

Auroville

NEWS & NOTES

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RA EDITION



PONDERING

“There can be no real freedom of thought where a padlock is put upon freedom of speech.”

- Sri Aurobindo, *The Human Cycle: The Peril of the World-State*

HARD DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: **TUESDAY 3PM**

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of Harmony, Goodwill, and Truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
- Please AVOID CAPS letters
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to **newsandnotes@auroville.services**
- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- 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 3pm**.

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While our editors strive to ensure the accuracy of the information presented, we cannot guarantee that all information is free from error or omission. Additionally, we cannot be held liable for any alleged misinformation provided or offence caused by the content published. In the event of any dispute, we encourage readers to consult with the Auroville Council, and we reserve the right to suspend the publication of disputed material. Our commitment to providing an open and inclusive platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas remains steadfast.

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It is hard for us to imagine what the vision of such a universal being could be. With our mental outlook, we might be tempted to think that total knowledge of the three tenses immediately removes all the unpredictability of existence. But this is applying to the supramental consciousness characteristics and reactions that belong uniquely to the mind. The way of perceiving and experiencing the world is different. The supramental consciousness is not anxiously turned toward the future as we habitually are. Everything is exposed before its eyes, but it lives time divinely: every second of time is an absolute, as filled with plenitude as all the millennia combined. It is the utter perfection of time. In ordinary life, we never live in the present; we are either thrust ahead by our hopes or pulled backward by our regrets, because the present moment never quite meets our expectations; it is always lacking something, always terribly empty. For the supramental consciousness, each thing is at each instant fully what it should be and as it should be. There is a constant, unalterable bliss. Each portion, each image of the great cosmic Film is full of all the preceding images and all those that follow; it lacks neither future perspectives nor past memories. 'That bliss which is most large and full and without a gap,' says the Rig Veda (V.62.9); that unwounded Delight, says Sri Aurobindo. It is also the utter perfection of space. We are forever seeking new things or new objects because each thing lacks all the other things that are not present in it; our objects are as empty as our minutes. While for the supramental consciousness, each object, each thing it touches feels as full and infinite as a vision of the immensities or the sum of all possible objects: The Absolute is everywhere... every finite is an infinite. And there is a sense of ever-renewed wonder arising not from surprise but from the constant rediscovery of that eternal infinity, that timeless Absolute in each space-bound object and each second of time. There is an utter plenitude of life. Indeed, our finite, temporal life is not full at all; it is terribly wanting: we have either to turn our backs on the temporal to find timelessness, or to renounce our need for infinity in order to experience the finite—while the supramental plenitude finds infinity in the finite and timelessness in the temporal. It lives spontaneously every sound, every object, as well as the immensity that contains all seconds and all objects; and these are two simultaneous ways of experiencing and perceiving the same thing.

Not only does the supramental consciousness have a cosmic status, but it also possesses a transcendent one, and the two do not contradict each other. And not only are they not contradictory, but their simultaneity is the key to true life. Life is deficient not only because its objects are empty and its time fragmented, but also because of its lack of foundation and solidity. All religions and spiritualities have sprung from this fundamental need in man: To find a permanent Base, a refuge of peace outside the chaos, uncertainty and suffering of the world—something utterly untouched and protected. Then, in the course of our quest, we suddenly emerged in a stupendous Silence, a Vastness outside the world, which we called God, the Absolute, or Nirvana (the words are unimportant): we secured the great Release. This is the fundamental experience. Whenever we approach that great Silence, everything changes; we feel Certainty, Peace, like a shipwrecked man who has found a rock.

Nothing in life is secure; only that Rock never fails us. That is why it is said that God's kingdom is not of this world. Sri Aurobindo's experience, too, had begun with Nirvana, but it ended with the plenitude of the world. This apparent contradiction is central to our understanding of the practical secret of true life.

The mind, even the overmind of our prophets, is irreversibly bound to dualities (dualities within Unity): if God is above, He cannot be below; if this is white, it is not black. For the supramental experience, however, everything is embraced; *it is always yes and no at the same time*, the Mother remarked. The two poles of each thing are constantly integrated within another 'dimension' ('the secret inner spaces,' as the Vedic rishis called them, II.4.9). Thus, the Transcendent is not elsewhere, outside the world; it is everywhere here, at once fully within and fully without. The supramental consciousness, likewise, is fully in the world and fully outside the world; it is seated on the unshakable Rock *and* in the middle of the current. This is why it can truly enjoy life and be in control of life; for if we are exclusively in the current we find neither peace nor control; we are merely carried away like a straw. We might be able to guess what the supramental experience is by going back to the first experiences of the beginning of yoga. Indeed, we had noticed that by stepping back in our consciousness, by a slight movement of withdrawal, we entered an expanse of silence behind, as if a portion of our being were forever gazing upon a great white North. Turmoil, suffering, problems are outside, yet we make a slight movement inward, as if crossing a threshold, and we are suddenly outside (or inside?) everything, a thousand miles away, free of any concern, reposing on velvet snow. The experience eventually becomes so natural that in the midst of the most absorbing activities (on the street, while talking, while working), we can plunge within (or without?), and nothing exists any longer except for a smile; it takes merely a second. Then we begin to know Peace; we have an impregnable Refuge everywhere we go, in any circumstance.

(to be continued next week)

Satprem, *The Adventure of Consciousness, Chapter 15, The Supramental Consciousness*

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#053

With love and gratitude, For and on behalf of Gangalakshmi (HOMA), Zech



STATEMENT FROM THE COUNCIL REGARDING NEWS & NOTES

Dear Community,

We are happy to announce that our community bulletin, the "News and Notes", can be published again in its integrity as a service to the whole community.

This is important for several reasons. First, the News and Notes has been and must remain the historical reference and link between all residents. Its content must not be controlled by a faction of opinionated residents, nor by an administration outside of the Residents' Assembly.

Second, the "News and Notes" is an important (and official) bulletin for services, units, working groups, trusts, etc. The partial or altered publication of their announcements would undermine the functioning of our collective organisation.

Third, freedom of expression is a fundamental condition for the realisation of a free society, and a pillar for the realisation of Auroville. Naturally, this implies that some basic principles are understood and followed in this publication: respect, responsibility, care.

Over the years, the News and Notes evolved to be a newsletter with high standards: graphical presentation, adoption of modern editing and distribution tools, reducing its ecological impact, etc. More importantly, the different teams have worked hard to maintain its independence and neutrality. Alas, the previous editors felt they were not in a position to maintain this absolute necessity given the present situation.

After a lengthy process to resolve the situation with the editors failed, the Auroville Council was left with no other option but to initiate a transition to a new team. See the details in the report of the Council below.

The previous editors did not hand over the keys, office space, passwords, email account, intellectual property and equipment as requested by the Auroville Council. Instead they indicated that they would publish a journal with the misleading title of the "News and Notes", controlled and censored by individuals of the Auroville Foundation Office. Naturally, we are deeply saddened by this situation, and we expect some confusion with two publications.

Hopefully the transitional period won't be long as the members of the community adapt to this new situation and shift their habits.

Until then:

- The distribution of the News and Notes will use the existing mailing list;
- Please make sure that all articles, notes, reports, announcements are sent to the new email address only: "newsandnotes@auroville.services". In order to avoid confusion, we suggest not sending any contribution to the previous editors;
- During the transition period, the new editors will include the content still published by the previous editors, including eventually the reports from the Auroville Foundation Office, the Governing Board and the groups of residents endorsed by them;
- The distribution of printouts (paper copies) will initially be limited to collective spaces in Auroville such as the library, restaurants, etc. Please switch whenever possible to an online edition;
- There is an updated disclaimer to be used by the editors, which reflects the current situation:
- "Please note that the opinions and views expressed on these pages are solely those of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect the position of the editors or the larger Auroville community. The News & Notes aims to provide a platform for the publication of diverse perspectives and voices from multiple sources within Auroville.
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- In the event of any dispute, we encourage readers to consult with the Auroville Council, and we reserve the right to suspend the publication of disputed material."
- The editorial guidelines remain and are available at this link.

We would like to affirm our commitment to the publication of a News and Notes that is truly an inclusive communication platform for the community as a whole and we look forward to your support in this endeavour.

At Her Service,

Auroville Council

Ashwini, Balaji (on leave), Claudine, Riju, Philippe, Samrat, Shiva and Suryan

FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

Dear Community,

The Council had few meetings with Roy and Agnijata in which we amicably discussed the necessity of News & Notes continuing to be a newsletter created by the residents for the residents, in which diverse views are published.

Regular correspondence was going on with Roy and Agnijata expressing, on behalf of many residents, our disappointment at their not being able to publish articles sent by RA-appointed working groups and suggesting fair ways to approach the challenging situation they described. Unfortunately there was little or no response to these communications, though in our conversations with Roy we always felt there was mutual understanding of the situation and that he was willing to help us through this difficult phase. At the same time, we had enough exchanges to deduce that there were concerns that there may be consequences if they did not agree to the guidance of the office of the Foundation.

After several weeks and reminders by email and phone, there was no change in the position of the two editors.

At this point, the Council sent an email with a final date by which they were to confirm that they would resume publishing articles from all groups, failing which, we would be obliged to replace them.

This email also remained unanswered so a resolution was issued by the Auroville Council to Roy and Agnijata on the 24th of March 2023, dismissing them from their positions at the News & Notes.

Please find below a timeline of our interactions and correspondence with the managers/editors of the News and Notes, Agnijata and Roy, from the time when they stopped publishing material from RA working groups until now. This shows that the decision to remove them from this position was not taken lightly or suddenly and that we tried all ways to find solutions to work with them, individually and as a team

We have a team of competent people ready to run the News & Notes and still await the handover of all intellectual property, accesses and hardware from Roy and Agnijata.

If you have any questions or would like clarifications please contact us at avcouncil@auroville.services.

Sincerely,

Auroville Council

Ashwini, Claudine, Balaji, Phil, Riju, Samrat, Shiva and Suryan

TIMELINE OF INTERACTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS:

24.12.22 - The N&N editors receive a message from the AVFO working group instructing them to stop publishing articles from the RA-selected working groups, threatening legal action against the editors if they do not comply.

29.12.22 - From this week onward, all contributions from the RA working groups were excluded by the editing team.

02.01.23 - The Council invited the managers of News & Notes to have a meeting with them, convey their support for the work that they were doing in the given scenario. The editor shared with us in detail the helplessness of the team in avoiding censorship. [The reference emails are available only on request to Council due to the severity of the content]

04.01.23 - The Council made a statement to the community at the request of the News and Notes managers, asking the community to be sensitive about what they send for publication because this newsletter is not only read by residents of Auroville but also by many outside of Auroville.

05.01.23 - A New Years message from the RA Working Committee is published without their official designation, but with their first names only.

06.01.23 - The News and Notes forwarded us a letter from a member of AVFO groups, that demanded that the News and Notes does not publish anything from the RA selected groups and that they need to consult with the Secretary of the AVFO before publishing material from any of the RA selected working groups.

09.01.23 - AV Council sent an email follow up to the meeting. Two options are proposed so that the N&N can continue to maintain a neutral stance and all sides can be heard fairly, which is particularly important as the court cases are not concluded. The proposed solutions are 1) For the team to remove the official designations from all the groups (RA & AVFO) or keep the designations for both sets of groups so that they are presented fairly, and 2) for the team to inform the relevant group if the editors feel that a particular announcement is contentious. This would have allowed the working groups an opportunity to reword the announcement. AV Council did not receive a response to this email.

We are informed by Roy that he met with the Secretary to discuss the situation. Allegedly, she confirms that submissions of articles from working groups selected by the residents of Auroville should not be validated through the inclusion of their announcements in the N&N. The team allegedly asked her at this meeting when the RoR update will be completed by her team and she states that it will be completed by 31st March.

05.02.23 - A petition in the form of an open collective letter to the N&N editors is initiated by a few residents. This letter requests that they resume publishing announcements from the RA groups, or step down.

10.02.23 - AV Council sends a follow up mail to the N&N editors. Noting that they have not received a response to their previous email and therefore do not seem to be willing to continue to serve the community as a communication platform that allows different views to be expressed, they ask that the team step aside within one week to enable a new team to run the newsletter.

14.02.23 - The results of the collective letter are announced. A total of 497 valid signatures were received, 426 Auroville Residents and 71 AVI Members and Auroville well-wishers.

24.02.23 - A reminder email is sent from AV Council to the N&N editors asking them to respond by 27.02.23

28.02.23 - An email is received by AV Council from only one of the editing team, as they are seemingly unable to agree on a joint response. It is apparent that they will not change their editorial stance as they feel unable to go against the demands of the AVFO. [The reference emails are available only on request to Council due to the sensitive content]

06.03.23 - The AVI Board writes to the Secretary. Amongst other requests they ask that she "allow[s] the editors of News & Notes to be inclusive and include the reports of the RA groups as well, as it used to be".

12.03.23 - AV Council sends an email to the editing team saying that they are actively looking for replacements for them and asking them to hand over the passwords and keys to the AV Council by 18.03.23. The email states "We hope you can understand that this is not a personal matter. The News & Notes is a community-led and community-financed platform for sharing information, and it is of utmost importance that it remains so". The Council does not receive a response to this email.

24.03.23 As it is clear that the editing team will not be able to uphold the News and Notes as an independent newsletter belonging to the residents of Auroville, the Council passes a Resolution to remove them from their positions.

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 178 DATED: 27-04-2023

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovillian in writing to auroville.entryservice@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- **Sonia MALIK SHARMA (Indian)** staying in Swayam and working at Sante and Health Center
- **Azhagammal KRISHNAN aka Amudha (Indian)** staying in Harsha GH, Celebration and working at Upasana
- **Krishnan DEVARASU (Indian)** staying in Harsha GH, Celebration and working at Solar Kitchen



- **Punithaveny RAJKUMAR (Indian)** staying in Djaima and working AV consulting



- **Punithavathy VENGADESAN (Indian)** staying in Protection and working at Matrimandir



NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Lea SALENS (French)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Prabhu PONMUDI (Indian)** staying in Forecomers Caretaker House and working at Forecomers Forest
- **Satheeshkumar GAJENDRAN (Indian)** staying in Humanscapes and working at Serendipity



LEFT ON THEIR OWN:

- Alena DEMIDENKO

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been returned and should not exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
- A Newcomer becomes an Aurovillian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.
- The date of becoming Aurovillian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.

- A confirmed Aurovillian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVF).
- A Resident of Auroville is eligible to become an executive of a Unit or Service of Auroville and to get an ID card issued by the Auroville Foundation.
- A meeting with the Secretary of the AVF will be arranged by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary and not at any personal request.

Yours,

The Entry Board

(Alain, Dheena, Grace, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan, Matilde, Ramanarayana, Sonja and Swadha)

Entry Service Timings:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30am—12:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday: Newcomer kits, 2:30—4:30pm

0413 262-2707, auroville.entryservice@gmail.com

FROM THE RA WORKING COMMITTEE

NEW CASE FILED AND HEARD ON 25TH APRIL

Dear community,

We, as the Working Committee duly selected by the Residents' Assembly (RA), recently filed a case that was heard on 25th April 2023 at the Madras High Court, against persons posing as the "Working Committee". The case is called a Quo Warranto wherein these 7 persons (Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi and Tine) have to prove in the Court that they are representing the RA and have valid grounds to call themselves the "Working Committee".

Mr. S. Ramaswamy, a senior counsel, appeared for the Working Committee selected by the Residents' Assembly. He argued that:

- 4 of these 7 persons were specifically dismissed by the RA.
- Not only did they violate the decision of the RA by refusing to relinquish their Working Committee membership, but also overreached the provisions of the Auroville Foundation Act by dismissing 3 members selected and further endorsed by the RA.
- Subsequently they selected 3 new 'interim' members without taking the consent of the RA.
- No policy decisions should be made by these 7 persons who dubiously claim to be representatives of RA 'Working Committee' till this matter is disposed of.

Mr. A. R. Sunderasan, Additional Solicitor General, appeared for the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, who is also a respondent.

The Judge heard the matter and admitted (accepted) the case. A notice will be issued to the 8 respondents (the individuals calling themselves the 'Working Committee' and the Secretary).

We will share the court order once it is uploaded.

Faithfully,

Your Working Committee

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ATTEMPTED TAKEOVERS

Dear Community,

We would like to share with you the advice that we have offered to the executives and managers of units and services who have received requests for online meetings with the Secretary, in which it was communicated verbally that there will be changes in executives and teams. Not everyone who was contacted attended these meetings, and in several cases, including those who didn't attend the meeting, this was followed very quickly by access to auroville.org.in email accounts being blocked.

Due process is not being followed, according to their own Standing Order ([attached](#)) and the Code of Conduct of 2017 (approved by the GB). Therefore we advise that no one considers handing anything over or stepping down until and unless the following is produced:

1. A resolution from the relevant trust
2. A resolution from the 'FAMC' signed by the JSFA (Joint Secretary, Finance Advisor to Ministry of Education and ex-officio member of the GB) who is listed in the Office Order appointing the 'FAMC' according to Section 16 of the AV Foundation Act.
3. An Office Order from the Office of the Secretary.

More information that would be needed in any handover:

- A clear date when responsibilities go from current executives to new ones, with names.
- Certain things that are cleared and handed over such as: financial responsibility (accounts and balance sheets), assets with inventory list, data, legal responsibilities (pending or ongoing cases in court, eg), etc.

It may also be useful to understand point 2 in a bit more detail.

Section 16 of the Auroville Foundation Act says:

16. Committees of the Governing Board.—(1) The Governing Board may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its duties and performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) The Governing Board shall have the power to co-opt as members of any committee appointed under sub-section (1), such number of persons who are not members of the Governing Board as it may think fit, and the persons so co-opted shall have the right to attend the meetings of the committee, and take part in the proceedings of the committee, but shall not have the right to vote.

This means that only GB members have 'voting' rights/authority in any committee created by the GB under Section 16. The current GB FAMC has been created under this Section with only one GB member included, which is the Finance Advisor of the Ministry of Education, who is an ex-officio member of the GB. Therefore, he is the only 'FAMC' member who can sign decisions and actions of the 'FAMC' and would have to be the one to sign any resolution to change executives.

Yesterday an Office Order ([attached](#)) was shown to executives at the Visitors' Center, in which a number of entities were listed with individuals named under each that were being 'appointed' in positions of responsibility by the Office of the Secretary.

A few points to note:

- The entities listed were a mix of trusts, units, services, a board and a 'task force', all being clubbed in one Office Order and appointments being made in the same way;
- A number of the individuals listed have either not been asked or have been asked and declined;
- It is stated that this has been discussed with the Governing Board jointly by the Working Committee and the Funds and Assets Management Committee. **We, the Working Committee duly selected by the Residents' Assembly, were not consulted in this matter and do not agree with the way in which these changes are being implemented, where once again the wider RA is being sidelined and ignored.**

If individuals claiming to be newly appointed executives or team members appear on site and do not produce the above documents and do not accept a refusal to withdraw and hand over, please inform us immediately.

In community,

Your Working Committee

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli

FROM THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION COUNCIL

Dear Community,

We would like to remind you of the existence and continued service of the 'CRP3C' (Conflict Resolution Policy, section 3 Coordination) group in responding to certain cases of conflict. As per section 3 of the policy, these types of cases include: violence or threats of violence, substance abuse (alcohol or drugs), psychological health issues, etc.

As communicated previously by the AV Council, the CRP3C group took shape during meetings in 2020, in response to a need to support the AV Council and the Working Committee to connect key city services (Working Committee, AV Council, AVSST, Maatram, AVCP, etc.) and resource people. The objective was to build a collaborative and coherent response to cases that come under section 3 of the CRP. Finally, this group was formed in 2021 around the time that Restorative Auroville and Koodam (platforms to facilitate conflict management) were closing down.

Other conflict situations can be brought to the attention of either the Conflict Resolution Council (for conflicts between Aurovilians) or the Working Committee (if non-Aurovilians are involved).

The CRP3C group: Angelo F., Anandamayi (AVSST), Ashwini, (AVC), Balaji (AVC absent), Chali (WCom), Dan, Ganesh, Honor (AVCP), Mukta, Saif (Maatram), Shivaya, Sophie (Coordinator/admin), Suryan (AVC)

The CRC team: Ashwini, Balaji (absent), Shiva, Sophie (Coordinator/admin), Suryan and Svenja (TOS)

Contacts:

Conflict resolution Council (CRC): avc.conflict@gmail.com

CRP3C group: CRP3.auroville@gmail.com

OBITUARY

MALI OF UTILITY PASSED AWAY

On Monday 24 April, long ago pioneer Mali left his body in Spain.

As Alfonso of AVI Spain wrote to us:

== *The Mother herself gave him his name. Mexican by origin, he was Ashramite and Aurovilian and by the Mother's mandate, he founded the Utilité community.*

Those who knew him will have their pros and cons about him, but never indifference. The Sri Aurobindo Center in Barcelona has sent us a video where he recites, in Spanish, the poem 'The Triumph Song of Trishuncou'. ==



One of the lines of the Trishuncou poem by Sri Aurobindo is "My spirit shall avoid the hungry tomb..." Knowing Mali's exuberant energy and undaunting spirit, he may have gone far beyond indeed.

Our warmest salutations to an old comrade on the path.

OM~

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance (24/7):

- Auroville—9442224680
- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

- Auroville Safety & Security Team—9443090107
- Auroville Police Station—0413 2677318
- Kottakuppam Police Station—0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station—0413 2677368

Health:

- Health Center—0413 2622123
- Santé—0413 2622803
- Farewell—8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Vandrevalla Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

LIST OF ACRONYMS:

AVF (Auroville Foundation), **AVFO/FO** (Auroville Foundation Office), **GB** (Governing Board), **RA** (Residents Assembly)

The following groups are divided in two categories: The groups selected by the Residents Assembly through Community decision making Processes and the groups put together by the GB and the FO (not recognised by the Residents Assembly).

Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

Working Committee (WCom)
 Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)
 Budget Coordination Group (BCC)
 Town Development Council / L'avenir d'Auroville (TDC)

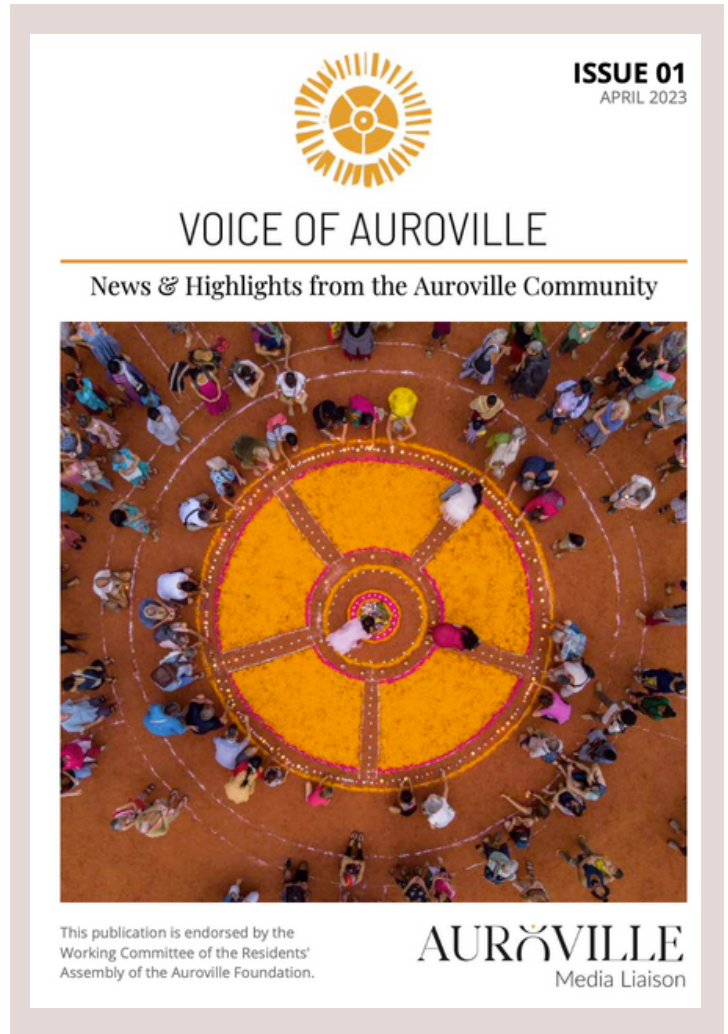
Auroville Council (AVC)
 Entry Service (ES)

FO selected groups:

Working Committee (WC)
 Funds and Assets management Committee (FAMC)
 Budget Coordination Group (BCC / BCS)
 Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)

Housing Service (HS)
 Land Board (LB)

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You can find the Issue here:



FO GROUPS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO FAMC

CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS

March 2023

A more detailed report is available on the AuroNet

Summary

Summary	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	5,36,03,143.60
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	4,61,24,161.08
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	9,97,27,304.68
Total Payments	2,61,66,410.38
CS Ending Balance(Includes BOB)	7,35,60,894.30
Monthly loss/gain	1,99,57,750.70

Internal Contributions

Source	Total
Commercial Units	1,88,94,977
Services	1,89,82,419
Aurovilians, Newcomers, & Friends	24,02,565
Internal Total	4,02,79,961

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIIR	55,00,000
Government of India for Other	—
Other Contribution	2,91,200
Project Contributions	—
Foreign Contributions	53,000
External Total	58,44,200

City Services Payments

Heading	Total Payments
Education	42,03,095.52
Children & Youth	35,51,188.99
Social Support	35,48,628.46
Organization	32,29,490.31
Health	16,91,746.41
Village Education	12,89,247.38
Prosperity Services	12,10,030.13
Forests	11,87,149.46
Contingency	10,24,672.02
Outreach	9,39,756.68
Culture & Sports	8,09,296.71
Land	8,01,535.48
Matrimandir	7,34,905.67
Security	7,15,533.48
Farms	5,37,130.88
Roads, Cycle Paths, & Transport	2,56,625.26

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City Planning	2,02,758.56
Housing	1,58,980.52
Utilities	50,381.85
Projects	24,256.59
Total	2,61,66,410.38

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CS CONTRIBUTIONS, SOME CLARIFICATIONS:

External donations and grants-in aid are not subject to 33% contributions. Depending on accounts and balance sheets, some units' surplus may include the donations and/ or grants-in aid. The unit will need to clarify this to the BCC.

In case an Auroville project/ entity/ activity/ unit is generating income and donating part/ full of the profit to another Auroville project/ entity/ activity/ unit then this donation needs to be done AFTER 33% contribution has been made to the city services. Any donation over Rs 50,000/- needs information/acceptance to/ from FAMC. Large donations to non Auroville entities are not permitted.

Services supported by BCC and getting donations/ collections AND creating a small/ big buffer for themselves are currently under scrutiny. Bridging maintenance for people who have been working for these services for a long time needs to come from this buffer. BCC cannot support these requests under the current situation.

Profit making units are expected to take care of bridging maintenance of their Aurovilian personnel.

If you have enough corpus collected in the bank for running a non-profit activity within Auroville then maintenance, health fund and CS contribution for your personnel needs to come from the interest on that corpus fund. Support cannot be expected from BCC under the current situation. CS contribution waiver cannot be expected.

All income generating work-whichever trust it may belong to-needs to be contributing to City Services

Auroville needs to be moving in the direction of Prosperity. The road to it may be bumpy but we believe it can and should be smoothed out and currently that process is going on. What may look like some harsh measures are necessary for getting clarity out of the extremely complex system that we have created in the past. There are few rules but many exceptions. Prosperity is the only answer for many questions regarding GST as unconditional offering is the only giving that can claim GST exemption.

*In Her Service,
1+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0 = 1 (Equals One),
Geeta for FAMC*

ANNOUNCEMENT

The IACC dog shelter which was operated by Mr Peter C.S. and Mr Kannan Krishnan has now a new management. The facility is now under supervision of a new team of executives Ms Daniela Keller and Ms Lore Dossche from 11.04.2023. The facilities are properly registered as the 'Auroville Dog Shelter'. It is a registered unit under the Service Trust of Auroville.



- Please direct your valuable donations to the 'Auroville Dog Shelter' through the Auroville Unity Fund, Financial Service account # 251391. All your support is appreciated.

In case of doubt or questions, please call +91 8939449413
Tine for FAMC and Working Committee

CIRCULAR
13 April, 2023

This is to inform that FRRO has issued 'Leave India Notice' to Mr. Mael Shanti Vidal, Passport No. [REDACTED]. Hence, his name be removed from ROR and access to AuroNet, Auroville emails etc to be revoked with immediate effect.



This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.
B.S.Sathyarayan, Accounts Officer

Copy to: Working Committee, Auroville
Auroville Foundation Bhavan, Auroville—605101 (TN)

COMMUNITY NEWS

RELEASE OF THE 1000TH ISSUE OF THE NEWS & NOTES in Tamil and French!



Dear readers of 'News and Notes', hello! We are happy to announce the release of our 1000th issue of 'News and Notes'.

The Auro-Translation service was established almost 23 years ago, in October 2000. We started in an office located in

the campus of the former Aurelec workshops, the first computer assembly unit in Auroville, and from where the team of the News and Notes, the weekly Auroville newsletter, published till then only in English, was already operating.

While the 'maintenance' of the translators was paid for by the Central Fund of Auroville, Claude Jouen took care of the rent of the office, the purchase of second hand computers, etc...

Swar for the French, and Thillai for the Tamil volunteered to participate in this adventure; 23 years later they are still there! Afterwards Vatchala, then Chitra came to assist Thillai for the Tamil edition. For several years now, we have also received the precious help of BB for the French edition.

Why Auro-Translations? Claude J. had read that Mother wanted us to use 4 languages in Auroville: Tamil, because Auroville is in Tamil Nadu, French because it is a clear and precise language, Sanskrit because it is the mother of many languages, and finally English as a language of international relations.

At that time, only English was practiced and imposed in the lives of Aurovilians. Inspired by Mother's words, Claude decided to create this service and when the cause is just, everything happens as it should! A place was found and very soon Thillai and Swar joined Claude Jouen.

After the construction of the Town Hall and Multi-media Center, in the center of Auroville, it was only natural that we move there, following the News and Notes team.

For the benefit of non-English speaking people, and to facilitate the understanding of the decisions taken by the different working groups of Auroville (Working Committee, FAMC, Council, etc...), the Auro-Translations service was intended to translate the announcements and reports coming from these groups.

In particular, the Tamil edition now plays a very important role in the community.

Twenty-three years of working together with the same core team is surely unique in Auroville!

We hope to continue this service for many years to come!

Best regards, Chitra, The Auro-Translations team

GRATITUDE

GRATITUDE FOR AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER



Possibly a year ago, in New Community, we had a female dog that started being on a corner and sometimes crying in pain. We did not know what to do, so we called this service. Two Volunteers came the same morning—one an Indian young woman and one foreigner. Quickly they went to the dog and they took it in the vehicle. I have to say I was very surprised, with the efficient attitude towards the animal... she was quietly resting under one of the ladies in the vehicle, very quietly! I rang the following day, they told me that was under observation and with some medication, and it would be possible that she will have surgery. A week later they called us to say that the dog had passed away.

We were quite shocked, they did a lot, they did not ask for any money... such an incredible AV.Service... We asked them how we could contribute to their work. Just send something to us, it will be helpful.

Thanks people for your skill and full of love work, on Service to Auroville.

Anandi ayun, New Community, Certitude

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE

THE LAND FUNDRAISERS NEWSLETTER 24 April 2023



This is the month of The Mother's definitive return to India to collaborate with Sri Aurobindo, and our April Darshan bulletin is devoted to the Shakti power—the dynamic principle of energy behind all manifestation. In this issue, we share articles by three Auroville Shaktis—two pioneers and a volunteer—plus we announce the happy news of the purchase of new land for Auroville, entirely made possible by donations to the Acres for Auroville land campaign.

A4A Flier—24 April 2023

Each of the Matrimandir's four entrances bears the name of one of the great Shakti forces. We see the practical results of Shakti all throughout Auroville's Master Plan area—the designated space whose consolidation is still in need of completion. In English with pdfs in French and Tamil.

• <https://land.auroville.org/a4a-flier-24-april-2023/>

LFAU Letter—24 April 2023

Auroville's aims, energy and goal are all based on an ascent to something higher than where we are now. And, as in every ascent, the most important thing is patience, endurance, and perseverance, born of faith. In English with pdfs in French and Tamil.

• <https://land.auroville.org/lfauletter-24-april-2023/>

Two New Plots just purchased near Certitude

We are happy to announce that 2023 kicked off with the purchase of two new plots. Both are located in the City area near Certitude, adding 2.20 acres of new Auroville land, completely financed by A4A's donors whom we very warmly thank!

- <https://land.auroville.org/newplots-purchased-near-certitude/>

My Life in the Service of Truth—by Mallika

In 1973, Mallika saw a French television report about Auroville. She then left everything to come to India with her two young children, devoting her life and energies ever since to helping build Auroville, The City at the Service of Truth.

- <https://land.auroville.org/my-life-at-the-service-of-truth/>

My Very Existence to Transform—by Sudha

Sudha came to Auroville ten months ago as a volunteer via the Deeksha Program. In what she calls a richly transformative year, she has brought her energy, enthusiasm and talents to the many rich events of this special 150th year.

- <https://land.auroville.org/my-existence-to-transform-by-sudha/>

Auroville's Unity Pavilion and Art for Land 2022—2023

Here is Jaya's report of the 7th year of Art for Land—the encouraging solidarity received, the exhibitions and events at the Unity Pavilion, plus a preview of the ones to come! A4A warmly thanks all the artists and the AFL team!

- <https://land.auroville.org/the-afl-report-by-jaya/>

Inspiring Quotes—The Divine Shakti

We are pleased to share excerpts from Chapter VI of Sri Aurobindo's book 'The Mother' where he describes the four great Shakti powers—Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, Maheshwari, and Mahasaraswati—and their roles for the material manifestation.

- <https://land.auroville.org/inspiring-quotes-the-divine-shakti/>

We thank you for your support for the land!

- Contact: lfau@auroville.org.in and +91 413 2622657
- Donating:
 - <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/> and
 - <https://land.auroville.org/donate/>

*Love and gratitude plus Happy darshan,
Mandakini*

AWAKENING SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Tuesday, 2 May, 9am—12noon

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on Tuesday, 2 May, at 9am—12noon

- Focus: The Great Stair of Existence
- Led by: Ashesh Joshi
- Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele
- Contact: 9489147202.

Please be present by 8:45am

All are Welcome, Ashesh Joshi



AMPHITHEATRE—MATRIMANDIR

Every Thursday at sunset, 6 to 6:30pm
weather permitting

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music

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



Reminder to all

- The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you. Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm and until meditation ends.

Surya & Velmurugan

DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

- Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 6 to 6:45pm
- Thursday, 5 to 5:45pm



Submitted by Arun

SAVITRI BHAVAN May 2023

Exhibitions

- **Meditations on Savitri:** The series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is now on display in the picture gallery
- **Glimpses of the Mother:** Photographs and texts in the Square Hall
- **A new Bilingual Exhibition on 'Sri Aurobindo: A life sketch in photographs'** with texts both in English and Tamil is displayed in the upper corridor

Films

- This month NO FILMS

Talks

The Fifth talk in the new series on 'Fundamentals of Sri Aurobindo's Philosophy in Savitri' by Larry Seidlitz will be on Error, Falsehood and Evil

- Tuesday, 2 May, 4—5pm in the Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan

Full Moon Gathering

- Friday, 5 May, 7:15—8:15pm in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Dream Divine Series

The new project 'The Dream Divine Series' started in the month of March 2023 is to make newcomers understand the Aims and Ideals of Auroville and learn about the Life and Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and Integral Yoga.

- Wednesday 4:30—5:30pm, weekly sessions. The series will include Presentations, films, talks, etc., followed by a Q&A session.

Regular Activities

- Sundays 10:30—12noon: Savitri Study Circle led by Larry Seidlitz
- Mondays 3—4pm: Self-Surrender in Works—The Way of Gita led by Dr. Jai Singh

- **Tuesdays 3—4pm:** Readings of the words of The Mother on Aims and Ideals of Auroville led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4—5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Tuesdays 4:30pm:** Mudra-chi led by Anandi
- **Tuesdays 5:30—7pm:** OM Choir led by Narad
- **Thursdays 4—5pm:** Videos of The English of Savitri led by Shraddhavan
- **Fridays 3—4pm:** Readings and exploration of 'The Triple Soul-Forces' of Savitri led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Saturdays 4:30—6pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Exhibitions, Main Building and Office** are open Monday to Saturday 9am—5pm
- **Library and Digital Library** is open Monday to Friday 9am—5pm

Everyone is welcome

Submitted by **Dhanalakshmi**
for Savitri Bhavan Team

DREAM DIVINE SERIES



Directed especially at newcomers, Savitri Bhavan has launched a project called 'The Dream Divine Series'. The goal of the project is to make newcomers understand the Aims and Ideals of Auroville, learn about the Life and

Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, and the Integral Yoga.

There will be a weekly session every Wednesday, Birth of True Mental Sincerity, 4:30—5:30pm.

The series will include presentations, films, talks, etc., followed by questions and answers.

To be a True Aurovilian

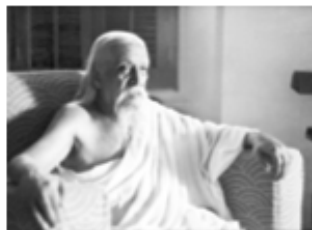
- **Wednesday, 3 May, 4:30—5:30pm,**
- **Presentation on 'To be a True Aurovilian'** In the Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan, everyone is welcome

FUNDAMENTALS OF SRI AUROBINDO'S PHILOSOPHY in Savitri

A series of monthly presentations by Larry Seidlitz

- **Tuesday, 2 May, 4—5pm,** Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan
- **Fifth presentation: Error, Falsehood, and Evil**

This talk will consider Sri Aurobindo's views on the origin, reason, and remedy for error, falsehood, and evil. If this world has been created by the Divine in the Divine, how have these deviations from the Truth entered it and why are they permitted to take such prominence? How can they be eliminated? By considering key passages in both his prose works and in Savitri on these issues, we will see how Sri Aurobindo's vision gives us a deeper understanding and appreciation of their significance for our life and its difficulties and higher possibilities.



Everyone is welcome

Dhanalakshmi,
for Savitri Bhavan Team



BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Calendar of Regular Events for May 2023

- **Thursdays, 6:—6:30pm:** Meditation
- **Tuesdays, 5:30—6:30pm:**
Reading 'The Mother's Questions & Answers—Vol. 7' in English by Rama Narayana
- **1 & 15 May, Mondays: 4—5pm:**
Reading 'The Sunlit Path' in English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi
- **5 May, Friday, 6:30pm:** Full Moon
Reciting Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra for 30 min.

Many thanks, **Tixon**

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Edayanchavadi, Auroville
Kshetram2014@auroville.org.in



COMMUNITY SHARING

RESPONSE TO WORKING COMMITTEE'S POST On Auroville Dog Shelter

Following the post of the WC regarding the state of the Auroville Dog Shelter, we, the IACC Support Team, would like to give our perspective on the matter. Having been involved with the shelter for many years, we feel we are able to shed some light on a confusing situation and clear up what we feel, are many misunderstandings. The situation at the shelter is, and has been extremely complicated and would take a long time to fully explain, but at least we would like to give some focussed and specific feedback regarding the points that the WC raised in their rapport.

• **Point 1:** 'The Working Committee entered the Auroville Dog Shelter on 15.04.2023 with the new executives Daniela Keller and Lore Dossche. The Auroville Dog Shelter is now a registered unit under Service Trust. Earlier, IACC (Integrated Animal Care Center) was an activity under City Services, and neither the 2 managers Peter C.S. and Kannan Krishnan, nor the activity was registered. We were shocked what we discovered! The entire shelter and the dogs are in a miserable neglected state. Only sick and malnourished dogs everywhere, not one dog without a skin disease, even one dead dog laid there on the ground among the other dogs. We had visited the shelter last on 27th of March, and the dogs were then not in a good condition, but at least a little better. Now it was just horrible. See some photos attached below.'

This is simply not true. There are over 300 dogs in the shelter. To say that there is among those not one healthy dog is hugely exaggerated. We have videos made on Friday evening showing most of the dogs in a healthy state. Of course in the case of a dog shelter there always will be dogs with health problems. That's why they come to the dog shelter in the first place. It is true that in the last month the situation in the shelter has become more challenging as almost all of the volunteers had left. The ongoing conflict at IACC has without a doubt also hampered the work, which is reflected in the wellbeing of the dogs. The increase in temperature has a negative effect on the health of the dogs every summer, with more skin problems arising. Regarding the dog who had passed away (Indigo), this seems to have happened overnight, likely to have been a snake bite. Indigo was seen healthy, happy and loved by a worker and a volunteer in the late afternoon of Friday. Indigo had been at the shelter since he was a puppy and we mourn his passing.

• **Point 2:** 'The fridges and freezers are not working because the electrical system has collapsed.'

All electrical equipment at the shelter is in a working condition except for one freezer which stopped working several days before and repair was being arranged. Several of us visited the shelter on Friday and witnessed the electrical system working properly.

• **Point 3:** 'The two IACC managers had not been seen at the shelter for the last weeks.'

Peter was always managing the back-office part of IACC. He did not work physically at the shelter. Kannan has continuously come to shelter all this time, but he became unwell in the last weeks, yet still coming on an almost daily basis, including Friday. During the past months, this conflict has had a detrimental effect on Kannan's health, yet he continued his various duties for the dog shelter.

• **Point 4:** 'the shelter was run by 5 workers and a few volunteers and sporadic visits by a vet.'

Dr. Kavitha, the official IACC vet, had been coming 6 days a week. There is a register which shows the exact dates and times of her visits.

• **Point 5:** 'All dogs need urgently medical care'

The vast majority of the dogs at the shelter are in good health. Of course there will be a list of dogs that are in need of medical care, otherwise they would not be at a dog shelter. Dr. Kavitha was coming for her work regularly until last Saturday morning, to take care of the health of the dogs, but was relieved of her function, therefore unable to continue the medical care. Dr Kavitha is a professional vet and surgeon with 7 years experience. We can not vouch for or take responsibility for the medical care given since Saturday.

• **Point 6:** 'and better food, not only white rice!'

The dogs at IACC always received 2 meals a day (puppies 4) that consist of rice, cooked with chicken, supplemented with eggs and pedigree dried food. Young puppies also received Cerelac (special milk) and liquid food (gravy with meat chunks).

• **Point 7:** 'In the first week of March, the Animal Welfare Board of India inspected the IACC dog shelter and found it in a very bad state. Even the SOP (Standard Operation Protocol) any shelter has to fulfil by law was violated in 25 out of 35 points.'

The visit from the Animal Welfare Board took place in a positive and collaborative atmosphere. The Tamil Nadu Animal Husbandry department officials (Joint Director and Additional Director) appreciated the difficulties of running a shelter and the problems that could arise. During the visit, the possibility of IACC being included in a new TNGovt scheme and receiving a grant from the TN AWB was mentioned several times. They said they would personally see it to that IACC is included for receiving funding under the scheme. Afterwards they sent some SOP's for improvement and requested IACC to fill out the required paperwork to apply for a grant. It was explained that it would have to be seen with the Auroville authorities how to receive such a grant. Later it was informed that the grant had been approved by the AWB. The fact that these officials were ready to recommend a grant to IACC would seem to indicate that they were sufficiently satisfied with their inspection.

Indeed the AWB has replied to the IACC shelter on 23 March, that they were satisfied with the changes implemented within 19 days of their visit and that they could see that IACC is doing good work and the grants to be allocated by the Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board would help.

The SOP is a general guiding direction for every shelter within the Republic of India and not a hard-&-fast protocol, depending on the location, resources and style of care of every organisation.

• **Point 8:** As an unregistered activity without a legal umbrella, fundraising is not allowed in India. Moreover, Kannan asked donors to donate funds for the IACC directly into his numerous private bank accounts which is a gross violation of Indian law. Donations are legally not permitted to be collected in private bank accounts! When people gave cash

donations, they did not get a receipt. There was not even a receipt book! There are allegations about economical mismanagement, and all this needs to be investigated.

IACC was not just any activity, but a part of City Services, with an account at Financial Service to which BCC made monthly budget disbursements, and individuals/units made contributions/donations.

Donations were also received for Animal Care by Auroville Unity Fund, through the Auroville org website gateway or directly with the availability of 80G tax benefits for Indian donors, and via Talam (QR code).

Some donations were made directly to Kannan's Gpay number by certain donors, when they saw Gpay availability on his telephone number—sometimes even in spite of him telling them not to do so. They did this as they had the confidence that these donations would be used in good faith and due to the fact that Kannan is well known and respected in the south indian animal welfare terrain. Kannan withdrew and deposited the donation amounts into the IACC account and sent the receipt to the donor as proof. Many donors don't like to donate through the auroville payment gateway, they find it quicker and easier to use GPay.

• Here is the explanation of each dog photo which WC attached to their report <https://auroville.org.in/article/95174>

◦ **Foto 1**—Rainbow, this dog has been suffering from severe skin issues already since months. He has been seen and treated with several different medication courses and yet there is no improvement in the skin. He was still under treatment by Dr Kavitha when she was sent away on 15th April. Fotos are there (available on request) from previous months where the dog was with skin issues.

◦ **Foto 2**—Friendly, a grandpa that came from Bark India (Pondicherry) after emergency treatment and was brought to IACC to live out his life quietly and in peace instead of being put back in the street. He is very old and will not fully recover.

◦ **Foto 3**—All what is seen on the picture is blood coming from meat. This does not show anything at all. As explained, all electrical devices at the shelter are working except for 1 freezer that stopped working days before.

◦ **Foto 4**—April, has a severe skin issue and was under treatment by Dr Kavitha when she was relieved of her job on Saturday. All this information is in the register that Dr Kavitha kept.

◦ **Foto 5**—Night, has skin issues and looks skinny but eats well. He was under observation and treatment by Dr Kavitha, as can be seen in the register.

◦ **Foto 6**—Brigitte—this dog is a canine distemper survivor, was treated and remained a skinny girl. Eats well and is healthy and happy. One is not to expect fat pedigree looking dogs to be found at a dog shelter.

◦ **Foto 7**—This is again April, the same dog from ' Dog photo nr 4'

◦ **Foto 8**—Buffy—arrived at the shelter paralysed and was seen by several vets. The paralysis can not be undone and she lives in an enclosure with sand. She is healthy eats well and is a happy dog. A video taken on Friday evening of her is available for those interested.

◦ **Foto 9**—a healthy dog in good shape but with a deformed head. Nothing IACC can do about that.

◦ **Foto 10**—Gloria, was brought by Kannan after a car accident in extremely poor shape, with almost no hope for her to survive. She was completely paralysed and screaming in pain, just skin on bones and

she would not let anyone come near and would try to bite. After treatment at IACC she is walking again and has gained weight. She recently started having diarrhea and so was shifted recently to an enclosure for observation, her enclosure often will get dirty from the diarrhea. This pic was taken before the workers could get to her for cleaning. A video of her showing her in good health and walking is available for those concerned.

- **Foto 11**—Teddy, looks ugly on the outside but is beautiful on the inside. He is suffering from skin issues and was under treatment by the doctor.
- **Foto 12**—Juliette, under treatment for skin issues, an otherwise healthy and happy dog.
- **Foto 13**—Flash, looks emaciated but eats very well and is an active, happy and super sweet dog, who loves to cuddle. He was under observation by Dr Kavitha and got extra meals.
- **Foto 14**—Lili, suffering from skin issues since months and under treatment. Sadly, some dogs react quickly to treatment, some take longer and some never grow a normal coat of hair. At any time, you will be able to find bald dogs at any shelter, this does not mean they are ill or neglected.
- **Foto 15**—Indigo, a precious and loved dog by many, had been at IACC since rescued as a puppy. Indigo was seen and given cuddles by one worker and one volunteer in the late afternoon one day before this awful picture was taken. He was found like this the next morning, there is no way to know what is the cause of death but a snake bite is a possibility. Sadly, it happens in these parts.

Any queries may be addressed to integratedanimal-care@auroville.org.in. **Update:** this address now disabled by system administrator. Please try integrated_animal_care@yahoo.co.in or contact our personal addresses directly

*Submitted by the IACC Support Group
Shivaya, Rita, Tineke, Manas*

EXPLORATIONS IN EDUCATION

with **Dr. Alok Pandey—III**

Sunday, 30 April, 9:30am, Zoom

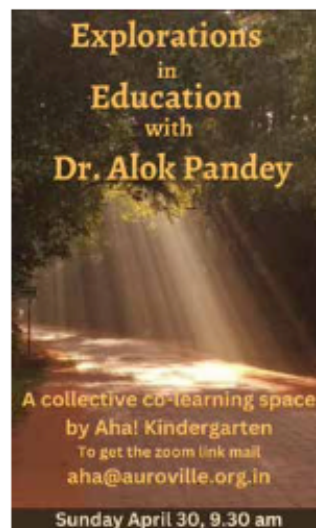
Dear Community, we warmly invite you to yet another session of 'Explorations in Education' with Dr. Alok Pandey. Alok Da has graciously talked to us twice in the past months about a range of topics in education. It helped us understand better themes like purpose of education, role of aspiration in progress, psychic education among many others.

This session is an opportunity to deepen our understanding by sharing our questions and queries with Alok Da.

- The session will be held online via a zoom call on Sunday, 30 April at 9:30am.
- Please connect with us through email aha@auroville.org.in so that we can share the zoom link with you.

Following are some questions to explore together. We invite you to reflect and share any questions you may want to add:

- We said the purpose of education is to overcome our animal instincts and move towards a more divine consciousness. What is this animality? How do we identify it in us?
- What does it mean to say that all knowledge is within us? What is the difference between information and knowledge?
- How important is language and the effect of words while working with children? Especially when we contrast this with other means and ways of communication that we use as humans.
- What does aspiration for perfection mean for children in Kindergarten?
- We talked about the importance of developing a child's own discernment vs. giving them dos and don'ts. How to help the child develop their own discernment from a young age?



EDUCATION

AUROVILLE LIBRARY SUMMER TIMINGS

Starting on Monday, 1 May to 30 June, our new opening times will be as follows:

1 May to 30 June Timings

- Monday—Saturday: 9am—12:30pm
- Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 4—6:30pm
- Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons closed



Current opening timings

- Monday—Saturday: 9am—12:30pm
- Monday to Saturday (except Tuesday): 2—4:30pm
- Tuesday: 4—6.30pm

Katherine for Auroville Library
0413 2622 894, avlib@auroville.org.in
Website: library.auroville.org.in/

HEALTH CARE

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AV HEALTH FUND SCHEME

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



As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from April 2022 till February 2023 have to be processed before the end of March 2023.

Only the medical bills from March 2023 can be paid till the end of April 2023.

The audit service has told not to process any bills from last financial year after March 2023.

Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

Best, Stefan, for AV Health Fund



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

Monday – Friday (9am – 1 pm & 2pm – 6 pm) Saturday (9am – 1pm)

THE ARTS

SARASWATI VEENA CONCERT

Sunday, 30 April, 6pm, @ A Sunlit Path

We welcome for the first time carnatic music to A Sunlit Path through a saraswati veena concert offered by Avanthika Sharath. Join us on Sunday April 30th at 6pm for an evening of south Indian classical music in an intimate setting.



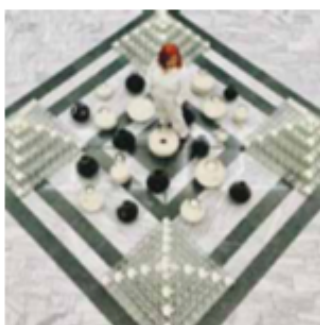
- Space is limited, so please RSVP to book your spot 8870988843

Avanthika Sharath, an enthusiastic Vainika, is an alumna of Kalakshetra and Madras University where she completed her M.Music (Veena) in 2013. She teaches Veena at her academy, Shadjam Academy, at the School of Carnatic Music run by her Guru Smt. Rama Raghuram, and is a part of Arambam Academy, Malaysia. *Sudha*

PITANGA

Miranda's Glass Art Installations

Friday, 5 May, 5—6:30pm



- by Miranda Rumina
- 5 May—1 June
- **Opening on Friday, 5 May, 5—6:30pm**

0413 2622403,
9443902403 WA

info@pitanga.in

Submitted by *Andrea*, for *Pitanga*.

GATHERINGS

AUROVILLE SATURDAY EVENING MARKET

29 April, Saturday, 4—7pm



Auroville Saturday Evening Market this Saturday from 4—7 PM Come and join us with your friends and family for a fun filled local craft artisan market, Indo African drumming circle, open stage for artists, dosa\ sweet idli at

Mohanam Village Heritage Centre this Saturday. Support the local community to share their skills and products, experience a cultural exchange, and community interaction.

- We welcome volunteers, guests and tourists to join us and support us
- Entry charges applicable (inclusive of henna, herbal tea, vada, drumming circle and pottery)

Please contact for further queries or if you want to put up your craft, product or food stall 0413 2190757, 8300949079 or email to mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in *Balu*

ACTIVITIES

TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday, Cripa, 6:30pm

- By appointment: Any time you can do class

Information

- Bring water bottle, socks
- Every month new batch beginner
- Minimum commitment 1month
- Listen more Tango music
- Dance Tango every day by booking for couples or Individuals
- Be on time



For bookings contact us:

- +918637633696, bakisatadance@gmail.com. *Mani*

TRIP TO THIRUVANNAMALI ORGANIZED



I am organizing a group trip to Thiruvannamali every Monday, leaving in the morning and back in the evening. If you wish to join us, please WA @ 9090819998.

Best wishes Arabinda

SALSA DANCE CLASS

- **Beginner Class:** Every Tuesday, 6:30pm
- **All Levels:** Every Saturday, 6:30pm
- **By appointment** any time you can do Salsa, Bachata Kizomba
- **Need To Bring:** Socks, Water, Smile
- **Venue:** New creation Dance studio
- **Register before coming:** +918637633696



Mani, @bakisata_dance



SWIMMING CLASS

- Kids 6+ & Adults
- Courses from beginners to advanced level
- To book contact Mani, +91 8637633696

Submitted by Mani

FOOD FOREST TOUR



Every Sunday, 9:30—11:30,
at La Ferme Community (5min from AV Bakery)

Sign up and infos:

- 9047421044 WA, Sarah
- sarah@avroville.org.in,
- www.youtube.com/myfoodforest

Submitted by Sarah

RUPAVATHI JOY ACTIVITIES

Bio-region Temple Tour

- Every Sunday, 9am—12noon, starting from Solar Kitchen

Indian cooking

- Every Saturday, 2—4pm, at Creativity.

Thai Massage

- Eeveryday after 5pm

If you want to participate, please book it in advance:

- +91 8098845200, Voice and WA
- rupavathijoy@gmail.com



Rupavathi Joy

BAMBOO CENTRE Workshops May 2023

Bamboo Centre Campus Tour

Bamboo centre campus tour offers a holistic experience into the world of bamboo all in one place. Takes you from the bamboo sapling, different species, varieties of raw materials, workshops, products, food and wellness services related to bamboo is curated into an educational tour with bamboo tea and refreshments.



Training and workshop

The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people.

Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

- Daily: Make and Take Hands On Workshops, Experiences and Educational Tours available

One-Day Make and Take Workshops

Furniture Workshop

- 9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Registration one day in advance.

This Immersive Learning Experience that offers the Opportunity to learn the Fundamentals of Furniture Construction and then MAKE AND TAKE the Furniture Piece Back home. This Unique Workshop will take place under the Guidance of an Export.

Bamboo Toys

- 9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Walk-in registration available

Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys at Bamboo centre and take home your own hand made Toys at the end of the workshop.

Bamboo Musical Instruments

- 9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Walk-in registration available

We at Bamboo Centre are happy to share our vast experience and knowledge gained over 15 years. Come and learn to make your own traditional / folk instruments at our centre from professional crafts men and take home your own hand made instrument at the end of the workshop.

Bamboo Jewellery

- 9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Walk-in registration available

Choose to craft, out of bamboo and learn to make your own Bamboo Jewellery at Bamboo Centre from professional craftsmen and take home your own handmade Jewellery at the end of the workshop.

Bamboo & Wood Furniture Workshop

- 12 and 13 May, 9am—5pm

This workshop focuses on small scale furniture making from bamboo and wood combination for example chairs, tables, shelves, etc...

The Bamboo Furniture workshop will take place over 2 days, covering full day intensive sessions offered daily from 9am to 5pm.

Bamboo and Poured-mud workshop

- 25 and 27 May, 9am—5pm

This workshop focuses on construction from bamboo, Poured-mud and various natural materials.

The Bamboo construction workshop will take place over 3 days, covering full day intensive sessions offered daily from 9am to 5pm.

For more information, special requirement, and pre-booking contact:

- Preferred through e-mail bamboocentre@avroville.org or telephone number: +91 8300949081, voice & WA
- Flexible training dates offered to groups
Contact: +91 8300949081, voice & WA

www.avrovillebamboocentre.org
Thanks and Regards, Murugan

HENNA WORKSHOP BY PRIYAJU

- 1—7 May, 4:30—6pm, Basic of Henna Art
- 1—5 May, 2—4pm, Mandala with Heena
- Towards contribution
- @ Mohanam Village Heritage Centre 9671145092, @priya_heena



Regards, Balu

YOUTH INITIATIVES

TECH ELVES

Dear all, if anyone is looking for help with their technology and is in need of assistance, YouthLink's initiative called Tech Elves is for you!

We started it in order to help everyone better understand their technology! From simple things such as adding a contact to your phone to more in-depth tasks like completely backing up your computer, we are available to come once a week and help you with anything you may need concerning your technology.



- If you are interested and would like some assistance, WA/message us at +91 7397787112
- or send an email to Youthlink@auroville.org.in and we will set a time to come and meet you:)

Sanata, the YouthLink Team

HONORARY VOLUNTARY

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day from 6am onwards, and have a vegan breakfast at 8:45am.

Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking. If you would like to contact us:

- sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,
- WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

Looking forward to welcoming you!
The Sadhana Forest team, warmly, Shek

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB INITIATIVE

HR Hub 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



Kitchen Manager/Chef Full time

The candidate must have some kitchen/cooking experience. Full training to be provided as well. Should speak good English. 7 hours minimum.

Production & Quality Manager (Full Time)

The Candidate must have a good compound of English both spoken and written as well as a strong ability to communicate in Tamil.

- Engineering background (optional); Organizational skills; Enthusiastic & Dynamic; Experience in Production Management would be a plus yet is not required.
- Problem solving & willingness to work in a dynamic environment
- This role will be the link between our office and workshop, as well as with all other actors in our production.
- Piloting and controlling our projects will be under your supervision and responsibility.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at hr.hubauroville@gmail.com.

Sara for HR Hub Team

BIOREGIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR

Bilingual—Tamil/English



Inner Climate Academy is looking for a project coordinator to manage their activities in the bioregion, which includes the design, development and management of a fellowship program and other community activities that are being developed with partners in the bioregion. You will be supported by other team members in this role. This is a half time position with half maintenance available.

- [Please see here for more information.](#)
- Please contact amy@innerclimateacademy.org if you are interested in the role.

Amy for Inner Climate Academy (ICA)

LOOKING FOR

Looking for a Fridge

Looking for a fridge in good condition. If anyone has one not using or wants to give away, kindly let me know. Thank you in advance.

Dheena, Aspiration, 9047654077,
8489537303,



dinar@auroville.org.in

Looking For Contact Persons For Jipmer Medical Facilities



JIPMER offers excellent medical services and surgery but due to the many people it serves, it is challenging to go there, and residents hesitate unless a person familiar with the institution can guide them.

The Auroville Council (Subgroup on Health-related topics together with Health Fund team) is looking for individuals that have experience with registration and admittance to JIPMER to help the Aurovillian patients with this paperwork and guide them in the different Jipmer departments.

Our aim is to find 2—4 people (Aurovilians, Newcomers) that have needed experience and knowledge, or are willing to get trained.

If you have some time and can help with this, please write to the Auroville Council (avcouncil@auroville.services) or Health Fund (avhealthfund@auroville.org.in).

Your help will be much appreciated. *Thanks a lot, Shivaya*

Looking for a travel Buddy



I am planning a 4—5 days trip to trek in Kodaikanal area and surroundings, between 5 and 15 May (flexible dates). I would be glad to share the trip with anyone keen on long walks and forest exploration.

- For anyone interested, Marina +393273995849 WA or +919042057821.

Marina

Zuza looking for her forever home

Sweet zuza was the companion of a long-term volunteer, who had to leave the country due to unforeseen circumstances. Now she is alone in an empty space, without any regular source of food. Zuza is very friendly, playful, calm, and loves being around people.

- Contact Edo +91 9843893652 to know more.

Thanks, Edo



AN INVITATION TO SUPPORT US: YOUTHLINK

All of our programs have been free and open till now, both monetarily and in availability. There are no fees, nor are there any age limits to our programs, with the exception of a few topics that may be age-sensitive.

And we plan to keep it that way.

As of April 2023, we have 11 team members (7 Aurovilians, 1 Newcomer, 3 volunteers); and we look forward to growing the team in the near future.

We are currently receiving 4 maintenances from the Budget Coordination Committee (BCC); and we were donated with substantial seed funds which enabled us to maintain and develop throughout the previous year, growing from a team of 5 members in January 2022 to where we are today.

We would like to express our gratitude towards the individuals and units that recognised the values we uphold, which have allowed us to rent and borrow most spaces and resources free of cost. Perhaps not surprisingly, our biggest expense has always been human resources. With every member being paid a City Service maintenance of 18,700 INR, this puts a strain of approximately 1.3 lakhs a month alone on our budget.

We now invite you to join us on this journey, of providing and serving the youth in this heartfelt experiment. There are various ways for you to show your support—through attending our events, collaborating on projects, offering your time and expertise, and through monetary donations to our financial service account 251048 or through our website youthlink.org.in.

We are requesting you to make an investment: to put your hard-earned money and your valuable time towards shaping the people of tomorrow, and the Auroville environment of today.

- You can learn more about us and our work on our website: Youthlink.org.in
- Or visit us at our office under Le Morgan cafe at Town-hall where we will be happy to engage further with you and connect.

Looking forward to connecting with you!

*With much love, sincerely, Namu
For YouthLink Team*



AVAILABLE

Available Security Camera



Security camera wifi smart indoor home, motion tracking, human detection, 360 degree coverage, night vision, two ways talk, instant alarm with app control, recording possibility, motorized motion control by distance, model: EZVIZ C6W...NEW, never used

- If interested, please contact Antariyoti: 0413 2623767 landline, antarcalli@yahoo.fr

TAXI SHARE

To Chennai Airport, 23 April, 6am

Looking to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport with 1, 2 or 3 people. Leaving around 6am on Sunday, 23 April. Contact +49 1628074300 WA or +91 90420 58013 mob.

Morganne

To Chennai Airport, 8 May, 4am

Taxi sharing to Chennai Airport on 8 May at 4am. Please contact vonlieres@gmx.de, 7094812897

Thank you, Hartmut

To Chennai Airport, 7 May, 10pm

Looking to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai airport. Leaving around 10pm on 7 May.

Contacts +491628074300 WA or +91 9042058013 mob.

*Thank you again,
Morganne*

HELP NEEDED

TERRASOUL FARM KITCHEN ROOF



Dear Friends, this time it is about our commune kitchen roof which needs to be replaced. This was seriously damaged during the last monsoon rains. The estimate to repair the roof is Rs 35000. We ask for your financial support. Our FS account 105205, you can label the donation as Kitchen Roof.

*Thanking you
for your collaboration,
Juan
with Terrasoul Farm Team*

A CALL TO ALL AUROVILIANS AND DOG LOVERS!



AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

We are reaching out to you today to appeal for your support in rebuilding the Auroville Dog Shelter. We are a new team and aim to renew and rebuild the shelter completely. This means that we need to build, among many other structures, a proper drainage system, parvovirus and rabies isolation clinics, an individual feeding system, a home for our old-age dog residents, and secure handicapped facilities for paraplegic dogs, among many other necessary improvements. Our goal is to create a loving and caring home for over 300 rescue dogs, many of which are at the moment in a very sorry state of health and need emergency help.

We are calling on the community of Auroville as a whole—every member, resident, volunteer, and dog lover—to join our team and help us rebuild the Auroville Dog Shelter to become a model shelter where dogs will find a place to be rescued, to heal, and to be rehabilitated from their traumas and injuries.

Our vision is to build a shelter in the spirit of Mother's words that 'If we truly love animals, we will treat them with the same love and respect that we would show to our fellow human beings.'

To achieve this, we need your help. Everyone can contribute, either as a volunteer to join our team or by fostering puppies, assisting us in the many daily duties from feeding, grooming, or caring, or helping us to rehome many dogs to reduce the number of residents.

We also need builders to help us create structures, clinics, and enclosures, and filmmakers to help spread the work we are doing through social media. We offer architects a place to come and help us manifest our vision of a new dog shelter filled with the spirit and kindness of Auroville. We need trees to provide shade to our residents and transform the place into a garden of compassion and love. WE NEED YOU!

We welcome donations of recyclable building materials such as wood, bamboo, cloth, or anything else you can spare to help rebuild the shelter. All of your monetary donations will be handled in a 100% transparent manner according to Auroville guidelines. For donations, please use our AV account number: Auroville Dog Shelter 25-1391. You can reach us at aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com—For rescue calls, please WhatsApp us at 8939449413.

'The true measure of a society's greatness is how it treats its weakest members, including animals.' Let us show the world what the community of Auroville is capable of doing by manifesting the new Auroville Dog Shelter as a place not only for rescued dogs but as a symbol of kindness in the true spirit of Auroville.

Please join us in rebuilding the Auroville Dog Shelter as a project in the next 100 days as a community effort in unity and compassion. Let us come together and make this vision a reality.

*Sincerely, Lore Dossche,
Auroville Dog Shelter*

FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

NATURELLEMENT GARDEN CAFE SUMMER SPECIAL!

Dear friends, we invite you to experience our lovely roof terrace at sunset hours. Come and recline on our Thai cushions, feel the fresh evening breeze, and order something refreshing from our menu; salads, gelato, fruit juices and more.

- Opening hours 9am to 7pm, Tuesday closed

Or why not try our new vegan Mezze platter!

- Last order to be placed at 6:45pm. Once the bill is paid you can stay on at your leisure...

Most welcome!

Thank you! Martina, The Garden Cafe team



FREE STORE SUMMER HOURS

Dear Aurovilians & NewComers,

- the Free Store will be open **Monday to Saturday** in the mornings only from **9am to 12:30pm**, for the months of **May and June 2023**.

Please bring the clothes in good condition and clean. We request you to drop your things during opening hours only.

A few times we found the clothes soiled by some pets or even didn't get the dropped things at all.

Thank you for your collaboration!

*With Love & Light, The Free Store Team,
Kamala & Vijaya*



POURTOUS PTPS CLOSED

**Saturday, 29 April and Monday, 1 May
for our team trip**

Dear PourTous Community, we are excited to announce that our team will be taking a well-deserved break this weekend for our yearly trip.

- We will be closed on Saturday, 1 April and Monday, 1 May, but we will be **back in action on Tuesday, 2 May**.



While we're away, we'll be working hard to improve our infrastructure by installing new cameras and upgrading our electrical systems. We hope that these changes will help reduce the theft that has been plaguing our community.

We want to take a moment to thank all of you who have been leaving your bags outside. Your efforts have helped reduce theft by 80%!

Unfortunately, there are still some members of our community who refuse to leave their bags outside. We want to remind everyone that theft costs us all.

In fact, we estimate that some members are stealing at a rate of 2000INR per DAY! That's 6 lakhs per year! If we could eliminate theft, we could lower our prices for everyone.

We understand that it can be frustrating to have to leave your bags outside, but we want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to protect your belongings. We have security cameras and guards on duty at all times. We even have lockers available upon request.

If you see anything suspicious, please let us know right away. We take theft very seriously and will do everything in our power to catch the culprits.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this challenging time.

*Sincerely, Your PourTous Team
Submitted by Joel*

LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA—TRAVEL SHOP

Due to the road construction you can only reach us via the Garden Entrance of Kalpana opposite Humanscapes

- Our e-mail address has changed to travelshop@inside-india.com, landline 2623030



Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant

- Will be at our Kalpana office from 10am—4pm.
- He can also be contacted anytime: +91 9894598686, phone or WA
- or by email: travelshop@inside-india.com
- Emirates announced it will launch a new daily service from Dubai to Montréal, starting 5 July. Montréal becomes Emirates' second gateway in Canada, complementing its passenger services to Toronto, which have been operating to Ontario's capital city since 2007.
- Starting 1 June 2023, Lufthansa will resume regular flight operations with the popular Airbus A380 after a three-year interruption. The world's largest passenger aircraft will fly daily from Munich to Boston. Starting 4 July 2023, daily flights to New York (JFK) will be added to the A380 route network.
- Lufthansa is pleased to remind everyone that they will increase their frequency from MAA—FRA as per the below schedule:
- **Effective 27 March 2023: Lufthansa raise frequency to five flights weekly from the current three flights**

- **Effective 29 June 2023:** Lufthansa will increase our MAA—FRA flight to daily operations
- Emirates, Etihad and Kuwait airways have offers to Paris
- Oman airways has special fares to Milan
- Kuwait airways has offers to Rome
- Sri Lankan airline offer on flights to Paris from Chennai baggage of 46 kg in Economy class, flights are weekly three days Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

Keep all Covid vaccination documents as some countries are again requesting to present them. This could be even the case while returning to India. Keep in mind that one India state has introduced wearing mask in public spaces and Kerala is recommending it too.

Joster

ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am

Dear friends, join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every Thursday morning from 10:30am. Come and learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not-for-profit programs and pick up discounted cloth pads, cups and cloth nappies.



See you soon!

The Eco Femme Team'

AUROVILLE POETRY

BY WALT WHITMAN

A great city is that which has the greatest men and women,
If it be a few ragged huts it is still the greatest city in the whole world.

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These are really the thoughts of all men in all ages and lands, they are not original with me,
If they are not yours as much as mine they are nothing, or next to nothing,
If they are not the riddle and the untying of the riddle they are nothing,
If they are not just as close as they are distant they are nothing.
This is the grass that grows wherever the land is and the water is,
This the common air that bathes the globe.

Walt Whitman

Whitman; this giant of poetic thought with his energy of diction, this spiritual crowned athlete and vital prophet of democracy, liberty and the soul of man and Nature and all humanity. He is a great poet, one of the greatest in the power of his substance, the energy of his vision, the force of his style, the largeness at once of his personality and his universality.

Recent English Poetry, pg. 165,
The Future Poetry
by Sri Aurobindo

AS THE CRUST OF THE OUTER NATURE CRACKS

'This is the first result, but the second is a free inflow of all kinds of spiritual experience, experience of the Self, experience of the Ishwara and the Divine Shakti, experience of cosmic consciousness, a direct touch with cosmic forces and with the occult movements of universal Nature, a psychic sympathy and unity and inner communication and interchanges of all kinds with other beings and with Nature, illuminations of the mind by knowledge, illuminations of the heart by love and devotion and spiritual joy and ecstasy, illuminations of the sense and the body by higher experience, illuminations of dynamic action in the truth and largeness of a purified mind and heart and soul, the certitudes of the divine light and guidance, the joy and power of the divine force working in the will and the conduct. These experiences are the result of an opening outward of the inner and inmost being and nature; for then there comes into play the soul's power of unerring inherent consciousness, its vision, its touch on things which is superior to any mental cognition; there is there, native to the psychic consciousness in its pure working, an immediate sense of the world and its beings, a direct inner contact with them and a direct contact with the Self and with the Divine,—a direct knowledge, a direct sight of Truth and of all truths, a direct penetrating spiritual emotion and feeling, a direct intuition of right will and right action, a power to rule and to create an order of the being not by the gropings of the superficial self, but from within, from the inner truth of self and things and the occult realities of Nature.'

The Triple Transformation, Sri Aurobindo,
The Life Divine p.942

Soham's comment: This is just the wonderful very beginning of the spiritual journey, much, much more, if we persist, is awaiting us. Get ready!

DIVINE ANARCHY 101

Read very carefully, and understand:

'320—The anarchic is the true divine state of man in the end as in the beginning; but in between it would lead us straight to the devil and his kingdom.

And what do I answer to the previous aphorism?

Ah, yes...

319—Governments, societies, kings, police, judges, institutions, churches...

Yes, he put everything into it: religions and police together!

Yes, it goes together!

I was delighted.

... laws, customs, armies are temporary necessities imposed on us for a few groups of centuries because God has concealed His face from us. When it appears to us again in its truth and beauty, then in that light they will vanish.

And what did I answer?

You said:

'The anarchic state is the government of everyone by himself.

'And it will be the perfect government when everyone is conscious of the inner Divine and obeys Him and Him alone.'

I'll write, then a sequel will come, but I don't have the time to note it down.

Someone from Auroville wrote to me that he thought he had come here to obey no one but himself (or words to that effect), but he noticed there are rules and laws. And he said, 'I am not going to do any of this; I am a free man and refuse to do this.' This was reported to me, naturally,

so I wrote to him (I don't remember): 'One is free only when one is conscious of the Divine and conscious that it is the Divine who makes decisions in everyone, otherwise one is the slave of one's desires, one's habits, of all conventions....' I sent him that, and he kept quiet.

That's what I wanted to add here [to this aphorism]. We should say: One is free only when it is the Divine who makes decisions in each of us, otherwise men are the slaves of their desires, their habits, of all conventions, all laws, all rules.... And the more they think themselves free, the more bound they are!

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_11/1970-02-07-01_e.htm

Zech, 2023.04.21

ASPIRING TO CONNECT... 2

All life is Yoga

At the same time, life is a battlefield and each one of us has to face challenges and find possible and positive solutions individually as well as collectively, as professed and practiced by the great karmayogi Sri Aurobindo and the visionary Mother, our divine teacher, guide and companion.

Here the analogy of the Bhagvad Gita, the spiritual heart of the Mahabharata epic, is worth considering for our learning experience

• Let us look into some aspects:

1. The Kuru dynasty had a long family tradition of just rule with family, social and Universal Values. (Consider time from 1920 to 1975 deep Sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, establishment of the Ashram at Pondichery and creation of Auroville as an international township.)

2. For various reasons and primarily due to selfish motives the conflict started by the sons of the king Dhritarastra with their 5 cousins, which culminated into world war with all round destruction of humanity and natural resources. But this also resulted in the pragmatic teachings through the Gita. (2008 onwards the drifting phase at Auroville).

3. The pandavas built their capital on barren land and named it as Indraprastha. (the speedy growth of Auroville-1968 till 1990 on the barren land and converting it into a new community living in the green forest with adequate research, education, cultural institutions with immaculate system planning, spread over 25 sq.km., surrounded by green belt for a community of 50,000 for harmonious living and consciously striving to reach the divine within for Sat-chit-ananda.)

4. After winning the war, the Pandavas ruled for long time and rebuilt their kingdom and community in their lifetime. (55 years of Auroville)

5. The divine teacher Sri Krishna and the human warrior Arjun are the main characters. While Sanjay, Dhritarastra and Duryodhan are the other participants in the Gita. Sanjay is striving hard to convince his master and king Dhritarastra to raise his consciousness and awaken him to act As a just king and be fair to his nephews. (Our legacy by grace and blessings of Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and their disciples and followers is great and achievable. We have a choice to select our role as one of these 3 characters.)

6. As Gita is the spiritual heart of Mahabharat, so is the Matrimandir, the spiritual center, one of the most revered monuments of the modern world.)

As Arjun wanted to assess the situation at the commencement of the battle, it will be worthwhile to assess our present situation at Auroville holistically, by using some of the management tools/ techniques like SWOT Analysis and other synthetic tools like Venn graphic/diagram.

This will begin in the next episode.

Vijaysinh, 23. 04.2023
vijaykunjalsad@gmail.com, 9974171108

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Regards, Wobbli

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MOTHER'S MUDRAS

Mother's Mudras in a Tai-chi Form.

- Every Tuesday at 4:30 at Savitri Bhavan.

On Sundays, after the Savitri reading, by 12, we practice also.

Everybody Welcome. Facilitator: Anandi ayün

'A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances.'
The Mother



HEARTFULL® MEDITATION WITH AVANTIKA

- Savitri Bhavan
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2023, Tuesdays, 9—10am
- Arka Guest House
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 2023, Wednesdays, 9—10am

'Those who feel the unquenchable thirst for something different will be protected in a cocoon of Light to traverse all perils of the convulsions of the old and dying world—for in part of their being they already belong to that Light, to the New World. And all one has dreamt to be the most beautiful, the most marvelous, the most fantastic is nothing compared with what will be realized.'

The Mother

- Open and connect to the Light in our own Heart Center (Heart Chakra)
- Surrender mind energy to Heart chakra to transform mental aspect of human existence
- Provide a shield of Divinity (the true us) around body

Heartfull® Meditation techniques are a proven pathway to systematically turn to the divine.

- Please contact Avantika at avantikaLight@gmail.com for any questions.



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WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, April 2023

Classes

Classes	With Whom	When
Acro Yoga	Damien 9047722740	Monday to Saturday
Pilates	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30—8:30am. Wednesday 4:15pm Friday 5:30pm, Only by Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30—8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5—6:30pm.
Heartfull Medita- tion	Avanthika, 6380238326	Wednesday 9—10am
Sound Chakras healing	Lakshmi, 8489764602	Only by Appointment

Treatments

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, 9943410987, by appointment	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage	Silvana, 9047654157, by appointment	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacolouring	Meha, 9443635114, by appointment,	Monday to Saturday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina: 9791719387, +39346225804, WA	Monday to Friday (Morning)
Acupuncture, Only by Appointment	Dr. Mohammad Sahel, 9994208068	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry. Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards, Ramana



**Traditional
Mantra & Stotra
Chanting Classes**

at Serendipity Community

Friday 17:00 (Regular class)
Thursay 10:30 (Drop-in class)

with Sonia Novaes

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Regular Classes

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras With Sonia,

- Thursday from 10:30—11:30am, Drop in class and
- Friday from 5—6pm, Regular Students.

In the recitation of Sanskrit Mantras the sound is very important and the specific pitches and strict rules of intonation and syllabic length should be learned according with the tradition of the great masters of the past, who figured out how to use the voice to calm the mind and attune the practitioner to the more subtle levels of the 'sadhana' or spiritual path. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the singing, the mind reaches more clarity, concentration and tranquility.

Therapies

Shiatsu Massage with Sara

- On appointment only, Sara, +91 9443617308

Shiatsu is a manipulative therapy developed in Japan and incorporating techniques of anma (Japanese traditional massage), acupressure, stretching, and Western massage in order to maintain physical and mental well being, treat disease, or alleviate discomfort. It involves the uses of kneading, pressing, soothing, tapping, and stretching techniques and is performed without oils through light, comfortable clothing.

Expressive Arts with Anjali

- On appointment only, +91 9560026678

The key purpose of Intermodal Expressive Arts sessions is to build our relationship with an art process in an experiential and embodied way through multiple art forms such as visual, writing, photography, dance, movement, music, or drama. By moving away from the result, into paying attention to the creative process, we allow ourselves to connect deeper to the resources we hold within us. The sessions will emphasize creative imagination, mindfulness through art, and connecting with our deeper selves. This space will also allow you to connect with your authentic forms of expression, as you explore with the arts. This helps access inner resources otherwise untapped. The sessions typically last for 60-90 minutes.

Tarot Reading with Anjali

- On appointment only, +91 9560026678

Tarot, oracle and angel cards are tools of divination and exploration which can be used to gain insight, work through life's challenges and understand ourselves on a deeper level. The messages in these cards are used not to predict the future, rather to connect ourselves with our own inner knowing and wisdom to channel our resources in the right direction. The overall aim is to promote growth and well-being. Anjali uses the tool of tarot as an opening to connect with imagery, archetypes and intuition. The insight gained from the cards are delivered as a storyline or guidance which promotes deeper reflection. Anjali is certified by the Psychic Healing Academy led by Sal Jade, Tarot Instructor and Intuitive Healing Coach, and also by Academy of Tarot by Mehakleen, Tarot and Manifestation Coach. Her approach is also based in intuitive and spiritual practice. She combines her tarot practice with techniques from Pranic Healing and Expressive Arts. Some of the themes which can be addressed in the readings include general guidance, love and relationships, career, life purpose, health or simply to tap into intuitive messages from your higher self.

Pranic Healing with Anjali

- On appointment only, +91 9560026678

Pranic Healing is a revolutionary and comprehensive system of natural healing techniques that uses prana (life energy) to treat illness and improve well-being. It is a synthesis of ancient, esoteric healing methods that have been rediscovered, researched and tested over decades with proven success by the founder of Modern Pranic Healing, Grand Master Choa Kok Sui. Anjali has been practicing Pranic Healing since 2018 and she has been certified in Basic Pranic Healing, Advanced Pranic Healing, Pranic Psychotherapy, Achieving Oneness with the Higher Soul, Pranic Crystal Healing, Psychic Self Defense and Arhatic Yoga Prep, accredited by World Pranic Healing Foundation, Manila.

Pranic Healing has been described as a simple and yet very powerful technology that can be employed with immediate benefits to the patient. It is a no-touch healing modality. Pranic Healing corrects imbalances in the body's energy field and energy centers (chakras) and transfers life force to the patient. Pranic Healing can facilitate healing for specific diseases and conditions including physical, mental, emotional and psychological ailments.

Submitted by Sara

PITANGA



Programme for May 2023

(0413) 2622403 / WA 9443902403

info@pitanga.in

Monday, 1 May, Pitanga remains closed.

Iyengar Yoga with Tatiana

Practices for residents only, with prior registration!

No drop-in, please.

- Tuesdays, 4:30—6pm
Yoga for the Spine. This is not a medical class. Participants can join if they have spine problems but need to be able to fully take care of themselves, carry their own props etc.
- Wednesdays, 4:30—6pm
Mixed level, Regular practitioners only. This class is open to residents who are practicing regularly already.
- Saturdays, 9:15—10:45am
Restorative Yoga Level 2—3, Regular practitioners only. This is a class for the very advanced students.
- Saturdays, 11am—12pm
Pranayama. For any Iyengar Yoga practitioner who is practicing regularly.

Yoga Asanas with Rachel

Will restart on Tuesday, 2 May.

All classes are drop-in classes and are addressed to all levels.

- Mondays, 5—6:30pm, Hip opening
- Tuesdays, 7—8:30am
- Wednesdays, 7—8:30am
- Thursdays, 7—8:30am
- Fridays, 5—6:30pm, For beginners
- One-on-one lessons available on request.

Ashtanga Yoga Mysore Style with Sheida

Drop-in classes

- Mondays & Thursdays 7—8:30am

More Yoga

Yoga de l'énergie, in French	Monday, 3—4:30pm	Ricardo
Pranayama, Regular only	Friday, 6:45—8am	François, Namrita
Yoga Therapy, All levels	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30—10am	Gala

Teen Yoga takes a break in the summer and will resume after 10 August for the New School Year. We will let you know by how new students can join the class.

Body—Mind—Spirit

Taoist Qi Gong In French, Drop-In	Tuesday, 7:30—9am	Elisa T.
Taoist Qi Gong In English, Drop-In	Thursday, 3:15—4:45pm	Elisa T.
Yoga Nidra, Drop-In	Thursday, 11:30am—12:30pm	Rosa A.
Awareness and Joy, For seniors, Drop-In	Friday, 9—10am	Rosa A.
Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Friday, 5:15—6:30pm	Shari
Aviva Exercise, For women, Drop-In	Thursday, 4:30—5:30pm	Suriya-gandhi
Odissi Dance, Beginners, Drop-In	4:45—5:15pm 3:45—4:30pm	Rekha
Odissi Dance, Intermediate, Regular	Monday, 5:15—6:15pm Friday, 4:30—5:15pm	Rekha
Reading class 'The Life Divine'	Friday 4:30—5:30pm	Balvinder

Homeopathic Clinic

'Svasti' Homeopathic Clinic with Dr Aditi Patel, B.H.M.S., Homoeopath (Registered).

Consultations for new cases are held by appointment only. Please contact her +919428429642 mob. for any enquiry

- or come in person on **Monday to Friday 3:30—4:30pm** to Pitanga.

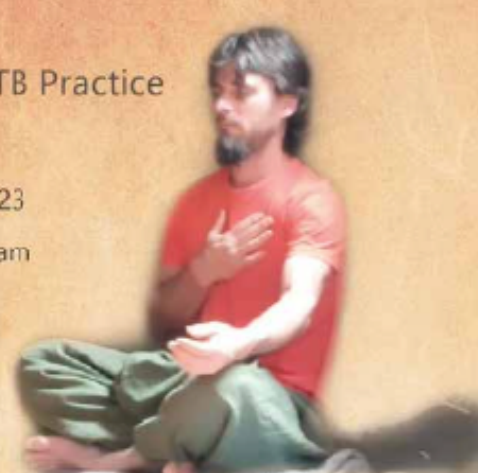

Healing Spaces

Please book your appointment for a healing space by phone: 2622403

Acupuncture	Heidi
Bio-Resonance	Afsaneh
Cranio Sacral Therapy	Anne
Essenian Healing	Patrick

21 days of
Morning ATB Practice
with Rosa

Daily,
1 – 21 May 2023
7:30am – 8:30am
at Pitanga.

21 days of Morning ATB Practice Workshop

- With Rosa, daily, 1—21 May, 7:30—8:30am

This space is mainly for Aurovilians, Newcomers or people who are living in and contributing in Auroville for a long time.

- For more information about the workshop, please click on the QR code in the picture.
- Participation only with prior registration. Please write to atbconrosa@gmail.com

Women Pelvic Floor, Anatomy in Movements



- Participation only with prior registration. Please contact Pitanga.

If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: info@pitanga.in

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!
Submitted by Andrea, for Pitanga

PEACE WITHIN: PEACE WITHOUT

Saturday, 29 April, 2—4:30pm @ VÉRITÉ



- Can there be Peace Within if there is Discordance in the Family?
- Can there be Peace in the World if our Leaders are driven by Arrogance and Fear?
- Can there be Peace in our Hearts if demonic forces of Injustice and Inequality keep flourishing in the World unheeded?

Let us aspire for an Integral Vision of Peace that celebrates Love, Harmony, Dignity at all levels in the Phenomenological & Spiritual Universe Alike

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your journey in healing and transformation

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Saturdays with Horses

We are launching a new activity for children for Saturday mornings:

- Connecting to horses, games and arts & crafts activities, with parents coming along. More soon...
- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

Reiki Healing Sessions with Niyati

Reiki energy works with the chakras of the body, healing the tangible & intangible aspects of life. What Reiki can give in abundance is awareness: Awareness of your body, of your mental health, of your emotional health. When you have some mental and emotional issues you're fighting, it's like your companion, bringing back your natural flow.

- Book a session for a healing experience.
- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

Integral Regression Therapy

These 2—3 hr intensive individual sessions are composed for a lasting healing effect. These deeply transforming sessions integrate Inner Child Work, Trauma Therapy, Energy Work, Past Life Therapy on the basis of Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's Integral Yoga

Therapist Sigrid Lindemann, an International faculty in Advanced Homoeopathy (Sensation Method), transpersonal regression therapist and supervisor, <https://tasso.ekaa.co.in> Founder of Integral Regression Therapy

- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626565134

Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in 'Natural Horsemanship'

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

Natural Horsemanship focuses on body language of horse and human, which is universal, by effectively using intention and centered presence to communicate clearly, with purpose, and without violence. This is the key to building a vocabulary with the horse, your partner. Experience yourself beyond words! 7 horses and ponies of all sizes and temperaments are curious to know you!

- Sessions afternoons 4—6pm or mornings 8—10am
- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626565134

2 Webinars Natural Horsemanship with Mirrabelle

Horse Care and Management, 5 lessons: Basic needs, Basic anatomy, Feed needs, Deworming, Basic medical terminology

What we can learn from horses about leadership, 5 lessons

- History of horses and humans, and its significance
- Basic needs: similarities and differences
- Different kinds of intelligence and what they mean
- Non-verbal communication and energy levels, how to find neutral
- Setting yourself up for success, value-based Teamwork!
- Contact Mirrabelle directly on WA 00919626565134 or via contact@auroville-jiva.com

Our Venue Sharnga Guest House

www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Submitted by Sigrid



VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required
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Restorative Yin & Yoga Nidra: Deep Relaxation for Body & Mind, with Emma

- Friday, 5 May, 9:30am—12pm

The workshop will be divided into two sessions. One session will include theory and practice, where we will journey through conscious relaxation, exploring a contemplative Yin Yoga practice to restore the natural condition of the deep tissues in the body while releasing tension in the physical, energetic, and mental layers. Then we shall transition into a relaxing Restorative Yoga practice which unwinds deep tension helping you to slowly let go of stress and feel more connected to your body. Finally, we shall experience Yoga Nidra—known as yogic sleep—a form of guided meditation practiced laying down, where we move into a deep state of conscious sleep, which is a deeper state of relaxation, taking us effortlessly into restful balance and harmony.

The Healing Power of Gayatri Mantra with Sabrina

- Saturday, 6 May, 9:30am—12pm

The Gayatri mantra connects us with the sun, giving us energy, and helps to purify body and mind. After a brief introduction, we will learn and practice this powerful mantra, along with the associated mudras (hand postures). Open to all; no prior experience with mantra is necessary.

Regular Events—May 2023

Classes

- Contact 04132622045, 7867805812 WA
programming@verite.in



Yin Yoga—Healthy Hips with Emma

- Monday, 3:30—4:30pm

Quiet and relaxing practice complementary to the yang practice. Yin yoga focuses on passive seated postures to mobilise and strengthen joints, ligaments and deep fascia network while providing a restful context for meditation.

Deep Sound Bath with Satyayuga

- Monday, 5—6pm

Deep Sound Bath is based on the ancient art of using vibration to awaken the inner being & align the body, heart & soul to the frequency of the universe. Sound Bath uses the unique frequencies of various instruments to promote healing on a cellular level. Some of the instruments used are Tibetan bowls, xylophone and drum along with mystic chanting.

Vinyasa Yoga with Rebeca

- Monday & Wednesday, 5—6pm

Teaching a non-dogmatic style of yoga fusing ancient wisdom with contemporary understanding of the body, challenging it in different ways, focusing on the development of coordination, balance, strength and flexibility. Under the view of a physiotherapist teacher, there is a main focus on individual alignment with anatomical explanations for the safe performance, considering this practice as therapeutic exercise. Absolute beginners may find these classes a bit challenging.

Gentle Vinyasa Yoga with Emma

- Tuesday 10:30—11:30am

This Gentle Vinyasa practice explores the Range of motion of the body while working on mobility and flexibility. The class focuses on breath and mindful movements with a moderate intensity.

Holistic Hatha Yoga with Sabrina

- Tuesday & Thursday, 5—6pm

Come and experience a complete Hatha Yoga class, to balance the whole being! Each class includes pranayamas, mantras, mudras, asanas and meditation.

Yin Yoga—Healthy Spine with Emma

- Friday 5—6pm

Quiet and relaxing practice complementary to the yang practice. Yin yoga focuses on passive seated postures to mobilise and strengthen joints, ligaments and deep fascia network while providing a restful context for meditation.

Treatments & Therapies

- By appointment: treatments@verite.in
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Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy with Mila

This therapy uses gentle touch to the head to help release tension in the skull, spine and sacrum, freeing energy that can help re-establish integral balance, and stimulating the healing capacity of the body.

Craniosacral Therapy with Giuliano

Craniosacral therapy (or CST) is a non-invasive manual medicine technique based on gentle hand applied pressure (5-10 grams). Through conscious touch it's possible to quickly facilitate self-healing. CST is a broad spectrum therapy indicated for all ages, and particularly useful for muscle and joint trauma, persistent pain, whiplash, pre- and post-operative treatments, stiffness and changes in movement of the spine, as well as postural problems.

Private Yoga Sessions/ Yoga Therapy with Nadia

Yoga therapy is the specific application of sequences of posture, breathwork and meditation with the support of props, to address an individual's physical, mental, and emotional needs within a holistic and highly personalised framework. Yoga Therapy is for those who require specific guidance and modification or may not be able to follow a regular class due to special needs, pace, or recuperation requirements, typically these include back care, joint issues, energetic/hormonal imbalances, lack of mobility due to injury, injury to the nervous system, PTSD, anxiety, circulatory problems and much more.

Integrated Ayurvedic Acupressure, Deep Tissue & Heart Healing Massage with Raja

Acupressure is the application of pressure on specific points on the body to address symptoms such as pain or digestive issues. Deep Tissue involves applying sustained pressure using slow, deep strokes to target the inner layers of your muscles and connective tissues. Heart Healing Massage helps increase relaxation, which helps reduce blood pressure and heart rate improvements in the delivery of oxygen to the heart and rest of body.

Private Yoga Sessions/ Yoga Therapy with Sabrina

Yoga is an amazing tool to relieve and strengthen the body and mind, bringing back energy and a sense of balance. Through yoga-therapy, pranayamas, mudras, mantras and asanas, Sabrina proposes to create and guide you through your own personalised sequence according to your needs.

Ayurvedic Abhyanga Massage with Umberto

Abhyanga massage is an ancient Indian Ayurvedic oil technique for healing and detoxifying the body, mind and spirit. The Abhyanga works in a synchronized manner to restore the flow of life energy in the body. This Ayurvedic detox and stress reduction therapy is performed with coconut or sesame oils, which help to nourish your nervous system, relax the muscles, and maintain the flexibility of your joints. The session ends with a face massage and rest.

Lomi Lomi Hawaiian Massage with Umberto

Lomi Lomi is a Hawaiian massage and includes long, fluid, rhythmic strokes over the whole body using the hands as an instrument of the heart. Energetic, emotional and muscular blockages are released allowing circulation, oxygen, life and spirit to flow through body and mind. While the whole body is accepted unconditionally, the muscles and connective tissue are stretched, stiff joints are loosened, circulation improves, skin glows, and internal organs are gently manipulated into their correct relationships. The therapist works with deep breathing and a heart-centered focus, giving balance, energy flow, and a heart-opening peace to the client.

Heart-centered Resilience with Susan

Learn simple, heart-focused skills to help regulate your body's response to stress. These scientifically validated tools have been proven to increase wellbeing, personal and professional performance, and quality of life. One or two 60-90 minute sessions are very useful, but for optimum learning, a series of 3 sessions is recommended.

Individual Self-work with Clay with Megha

Clay has innate qualities that help us connect with ourselves creating a more real, tangible and physical experience of our subtler state and inner environment. While our breath becomes an intricate part as we connect with the 'earth' it brings awareness, presence and balance within. Through feeling and sensing clay we will immerse into an inner journey using certain hand building techniques and the wheel.

Holistic Head and Face Massage with Lalita

This massage uses a blend of almond and carrot oil which is soothing and fragrant. In addition to cleansing the skin, and massaging the facial muscles, this massage also gently stimulates pressure points on the head to help relieve stress and bring one to a state of relaxation.

Vérité Programs—May 2023

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Yoga & Re-creation Programs

Days	Drop-in Sessions	Timings	Presenters
Mondays	Yin Yoga—Healthy Hips	3:30—4:30pm	Emma
	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
	Vinyasa Flow	5—6pm	Rebeca
Tuesdays	Gentle Vinyasa Flow	10:30—11:30am	Emma
	Holistic Yoga	5—6pm	Sabrina
Wednesdays	Vinyasa Flow	5—6pm	Rebeca
Thursdays	Holistic Yoga	5—6pm	Sabrina
Fridays	Yin Yoga—Healthy Spine	5—6pm	Emma

Intensives (pre-registration required)

Day & Date	Intensives	Timings	Presenters
Friday, 5 May	Restorative Yin and Yoga Nidra	9:30am—12pm	Emma
Saturday, 6 May	The Healing Power of Gayatri Mantra	9:30am—12pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 13 May	Yoga of Forgiveness	2—4.30pm	Dr. Sehdev
Saturday, 20 May	Healthy Spine with Yoga	9:30am—12pm	Rebeca
Saturday, 20 May	Freedom From Fear	2—4.30pm	Dr. Sehdev

Therapies (by appointment only)

Therapies (by appointment only)	Therapist
Cranio-sacral Therapy	Giuliano
Face and Head Massage	Lalita
Individual Self-Work with Clay	Megha
Biodynamic Cranio-sacral Therapy	Mila
Private Yoga Session / Yoga Therapy	Nadia
Integrated Ayurvedic Acupressure, Deep Tissue & Heart Healing Massage	Raja
Private Yoga Session	Sabrina
Heart-Centered Resilience	Susan
Lomi Lomi Massage	Umberto
Ayurvedic Abhyanga Massage	Umberto

Kathir and Thushar, Vérité

CINEMA



At Multi Media Centre Auditorium, MMC, Town Hall

Reminder

- Friday 28—'SOME LIKE IT HOT' US, 1959 by Billy Wilder
- Friday 5 May, 8pm: 'A HERO'

Persian: *قاهرمان*, Romanized: *Qahremaan*

Directed by Asghar Farhadi, Iran-France, 2021

With: Amir Jadidi, Mohsen Tanabandeh, Sahar Goldoost, Fereshteh Sadr Orafaie, Sarina Farhadi.

Synopsis: Rahim is a calligrapher and painter, divorced. He was imprisoned for not paying his debts to Bahram, his creditor and ex-brother-in-law. During a two-day leave, he tries to convince his creditor to withdraw his complaint against the payment of part of the sum. But things don't go as planned... A powerful moral and wry drama from the master Iranian film-maker Asghar Farhadi, Oscar-winning (*A Separation*, *The Salesman*). The film won the Grand Prix at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival and many other nominations.

Original Persian version with English Subtitles. Duration 2h7

Cine-Master Class

- Sunday 30, April @ Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to this chapter led by Philippe May on:

'2001: A Space Odyssey' By Stanley Kubrick (1968)

This program was announced earlier this month and had to be postponed.

Overview: The visionary and controversial director Stanley Kubrick pushes here the limits of his art, delivering messages and asking questions to the audience that go way beyond the story line: a space trip to discover the origins of a mysterious phenomena.

'2001' is one of the very few classics that define milestones in the history of Cinema. It is probably the most influential sci-fi film ever made, to which any other movie of the genre would be compared to, even 55 years after its release.

- The film was presented a few weeks before at MMC. Philippe's presentation and open discussion will start directly, without the projection of the movie.

Philippe, IT engineer, Auroville forester and discernant film-lover.
Thank you, Susana

ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest

Schedule of Events:

- 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
 - 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
 - 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
 - 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with 'previews' of short Sadhana Forest films
 - 20:00 Dinner is served
 - 21:15 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
- Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!
- The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.



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

Friday, 5 May

Children of the Sun—Wild Bees

2022 / 50 minutes / Jan Haft

Most people associate honey producing insects with the name 'BEE'. Few realize that there are over 560 different species of bees. The film Children of the Sun—Wild Bees shows the incredible diversity and the stunning adaptations of our 'Bees' to various habitats and diverse living conditions. Fascinating fights, sensational performances, imposing structures and colorful creatures—the world of Wild Bees offers all of this and more.

HANDS ON DOCUMENTARY FILM

Workshop in Ladakh

With Richa Hushing & Rivu Laha

5 June—16 July 2023



Workshop Overview



Context: The workshop will facilitate and contextualize observations of the evolving urbanscapes, community histories and social memory, aspects of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, while simultaneously examining and experimenting with the creative documentary practice.

Methodology: The workshop will be anchored around the themes of human ecology, urbanization and material culture. Alongside inputs on conceptualisation, pre production, production and post production of short films, the workshop will include a curated landscape tour around ideas of making.

Self reflexivity will be a key aspect of the workshop.

Participants will be facilitated to make their own short films and media artifacts – ready for exhibition at the culmination of the workshop.

Who Is It For: The workshop hopes to draw participants from both the region and beyond, having diverse professional backgrounds and interests including: anthropology and other social sciences, film, art, architecture and design.

- It is an **intermediate level workshop** – open for participants from all over India and abroad.
 - For [queries and registration](#) please visit +91 9969879319 WA & Telegram: call, message
- Warmly, Richa, Film Institute @ Auroville**

POETRY AND CINEMA OF ABBAS KIROSTAMI

3 May, 6pm, India Space, Bharat Nivas

A discussion, reading of poetry and screening of film excerpts as a part of regular study circle with Film Academician Deb Kamal Ganguly.



Warmly, Richa

STUDY CIRCLE



Film Institute @ Auroville is delighted to introduce an open study circle, 6 to 7:30pm at the Auroville Film Institute, India Space, Bharat Nivas.



The Study Circle is designed in concurrence with the ongoing research and academic pursuits of the Film Institute Fellows. The sessions are open for all.

Upcoming Week's Schedule

Day	Date	Activity	Topic
Monday	1 May	Reading	Jungian Studies—Projections Exploring heroes and villains within; and identifying symbols of personal value.
Tuesday	2 May	Screening	Dangerous Method (2004, 99 mins.), David Cronenberg A look at how the intense relationship between Carl Jung and Sigmund Freud gives birth to psychoanalysis.
Wednesday	3 May	Screening	Poetry and Cinema of Director Abbas Kiarostami Reading of poetry, screening of excerpts and talk by Debkamal Ganguly
Thursday	4 May	Screening	2 short films as a part of 'Ten Minutes Older', a 2002 film project conceived as a reflection on the theme of 'Time at the turn of the Millennium'. Ten thousand years older (Werner Herzog, 10mins, 2002) Herzog visits the Amondauas tribe. Int. Trailer. Night 2002 (Jim Jarmusch, 10 mins, 2002) A young American actress tries and fails to get ten minutes alone in her trailer.
Friday	5 May	Screening	Albert Camus's lecture 'The Human Crisis' re-read by Viggo Mortensen, 70 years later

- For more information write to support_filminstitute@auroville.org.in or contact AVFI fellow Swanand: 8956126016 WA
- Warmly, Richa**



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
10 April 2023 to 16 April 2023



Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. Technically Covid protocols were never taken off of cinema/theatre halls. Since mask is not a requirement anywhere else, we leave it to people's discretion. However, please come prepared. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email.

We are now seeking funds for a new projector. If you are able to, kindly donate at MMC's FS Account for this.

Indian—Monday 1 May, 8pm
KD ENGIKA KARUPPUDURAI (KD)

India, 2019, Writer-Dir. Madhumita Sundararaman w/Mu Ramaswamy, Nagavishal, Arpudhanandham, and others, Drama, 123mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)
 KD, an 80yrs old villager overhears his children say that they want him dead to claim their inheritance. Realizing he has never truly lived, he enlists the help of a young orphan boy Kutti. The pair head off on a road trip trying to complete KD's bucket list, rediscovering the meaning of life and friendship along the way.

Potpourri—Tuesday 2 May, 8pm
LOONG BOONMEE RALEUK CHAT
(Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives)

Thailand-UK-France-Germany-Spain-Netherlands, 2010, Writer-Dir. Apichatpong Weerasethakul w/Thanapat Saisaymar, Jenjira Pongpas, Sakda Kaewbuadee, and others, Fantasy-Drama, 114mins, Thai-French-Lao w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

An acclaimed film about a dying man that's filled with mysterious signs of life, illuminates cinema's link to the preservation of human memory through its exploration of reincarnation. Inspired by 1983 publication by the Buddhist abbot Phra Sripariyattiweti, the film is renowned for its enchanting and unsettling visions of the present-day reality infused with the mystic realms. *This screening is brought to you in collaboration with the Film Institute Auroville.*

Interesting—Wednesday 3 May, 8pm
WILD CAT

USA, 2022, Dir. Trevor Frost & Melissa Lesh w/Dante Cueva Altamirano, Cristian De La Cruz, Erick Scott Vargas Laura, and others, Documentary, 106mins, English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

After returning from Afghanistan with severe depression and PTSD, Harry Turner went to the Peruvian Amazon to end his life. There, he met conservationist and scientist Samantha Zwicker, and working with her raising orphaned wildlife he is finding a reason to live. The film takes viewers to the remote Las Piedras River to witness how two orphaned ocelots and the solitude of the rainforest help a young man and young woman with traumatic pasts. It is an intimate, character-driven film about the impact of wild places on us, and our impact on them. *The storyline suggests that it requires strong parental discretion.*

Selection—Thursday 4 May, 8pm
KIZ KARDESLER (A tale of three sisters)

Turkey, 2019, Dir. Emin Alper w/ Cemre Ebuszya, Ece Yüksel, and others, Drama, 108 mins, Turkish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A stagnant and gloomy village in the 1980s. Reyhan, Nurhan, and Havva, three sisters were sent to town as 'besleme' (foster child and maid). Since they fail their foster parents for different reasons, they are sent back to their father's house in their poor village. Deprived of their dreams of a better life, they try to hold on to each other.

International—Saturday, 6 May, 8pm
EO

Poland-Italy, 2022, Dir. Jerzy Skolimowski, w/ Hola, Tako, Marietta and others, Drama, 88 mins, Polish-Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

The world is a mysterious place when seen through the eyes of an animal. EO, a grey donkey with melancholic eyes, meets good and bad people on his life's path, experiences joy and pain, endures the wheel of fortune randomly turn his luck into disaster and his despair into unexpected bliss. But not even for a moment does he lose his innocence.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 7 May, 4:30pm
CHARLOTTE'S WEB

USA, 2006, Dir. Gary Winick w/ Dakota Fanning, Julia Roberts, Oprah Winfrey, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 98 mins, English, Rated: G

Young piglet Wilbur meets the other farm animals, learning from them that a pig's days are numbered. His friend, a literate spider, weaves a plan to save him from the butcher's block.



Woody Allen @ Ciné-Club Sunday 7 May, 8pm
ZELIG

USA, 1989, Dir. Woody Allen w/ Mia Farrow, Patrick Horgan, and others, Comedy, 79 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

In this fictional documentary, a man achieves notoriety for his ability to look and act like anyone he meets. His unique talent for mimicry and chameleon-like skill catches the eye of Eudora Fletcher, a doctor who thinks Zelig is in need of serious cognitive analysis. Their relationship moves in a direction that's not often covered in medical textbooks.

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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FILM-PHILOSOPHY

with 'Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives'

- The 1st weekend, 6 & 7 May; 14:30 to 18:30 IST_ Online.
- [To know more, please visit](#) or +91 9969879319 WA & Telegram: call, message

'Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives' illuminates cinema's link to the preservation of human memory through its exploration of reincarnation.



Debkamal Ganguly—through slow viewing and deep analysis of this film, explores the new configuration of 'poetic' in terms of implosive moments of 'silence and murmurs of the self', not only for the characters on the screen, in the film, but for the engaged viewers as well.

Apichatpong is one of the most important auteurs of the New Asian Cinema. 'Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives' is a Palme d'Or winner, renowned for its enchanting and unsettling visions of the present-day reality infused with the mystic realms.

Warmly, Richa

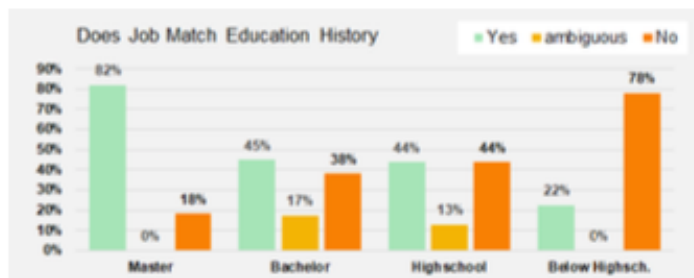
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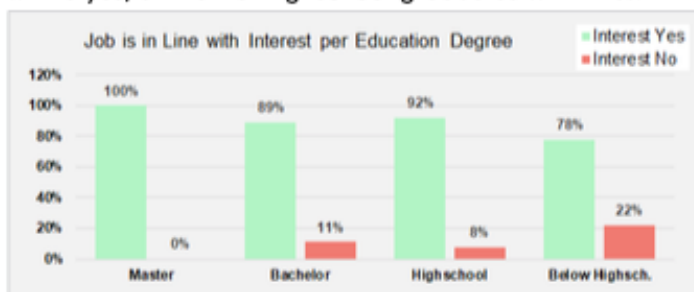
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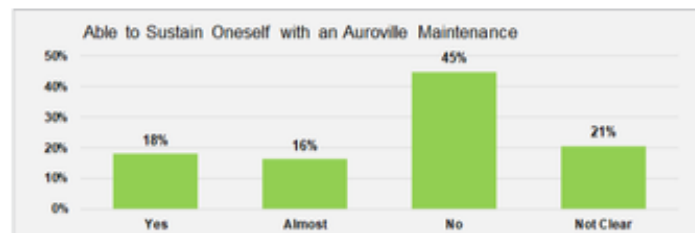
From the 89 working youth, 85 answered the question whether their job matches their education history. Respondents with a Master degree largely answered with yes (82%), while only 45% of Bachelor graduates answered with a yes, similar to Highschool graduates with 44%.



85 out of 89 of the working youth answered the question whether their job is in line with their interest. This is 100% the case for Master degree holders. 89% of the Bachelors and 92% with a Highschool degree also answered with a yes, as well as 78% of respondents with a degree below Highschool. Overall, almost 90% of the jobs are in line with the interest of the respondents.

From the 85 above, 82 respondents also answered the question whether they want to continue their job for the next 3 years or not. 2 want to continue their job although it is not in line with their interest. And 28 do not want to continue their job although it is in line with their interest.

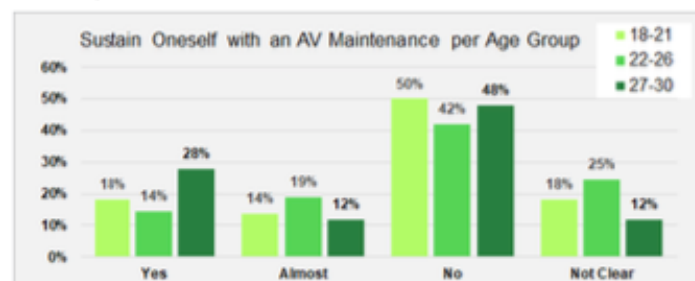
The Income Situation of Auroville Youth



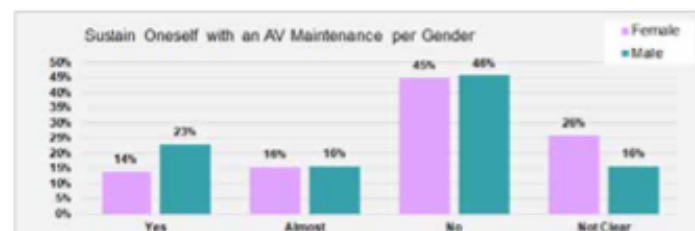
All respondents were asked: Are you able to sustain yourself with an Auroville maintenance?

Only 18% of respondents answered with Yes, 16% with almost and the majority of 45% answered with a No. The 21% of respondents that were not clear had no experience with living on an Auroville maintenance. The second phase of the survey will address the possible differences in maintenances.

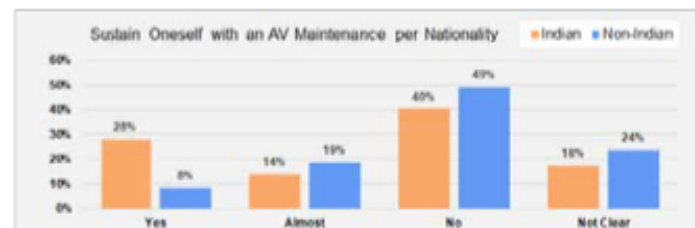
Will these answers differ with age group, gender or nationality?



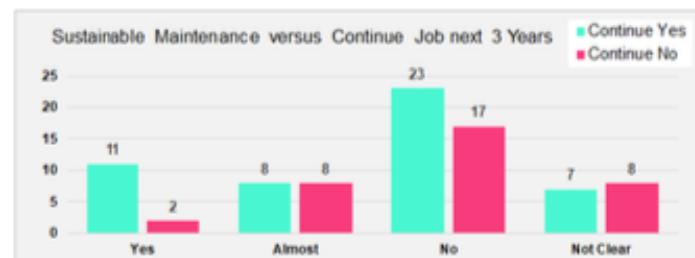
The oldest age group (27-30) has more answers on Yes (28%) and less on almost or not clear. But the answer No stays high, with 48% even for this age group.



The answers whether one can sustain themselves with an Auroville Maintenance are quite similar between male and female. Only a few more males answered Yes instead of Not Clear.



More respondents of Indian nationality than Non-Indians answer that they can sustain themselves with an Auroville Maintenance. Nevertheless, most Indians (40%) answer with No to the question whether they can sustain themselves with an Auroville Maintenance.



From the working youth, 84 respondents answered the questions, whether they can sustain themselves on an Auroville Maintenance and whether they will likely continue their job the next 3 years. Youth that can sustain themselves on a Maintenance will likely stay the next 3 years, whereas almost half the youth that cannot sustain themselves on a Maintenance will not continue their job the next 3 years.

A detailed analysis showed that of the 35 youths that do not want to continue their job, 28 claimed that their job is in line with their interest. Hence we can deduce that insufficient maintenance is a large deterring factor for people to continue working for a long time, even if the job is in line with their interests.

Next steps

This was the quantitative part of our youth employment research, where we presented the data that we have gathered, with little to no interpretation as to what it signifies. The phase-two of this survey will consist of interviews with the respondents of this survey, addressing certain patterns from the data above and investigating the possible reasons for certain trends.

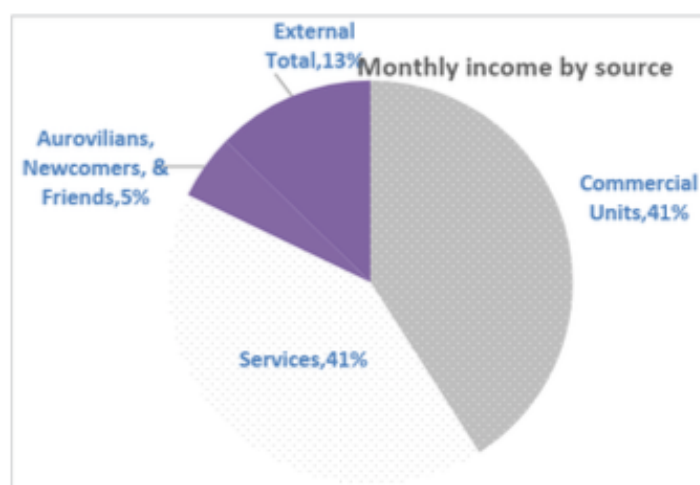
- If you have any feedback or would like to discuss the findings we have had up till now, please reach out to us at our email: youthlink@auroville.org.in.
- Due to the privacy agreement with our responders, we will not be giving out any individual's information nor any sort of information that can be used to deduce the respondent's identity. *Sincerely, Namu*

THE LONG READ

CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS

March 2023

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- '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
Sunlit Future	31,15,200.00	36,15,200.00
Cynergy	30,30,400.00	30,30,400.00
MG Ecoduties	9,15,065.00	9,15,065.00
To be Two (Auromode)	7,59,500.00	7,59,500.00
Right Path Café (VC Café)	6,92,642.00	10,07,643.00
Tanto	6,83,651.00	9,98,651.00
Auromics	5,53,200.00	5,63,200.00
Maroma	5,50,100.00	5,65,800.00
Svaram	5,45,600.00	5,45,600.00

Miniature	5,21,290.00	5,76,290.00
The Colors Of Nature	4,08,600.00	4,08,600.00
Conscious Living	3,97,938.00	4,02,938.00
La Terrace	3,60,200.00	3,60,200.00
Coffee Ideas	3,22,242.00	3,22,242.00
AVA-Procultura	3,21,785.00	3,21,785.00
Shradanjali	2,40,200.00	2,80,200.00
Auroville Papers	2,37,800.00	2,40,400.00
AV Consulting	2,34,200.00	2,34,700.00
Mereville Trust	2,25,660.00	2,25,660.00
Progress Landscape	2,19,000.00	2,19,500.00
Aureka	2,13,508.00	2,14,008.00
Yuvabe	1,78,232.00	1,78,232.00
Amano	1,57,706.76	1,57,706.76
LEAD-Integral Learning Center	1,46,790.00	1,46,790.00
C3Stream Land Designs	1,25,412.00	1,25,412.00
Café 73	1,14,020.00	1,14,020.00
Magica	92,400.00	92,400.00
Auroyali Production	79,118.00	79,118.00
Upasana	73,800.00	73,800.00
Filaure	68,800.00	1,18,800.00
Catami/Dreamers Coffee	63,800.00	63,800.00
AV Bakery	63,290.00	63,290.00
Painting Service	58,800.00	58,800.00
Cadd Studio	57,600.00	69,400.00
Mandala Pottery	57,600.00	60,100.00
Hers	46,400.00	46,400.00
La Ferme Cheese	37,808.00	37,808.00
Aurodent	36,700.00	36,700.00
Aurospirul	35,200.00	36,200.00
Aurorachana	32,600.00	34,600.00
Flame	31,700.00	32,700.00
Eco Femme	30,400.00	30,400.00
AuroSunshine	27,600.00	27,600.00
Naturellement	26,600.00	26,600.00
Naturally Auroville	23,800.00	26,800.00
ASSA-Ilion	22,800.00	22,800.00
EV Future	22,600.00	22,600.00
Prakrit	22,600.00	22,600.00
Avitra	22,000.00	35,000.00
Affordable Water Solutions	21,128.00	21,128.00
Varuna (To Community: Rs. 10,15,947)	20,565.00	70,565.00
AVA-AKSHAYA FARM KITCHEN	20,000.00	20,000.00
Kallialay Surf School	19,000.00	19,000.00
Sound Wizard	19,000.00	19,000.00
Sumark	19,000.00	19,000.00
AVA-Wasteless	19,000.00	19,000.00
Boutique Visitors Center	17,600.00	17,600.00
AV Online Store	17,100.00	17,100.00

Mantra	17,000.00	17,000.00
Holistic	15,200.00	15,200.00
AVA-Centre D'art	15,200.00	15,200.00
Capability	15,200.00	15,200.00
Gastronomica	15,200.00	15,200.00
Nowana	15,200.00	15,200.00
AFA*Smoked Foods	15,200.00	15,200.00
Sciuro Pizza	13,800.00	13,800.00
Eco Pro	13,400.00	13,400.00
Earth Institute	13,300.00	13,300.00
Auroville Energy Products	12,600.00	12,600.00
Artisan Revolution	11,400.00	11,400.00
Aurosoya	11,400.00	11,600.00
Dustudio	11,400.00	11,400.00
AVA-Mia Studio	11,400.00	11,400.00
New Dawn Carpentry	11,400.00	11,400.00
Pitchandikulam Forest Consultants	11,400.00	11,400.00
AFA-Aurora	11,400.00	11,400.00
M&M Cheese	11,400.00	11,400.00
Worktree	11,400.00	11,400.00
Tree House Community	11,400.00	11,400.00
H & S Design	10,750.00	10,750.00
New School Crafts	10,000.00	10,000.00
Pitchandikulam	9,500.00	9,500.00
Purnam Centre for Integrity	9,500.00	34,500.00
Aqua Dyn Research	8,800.00	13,800.00
Boutique D'Av Pondy	8,800.00	9,300.00
The Neem Tree	8,800.00	8,800.00
Nala Builders	8,770.00	8,770.00
Arthena	7,600.00	7,600.00
Aurinoco Systems	7,600.00	7,600.00
AV Language Lab	7,600.00	7,600.00
Deepam Candles	7,600.00	7,600.00
Eutecne	7,600.00	7,600.00
Glimpse	7,600.00	7,600.00
Linea Dental	7,600.00	7,600.00
Mira Computers	7,600.00	7,600.00
Omega	7,600.00	7,600.00
Pragati Construction	7,600.00	7,600.00
Sunshine Music	7,600.00	7,600.00
Tapasya Design Studio	7,600.00	7,600.00
ASSA-Alter Eco	7,600.00	7,600.00
AVA-Hemplanet	7,600.00	7,600.00
AVA-Inscapes	7,600.00	7,600.00
AVA-Kalya's Delight	7,600.00	7,600.00
Perceptive Eye	7,600.00	7,600.00
ASSA-Studio One	7,600.00	7,600.00
Integral World Manisha	7,600.00	7,600.00
Tree Care	7,600.00	7,600.00
AVA-Centre de Soins Naturelle	7,600.00	7,600.00

AVA-Natraj	7,600.00	7,600.00
Ecc Fare	7,600.00	7,600.00
AVA-Octo Studio	7,600.00	7,600.00
AVA-LuMa	7,600.00	7,600.00
Coffee Break	7,600.00	7,600.00
La Maison Boutique	6,800.00	6,800.00
Unity Transport Service	5,800.00	5,800.00
CSR-AV Design Consultants	5,700.00	5,700.00
Pottery Sipapu	5,700.00	5,700.00
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Bhagavatey Designs	5,700.00	5,700.00
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Inside India	3,800.00	4,150.00
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ASSA-Artomic	3,800.00	3,800.00
ASSA-Atelier MAA	3,800.00	3,800.00
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AVA-Aurosystemica	3,800.00	3,800.00
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AVA-Brainfever Media Productions	3,800.00	3,800.00
AFA-Essence of Nature	3,800.00	3,800.00
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AVA-Food Laboratory	3,800.00	3,800.00
AVA-Have Fun Pottery	3,800.00	3,800.00
AFA-Natures Gift	3,800.00	3,800.00
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OK Upcycling Studio	3,800.00	3,800.00
ASSA-Rocking Bubbles	3,800.00	3,800.00
ASSA-Softnet	3,800.00	3,800.00
AFA-Solitude Lunch	3,800.00	3,800.00
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Aqua Engineers	3,800.00	3,800.00
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ASSA/Hibiscus Heros	3,800.00	3,800.00
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ASSA-Selvam Multip.Team	3,000.00	3,000.00
RTL Academy	2,357.00	2,357.00
LEAD-Being	2,137.00	2,137.00

LEAD*Atma Vidhya	2,007.00	2,007.00
LEAD/Divine Arts	2,002.00	2,002.00
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Avision	1,900.00	1,900.00
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LEAD*Sundara	640.00	640.00
LEAD-SAVI	505.00	505.00
Lead-ipk activities	500.00	500.00
LEAD-Sunshine Network	381.00	381.00
Lead/av budokan	369.00	369.00
AVA/Vasuki/Kiran	350.00	350.00
Joy Postcards	300.00	300.00
LEAD-Inner Body Work	81.00	81.00
ASSA-Eternal	—	1,500.00
Total	1,74,16,325	1,88,94,977
Percent of Total	92%	100%

Service	Total in 20%	Total Contribution
Auromode GH	3,13,927	3,13,927
Center GH	3,10,926	3,14,426
Samarpan GH	1,65,645	1,65,645
Afsanah GH	1,64,504	1,65,004
Isai Ambalam GH	1,63,741	1,65,741
Gaia's Garden GH	1,13,863	1,13,863
Sharnga GH	1,12,880	1,12,880
Serendipity GH	96,844	96,844
New Creation GH	76,309	76,309
Abundance GH	66,000	66,000
SAILER-Mitra GH	61,360	61,360
Arka GH	61,047	61,047
Samasti GH	49,953	49,953
Reve GH	34,080	34,080
Needam GH	32,824	32,824
EUU-Goodness GH	29,554	29,554
Rainbow in Auroville GH	28,161	28,161
EUU-Kalpna GH	26,818	26,818
Tibetan Bodkhang	25,944	25,944
SAILER-Youth Camp GH	24,268	24,268
EUU—Sonja & Umberto GH	20,864	20,864
EUU—Selveraj GH	18,747	18,747

EUU—Kofpu GH	18,499	18,499
Discovery GH	18,400	18,400
Aspiration GH	16,222	16,222
EUU Moongate GH	15,298	15,298
EUU—Creativity GH	13,691	13,691
EUU-Selvi Arumugam GH	13,200	13,200
EUU-Vasu/Repos GH	12,491	12,491
EUU-La Maison Bleue GH	10,940	10,940
EUU—Humility GH	10,640	10,640
EUU-Sita Nivas GH	10,625	10,625
EUU-Vijaya GH	10,624	10,624
EUU-Semanti GH	10,079	10,079
EUU-Ramachandran GH	10,050	10,050
EUU Siddhartha Forest GH	9,822	9,822
FRM-Buddha Garden GH	9,803	9,803
EUU—Casa Luna GH	9,480	9,480
EUU—Gratitude GH	9,286	9,286
EUU-Martuvam GH	9,040	9,040
EUU—Avision GH	8,893	8,893
EUU-Blossom GH	8,800	8,800
EUU—Divyan GH	8,483	8,483
EUU—Boomivalar GH	8,400	8,400
EUU-IYO GH	7,920	7,920
EUU-Pritha GH	7,857	7,857
EUU-Nishita GH	7,679	7,679
Tanto Far Beach GH	7,600	7,600
EUU-Elumalai & Sarasu GH	7,344	7,344
EUU—Victor and Galina GH	6,880	6,880
EUU-Harsha GH	6,829	6,829
EUU—Douceur GH	6,537	6,537
EUU-Bruno GH	5,893	5,893
EUU—Lotus GH	5,357	5,357
EUU—Le Soleil de Villa GH	5,000	5,000
EUU—Vikas GH	4,731	4,731
EUU-Suganya GH	4,640	4,640
EUU Svet Lana GH	3,800	3,800
EUU-3 Roses GH	3,540	3,540
EUU-Vandavilla GH	3,000	3,000
EUU-Angel GH	2,679	2,679
EUU-Grace GH	2,000	2,000
EUU-Utility GH	1,786	1,786
EUU-Avinash GH	1,400	1,400
EUU-Light & Bliss GH	1,400	1,400
EUU-Ganesh GH	1,250	1,250
EUU—Moongil GH (Bamboo Center)	1,196	1,196
EUU-Yeshoda GH	1,071	1,071
EUU-Dariya GH	187	187
Subtotal	23,58,601	23,64,601
Net Additional Guest Contributions	5,40,013	5,40,013
Total	28,98,614	29,04,614

Service	Total	Total Contribution
Financial Services	1,31,33,043.00	1,46,76,688.00
CS-Visitor Center Parking	7,65,332.32	7,65,332.32
AV Arts Service	1,60,000.00	1,60,000.00
Botanical Garden	1,08,300.00	1,08,300.00
CS-FAMC	56,400.00	56,400.00
Solar & UPS Service	48,475.00	48,475.00
Flourish	46,725.00	46,725.00
CSR	41,800.00	41,800.00
CS-Pour Tous Water Collection	30,585.00	30,585.00
Quiet Healing Centre	30,400.00	31,400.00
Visitor Center	17,100.00	17,100.00
CS-Working Committee	15,200.00	15,200.00
Birth Center	11,400.00	11,400.00
Thamarai	7,600.00	7,600.00
Electrical Services	7,600.00	7,600.00
Pension Fund Aureka	7,600.00	7,600.00
Pour Tous Aspitation	3,800.00	3,800.00
SAIIR-Sri Sanskrit Research Institute	3,800.00	3,800.00
Auroville Vehicle Service	3,800.00	3,800.00
Telephone Service	3,800.00	3,800.00
AWS/Water supply	3,800.00	3,800.00
La Piscine	3,800.00	3,800.00
Red Earth Riding School	3,800.00	3,800.00
Fundraising Consultancy	3,800.00	3,800.00
Citadine	3,800.00	3,800.00
FRM-Solitude Farm	3,800.00	3,800.00
Sacred Groves Care	3,800.00	3,800.00
Sewa	1,900.00	1,900.00
FOR-Anusuya Forest	1,900.00	1,900.00
Total	1,45,33,160	1,60,77,805

Individual Contributions Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Aurovillian	18,00,055.00	18,00,055.00
School Participation	3,54,500.00	3,54,500.00
Friends of AV	2,18,510.00	2,18,510.00
Newcomer	29,500.00	29,500.00
Total	24,02,565.00	24,02,565.00

External Contribution Details

Source	Total	Total Contribution
Government of India for SAIIR	55,00,000.00	55,00,000.00
Indian Contributions	2,91,200.00	2,91,200.00
Foreign Contributions	53,000.00	53,000.00
Other GOI	—	—
Project Contributions	—	—
External Total	58,44,200.00	58,44,200.00

BCC Team (Naren, Ocean & Radhika)

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE BUS

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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Svaram Musical Center	7:00	8:50	14:50
Veite Guest house—Junction	7:02	8:52	14:52
Town Hall—Main Parking	7:06	8:56	14:56
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:10	9:00	15:00
Certitude Enterance	7:12	9:02	15:02
New Creation Road	7:17	9:07	15:07
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	7:19	9:09	15:09
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	7:23	9:14	15:14
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	7:26	9:17	15:17
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	7:36	9:30	15:30
Ashram Road Junction	7:38	9:33	15:33
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	12:15	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	12:17	18:12
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	8:07	12:22	18:17
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	8:17	12:32	18:27
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	8:20	12:35	18:30
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	8:25	12:40	18:35
New Creation Road	8:27	12:42	18:37
Certitude	8:32	12:47	18:42
Solar Kitchen—Round about	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town hall Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Verite Guest House—Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

- Monthly Rs.800 (Aurovilians & Newcomers/ No validity)
- Student Pass Rs.1200 per month/ 24 days round trip.
- Rs.150 Round trip for Aurovilians & New comers
- Rs.200 Round trip for guests.
- Bus passes are available at Auroville Vehicle Service, Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302

FO N&N GUIDELINES

Hard deadline for submissions

TUESDAY 3pm

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of Harmony, Goodwill, and Truth.

How to submit material:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
- Please AVOID CAPS letters
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to newsandnotes@auroville.org.in.
- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- 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 3pm.

Disclaimer:

The Bridge

The Foundation Act begins with a simple statement:

Whereas Auroville was founded by the 'Mother' on the 28th day of February, 1968 as an International Cultural Township;

It would seem some have a hard time with the word "International" and what this implies. While others, it would seem have a hard time with the word "Township". It should be noted that the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992 proposes establishing a uniform structure of Municipal Councils, and Nagar Panchayats. This Act allowed them to function as effective democratic units of local self-government. One might think that this, in the context of Auroville, help define what a township means and the meaning of what it means to be a Citizen of Auroville.

Perhaps, it would seem, that some have a difficult time with the idea of "Auroville" itself.

It is interesting to note what the Auroville Foundation Act itself states concerning the relationship between our Governing body and the Citizens of Auroville;

The Powers of the Governing Board is to promote the ideals of Auroville and to coordinate activities and services of Auroville in consultation with the Residents' Assembly for the purposes of cohesion and integration of Auroville;

The purpose of cohesion is to form a united whole. In effect, Unity.

Intuitively we have arrived and gathered here to create a foundation that sits outside the reality of the distorting prism of bureaucracy and the domain of mental regulations. We have been asked to cross a bridge from something tired and old into a realm of vision, into a City of Revelation. Perhaps it is time to redefine who we are and what our intentions truly are.

What is seen and what is not seen, what is experienced and what is not experienced, what is and what is not, — all it sees, it is all and sees. Prasna Upanishad

Roy & Agnijata, News & Notes,

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