

News and Notes

#866

A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville

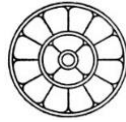
17th April 2021



Supramental Attachment to the Divine

photo: Sven

HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



4 July 1970

Satprem: I wondered if we couldn't add to the "Notes" what you said last time about this psychic being that will become the supramental being? The Mother: What do you say? Satprem: I say it's important!

The Mother: Yes!... I mean about the effect [on people]... I am afraid everyone will suddenly... have a psychic being! (general laughter).

Satprem: Oh, Mother, you're priceless! (Mother laughs) The Mother: Never mind!... It's all right.... It'll cause a stir. (Then Mother listens to a few extracts from Sri Aurobindo for the August Bulletin.)

"The conception of the Divine as an external omnipotent Power who has "created" the world and governs it like an absolute and arbitrary monarch - the Christian or Semitic conception - has never been mine; it contradicts too much my seeing and experience during thirty years of sadhana. It is against this conception that the atheistic objection is aimed, - for atheism in Europe has been a shallow and rather childish reaction against a shallow and childish exoteric religionism and its popular inadequate and crudely dogmatic notions. But when I speak of the Divine Will, I mean something different, - something that has descended here into an evolutionary world of Ignorance, standing at the back of things, pressing on the Darkness with its Light, leading things presently towards the best possible in the conditions of a world of Ignorance and leading it eventually towards a descent of a greater power of the Divine, which will be not an omnipotence held back and conditioned by the law of the world as it is, but in full action and therefore bringing the reign of light, peace, harmony, joy, love, beauty and Ananda, for these are the Divine Nature. The Divine Grace is there ready to act at every moment, but it manifests as one grows out of the Law of Ignorance into the Law of Light, and it is meant, not as an arbitrary caprice, however miraculous often its intervention, but as a help in that growth and a Light that leads and eventually delivers. If we take the facts of the world as they are and the facts of spiritual experience as a whole, neither of which can be denied or neglected, then I do not see what other Divine there can be. This Divine may lead us often through darkness, because the darkness is there in us and around us, but it is to the Light he is leading and not to anything else." - Letters on Yoga, 22.174

"One cannot say whether the conquest is near or not - one has to go on steadily with the process of the sadhana without thinking of near and far, fixed on the aim, not elated if it seems to come close, not depressed if it still seems to be far." -

Letters on Yoga, 24.1677. 23 June 1936

"In life all sorts of things offer themselves. One cannot take anything that comes with the idea that it is sent by the Divine. There is a choice and a wrong choice produces its consequences." -

Letters on Yoga, 22.475

The Mother: Ah, that's a good thing to say. (To Sujata:) Type it for me, I want to give it to Nava.

"Human life and mind are neither in tune with Nature like the animals nor with Spirit - it is disturbed, incoherent, conflicting with itself, without harmony and balance. We can then regard it as diseased, if not itself a disease." - Letters on Yoga, 22.499

The Mother: No questions?... And Sujata?...

Satprem: There's something I've observed for myself.... The other day, for instance, you told me that the Force is very actively working in my body, and you asked me, "But don't you feel it?" Well, then, one thing I observe, it's the impression I have of constantly living with a sort of very solid and strong consciousness of the Force which is there, and I feel that's what veils all perceptions for me: everything is as though absorbed in that (One might say, coagulated in that.). And that prevents me from perceiving all the rest. The Mother: With me too! (Mother laughs) . It's like that! I was just observing, it's like that.

Satprem: Just before, you spoke of the psychic, but I can't speak of the psychic, I can't speak of material or vital things, because as soon as I stop for a second, that Consciousness is there, solid ... The Mother: Yes, yes....

Satprem: ... and all the rest, I just don't know. The Mother: Exactly the condition here [in Mother]. When I had that experience of the psychic [with R.], I said to myself, "But where is my psychic?..." It's constantly active, mingled with everything, it's what speaks; when people ask questions, I answer through it.... But I don't have the "sensation" of its presence. I think that's when the identification is made: it's no longer a separate being, you understand.

Satprem: Yes, it worried me, I wondered, "Is there something that veils?" The Mother: No! I think that's when the identification with the physical consciousness is made. Because with me it's always been like that: the minute there was union, it was over, there was no "psychic being and the rest".... What lived was the psychic. Satprem: Yet I don't

feel I've reached that point.... Though to tell the truth, I don't know where I've reached.... Because as soon as I stop a little, it's there, powerful, solid, and... The Mother: Yes, yes. Satprem: And then there's nothing but "that."

The Mother: Yes, that's right, there's nothing but that. But, you know, the more the identification with the true being takes place, the less you have the sense of existing, of being someone. Satprem: Yes. ...

(to be continued next week)

- Volume 11. 1970: Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth

*"She walked in their front towards a greater light,
Their leader and queen over their hearts and souls,
One close to their bosoms, yet divine and far."*

- Savitri B4 C2

**Collective Meditation under the Banyan Tree
24th April 2021, 6 - 6:30 AM**

101st Anniversary of the Mother's Final Arrival in Pondicherry on 24th April 1920.

For Aurovilians, Newcomers and Aurocard Holders only. **Entrance from the Office Gate from 5.45 AM**

Strict SOP to be followed. **Bonne Fete!**

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COVID Updates

New Cases: We would like to update you that there are two new positive cases in Auroville. Although they are both residents of Sharnaga, they are not related and have a different history. Contact tracing has been done for one of the cases and is currently ongoing for the second one. The other case in Udumbu that was previously announced has in the meantime recovered and the quarantine period is over. [The list of people in quarantine will be updated shortly, after test confirmations have been received.](#)

We would like to remind everyone that a night curfew from 11 pm to 5 am has been imposed in Pondicherry and the police in Pondicherry & Tamil Nadu are strictly monitoring the use of masks and imposing a fine for non-compliance. At the national level, on 13th April there was a new peak of 184,372 new cases and 1072 deaths, the highest since the beginning of the pandemic. Please, continue to take all due precautions of using masks, maintaining physical distance and regularly washing/sanitising hands, particularly in public places. It is advised to avoid large gatherings as much as possible.

New lockdown guidelines

On April 8th, the Tamil Nadu government announced new lockdown guidelines that will be **enforced from April 10th**. The impacts for Auroville are as follows:

- Large gatherings are now restricted to a **maximum of 200 people**, duly following the Standard Operating Procedure. We request the organizers of all large gatherings to which people from outside are invited to contact the Working Committee and inform in advance.
- Restaurants and eateries, shops and boutiques, theaters and auditoriums are expected to function with **50 percent capacity** of the customer service areas.
- Swimming pools shall be permitted for sports training while following the relevant Special Operating Procedures.


The full text of the new guidelines is available in the attachment.

The number of positive cases in India is rising rapidly (currently over 1.32 lakh new cases per day, more than any other time during the pandemic). They are also on the rise in Tamil Nadu (currently over 6600 new cases), and there are more than 350 cases in our Villupuram district.

In this regard we remind all international travelers coming from, UK, South Africa, Brazil & Europe that even if they have tested negative before departure and at the arrival at the airport, the guidelines of the Govt of India still requires them to undertake one week of home quarantine/isolation and one more test at the end of this period. This is to ensure that they did not contract the virus at airports or on the flights. Domestic travelers coming from Maharashtra & Kerala are also required to be in quarantine for 7 days upon arrival in Tamil Nadu, unless it is a short business trip (less than 48 hours). All travelers coming into Tamil Nadu should E-register themselves at <https://eregister.tnega.org>.

We request you to take all the necessary precautions, don't let your guard down and to travel only when absolutely necessary. Thank you for your attention and we wish you all good health!

- Sincerely, The Working Committee & Sante Coordination Team

Attached files:  [GO 342 Lockdown extention.pdf](#)

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Re: The Residents Assembly Service & RAD Process

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) announced on 24th February that it would suspend all Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) processes until a review was done of the existing decision-making policy and the RAS mandate. This is needed, in order to address issues the RAS faces from the community - be it

the Residents' Assembly or working groups - because of gaps in the mandate/policy.

The Auroville Council, Working Committee & Residents' Assembly Service have met to discuss this, and see how to move forward. There was clear agreement from everyone that in the long term, Auroville needs a completely new way to make community decisions - one that is more reflective of the spirit of Auroville and the ideals to which we all aspire. This exploration is something that we plan to initiate soon, but that we realize will take time before a proposal emerges and can be presented.

Therefore, it was decided to focus first on the existing RAD policy, so that these processes can be restarted soon, with a review of the RAS mandate to be subsequently carried out by the Auroville Council. As a first step in this review of the RAD policy, the RAS has shared its feedback and proposed changes based on their years of experience working with this policy.

We invite all residents of Auroville, to give feedback and offer suggestions to revise the current decision-making policy by 1st of May 2021, keeping in mind the input of the RAS on the following link: <https://auroville.org.in/article/84386>

We will make another announcement regarding the exploration for a completely new approach to decision making once this review exercise has been done. With best wishes,
- The Auroville Council and the Working Committee

From the Inquiry Task Force

As you know, the Auroville Council and the Working Committee have created an Inquiry Task Force to investigate the **tampering of ballots boxes** at the recent selection process for the four Working Groups. We are appealing to any members of the community who have any information in relation to the tampering of ballots boxes. We would like to meet with anyone who can shed any light on to the incident. Especially if those who are responsible for the tampering will to come forward at this time it will be very helpful in clearing up this unfortunate situation.

The Auroville Council has asked us to complete our task as quickly as possible, so if you know anything about why it was done or by whom it was done, please get in touch with us **before Saturday April 24th** by emailing to judith@auroville.org.in
- Warmly, Antonio, Bagirath, Judith, Kalsang, Kripa, Mandakini

From the FAMC re: Roma's Kitchen Appeal Process

In reference to the appeal brought forward against the decision of the FAMC in finding and allocating a new management team for Roma's Kitchen, the Appeal Body has found that the FAMC decision in this matter is invalid. The decision of the Appeal Body was based on their finding a number of what they have referred to as "weaknesses and flaws" committed during the process conducted by the FAMC, which form the basis for many potential learning points for the FAMC when conducting similar processes in future. The FAMC has resolved to take this feedback into consideration for the future.

Despite the flaws & weaknesses, the ultimate outcome of the process is accepted by all involved, and in light of the fact that the two other qualified and short-listed parties have withdrawn their interest, the Appeal Body has recommended the FAMC to take a new decision that Gumsoon and Thulasingham be allowed to take over the management of Roma's Kitchen. In accordance with this recommendation, the FAMC **has decided that Gumsoon and Thulasingham will be allowed to take over management of Roma's Kitchen, to realize their project proposal for a Korean food restaurant.**

Please find below the list of potential learning points which have been identified together by the FAMC and the Appeal Body when conducting similar processes in the future.

- Sincerely,
FAMC (Funds and Assets Management Committee)
Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Kalya, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan

Learning Points

1. The issue of units with only one executive should be looked into to assure unit stability and adequate transition/succession planning.

2. Close collaboration between the FAMC and the Trustees of the Trust under which any unit operates should be maintained.
3. Any criteria that will be considered during similar selection processes should be shared with the applicants.
4. Any financial considerations/ criteria (such as outstanding liabilities to be covered) should be disclosed transparently.
5. Consideration of the applicants should be made by a larger and sufficiently diverse team, including Trustees and transparently chosen representatives of the community at large.
6. Ways of rating of applicants should be well prepared and properly designed.
7. Selection team members should be present at all interviews/ meetings for which their input is required.
8. Involve L'Avenir in assessing the technical aspects and costs involved.
9. During an open selection process, an "open house" day should be held so all applicants have a chance to visit the place and see for themselves what it implies for them to take over the unit/ asset.
10. The community and direct neighbors of the unit/ asset should be included in the process and their feedback should be solicited and integrated when justified.
11. Any voting process should be transparent and sufficiently minuted.
12. Decisions should be communicated to the applicants personally whenever feasible.
13. Notice should be given to selected applicants that there is a term of 30 days in which an appeal may be filed. Decisions should be held in abeyance until such time has passed.

Forest Group meeting minutes of 2nd April 2021, Aurodam



Present: Rita, Vengadesh, Hans, Kumar, Achilles, Thanajayan, Balu, Biggie, Nahar, Vinny, Fabian, Saga, Manolo, Naren, Rabindra, Mita, Glenn, Diego, Christoph, D. Segar, Alonya, Alex, Gopal, Agnes (chairperson), Michelle, Enea, Natasha, Matthieu, Adhi, Alok, Dave (notes), Phillipe, Jessamijn. (32 people).

1. Avision forest (Alok):

- Alok recently came across a Painted Bat (*Kerivoula picta*) in some banana trees in his place. As far as he knows, this is the first sighting of this species of bat on the east coasts of India, a very good sign as far as the ecology of Auroville.
- In February in the canyon in between Avision and Verité, someone from Udoygam clear cut an area of previously undisturbed forest on what is most likely poramboke land and definitely a very important percolation area. Alok is investigating further and hopes to carry out soil and water conservation and revegetate the area with the advice of Kireet.
- Alok kindly invited the Forest Group to meet at his place in one of the one month's soon and use the opportunity to become more familiar with the Avision forest and canyon.

2. Mother's flower garden (Naren, Rabi, Mita + Poonam, not present): A group of Aurovilians who have been offering the Divine Flowers Exhibition at Savitri Bhavan for the past 4 years makes up this project. They would now like to have a garden "The Mother's Flower Garden" to find a permanent home to house the 898 flowers which The Mother has given significance to. For this they need 5 acres of land. After approaching the TDC they advised then to approach the Forest Group.

In the interests of water conservation, the Forest Group pointed out the importance of using wastewater if possible. One option for the group may be to use part of Mahalakshmi Park and they have also applied to pursue this. The Forest Group thanked them for coming forward with their project, however suggested that they approach the Green Group to get their advice on potential options for plots and take it from there.

3. Possible house exchange and support for green issues (Michelle): As mentioned in the Maarch meeting, Michelle would like to exchange her apartment in Luminosity for a place in the greenbelt. She would also like to offer her help in linking up the groups involved with land care and allocation. Potential key

topics for improved communication are encroachment and land allocation.

4. Building extension (Achilles for Velu): Achilles expressed his support for Velu and Sudha to build a kitchen extension onto their house, which is in Baraka forest, near TLC. Sudha intends to start a catering enterprise. The kitchen would measure approximately 5 x 4 meters. The Forest Group suggested that they return with a drawing of the proposed extension to the next meeting.

5. HT line GM and TDCs notes (Group discussion): The Forest Group discussed possible next steps after the GM presentation and the subsequently published opinion of the TDC. Some of the conclusions were:

- The Forest Group would like to emphasise their concerns about the situation escalating and becoming even more polarised than it is at present.
- To avoid escalation, both the Forest Group / YC and the TDC will need to work in cooperation and with mutual respect.
- Can we jointly commit to work together in these ways?

Next meeting: Infinity, 3 PM, Friday, 7th May



Auroville Town
Development Council
L'avenir d'Auroville

UPDATES

ATDC Exhibition - We cordially invite the residents of Auroville to the exhibition of L'avenir d'Auroville at the ground floor of Town Hall. The purpose of the exhibit is to apprise the community of our raison d'être, roles and responsibilities. We also strongly believe that to manifest Auroville, few members in working groups are not enough. As Aurovilians, we all need to do our bit and manifest it together. We hope this exhibition will show the purview of development and each individual shall find some connection and will come forward to contribute. Let's Manifest Mother's Dream Together.



*L'avenir
d'Auroville*
**COMMUNITY
CONNECT**

Community Connect Ep.2 23rd April, 3 to 5 PM Unity Pavilion

In our second edition of the monthly Community Connect session, we would like to update the community on developments related to infrastructure, SSN, furthering the outcomes of Auroville Retreat 2015, HT Line, collected inputs from our recent meetings with the neighborhood of proposed sites in RZ 1&2, etc. We welcome constructive conversation from community members to progress positively.

Every Fourth Friday, 3 to 5 pm, Unity Pavilion

Call for Grant Proposals - SDZ Funding in 2021

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting soon to review grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier. **The last date for submitting proposals for this call is Monday, 26th April 2021.** You are welcome to submit earlier or send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date. *(If you plan to submit a proposal, please carefully read this full announcement to the end!)* All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments, emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in. Please note that in case your proposal is not ready by this date, another call for proposals for SDZ will be announced later this year.

Only those initiatives that can be carried out under prevailing COVID conditions will be considered. The Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within the SDZ funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation.

Stichting de Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;

- initiatives that seek to enhance the efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- initiatives requiring seed money (micro-projects) for innovative and informal education and training, women's development, outreach as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that funds are generally not available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville. Stichting De Zaaier has also indicated a preference for funding projects where the maintenance of Aurovilians is either provided by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

A grant application form and budget request spreadsheet are available from pcg@auroville.org.in or may be downloaded from the same announcement on Auronet.

NB -If you have already received funding for a project through the PCG, please send in a progress report/status update (if the project is ongoing) or final report (if the project has been completed or all funds have been utilized) before making an application for a new grant.

Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by all concerned School Boards prior to the Project Coordination Group review. (Please contact all individual schools before submitting your proposal to them.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school boards, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

FMI or assistance please write to pcg@auroville.org.in The last date for submitting proposals for this call is Monday, 26 April 2021. Please submit earlier if possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pondy Bus Schedule correction

It has come to our notice that an older Pondy bus schedule was submitted to the April issue of the News & Notes Regular Activities supplement. It was printed and distributed before the error got noticed. **The correct departure time of the Monday afternoon trip to Pondy is 2:50 PM from Verite**, and not at 4.20 PM. So there are two mid-afternoon trips: one on Monday and one on Saturday. The full correct schedule is available on Auronet: <https://auroville.org.in/article/84224>, & is attached as the last page of this N&N.

Warmly, Dany (Visitors Centre) and Annemarie (Auronet)



We are happy to announce the creation of a new service, **TO BE MENTOR** ? with the support of the Entry Board/Entry Service. The link provides details: <https://auroville.org.in/group/be-mentor>. It's a sharing place for exchange about the role, responsibility and challenges of being a Mentor, & emphasizes the essential tasks of the Mentor for a smooth and thorough integration of the future Aurovilians in the Auroville community. We will be glad to welcome you soon .. ;-)
~ Ishta, for **TO BE MENTOR** ...?



Taxi share - AV to Bodhi Zendo, Saturday, 1st May, early AM. Peter, 780 709 4073.

Auromode HIVE: A New Co-Working Space with the Comfort of Home at Auromode

The Team of Auromode HIVE invites you for the **Opening Puja on Thursday, 22nd April at 10:30 AM** and then to the **Open House from 11 am to 6 pm**.

We hope you will make this new adventure that we are about to partake in a grand success. **ALL are Welcome**.

Naturellement closed on Earth day, 22nd April (our company day)

We will as usual keep our production & the restaurant closed. Before celebrating, we will begin the day cleaning trash, from Udyogam, covering the whole area up to Aurobakhti, Horizon & Upasana. Starting 6.30 AM at Naturellement - you are most welcome to join us!
- The Naturellement team

Announcing ANLO FRESH by Sankar Devi (Promesse Community), a registered Auroville activity, **delivering fresh (non-frozen) seafood, chicken, mutton, beef, pork (boneless or bone-in)**. Please send us your order, (name, address, community) before **10 PM on WhatsApp 7094437739** and receive delivery the next day before 10 AM. Minimum order: 1 KG. For enquiries call 948 636 7247.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST - Huawei phone on Mon. 12th, cycling between Isaiambalam Guest House & Surrender. If found, email [veronique simple@hotmail.com](mailto:veronique.simple@hotmail.com) or call Peter 780 709 4073. Thanks!

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, Aurovilian 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:

- Isabelle PIEGAY (French)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Marko BOSKO (Croatian) staying in Auromode and working at Aurofilm
- Peter LLOYD (British) staying in Angiras garden and working at AV Today & Terrasoul Farm
- Sankar BALAKRISHANAN (Indian) staying in Matrimandir Caretaker House and working at Matrimandir
- Veronese ROBIN (Canadian) staying in New Community (Certitude) and working at Upcycling Studio



Marko

Peter

Sankar

Veronese

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Mrinalini SEKAR (Indian)
- Ramesh SUBBURAYAN (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- Auromaheshan SHIVA (Indian)
- Jianghao XU (Chinese)

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.

"HANGOUT" at Center Guesthouse Saturday, April 24th, 2:30 - 6 PM

Our recent Easter gathering was an enormous success with close to 50 people in attendance, including 12 children for the Easter Egg hunt that was expertly orchestrated by Julietta!



Please note that there will be no Hangout on Saturday 17th!



As usual (on the 24th) you & your friends & family can come by any time and stay as long as you want, it's totally informal. Whether you want to play games, or just chat with friends or meet new people of all ages, please do come on by and join in ... it's fun! We will have some juices, coffee, tea and cookies for which you will either need to please make a modest donation, or bring some cake, sweets or snacks to share with all. The usual board games will be available and if you have a preferred game set at your home bring it along and look for partners to play with. All ages are very welcome. - Don and Shivaya

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Come and get wonderful Auroville veggies, fruits, rice and more from Auroville farmers every 2 weeks on Saturday at the Farmers Market!

Why would you come?

- > Support Auroville farmers,
- > Support our local economy,
- > Get healthy organic items harvested the morning itself,
- > Generate a low carbon footprint as all the produce comes from Auroville's regenerative farms, on our door.

Deepanam School's Kaleidoscope magazine - issue 24

https://issuu.com/faithclass/docs/mar_issue_24

(Have a look - you'll be proud of these kids! - Ed.)

Let's Talk about Death

Saturday, 17th April, 3 - 5 PM
Unity Pavilion

A presentation from the FAREWELL Team

Buffet dinner and Live Music at the Visitor's Centre,
Saturday 17th April, from 7 PM.

Matthew & Hubert bring their unique blend of Jazz and Blues, tinged with good old Rock & Roll, to the VC once again.

Le Morgan cafe (Town Hall) is open for dinner, 6-9 PM

We've added varieties of dosa to our dinner menu. Please come & enjoy our delicious Indian food in the evenings with a peaceful atmosphere. - Thank you, Le Morgan team

Ganesh Bakery Café -Kottakarai Plaza

Open for breakfast & lunch till late evenings, with varieties of traditional healthy dosa and vegan offerings. Please come and enjoy delicious Indian food. - Ganesh bakery Team



HEALTH

The Dilemma of Dairy
Saturday, 17th April, Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
3:30 to 4:30 PM followed by Q&A

We have all been brought up thinking that dairy is nature's perfect food. But is it really the health food that we believe it is? I grew up as a vegetarian and loved dairy. Then I understood its darker side. Now I know that many lifestyle diseases are linked to dairy. If you are open to understanding more before you are affected by one of these, then join me for this talk. There will be an open-ended Q & A session after it.

Registrations are not required. However if you are registered, you will be informed about any changes since these are uncertain times. (We do not expect any changes). <https://sharan-india.org/events/the-dilemma-of-dairy/>

MATRIMANDIR



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@auroville.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



WORK OPPORTUNITIES

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

LOOKING FOR

Vacuum cleaner. Our daughter has a dust mite allergy and we need a vacuum cleaner that is powerful enough for dust mites. Contribution offered. Kshitij, 63748 97533, neonite@gmail.com.

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

Kindle w/ backlight, thin cotton shorts & tops, size s/m to help me stick to my "no buy" new challenge for life :) stigmatad@gmail.com if you have these lying around.

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

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 apt. - table, chairs, table lamp, curtains, tools (saw, cutters, screwdriver, etc.) Damaged items OK - I can repair. 709 434 4154, ivana@auroville.org.in

AVAILABLE

Moving Sale - Against contribution: **TVS 100 Heavy Duty 1 Touch /Petrol / Green / Reg Date 25/01/2019 /Insurance paid. Inverter 6 yrs old, good condition, 8 hours run. Tables, fridge w/ big freezer.** Anne, WA 735 886 7414 or 887 041 3603.



Smart TV, «Thomson», 5 mos. warranty w/ soundbar; decorative standard lamp; two decorative tables (lg/sm), a set mixer tap w/ shower head & two separate water taps; folding screen w/ hand-made print in room; two bathroom screens (new). 8 940 689 101 or maitreevich@gmail.com

Everest double booster for AC's - up to 1.5 tons. Working range 100 - 300V. Excellent condition. michaelz@auroville.org.in, 262 2865 / 94866 50268.

Water filter and modem- available in Serendipity (pka. Joy Community). Aquaguard water filter (1 1/2 yrs old), needs repair so we can give it for free. If not for use, still good for spare parts. The modem is ~2 yrs old & is in perfect conditions, offered at half the original-price. Pass by Serendipity (pka. Joy Community) Mon-Sat, 9 - 12 & 2 - 5). Love, Serendipity team ☺

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.

GREEN MATTERS



If you've created a small pool to beat the summer heat, don't overfill it. Lower water levels will reduce water loss due to splashing.

With love from the Water Group, helping Auroville become a water-sensitive city.

watergroup@auroville.org.in / www.aurovillewater.in



We would like to remind you to please empty your medical syrups, pickles and other stuff from bottles and clean them before sending them to us. There has been a huge increase of half full bottles and it is not possible to recycle any bottles (plastic or glass) when there is anything still in them. Since we are trying to reduce what gets landfilled, Kali personally, with the help of a volunteer, has to empty and clean each and every bottle. We would rather put that time and energy in other domains of our work! This is a basic respect and help we require and expect from all Eco Service users. Thanking you for your understanding. - The Eco Service Team

Carbon Converter

Auroville Consulting has launched Carbon Converter, an online calculator for transport emissions. The Carbon Converter, a greenhouse gas emissions calculator, currently calculates your transport emissions across the following modes of transport: flight, car, bus, and rail. You can add multiple modes of transport, trips, and passengers. You can check the details here: <https://carbonconverter.io/>. If there is any feedback about the tool, please write to us at carbonconverter@aurovilleconsulting.com. Thank you for your continuous support.

- Warmly, Auroville Consulting Team

Restoring Biodiversity

Here's a link to an interesting article about this by Peter Diamandis on Chandresh's blog page: <https://auroville.org.in/article/84296>



A new program by Suryamayi from next week live every Tuesday at 11:00! Enjoy and stay tuned!

Here you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7).

Here you can see on-air schedules.

[Lunaria - ep.11 "Dasha Mahavidyas & Female Siddhis: intro to Kali and Tara"](#) (Women health)

[The Wazo Methodology, with Auroson and Chandra - ep.3](#) (Humour)

[Savitri, B. IX, C. II, Part 4](#) (Integral yoga)

[Soul Tracks - Se.2 ep.9 "Music chosen by Paul Blancheflower"](#) (Music)

[Aarohan - ep.21 "Khalifas of Kirana Gayaki II"](#) (Music)

[Audible Weed Walk - ep.36 "Weedy plants, linking to our tradition - Go Bitters"](#) (Edible weeds)

[Happiness, Love and Laughter - ep.96 "Success!"](#) (Wellness)

[Neo Urban Chronik - ep.39 "Cold head in hot weather by Paul & Alisson"](#) (Humour)

[Tamil Epics - ep.1 "மணிமேகலை"](#) (Tamil culture)

[Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi -354](#) (Integral yoga)

....and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org

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



“India NoseLove - Happiness Matters”, initiated in Auroville, is a tribute to Sri Aurobindo & HH the Dalai Lama for India’s 75th birthday.

We are requesting and **inviting you to contribute to a special book** which will include archival photos of Sri Aurobindo and Mother, visits His Holiness made to Auroville, visits that the students from the Building Bridges program made to Dharamsala and other photos of happiness and clown noses (NoseLoves) made out of Nungus (seeds from the Palmyra tree).

We request that you send a short writing (poem or prose) or a drawing etc. - that you feel you would like to share. You are most welcome to share your experience of Sri Aurobindo and HH the Dalai Lama that bring you happy memories and experiences that have transformed and/or impacted you.

If you would like to contribute your write up /insight; and find you are not able to do it by yourself, you are most welcome to contact us and we can find a way to do this together. We would love to have your voice and your heart heard. We are also exploring and looking forward to hearing from you or having a group gathering where together we can share experience and write them down. **Please contact us by April 23** and we can then organize a gathering the following week. Or just send us your finished write up or drawing!

- With happiness, gratitude and love, Kalsang and Fif
kalsang@auroville.org.in; fif@auroville.org.in; www.noselove.org

Ambassadors of Goodwill and Collaboration

The Forest Group (represented in name) and some who have been preparing and presenting the GM on the subject of “HT line through Bliss green area and Youth Center” have set in motion a movement that needs to be viewed in context of development, collaboration and honesty in talking of engaging in relevant areas of work for the planning, implementation and manifesting the Galaxy plan and the broad outlines that have been laid out since the inception of Auroville.

Everyone one of these persons know from the day of joining Auroville that there have been broad outlines of how the city will be brought into manifestation.

Coming down to brass tacks, I would like to invite these green beltlers to come forward and focus on how going forward they will show extremely professional engagement, presentation and results on managing the large tracts Auroville forest and green belt assets/acres of donated lands with same alacrity that they keep on defending a small patch of recently planted so called “forest”. There is enough work for Glenn, Gijs, Christoph and all the well-wishers and supports to come together to put together excellent environmental studies for the whole of Auroville master plan area in context of city, area, green buffer zone, green forest areas, water tables etc. etc. Also look for productive agro forest and agro farming asset utilization for the next coming ten years. Bring together all the enthusiasts and get to work. That is collaboration for a work that is sorely needed. Take up the challenge and show their mettle.

There has been very good planning setup by the recent ATDC initiatives and shown at the last Friday open forum for allowing a large set of enthusiasts to build the city as per DDP mapping methods for all the zones. Let those interested and focused to building the city bring together collaborators to carry that forward.

There have been very good infrastructure work plans (Water, Electrical, Fiber infrastructure) rollout strategies and work in progress which is very much visible and a lot of residents are enjoying the benefits from it. Let those who are focused and working on this very critical area of infrastructure also collaborate with the planners and go forward.

There is enough work for everyone with goodwill to focus in their area of engagement to work manifesting the city with elaborate green buffer zone.

Let’s move forward. At this point suave opposition that is carried out by people now and crudely over decades and being passed onto next generations does not behoove Auroville ethos. There is enough work and scope for engagement for everyone. Not all will be satisfied anytime -- that is not the goal of Auroville anyway. N’uf said.
- submitted by Chandresh

Farmer, Healer Or Clown

Auroville is a small town,
With farmers, healers and even few clowns.

This town has a few thousand people,
From all over the world, here sprinkled.

We all come here to unite,
Create, share and celebrate life.

I found my self here in twenty twenty,
If you ask me why, my mind turns empty.

But God had a reason hundred per cent,
Not a leaf moves without his consent.

So here I am, living life as New Comer,
Marching to the beat of The Divine Drummer.

I have a free will that formulates,
An individual as unique as a snowflake.

But that individual is no more disconnected
From the joy and wisdom that is easily detected.

Now I feel the passion and a purpose in life,
An eagerness to create and share with my tribe.

Taking baby steps without expectations,
Towards no goal, just enjoying the transformations.

With Each step I feel the bonding and freedom
If you trust my experience, this is no contradiction,

So I experiment with an open mind in this town,
Whether to be a farmer, a healer or a clown.

- Pawan, NC

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



CENTENARY OF THE MOTHER’S RETURN TO SRI AUROBINDO (1920-2020)
Monday, 19th April, 4 PM

A documentary slideshow by the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education recounting the Mother’s journey in Her own words from childhood till Her final arrival in Pondicherry.

From the slideshow, we get to know interesting details about the Mother, born on 21 February 1878 in Paris and named Blanche Rachel Mirra Alfassa. Her parents had emigrated to France a few months before her birth. Neither of them was religious. Her father, a banker, was a practical and rather easy-going man who loved taking his children to museums and gardens and the circus. Her mother was an intense, serious, strong-willed woman who believed that the goal of life was to make constant progress and strive for perfection. She wanted her children to become the best in the world.

About her mother, the Mother once said: “When, as a child, I used to complain to my mother about food or any such small matter she would always tell me to go and to do my work or pursue my studies instead of bothering about trifles. She would ask me if I was born for comfort. ‘You are born to realise the highest Ideals’, she would say and send me packing. She was quite right, though of course her notion of the highest Ideal was rather poor by our standards.” Duration: 48min.

The film is also available at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdOn907PRBg>

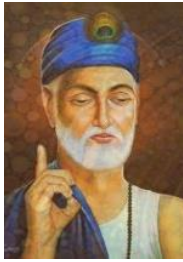
CELEBRATING THE SACRED

Celebrating the Sacred in Mystical Poetry
Wednesday, April 21, 4-5:30 pm

Presented by Prof. Sehdev Kumar
Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

Celebrating Love

The Secret of All Secrets



Sakhis of
the poet-sage

Kabir



Tuesday, 20th April, 7 PM at Cripa

Presented by Prof. Sehdev Kumar in the original, w/ trans-
creations by Aurovilians in English & other languages.



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

The Auroville Choir
Open rehearsal

We are happy to share with
you our work-in-progress



Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th April
7:30 PM at CRIPA

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

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 tunes of one or two songs every
week or simply sit back and in-joy the music.
Open to all. Voluntary contributions to support the
artists are welcome.

When: Fridays, 7 am to 8 30 am
Sundays, 5 to 6:30 pm

Where: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas
contact: sheetal@aurouville.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.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS



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

Why So Serious?

Find the Clown in You

Have Fun, Gain Confidence & Get to Know Yourself

Friday April 23, 9.30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture



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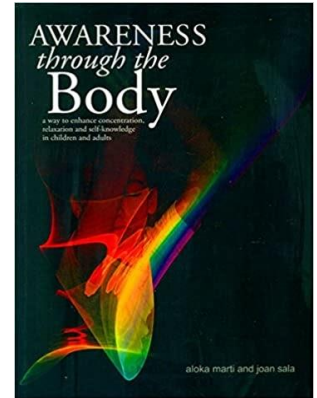
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An Online Fundraiser for Auroville City Services
(Please share with your friends all over the world.)

Join us for a very special
opportunity to experience
Awareness Through the Body
with co-founder Aloka via zoom
on April 23rd! Aloka rarely
teaches online, ATB is an
Integral Yoga practice that
enhances concentration, relax-
ation & self-knowledge. It offers
ways to discover the existing
connections between mind,
emotions and the physical body
and to integrate these different
parts into a more harmonious
whole, organized around the
inmost center.



On Zoom: April 23rd, 7:30 - 10 PM Eastern Time (US)
4:30 - 7 PM Pacific Time (US), April 24th, 5 - 7:30 AM (IST)
10:30 AM - 1 PM Sydney Time (AUS)

REGISTER BY CLICKING THE LINK:

https://aviusa.org/aloka/?blm_aid=39418

This event is a benefit for Auroville's City Services, which
provides for the community's basic needs, like education, shared
infrastructure, healthcare, and maintenances. Register by
making a donation of any amount - you will then receive an email
with the link to join the zoom event. We now accept Google pay,
Paypal, credit cards and donations in international currencies.



Quiet Healing Center, Auroville

www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@aurouville.org.in

+91 413 2622329 / +91 9488084966 (mobile)

Watsu 1 (TF) w/ Dariya & Daniel
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd April (9 AM - 6 PM)

During this course you will learn to connect the basic Watsu
movements and positions with long, gracefully flowing
transitions and 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

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Chakra Healing Workshop with Tania
Friday, 23rd 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 and 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.

Heartfull® Meditation Workshop with Avantika
Saturday, 24th April, 9.30 - 11.30 AM



“Concentrate in the heart. Enter into it; go within and deep and far, as far as you can. Gather all the strings of your consciousness that are spread abroad, roll them up and take a plunge and sink down. A light is glowing there, in the deep quietude of the heart. It is the Divinity in you - your true being. Hear its voice, follow its dictates.”
 - The Mother

Come learn how to make this a reality with the sacred techniques of Heartfull® Meditation. These techniques will help you to understand Sri Aurobindo's dictum "All Life is Yoga" & connect to his teachings in a deeper way.

Avantika Nirupama has been studying Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's teachings, and Heartfull® Meditation, for 20 yrs. She is a certified yoga teacher and translated some parts of Savitri in Marathi and Hindi. FMI: rememberlight@gmail.com

Balance: A Body-Mind Practice

Santé therapists Osnat (physiotherapist) & Dan (NLP/hypno-therapist) will offer a physiotherapy program for improving balance & fall prevention for Senior Aurovillians (65+)

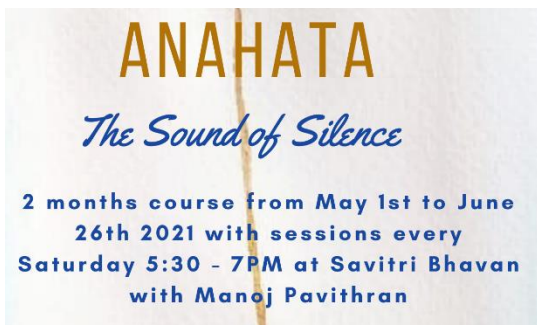
from April 22nd, 2021 onwards, Mon & Thurs 9 - 11 AM

Duration (8 sessions) from Thurs. April 22nd - Mon. May 17th
 Venue: Arka Yoga hall

The program involves learning tools from different disciplines to bring a change in your motor and cognitive patterns for better balance, improved muscular control and self-confidence.

Participation limited to 16 persons. Pre-registration required. To register: Osnat@auroville.org.in or dan@auroville.org.in

In cases where participants may not have access to email, they can reach out to Santé reception (262-2803) for assistance.



REGISTER BY APRIL 23, 2021

Why Silence?

Silence: the condition of the being when it listens to the Divine
 - The Mother

A silent mind is the first step towards true knowledge and the experience of the Divine. - Sri Aurobindo

Silence is the source of True Progress, source of highest inspirations, a place within where strength is restored and the greatest devotion is born.

What is Silence? *Silence is the absence of all motion of thought or other vibration of activity.* - Sri Aurobindo

Who is it for? Aurovillians, newcomers and long term volunteers. Only those who commit to the full course will be taken.

Limited to 15 - 20 participants

Fee: None, it is an offering. If anyone wishes to offer something they can make a donation directly to Savitri Bhavan on their own. Apply now at <https://bit.ly/328cXhA>

Manoj is a practitioner of integral yoga since 1989 and has been living in Auroville since 1995. His films on integral yoga can be found at www.sopanam.org. He is offering this course to strengthen his own personal practice. He has found that committing to a group is one of the most effective ways to bring discipline into one's personal practice.



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in healing and transformation

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contact@auroville-jiva.com

Vedic Astrology Webinars w/ Vikram Devatha
Sat AMs from 17th April

10-11 AM OR 11.30 AM-12.30 PM IST

Video recordings available if you miss any day.

The Path of the Soul -

24th April, 9:30 AM - 1 PM

Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall



After a short Introduction, we journey with a guided meditation to the 3 Layers of the Heart, the Hladina Method, based on the philosophy of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo, to experience our Inner Self. This experiential workshop is aligned with the Integral Yoga & The Mothers work with subtle bodies. Facilitator: Sigrid Lindemann, faculty in integral regression therapy and advanced classical homeopathy

FEASTING ON LIGHT™

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

“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.



Registration required for the following intensives:
 Verite @ 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7094104329 or
programming@verite.in, treatments@verite.in

Ovarian Breathing Feminine Alchemy -
for Women only- w/ Nadia

Thursday, 22nd April, 9 AM to 4.30 PM

Our female anatomy (breasts, ovaries, and uterus) offers the most energetic potential of the whole mind-body organism. Ovarian breathing helps us connect with this energy, freeing the flow of the body's fluid systems. This helps not only to prevent and treat disease, but also to live a richer, more 'fertile' (meaning creative) life. Because many of our "blockages" stem from beliefs rooted in our family/cultural conditioning, the process is also oriented to emotional and mental cleansing. The aim is to align mind, emotions and body, allowing us to return to a state of integration and unity with ourselves and our environment.

Please note: Ovarian breathing is not appropriate for women who are pregnant or have certain health issues. Prospective participants are required to complete a medical form which will be provided upon registration.

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Alchemical Breathing Circle - for Men Only - with NADIA
Friday, 23rd April, 9 AM to 4.30 PM

An opportunity for men to explore their own male anatomy and sacredness of their body-mind. Guided breath, movement & meditation practices help you connect with the energy of life & release "blockages" to intimacy & sexuality, often rooted in family/cultural conditioning. The aim is to live a life that is healthier, richer, & more 'fertile'--not only in the sense of conceiving children, but also for manifesting ideas, projects and more. Aligning mind, emotions & the physical body, and allowing a return to a state of integration and unity with yourself, your relationships and your environment.

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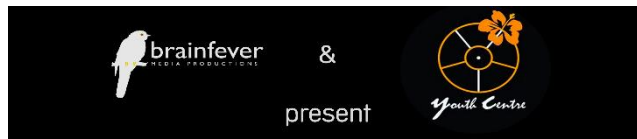
FREEDOM FROM FEAR - with DR. SEHDEV
Saturday, 24th April, 9 AM to 4.30 PM

Fear, and anxiety, passivity, ambivalence, depression- are pervasive emotions / personality traits, which often have far-reaching impacts on every aspect of our lives. Drawing from Buddhist philosophy, existential psychotherapy and Integral Yoga, we will explore both the theoretical underpinnings of the phenomenon of fear and the practical ways of addressing it on a day-to-day basis.

FILMS

KINO AUROVILLE

Invites you to a presentation of a Kino Kabaret that began on the 14th of April at 2 PM. The films made in 50 hours time will be screened on the **16th of April at 4.30 PM** at MMC/CP. All are welcome! kino@auroville.org.in



EVER SLOW GREEN

RE-AFFORESTATION IN AUROVILLE, SOUTH INDIA

a documentary film

film screening @ Youth Centre's Pizza Night

Come and enjoy this award-winning documentary about Auroville's reforestation under the night sky and with a slice of pizza at hand!

Saturday, 17th April,

Anitya Outdoor Cinema

Every Sunday at 7 PM in Anitya Community (located past Centre guesthouse at the end of the big **8.30 pm** cricket field) Please come on time, bring a blanket, socks and anything you need to feel warm + mosquito repellent. See you soon!

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) Breaking away from convention, this family went on a five year journey to find a new perspective on life. Their life with tribal communities around the world has led to a thought-provoking documentary cinematic experience of ancient, earthly wisdom.



Eco Film Club @ Sadhana Forest

Friday, 23rd April

Last Chance to See - Aye Aye

2009 / 59 minutes / Tim Green

Twenty years after Douglas Adams and Mark Carwardine traveled the world in search of some of the most endangered animals, Stephen Fry joins Mark to retrace their journeys. In this episode, Mark and Stephen visit Madagascar to learn more about an endangered and peculiar primate, the Aye Aye.

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 :)**



FRIDAY 23rd APRIL, 8 PM
MMC Auditorium, Town Hall

POWAQQATSI: LIFE IN TRANSFORMATION"

Directed by Godfrey REGGIO, USA, 1988; Music by Philip GLASS
Synopsis: It is the second film in the Qatsi trilogy directed by experimental filmmaker Godfrey Reggio and the sequel to Reggio's experimental 1982 film, Koyaanisqatsi! Powaqqatsi is a Hopi neologism coined by Reggio meaning "parasitic way of life" or "life in transition". While Koyaanisqatsi focused on modern life in industrial countries, Powaqqatsi, which similarly has no dialogue, focuses more on the conflict in Third World countries between traditional ways of life and the new ways of life introduced with industrialization. As with Koyaanisqatsi and the third and final part of the 'Qatsi' trilogy, Naqoyqatsi, the film is accompanied by an original music score from minimalist composer Philip Glass. -Duration: 1h37'

Note: The film will be presented by Param P. Tomanec, filmmaker and student of G. Reggio. Also, there is a high possibility that the film director will be online with us after the screening! Covid, please follow the current SOP.



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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)

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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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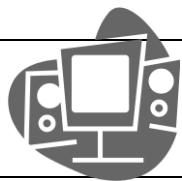
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Transparency can come only as a result of a perfect sincerity.

- The Mother





Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 17th 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.

Eco-Film Fest After a gap of one year due to lock-down, 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.

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!

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.*

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.

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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