lotters, Toby Wallace, 118 mins, Comedy-Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

When seriously ill teenager Milla falls madly in love with smalltime drug dealer Moses, it's her parents' worst nightmare. But as Milla's first brush with love brings her a new lust for life, things get messy and traditional morals go out the window. Milla soon shows everyone in her circle how to live like you have nothing to lose. What might have been a disaster for the family instead leads to letting go and finding grace in the glorious chaos of life. The film joyously explores how good it is not to be dead yet and how far we will go for love.

Interesting - Wednesday 14 April, 8:00 pm:

- **FAT FICTION**

USA, 2020, Writer-Director. Jennifer Isenhardt w/ Mark Hyman, Nina Teicholz, Gary Taubes, and others, Documentary, 115mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

What if everything we've been told about saturated fat is fiction? And what if the "low fat, heart healthy" diet represents one of the most damaging public health recommendations in the history of our country? This film examines the history of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines and questions decades of dietary advice insisting that saturated fats are bad for us.

Favorite - Thursday 15 April, 8:00 pm:

- **AFERIM**

Romania-Bulgaria, 2015, Dir. Radu Jude, w/ Teodor Corban, Mihai Comanoiu, Toma Cuzin, Adventure-Comedy, 108 mins, Romanian-Turkish w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Set in early 19th century Wallachia, when a local policeman, Costandin, is hired by lordache, a boyar (local noble), to find Carfin, a Gypsy slave who had run away from the boyar's estate after having an affair with his wife, Sultana. Costandin sets out to find the fugitive, beginning a journey full of adventures. Gypsy slavery lasted from the 14th century up until the middle of the 19th century, a situation which is very little known and almost non-existent

in the public debate today, although its impact continues to influence Romania's social life.

Eco-Film Fest After a gap of one year due to lockdown, Eco-Film Fest (a series of ecological, environmental and related films) returns this year from 16th April (Friday) to 22nd April (Thursday), coinciding with the Earth-Day. Please see separate announcements for the full schedule.

International - Saturday, 24 April, 8:00 pm:

- **PENGUIN BLOOM**

USA, 2020, Dir. Glendyn Ivin w/ Naomi Watts, Griffin Murray-Johnston, Andrew Lincoln, and others, Drama, 95mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Based on a best-selling book, in the film Sam Bloom, is a young mother whose world is turned upside down after a shocking, near-fatal accident that leaves her paralyzed. Her husband and three young boys and her mother all struggle to adjust to their new situation when an unlikely ally enters their world in the form of an injured baby magpie they name Penguin.

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 25 April, 4:30 pm:

- **FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR**

USA, 1986, Dir: Randal Kleiser, w/ Joey Cramer, Paul Reubens, Cliff De Young and others, Adventure, 90mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

In 1978, a boy travels 8 years into the future and has an adventure with an intelligent, wisecracking alien ship.

LUCCHINO VISCONTI FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club Sunday 25 April, 8:00 pm:

- **IL GATTOPARDO (The Leopard)**

Italy, 1963, Dir.Lucchino Visconti w/Alain Delon, Burt Lancaster, Claudia Cardinale and others, Drama-History, 181 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG.

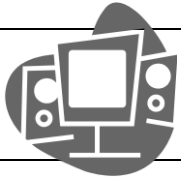
1860 Sicily. Don Corbera, the Prince of Salina, and his family have long lived a life of privilege, isolated from the poverty experienced by the masses due to government corruption. The film traces the slow waning of the family and the rise of the wealthy ex-peasant Don Calogero Sedara.

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We appreciate your continued support. Pl donate to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group



Cinema Paradiso – Eco-Film Fest 2021

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 16 April 2021 to 22 April 2021

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Eco-Film Fest: Since 2005 every-year with the exception of 2020, we have brought you Eco-Film Fest in form of a week-long series of ecological, socio-environmental film exploring various aspects of sustainable living - starting on 16 April and ending on the Earth-Day (22nd). Given the current situation, seems more relevant than ever to tune our lives and lifestyles with nature. The films we bring are a mix of genres - with that as the central theme. Welcome. Hope you are able to catch some films.

Eco-Film - Friday 16 April, 8:00 pm:

- **THE SECRET LIFE OF FROGS**

India, Dir. Ajay & Vijay Bedi w/ Jeff Alan Greenway, Documentary, 54mins, Rated: NR(G)
Deep in the swampy rainforests of India, a handful of scientists are at work, trying to save species, some smaller than a thumbnail. But why bother? Well, out of 400 species found in India, 60% are endemic, ie. only found here and nowhere else - but unfortunately 80% are already endangered. Told in an easy lyrical way, this is undoubtedly the best wildlife film made in India so far. This MUST-SEE film is shared by the directors.

Eco-Film - Saturday 17 April, 8:00 pm:

- **DARK WATERS**

USA, 2019, Dir. Todd Haynes w/ Mark Ruffalo, Anne Hathaway, Tim Robbins, and others, Biography-History, 126mins, English-Korean w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
The film dramatizes the real-life event where a corporate defense attorney Robert Bilott takes on the chemical corporation DuPont after they had contaminated a town. The film has been acclaimed for its honest representation of the chain of events. Above all, it is a story of grit and courage.

Eco-Film - Children's Matinee Sunday 18 April, 4:30 pm:

- **DANCING WITH THE BIRDS**

USA, 2019, Writer-Dir. Huw Cordey w/Stephen Fry, Documentary, 51mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
The birds of paradise want to impress the females. They through in their best moves - ruffling their feathers, singing songs, building a decorating a nest. But females are not easy to please. Funny and gorgeous this film is for all to enjoy!

Eco-Film - Sunday 18 April, 8:00 pm:

- **MY OCTOPUS TEACHER**

South Africa, 2020, Writer-Dir. Pippa Ehrlich & James Reed, Documentary, 85 min, English w/ Eng subtitles, Rated: G
After years of swimming daily in the freezing ocean Craig Foster meets an unlikely teacher, a young octopus. Craig eventually wins the animal's trust, and they develop a never-before-seen bond between human and wild animal. A must see!

[From the N&N editor: This is one of the most amazing, beautiful and heart-touching films I've ever seen.]

Eco-Film - Monday 19 April, 8:00 pm:

- **2040**

Australia, 2019, Writer-Dir Damon Gameau w/himself, Eva Lazzaro, Zoë Gameau, and others, Docu-Drama, 92mins, English-Bengali-Swahili-Swedish w/ English subtitles, Rated : NR (PG). This much acclaimed film looks into the future while highlighting the importance of NOW. The film is in form of a visual letter to his 4yrs old daughter where the filmmaker embarks on journey to explore what the future would look like if we embraced the best solutions available to improve our planet.

Eco-Film - Tuesday 20 April, 8 pm: OR HEALING FOREST

- **INDIA'S HEALING FOREST**

India, 2018, Writer-Dir. Nitin Das, Documentary, 51mins, English, Rated: NR (G)
The film, shared with us by the director, travels across some fascinating forests of India to explore the amazing ways in which nature affects the body, mind and spirit. It uncovers some ancient wisdom and examines new findings, through inspiring stories of people whose lives are intricately woven with forests.

Eco-Film - Wednesday 21 April, 8:00 pm:

- **DAVID ATTENBOROUGH A LIFE IN OUR PLANET**

USA, 2020, Dir. Alastair Fothergill-Jonathan Hughes-Keith Scholey w/David Attenborough, Biography, 83mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated:PG
It took three award winning directors to make a film on this one person who has seen more of the natural world than any other. Now, at 93yrs, he reflects upon both the defining moments of his lifetime as a naturalist and the devastating changes he has seen. The film is a powerful first-hand account of humanity's impact on nature and a message of hope for future generations.

Eco-Film - Thursday 22 April, 8:00 pm:

- **KISS THE GROUND**

USA, 2020, Writer-Dir. Joshua & Rebecca Harrell Tickell w/ Woody Harrelson, Ray Archuleta, John Wick, and others, Documentary, 84mins, English w/a choice of subtitles we can decide upon, Rated: NR (G)
A revolutionary group of activists, scientists, farmers, and politicians band together in a global movement of "Regenerative Agriculture" that could balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world. *An inspiring film you cannot miss. It has been shared with us by the directors.*

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Tamil New Year Dinner

prepared by Buvana



Wednesday 14 April, Mitra Guest House



Mango-neem flower sweet pachchadi

Rice, Rotti, Sambar

Tomato pepper rasam

Cucumber & coconut salad

Curd, Lemon pickle (non-spicy)

Traditional paayaasam



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Serving starts at 6.30 pm

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