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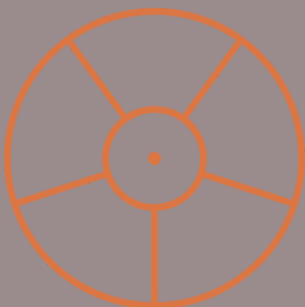


## PONDERING

(...) Nor let worldly prudence whisper too closely in thy ear; for it is the hour of the unexpected, the incalculable, the immeasurable. Meet not the power of the Breath by thy petty instruments, but trust and go forward.

But most keep thy soul clear, even if for a while, of the clamour of the ego. Then shall a fire march before thee in the night and the storm be thy helper and thy flag shall wave on the highest height of the greatness that was to be conquered.

--Sri Aurobindo, The Hour of God, in Essays Divine and Human, CWSA



(continued from last week)

And we begin to perceive more and more concretely that this Silence is not only within, inside ourselves, but everywhere, as if it were the very substance of the universe, as if each thing stood out against that backdrop, proceeded from it and returned to it. It is like a well of sweetness in the heart of things, a velvet cloak enveloping everything. And this Silence is not empty; it is an absolute Plenitude, but a Plenitude with nothing in it, or a Plenitude that contains the essence of all that can be, as it were, a mere second before things come into existence; they are not there, and yet they are all there, like a song as yet unsung. One feels extraordinarily safe and at home in this Silence (or outside it?). It is a first reflection of the Transcendent. One more step, and one would simply slide into Nirvana. Nothing exists except this Silence. But in the Supermind there is no more "threshold" to cross, no more going from one state to another, from Silence to turmoil, inside to outside, Divine to undivine; both states are fused together in a single experience: the Silence that is outside everything and the Becoming that flows everywhere. One does not cancel out the other; one cannot even be without the other. For if the supreme Silence could not contain the opposite of Silence, it would not be infinite. If the Silence could not be totally free and outside that which seems its opposite, then it would be the prisoner of its opposite. God's kingdom is of this world, and it is not of this world. The whole secret is to join the two experiences into one, the infinite into the finite, the timeless into the temporal and the transcendent into the immanent. Then one knows Peace in action and Joy in every way.

*A still deep sea, he laughs in rolling waves: Universal, he is all, —transcendent, none.*

The supramental consciousness reproduces the mystery of a great, quiet Light that "one day," outside time, decided to look at itself temporally, sequentially, from a myriad points of view, and yet never ceased to be one and whole, totally self-contained in an eternal instant. The goal of evolution is none other than to recover in the very depths the totality from above, and to discover here on earth, in the very midst of dualities and the most poignant supreme Joy—Ananda. It is in order to find this secret that we have been drawn downward each time we took a step upward.

## The Supramental Power

The spiritualists dismiss power as a weapon unworthy of the seeker of truth, but this is not Sri Aurobindo's view. On the contrary, the concept of Power, Shakti, is one of the keys to his yoga, because without power nothing can be transformed. I cherish God the Fire, not God the Dream! exclaims Savitri.



*A fire to call eternity into Time, Make body's joy as vivid as the soul's.*

It is a mistake of the ethical or religious mind to condemn Power as in itself a thing not to be accepted or sought after because naturally corrupting and evil; in spite of its apparent justification by a majority of instances, this is at its core a blind and irrational prejudice. However corrupted and misused, as Love and Knowledge too are corrupted and misused, Power is divine and put here for a divine use. Shakti, will, Power is the driver of the worlds and whether it be Knowledge-Force or Love-Force or Life-Force or Action-Force or Body-Force, is always spiritual in its origin and divine in its character. It is the use made of it in the Ignorance by brute, man or Titan that has to be cast aside and replaced by its greater natural—even if to us supernormal—action led by an inner consciousness which is in tune with the Infinite and the Eternal. The integral Yoga cannot reject the works of Life and be satisfied with an inward experience only; it has to go inward in order to change the outward. This aspect of "force" or "power" of consciousness is represented in India by the eternal Mother. Without Consciousness there is no Force, and without Force there is no creation—He and She, two in one, inseparable. This whole wide world is only He and She. Evolution is the story of Her rediscovering Him and striving to materialize Him everywhere. We cannot dismiss one for the other—without Him we are prisoners of a blind Force, without Her we are prisoners of a dazzling Void—we must integrate both within a fulfilled world. "Into a blind darkness they enter who follow after the Ignorance, they as if into a greater darkness who devote themselves to the Knowledge alone," says the Isha Upanishad.

The Supramental is, above all, a power—a stupendous power. It is the direct power of the Spirit in Matter.

*(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](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#053)



## 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**.

### DISCLAIMER:

Please note that the opinions and views expressed on these pages are solely those of the respective authors or work groups 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.

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.

The News and Notes team  
**newsandnotes@auroville.services**

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## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

### ES # 179 DATED: 04-05-2023

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](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com). We thank you in advance.

#### NEWCOMER CHILD ANNOUNCED:

- Nili SALENS (daughter of Lea Sales)
- Elior SALENS (Son of Lea Sales)

#### NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Nithya VELU (Indian)
- Rajasegar MOORTHY (Indian)
- Vijaysinh Laxmidas RAMAIYA (Indian)

#### AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Silvia GOZZETTI (Italian) staying in Pitchandikulam Staff Quarters and working at Pitchandikulam



- Ramya AYYANARAPPAN (Indian) staying in Humanscapes and working at Financial Service



#### 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](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com)

## FROM THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION COUNCIL

### CONFLICT RESOLUTION POST ERRATA

Dear community

I would like to make a correction regarding the post on Conflict Resolution I published on 26/04/2022: Honor (AVCP) is no longer an active member of the CRP3C group (since June 2022).

Sorry for the confusion.

Sophie for the Conflict Resolution Council

## FROM THE RA WORKING COMMITTEE

### OPEN LETTER TO ANU ET AL REGARDING NEWS & NOTES

Dear Anu et al,

This is in response to the massbulletin sent by you on 1st May 2023.

We are indeed confused and outraged by the forced hijack of the News & Notes that happened in December 2022, when you threatened the editors with legal consequences if they continued publishing contents from the working groups duly selected by the Residents' Assembly.

It is clear from your latest Massbulletin and your actions so far that you stand with censorship, despite it being against all teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Still today, we fail to understand how fellow Aurovilians can act in such a blatant disregard of Auroville's values.

On our end, we stand for inclusivity, we stand for diversity, we stand for allowing different perspectives the freedom to co-exist, we stand for unity.

We stand with the Auroville Council and their decision to uphold the community's ethics and those of the News & Notes, by restoring a publication platform which includes all views - both ours, yours and others, irrespective of how much we may agree or disagree with them.

What is asked from us Aurovilians is to work towards mutuality, integration and a higher synthesis. These are also the values and principles that we are upholding in the courts.

It is never too late to take a step back and introspect.

For the time being, we invite all residents to send their publications to [newsandnotes@auroville.services](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.services). We will continue, together with the other working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly, to aim at integration and to uphold our core value of unity in diversity.

Sincerely,

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly  
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli

**NOTE:** Please be aware that this open letter was also sent to the AVFO controlled News and Notes but it has not been included for publication.

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE HON'BLE MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dear Community,

There are several things to report from the Hon'ble Madras High Court as of today:

1. A new case was filed and given a first hearing today, 28th April 2023, to quash Office Order #AF/ESTT/OO/277, dated 12th April 2023 and issued by the Office of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. This Office Order (attached) was to appoint new executives, trustees and members for the Visitors' Center, SAIER Board, Bharat Nivas, Eco Service, Auroville Safety and Security Team (AVSST), Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) and Arts Service, as well as a few other teams and services. The Hon'ble Madras High Court has admitted (accepted) the case and will serve a notice to the respondents.
2. As a follow-up to our previous announcement about the Writ of Quo Warranto that was heard earlier this week, it has been reported to us that in addition to the judge stating that a notice will be issued to the respondents in the case, he also explicitly stated that all policy decisions taken by the 7 persons calling themselves the 'Working Committee' and listed as respondents, will be subjected to the final judgement of this case by the Hon'ble Madras High Court. This means that if the court ultimately rules that they do not have valid grounds to call themselves the Working Committee of the RA of the Auroville Foundation, then all policy decisions taken by them after filing of the writ petition will be invalid and subject to change.
3. During the week, the appeals made by the AVFO against the 12th August verdict, and requests submitted by the Working Committee and TDC lawyers to remove the interim stays on the judgement, were listed two times, on 24th April and today, but on both occasions couldn't be heard due to lack of time.

The written court orders for the first hearings of 1 and 2 are not yet uploaded but they will be shared as soon as they are available.

In community,

Your Working Committee  
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli

## UPLOADED COURT ORDER FOR WRIT OF QUO WARRANTO

Dear community,

The court order for the writ of quo warranto that was filed and had a first hearing last week has now been uploaded to the website of the Hon'ble Madras High Court. ([See attached order.](#))

In short:

1. Notice has been ordered to be served to the 8 respondents (Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine and the Secretary of the AVF) and responses must be submitted by 7th of June, 2023.
2. "Any policy decision taken by the 'Working Committee' is subject to the result of this Writ petition." This means that whether or not decisions made by the group calling themselves the 'Working Committee' can stand and from what date depends on the directions issued in the final judgement.
3. The judge has directed that the case be listed next on the 7th of June, 2023.

The order for the second new case that had a first hearing last week has not yet been uploaded.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

In community,

Your Working Committee  
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli

## FROM THE RA TDC

### TDC UPDATE - MAY 2023

The history, purpose and values of Auroville makes planning for its urban development a uniquely complex process. For the past months, the RA TDC has been meeting with experts to understand developmental needs for Auroville, particularly in the current scenario:

### National Green Tribunal (NGT) judgement: Need for proper planning and environmental clearance

Auroville has a rich history of social, environmental, economic and spiritual research and practices. Despite the work already conducted, it is evident that additional planning work is needed to act as a solid foundation for building the City the Earth needs. Indeed, the NGT judgement specified the need for a proper township masterplan to be formulated and environmental clearance to be complete before undertaking further construction of the city.

"Planning for development is an envisioning process which requires a sound assessment of the ground realities" [Source: URDPFI Preface page iii]. Indeed, taking into account ground realities is very important, and was even a main goal of the Master Plan Perspective 2025 (MPP25), which "gives Development Proposals to make Auroville the most eco-friendly city" [Source: MPP25, Preamble]. Other key aspects are: land ownership to fulfil the Mother's vision in its entirety, financing and resourcing, the bioregion with regard to sharing the same resources (e.g. water) and the development of surrounding villages.

### Master Plan Perspective 2025: A piece of the puzzle in the bigger picture of Urban Planning

The Master Plan Perspective 2025 (MPP25) is a policy framework that "lays down broad policies in terms of land utilisation, residential densities and qualitative and quantitative aspects of infrastructure development" [Source: MPP25, Preamble].

The MPP25, as its name suggests, is a Perspective Plan (see URDPFI Guidelines). The purpose of a Perspective Plan is to provide an overall framework for preparation of detailed plans. In the context of Auroville, the Residents' Assembly has the responsibility to formulate the Master Plan (see the Auroville Foundation Act). Following this, two other types of plans are needed before actually being ready to start building a city: Development Plan (supported by an implementation strategy and evaluation criteria) and Annual Plan. Then, Plans of Projects are needed for implementation.

"It [Planning] is a continuous process and must incorporate a regular evaluation of implementation" [Source: URDPFI Preface page iii].

This statement is supported by the following quote from the MPP25: “Although the Master Plan (Perspective: 2025) indicates a time horizon of 25 years, it will neither be traditional, nor static and rigid.” [Source: MPP25, Reviewing the Master Plan] In the same section, it specifies that all 5-year Development Plans will be monitored and the progress made will constitute the base for the next Development Plan and inputs for reviewing the Master Plan.

**Participative planning process: Creating the centre ground and building up from what exists**

Despite the challenges, significant steps have already been made over the years, yielding various studies that can serve as input into the plans and policies to be produced, as exemplary tools for a proper planning process.

These studies include: Dreamweaving the Crown 2022, Development Priorities 2021, Citizens’ Assembly Vision on Water, A Way Forward 2019, Greenbelt Landuse Plan, Existing Landuse, Terms of Reference 2017, Planning principles, Planning guidelines, to name a few. However, a lot of work remains to be done.

Participative and interdisciplinary planning is now the global best-practice. Indeed, the RA TDC truly believes in a manifestation that is grounded in Auroville ideals such as sincerity, collaboration and service. This means using the community’s planning principles, the key features of the Galaxy concept and the Perspective Plan 2025, in a spirit of experimentation and innovation, as agreed by the Residents’ Assembly in 2017.

In view of this, we have been actively working towards setting up a proper and participative planning process for the development of Auroville. The approach to planning was set out as a series of elements which build from each other to ensure a values-driven approach:

- An integrative approach from a central ground;
- Building from shared aims;
- Complementary participation levels and planning approaches;
- Necessary planning outputs (such as proper and detailed plans);
- Recognition and appropriate planning status.

**Preparatory work for external consultants: In conversation with Vastushilpa Sangath**

In a recent meeting with Rajeev from Vastushilpa Sangath, they raised some concerns which we are hoping to address to help us scope the next steps in this work. It is clear to them and us, that the participative approach to planning is only effective in a space which feels secure and fertile.

In view of the crisis Auroville is going through, it becomes ever more important to create a safe space for residents to participate. Important issues need to be addressed as part of an eventual reconciliation, but the planning work has to move forward in parallel, so we need to keep widening the space of integration.

**Safe space for the planning work: Strengthening the centre ground**

This would mean going beyond the labels, perceptions, and politics of the wider situation, around a common purpose: “Invite everyone to join a defined centre ground from which to plan and build Auroville together.”

To give the best results, a safe space in the centre ground should be created, defined by shared values, aspirations and processes. In view of this, the RA TDC has been regularly meeting and consulting with the Dreamweaving Core Team and other experienced process designers and facilitators.

In an effort to widen the space of integration, the Dreamweaving Core Team has launched a series of interactions with the community, starting during the first week of May 2023.

in Service,  
L'avenir d'Auroville - TDC Town Development Council  
Anan, Divya L, Dorle, Island, Meera N, Natasha S, Tom G

**ABOUT THE NEWS AND NOTES**

- The "News and Notes", can now be published again in its integrity as a service to the whole community.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

To know more about the News and Notes and why we currently have two editions, please refer to [N&N Community Edition 972](#)

**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 Committee (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 Committee (BCC / BCS)  
 Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)  
 Housing Service (HS)  
 Land Board (LB)

## RESIDENTS VOICES

### REPORTS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROWN ROAD

Since I was banned from Auronet in October 2022, after posting a report on how badly the Crown Road (CR) was being built, I could inform the community on the road construction only through posts on various Whats-App groups and more recently on Telegram. Therefore, I hope that this post will reach more people now.

As everyone has seen, the CR is chaotic everywhere, nothing has been planned by the ATDC appointed by the Secretary (JR's ATDC) of the Auroville Foundation Office (AVFO). The construction of the stretch near the Youth Centre is extremely delayed due to the incompetence of JR's ATDC, the CPWD and the contractor building the road. Also, as reported in the 170 pages that I wrote in 12 reports, their new system is total non-sense, one of them being the precast RCC slabs from which the carbon emissions are 952% higher than the road planned with paver blocks.

In the video recorded meeting of 24th January 2023, the "Head of Planning" of JR's ATDC, Sindhuja said that they will have completed a 100 m sample road by the end of February to show how it would be and that the 2.1 km of the first phase would be completed by 1st April 2023.

Of course, nothing has been done and they will never be able to complete anything for many years: If they follow the same speed of work, only delivering the concrete slabs for the first phase of 2.1 km may take about 5.5 years, and they may take ~5.4 years for laying the remaining sets of slabs (558 Nos.). Furthermore, they cannot build the road of 495, as it is passing through acres of private lands. Additionally, 240 m of the road is passing on the private land of Michael Bonke, for which he only gave a verbal agreement. However, it is illegal to build with government funds on a private land for which there has not been any registered agreement. Thus, JR's ATDC and the AVFO are building this road illegally on Michael's Bonke land.

For more information on this road construction, please follow these links: [Summary on the Crown Road construction](#) and [Private lands on the Crown Road](#).

Satprem

### PLEASE SIGN TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT: 2 STATEMENTS FROM THE AUROVILLE COMMUNITY

Dear Community and Well-wishers of Auroville,

Following the General Meeting on the 22 April 2023 two statements against the recent initiatives by the office of the secretary were signed by over 100 persons.

Please read the statements from the links below and sign to show your support. Those who already signed the sheet at the meeting can sign on these as well.

1 - [Statement regarding Removal from the Register of Residents in Auroville](#) (for Auroville Residents and Well-wishers)

2 - [Statement by Auroville residents regarding Office Order dated 12.04.2023](#) (for Auroville Residents only)

The RA WCom is closely informed about this process.

Sincerely,  
A group of concerned Aurovilians

P.S. Those uncomfortable with filling a google form can alternatively email: [build.auroville.together@gmail.com](mailto:build.auroville.together@gmail.com) (please copy/paste the statements and mention your name and community name)

### SILENT UNITY WALK



அமைதியான ஒற்றுமை நடைப்பயணத்திற்கு எங்களுடன் சேருங்கள்.

ஆரோவில்லின் ஆன்மா தாக்குதலுக்கு உள்ளாகி இருக்கிறது. எங்கள் பணியும் உங்கள் பணியும் ஆபத்தில் உள்ளது. மக்கள் தங்கள் பணியிடத்தில் இருந்து வலுக்கட்டாயமாக வெளியேற்றப்பட்டு அச்சுறுத்தப்படுகிறார்கள்.

என்ன: அமைதியான நடைப்பயணத்தில் சேரவும்

எங்கே: ஆரம்பம் (பார்வையாளர்கள் மையம்/ தனிமை சாலைக்கு அருகில்) சோலார் கிச்சனுக்குச் சென்று திரும்புதல்

**THE SPIRIT OF AUROVILLE IS UNDER ATTACK. OUR WORK AND YOUR WORK ARE AT RISK.**

**People are being forcefully dismissed from their workplace and threatened.**

**JOIN US FOR A SILENT UNITY WALK.**

**From Visitors Center / Solitude road, to Solar Kitchen and return.**

### YOUTH CENTER SPEAKS

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND HEALING ARTS

### CAPOEIRA- MARTIAL ART AND MUSIC WITH GINGA SAROBA

Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, music and movements. More than 500 years old, Capoeira is a constantly evolving art form, come connect and express yourself. Join us for

**Adult Classes : Monday & Thursday - 6 PM - Deepanam School**

Contact: 7598446327

Submitted by Kiran for Ginga Saroba



### SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville>



### Workshop

#### Meeting Ourselves Through the Arts - with Anjali

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th from 9:30am to 11:30am

A 2-day expressive arts exploration aimed at encountering ourselves wherever we are in our journey with the help of creative experience and expression.

This will be an Intermodal expressive arts experience which will include modalities such as visual art, music, movement, writing, and so on. With the use of art, mindfulness, breath and flow, the sessions will help you to meet yourself in new ways, bringing to light what's alive within you and what needs nurturing.

No prior art experience required. All art materials will be provided. Prior booking required.

For booking and more details please contact Anjali : +91 95600 26678

### Regular Classes

#### Mindfulness evening Circle with Jass

Thursday at 7:30pm



Mindfulness is the art of opening up to the present moment, embracing all that is alive within us and around us. It enables us to enjoy life deeply and cope with life's challenges in a skillful way.

This is a drop-in group session.

#### Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

Friday from 5 to 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.

### VÉRITÉ WORKSHOP

Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @  
0413 2622045, 2622606, 7867805812  
or  
[programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in), [www.verite.in](http://www.verite.in)



**Yoga of Forgiveness - with Dr. Sehdev**  
**Saturday, 13 May - 2:00pm – 4:30pm**

From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference, to the Light of Forgiveness is a momentous step. From Fear & Festering Revenge, to the Courage of Being is the True Journey of the Spirit. We must let go of what ties us to the prison bars, and dream once again of Freedom. In this freedom alone lies our true Redemption.

## FOOD, GOODS AND SERVICES

### SUDHA'S KITCHEN - NEW CAFÉ !



Dear community,

Sudha's kitchen is open now in Svedam community.

We offer:

**Breakfast:** delicious red rice idly, dosa, pongal, vadai

**Lunch:** Mediterranean food

Our timings are: **8am to 5pm** (Closed on Sunday)

Come and enjoy your plate!

Sudha's kitchen ☺

## AV RADIO



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The voices of Auroville

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Your favourite radio is always working for you. Stay tuned!

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- [I just wanna write – Ep.9](#) (Creative Writing)
- [Savitri Book II Canto II Part3](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Marlenka's weekly Offering-Ep.89](#) (Literature)
- [La Vita Divina – Ep.24](#) (Sri Aurobindo)

Please help us to relocate the radio! Donate to F.A. number 251369

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For more information write to [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

Peace and love  
Regards, Wobbli







Presents at **MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)**

*Reminder: Friday 5th "A HERO" by Asghar Farhadi, Iran-France, 2021*

**Friday 12 MAY, 8.00 pm**

**"THE VELVET QUEEN"**  
(original title: **LA PANTHÈRE DES NEIGES**)

Directed by **Marie Amiguet & Vincent Munier**, France, 2021

With: Vincent Munier and Sylvain Tesson

Music: Warren Ellis and Nick Cave

**Synopsis:** In the heart of the Tibetan highlands, photographer Vincent Munier brings writer Sylvain Tesson on his quest to find the snow leopard. He introduces him to the subtle art of waiting from a blind spot, tracking animals and finding the patience to catch sight of the beasts.

Through their journey in the Tibetan peaks, inhabited by invisible presences, the two men engage in a conversation on our place among the living beings and celebrate the beauty of the world... The critics describe the film as a calming and meditative experience, "transcendentally beautiful". This amazing documentary won Best Documentary Film at the 47th César Awards, and Best Documentary at the 27th Lumières Awards.

*Original French version with English Subtitles. Duration 1h32'*



**THE 8TH EDITION OF THE AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY 2024.**

**We are now open for submissions.**

Films for the three local categories:

1. Films made by Aurovilians, bioregion residents or guests of Auroville
2. Films made about Auroville / bioregion
3. Films made by students of Auroville / bioregion

are to be entered using the form on our website:  
<https://filmfestival.auroville.org/submissions-2024/>

Students 17yrs old and below are eligible to enter films in the students category. Films produced after August 15, 2021 are eligible for above 3 categories and the deadline for submission is September 15, 2023.

A note to prolific filmmakers: please do make a selection of the best! In this edition we have decided on screening only 30hrs of films in total (the last editions screened 50hrs!).

Entries for the international category of "Films that develop the theme of human unity" are to be submitted via  
<https://filmfreeway.com/AurovilleFilmFestival>

Films for this category need to be produced in January 2021 or later and the deadline for submission is July 31, 2023.

Please do submit your films to AVFF'24 and help spreading the word.

## TO MAURICE, OUR BELOVED "COMPAGNON DE ROUTE" (COMPANION ON OUR JOURNEY)...

For those who loved Maurice and could not attend Maurice's farewell ceremony, Rakhal made a very nice video of this special moment to allow everyone to accompany Maurice in this new adventure. See link below.



<https://vimeo.com/822038775/bdeb7bb549?share=copy>

Much has already been said about Maurice's many qualities... For many years Maurice has been a reliable and dependable working partner; and a friend present in all circumstances. Together we shared storms, we had good laughs, a lot, we developed common projects, and always with his humor, his open heart and mind, and this quiet strength that made him a unique friend in this companionship, a presence that did good to the heart, a soul brother whose subtle presence is still there.

We would also like to take advantage of this message to express our deepest thanks to Mechthild and her teams at AV Health Service, for the care and the incredible spirit of mutual aid with which they accompanied Maurice all these last months.

And finally, a huge gratitude to Michael's team at Farewell for the essential work and mission they are carrying out with admirable sensitivity and delicate thoughtfulness.

With all our love for our beloved Maurice.

Bhagwandas & Christine

## DEBORAH LAWLOR PASSED ON



One of the very first Aurovilians, USA-born Deborah Lawlor, left her body in Los Angeles in the evening of Tuesday, 2 May.



Deborah, and her husband Robert, were pioneers in Forecomers at the end of the 1960s and presented the first harvest from Auroville to Mother. They were responsible for the first infrastructure of the community, named 'Forecomers' by Mother and, with a background in dance and theatre, they famously presented a torchlit drama in the Forecomers canyons during which Deborah danced. The pair also built a first check dam in the canyon by hand.

Having returned to USA in the mid-70s, Deborah eventually moved to Los Angeles where she co-founded [the Fountain Theatre](#), known for its festivals of flamenco dance and with which she worked for three decennia.

Her artistic skills and outgoing nature made her loved by many, and those of us who were around at the time, will never forget her colourful and highly artistic rendering of the then still budding Forecomers community.

Dance on, dear Deborah!

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## CHILDREN

### SUMMER PROGRAM FOR AUROVILLE KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN



Kindergarten, Nandanam and Aha teachers are offering 4 weeks of activities (crafts, games, stories, blocks, pool) to their students, age 4 to 7.

#### When?

On Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8th of May until 2d of June, from 9.00 to 12.00.

#### Where?

- at Kindergarten (Center Field) from 8th to 19th of May
- at Nandanam from 22d of May until 2d of June.

Parents, please put a towel and swimsuit in your child's bag. Snack will be served but no lunch.

Volunteers above 14 of age are welcome to help the teachers run the program!

## THE ARTS

### EXHIBITION IN PITANGA



#### “Miranda’s Glass Art Installations”

by Miranda Rumina

5 May – 1 June at Pitanga.

You are warmly invited to the opening this week:

Friday, 5 May, 5 – 6.30pm

Miranda's Glass Art Installations is a photography exhibition of glass objects and glass installations by multi-media artist Miranda Rumina. Miranda is an internationally established artist based in England and Slovenia. She came to Auroville in 2006 and keeps visiting Auroville to continue her artistic journey.



<https://mirandarumina.com>

#### “From the artist:

“Glass is the purest material that is created by man in connection with mother Nature. It is also the most precious one because it lets light shine through it and its structure resembles quartz crystals. Here are glass installations by Miranda Rumina, mostly created in Slovenia over the last four years:

- Four Seasons, Valvasor Chapel 1997;
- Tri Barve / Tre Colori, Our Lady of Health Church, Piran, Slovenia, 2021;
- Symphony In Black And White, Zavarovalnica Triglav, Kranj, Slovenia, 2019;
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Layerjeva Hiša, Kranj, Slovenia, 2020.”

- Miranda Rumina

**Pitanga Cultural Centre**

2622403 / WA 9443902403

[info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

## AWAKENING SPIRIT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 7th May, 9 am - 12 noon

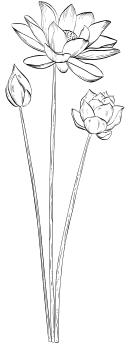
Focus: The collective Yoga

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/Whatsapp: 9489147202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



## HELP NEEDED

### AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!



**PUPPY BATHING DAY**

Join us on  
**SUNDAY, MAY 7TH**  
10 AM - 12 PM

to help wash our adorable puppies!  
Children welcome!



#### Calling all dog lovers!

Last Sunday's "Shelter Cleanup Event" was a massive success, and we are thrilled to invite you to our next event, "Puppy Bathing Day" this coming Sunday (weather permitting). It's an excellent opportunity for the entire family, particularly children, to learn how to care for our adorable dogs and meet our team, who is eager to share their vision of how the Auroville Dog Shelter will be developed.

We still have several challenges to overcome, but we are optimistic that the Auroville community's kindness and compassion will enable us to transform the dog shelter into a loving and caring home for over 300 dogs. We provide various programs and opportunities for everyone to participate, from fostering puppies (from a weekend up to 3 months) to volunteering hands-on in the shelter. We need graphic designers, social media influencers, fundraisers, builders, and architects to turn our vision into reality.

#### Rabies Emergency

We have recently experienced an increase in suspected rabies cases in Auroville. We have a 24-hour emergency rabies alert team on standby, and we have a few anti-rabies vaccines in stock, but our budget is currently limited, and we need your help to maintain this crucial service.

Please support us by donating to our **FS account 25-1391** or by emailing us at [aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com) or [aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in). Volunteers may also contact us through WhatsApp at 08939449413 or 08122225266.

Let's work together to make a difference in the lives of these deserving dogs. We hope to see you at the new Auroville Dog Shelter!

## TAXI SHARE



### TO CHENNAI AIRPORT

Looking to share a taxi leaving AV at 10pm on 8th May (so for flights leaving around 4am on 9th May). Please contact: [honorauroville@gmail.com](mailto:honorauroville@gmail.com)

Thank you, Honor

## HEALTH CARE



### TIME TO SUMMERNATE AYURVEDA HEALTHY TIPS

According to Ayurveda, the qualities of summer are hot, sharp, and penetrating. That's why our pitta dosha - the subtle fire that controls metabolism and transformation - can cause us to overheat. The sun saps the energy from the body, from the plants and the earth, increasing the heat and dryness.

Pitta needs to be looked after to maintain a good energy, mental clarity, joyfulness, good digestion and blood circulation, a beautiful glow of the skin and a sound sleep.

When Pitta is out of balance it will give skin problems, hot flashes, exhaustion, indigestion or loose stool. Emotionally, excess Pitta manifests through irritation, short-temper, impatience, judgement/criticism, perfectionism...

Before Pitta reaches uncontrollable heights, remain cool, calm and pamper the liver:

**With the food:** As Agni (digestive fire) weakens, it is better to eat light, unctuous (slightly oily), cooling food such as salads and juices.

- Favorable taste: Bitter taste, Sweet taste (to take moderately in case of diabetes and high triglycerides). Salty taste should be taken reasonably
- Drink water stored in earthen pot
- Raw food/salads are taken at lunch mainly
- Proteins: mungdal, chickpeas, beans, sprouts, nuts and seeds, non-veg: white meat, fish, seashell, dairies for breakfast or lunch, eggs
- Cereals for energy: jasmine rice, barley, oats, millet (fermented ragi)
- Vegetables: pumpkin, bittergourd, bottlegourd, snakegourd, ashgourd, cucumber (taken separately), salads, green leafy vegetables, broccoli, cabbage, celery, carrots, drumstick (moringa), zucchini, plantain
- Fruits: amla, pomegranate, banana, ramphala, chiku, papaya, apple, grape, date, watermelon and melon (to be taken separately), coconut
- Beverages: buttermilk, sweet lassi, coconut water, mint, lemongrass, cardamom, chamomile, nannari (sarsaparilla), amla juice, watermelon juice, vegetable juice, cucumber milk (blend ½ cup of peeled cucumber in 1 cup of milk with a pinch of sugar), electrolyte (1tsp lemon juice + 1tsp of sugar + 1 pinch salt in a glass of water),
- Lipids: ghee, olive or sunflower or coconut oil
- Spices: cumin, coriander, black pepper, turmeric, fennel seeds, fresh aromatic herbs (dill, coriander, fennel, mint, parsley, saffron)

#### **Avoid:**

- Pungent and sour tastes (especially for people who are Pitta dominant)
- Pitta increasing items: chillies, fermented (apart from idli and dosai), deep-fried, sour buttermilk or curd, red meat, alcohol (strong liquor, red wine), coffee ...
- Drinking beverages coming from the fridge or freezer during meals
- Ice-cream at the end of a meal (best to be taken when the digestion is finished, around 4pm)

#### **Routine to favour:**

- Avoid direct sun contact specially between 11am and 4pm, and protect from the heat by keeping a humid towel/cap on the head
- A nap of half an hour after lunch is allowed
- Body massage with coconut oil – if there's no time every day to apply oil on the body, then massage ears, hands and feet + pour 4-5 drops of coconut oil on the fontanelle
- Bath with cool water and apply a paste of sandalwood on the face, heart and lower abdomen (these are the 3 main parts that should remain fresh to maintain the coolness in the whole body); foot bath in the evening with vetiver roots, rose water or hibiscus flowers
- Swimming, Aquagym, any water activities. Qi-Gong, Tai Chi, light running: max 30 minutes early morning or late evening; walks in green environment, forest
- Soft yoga, pranayama (Sheetali, Sheetakari, ida nadi inhalation-left nostril inhalation), meditation with Gayatri mantra
- Walk under the moonlight, full moon bath
- Wear loose and comfortable cotton or linen clothes (white, blue, green, gray colours)
- Cooling jewellery: sandalwood beads, jade, pearl, amethyst crystals, moonstone, silver, aquamarine
- To refresh the ambiance use lemon or orange peel, jasmine flowers, lavender, wet cloth hanging at the open window, vetiver curtains

#### **Cooling plants for the summer:**

- Amalaki – Amla: refrigerant and full of Vitamin C, rejuvenative fruit
- Aloe vera: rejuvenates blood and tissues
- Aegle Marmelos – Bael fruit: make juice from the pulp and decoction with leaves, it calms body and mind. It is slightly laxative, do not take during pregnancy
- Coriander: seeds for urinary infections, kidney weakness
- Red Hibiscus: leaves and flowers for shampoo and conditioner; flowers for herbal tea
- Manduka parni – Centella asiatica leaves: rejuvenative and tonic for brain and nerves
- Pudina – Mint leaves: herbal tea or dishes
- Radha consciousness – Clitoria Terneata flowers: herbal tea or juice
- Sarsaparilla – Nannari syrup: soothing Pitta
- Shataavari – Asparagus racemosus: cooling, calming Pitta, very good for women to harmonize hormones
- Vetiver roots: for bathing
- Yashtimadhu – Licorice: to refresh the body and to calm irritation, inflammation or ulcer in the digestive tract

Wishing you a beautiful summer

Berengere (Be) @ Santé Clinic

## AVAILABLE

A purple/dark red color IKEA SOFA available (due to moving to a smaller house), comfortable and in very good condition - bought early 2019. Contribution/offer required.

Please contact Surya or Philippe directly, tel. 2623 065, 83001 89062 or write to suryaniworks@gmail.com. Thank you.



## FO GROUPS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

"Please note that the links in this part of the N&N do not work, due to technical complications. If you would like to publish an announcement/article/event with functional links, please send them to our new email ID: [newsandnotes@auroville.services](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.services)"

### FROM THE FO WC

#### ON THE NEWS AND NOTES

We understand that many people are confused by the forced hijack of last week's News and Notes done by appropriating content without permission and impersonating as N&N.

We condemn this, especially as it comes in the wake of a letter of intimidation issued to Roy and Agnijata, the N&N team, and after an attempt to remove them from office was also made.

This is to confirm that the News and Notes are alive and well. We stand by Roy and Agnijata at this particularly difficult moment.

Please continue to send your articles and announcements as usual at [newsandnotes@auroville.org.in](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.org.in)

News and Notes belong to All Aurovilians.

Warmly, *The Working Committee*  
Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine

### FROM THE FO FAMC

#### FUNDS & ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

April 2023

AUROVILLE

FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOUNDATION

ACUR, AUROVILLE 605 101  
TAMIL NADU, INDIA  
[adminfamc@auroville.org.in](mailto:adminfamc@auroville.org.in)

*'You must neither turn with an ascetic shrinking from the money power, the means it gives and the objects it brings, nor cherish a rajasic attachment to them or a spirit of enslaving self-indulgence in their gratifications. Regard wealth simply as a power to be won back for the Mother and placed at her service.*

*In your personal use of money look on all you have or get or bring as the Mother's. Make no demand but accept what you receive from her and use it for the purposes for which it is given to you. Be entirely selfless, entirely scrupulous, exact, careful in detail, a good trustee; always consider that it is her possessions and not your own that you are handling. On the other hand, what you receive for her, lay religiously before her; turn nothing to your own or anybody else's purpose.'*

**Book The Mother, by Sri Aurobindo, Chapter IV**

- All assets, buildings, farms, green buffer zone and parks, lands are resources that belong to the Divine Mother to be optimally and diligently used by all. The assets are held in a structure-The Auroville Foundation-amenable to the laws of the land.
- Anjana Saraf, a newcomer will be working at Arka for the Health Sector. She was one of the persons who applied for Project Lead positions.
- Members of the FAMC team along with other working groups met the visiting delegation of Y20.

- We are working on restructuring the Archives building first floor front room along with Sonali, the architect of the place, for accommodating some of the working groups from Town Hall. For urgent need of space for CPWD and ATDC.
- We have met Foodlink executives to explore better distribution and pricing of farm produce in Auroville. We believe that the farmers should be farming and the Foodlink needs to be an independent entity with more channels to supply the Auroville produce that grows naturally in these climatic conditions.
- FAMC team along with the Housing Service completed the reviewing of a proper House transfer contribution formula for a logical and operational driven costing equation. A practical, deterministic and statistics based costing formula that includes repairs of the houses, administration and staff budgets, house tax provided to panchayats, repatriation costs that are taken into consideration based on the recent past five year records. This new system is now rolled out progressively.
- FAMC along with Housing Service is now in a fast track process to provide house sitting arrangements for 20+ housing assets to Aurovilians. The survey results have provided many anomalies that have made this possible. More detailed review of the Housing Survey is ongoing.
- City Services accounts that are used by all the BCC supported services will be prepared for consolidation in the Tally accounting system. Going forward proper submission of bills, vouchers and justified operational expenditures will be required to support the approved budget by each service.
- FAMC along with ATDC is reviewing the land stewardship reforms.
- Final consolidation of AVF accounts as per MoE required format is under process and the AVFO auditors have finalized the MoE format for submitting the accounts. The units and trusts have been provided the final approved format for submitting the 2022-23 accounts to AVFO & FAMC.
- Land purchases and exchanges are fast tracked by DRO personnel from AVFO with good results.
- BCC recurring budgets of all municipal services are reviewed and scrutinized for the scope and scale of operational budgetary needs vs what is requested. This exercise is still ongoing.
- Nothing done with the green buffer zone service. The annual accounts for the green buffer zones (erstwhile forests) are still not completed. The 1st year they were to have provided the accounts and it is still pending for February and March 2023.
- Review of the full farm sector, and the need of a new farm service has begun in full swing. FAMC met with the Farm group's core team upon their request for a dialog and understanding of the movement that is underway.
- Apart from this, the new Farm Service team that has been instituted by the Organization and Governance Committee met with FAMC members and a road map has been shared with the new team on several directional changes that are to be taken up. Farm Service, Farm group core team and FAMC will meet up to see how to move forward for the farm sector as a whole. The Farm Service team will also meet the rest of the farmers (small, medium and large) and come back for a recommended work plan for the whole of the Farm Sector to FAMC for joint review and update. It will be submitted to the GB subsequently.
- Review of the Health sector has just begun in a larger context. FAMC team has been meeting the few of the various team and focusing first primarily on Arka to bring the campus in purview of FAMC for use for the Health Sector.

- The Health Sector has many teams, units and executives and an overall review of the health sector expenses and budgetary overview is to be conducted. FAMC will provide more information as this progresses.
- Ongoing works:
  - Units' contributions recovery along with BCC FY21-22. Services' budgets for FY22-23 is almost reviewed.
- Ongoing initiatives:
  - Along with ATDC, review inter services/ATDC modalities for project works—Aurinoco, Water Services and Pour Tous Water.
  - Water sharing formula for Buddha Garden, Shambhala plot and Siddhartha Farm managers along with ATDC.
- Items still pending/ongoing
  - Health Sector consolidation and finance is being looked into.
  - 405 residents are not supporting City Services with their monthly contribution. This includes 10 who are unwilling to pay, TOS and non-responders-excluding those more than 70 years old.
- Units and Trusts issues—Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity manager:
  - 'Audio Visual Event', an activity under AV Arts Service, has been closed.
  - 'Beloved India', an activity under AV Arts Service, has been closed.
  - 'Amrit Activities', an activity under AV Arts Service, has been closed.
  - Auroville Safety and Security Team, under Auroville Service Trust—Appointment of Alok MALLICK, Adhi SUBRAMANIAN, Sheida SHARIFI and Devanathan KARUNAKARAN as executives dated from 12.04.2023 to 11.04.2026. Termination of Carlos HERRERA and Jean Francois PINON as executives dated 12.04.2023.
  - Auroville Visitors Centre, a unit under Auroville Service Trust—Appointment of John D'ANDREA, Sathyamoorthy PATCHAIAPPAN, Sanjay KUSALE, Lieve CLAES, Vaisla SHARMA and Auroananda GAJENDRAN as executives dated from 12.04.2023 to 11.04.2026. Termination of Angad, Gillian, Tineke and Nicole as executives dated 12.04.2023.
  - AV Art Service, a unit under Auroville Service Trust—Appointment of Supriya MENON, Sowmya PARAMESHWARAN as executives dated from 12.04.2023 to 11.04.2026. Termination of Ramesh, Renu and Pushkar as executives dated 12.04.2023.
  - Eco Service, a unit under Auroville Service Trust—Appointment of Palani KANNAN, Sumit KUMAR, B SULLIVAN and Vanitha BALAMURALI as executives dated from 12.04.2023 to 11.04.2026. Termination of Kali BORG as an executive dated 12.04.2023.
  - ACUR Management, under Auroville Service Trust—Appointment of Balu KUPPUSAMY and Laxmanan GOVINDAPILLAI as executives dated from 12.04.2023 to 11.04.2026.
  - Auroville Road Service, a unit under Auroville Service Trust—Resignation of Jacques ROSIER as an executive dated to 2023-03-31 and appointments of Mohammed Ismail JALLIL and Jacques TRAIN as executives dated from 31-03-2023 to 30-03-2026.
  - Explore is a new activity under the umbrella entity ASSA (Auroville Small Scale Activities.) Balu RAMALINGAM is appointed as manager from 31-03-2023.
  - Talam is a new unit under ABC Trust. Shankar DHANASEKARAN and Manoj PAVITHRAN are appointed as new executives from 31-03-2023 to 30-03-2026.

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

**Application Announcement 04-05-2023**

A. The following Building Applications have been received and approved (information only):

**PROJECT NAME—Moorthi & Sharmila—BA—NO 2607**

- Applicant/s: Moorthi & Sharmila
- Location/area: Reve / Residential Zone
- Area for which approval is sought: 126.31 sq.m

**Project brief:** The house was not built in compliance with the NOC provided to them. Moorthi & Sharmila applied with Housing Service for a stewardship agreement. At this point the background of the asset was requested by Housing Service, and L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC agreed to regularise the asset and to issue the approval certificate in order for the Housing Service to give the stewardship agreement. However, a Completion Certificate needs to be obtained by Moorthi & Sharmila (as will be the case for all assets in Auroville) as requested by L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC, which will require further details to be furnished.

**PROJECT NAME—Anitha & Rajesh—BA—NO. 2606**

- Applicant/s: Anitha & Rajesh
- Location/area: New Creation / Outside Master Plan
- Area for which approval is sought: 101.31 sq.m

**Project brief:** The house was not built in compliance with the NOC provided to them. L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC agreed to regularise the asset and to issue the approval certificate in order for the Housing Service to give the stewardship agreement. However, a Completion Certificate needs to be obtained by Rajesh & Anitha (as will be the case for all assets in Auroville) as requested by L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC, which will require further details to be furnished.

B. The following application has received Preliminary Design Approval (feedback requested before the 18th of May 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

**PROJECT NAME—Vanitha—PDA—NO 2612**

- Applicant/s: Vanitha Narayanasamy
- Location/area: Douceur / Outside Master Plan
- Area for which approval is sought: 102.76 Sq.m

**Project brief:** To build an eco-friendly, demountable A frame house.

C. The following Building Application has been received and approved (feedback requested before the 18th of May 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

**PROJECT NAME—Nivetha—BA—NO 2602**

- Applicant/s: Nivetha Narayanaswamy
- Location/area: Douceur / Outside Master Plan
- Area for which approval is sought: 65.24 Sq.m

**Project brief:** The house was not built in compliance with the NOC provided to her on 28 March 2018. She wants to regularize the asset and add a room to the existing house. L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC agreed to regularise the asset and to issue the approval certificate. However, a Completion Certificate needs to be obtained by Nivetha (as will be the case for all assets in Auroville) as requested by L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC, which will require further details to be furnished.

- This is a **Preliminary Design Approval**, to be followed by a Building Approval.
- For more details, please see our Auronet post <https://auroville.org.in/article/95347>

## Constructive feedback guidelines:

So far, while giving permissions, we have asked the project team to include approval from the neighbors. This has no resonance with the ideals of Auroville where we are supposed to be headed towards a life guided by no desire, no preferences and no sense of ownership. We will no longer request this approval.

Similarly when we publish projects for approval, we will discard all personal feedback with respect to 'neighbors choosing neighbors' or 'neighbors choosing development guidelines'.

All other feedback is welcome and will be part of the process.

Thanks! Shantha Priya



*L'avenir d'Auroville*

for L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC

## FROM THE FO WC

### LETTER TO THE EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES

*This letter was sent to the Embassies and Consulates by the Working Committee on 11 April 2023 and other distinguished well wishers of Auroville, following the different visits and the questions often received.*

Excellencies, Auroville was created as a hope for the world, a living example of what humanity can aspire for and move towards, a place where the signposts for the future would become living examples and where people of the world would communicate a greater, conscious freedom, the beauty of its city, its environment and many sided realizations.

This universal town has a vision born city plan, supported by a Charter, both initiated by the Mother. This plan is the basis of Auroville's master plan for which she invited Roger Anger, whose centenary we also celebrate this year.

As you know, the Crown, which has been in the news, is an important element of the city. It circles through the four zones of the city, unifying it, preventing it from sprawling, to ensure a pedestrian friendly, e-mobility plan for this main urban centre of Auroville. Here life, activities, culture, services, plazas, shaded patios and walking arcades will allow young and old to meet, walk or cycle around the town, protected from sun or rain.

This is what many of us have been waiting for, for nearly 3 decades, since 1993, when Roger Anger wanted to start marking the Crown path. The resistance has been on-going, amplifying and hardening. Discussions are ridiculed or disrupted, The very concept and need for this city has been diverted to the idea of an eco village cum resort, amplified across all media where the original city plan is made dispensable. All professions about not being against the city and the Galaxy plan have never been matched on the ground.

The present crisis only reveals how far a faction has gone and can still go to disrupt and obstruct all attempts to lay this central artery of Auroville's urban life, across national and international media, in government offices, at UNESCO and other Auroville international platforms, deliberately ripping apart the goodwill in the community, between well wishers around the world, boycotting all programs commemorating Sri Aurobindo's 150th year, destroying the UNESCO conference, meant for all Aurobindonians in Auroville, India and around the world, who participated in the preparations and, continually obstructing the work and demonizing all those who work in support of the city.

Those of us working on the ground can only respond with actual work that needs to be done. Explaining the Auroville symbol which closely resembles the city plan, the Mother had stated: the inner circle represents the creation, the conception of the City.

This is the very thing being obstructed through force, denial and false propaganda, and by vilifying those who work for it. The prime target of all this since December 2021 has been Dr Jayanti Ravi, the one woman they have not been able to coerce or intimidate despite the vilest attempts to discredit and caricature her in media like in The Guardian, New York Times, Wall Street Journal and across Indian journals and social media.

The work continues because Auroville must continue and cannot be stopped by the whims and denials of those who refuse to collaborate. The How of it being flaunted everywhere needs to be seen in the context of How the years of obstructions and delays by this faction have:

1. Divided the people, misled the youth in particular.
2. Duped authorities including the Governing Board that they were working for the city, for the Crown and so on.

3. Contradicted the authority of the Standing Order for the TDC that an earlier Chairman set in place and approved by propping up an unratified parallel governance that would compromise the planning.

4. The same pattern of parallel groups now flourishes, defying all directives suggested, with massive media and social campaigns, rampant court cases, alternated servers set up without permission, alternate websites, alternate RAS, alternate News and Notes: an alternate Auroville literally, fracturing and confusing all the goodwill and opportunities offered to Auroville. None of the above is in the spirit of Auroville nor in service to the Divine that we are here to serve, as is piously claimed.

5. Has put on hold all projects ready to start since the NGT stay order was enforced, which described Auroville as a deemed forest, comfortably denying the city the Mother inaugurated in 1968, with a city plan on which 3 years of work went in.

6. Delays have hiked land and building costs which have skyrocketed over 3 decades.

7. Delays have led to the loss of master plan land over the years where outside speculators have bought and built in a way that has nothing to do with the planned city.

8. Propagated false 'political' narratives and dragged Auroville into it.

9. Interfered, vilified and attempted to disrupt every aspect and every stage of work. When called to collaborate, as with the Dreamweavers, parameters on which a collective endeavor can succeed were not respected, the result of the workshop not handed over to ATDC as agreed & the ATDC blamed for everything.

10. Continue to label the functioning ATDC as illegal despite clear High Court orders and have propped up alternate groups flashed all over social media, which in effect function illegally and further confuse

11. Brought unnecessary negative attention on Auroville by constantly harping against the Secretary, the Governing Board and the Government.

12. Have torn apart the fabric of Auroville by ostracizing not just adults but children too.

All these things are being done and said in the name of ALL in Auroville. It is wholly unethical to make ALL Aurovilians complicit in this false narrative, a point of view that does not uphold Auroville's intentions and aims but only their own views and desires. The Residents Assembly is not a political party. These antics have only brought unnecessary pressure and attention on Auroville and its affairs, taking away from ALL of us the natural freedom, right to action and a sincere collaboration in the realization of Auroville that the Mother and Sri Aurobindo had envisaged for this experiment.

Auroville is not a political or democratic project, it goes much further as it must, if it aims at the transformation of life for the future of humanity. Auroville's aim, the Mother had said, is to 'divert the destructive current of the world that perpetuates war. Human Unity is the huge responsibility that Auroville must learn to live up to. The city is the practical means given to fulfill this experiment in all its aspects and must never be blocked. Once, asked about governance, the Mother's response is telling:

Scores of people have come for Auroville... Instead of working, they spend their time talking... They've already begun discussing what the city's political situation will be...one of them wrote to me yesterday, saying he couldn't take part in something that wasn't purely 'democratic'... So I answered him this: Auroville must be at the service of the Truth, beyond all social, political and religious convictions... but above all...it would be better to build the city first!

We share with you some material about the 100 Years of Roger Anger which also conveys how this city was envisioned, its human scale, its conscious spiritual base and integration with the environment, and our responsibility to see it realized.

It is also being spread that the French and other international members are in danger. We also attach the reflections on one very long time pioneering day member.

The International Zone of Auroville is a place where the countries and the people of the world can join this experiment as already conveyed to you in our proposal.

We will keep you posted of the the situation as it evolves so that you are not left with a limited perspective. We are certainly in the middle of a great churning but also at a turning point of a transformation for the future.

We warmly welcome all your questions and suggestions and look forward to your visits to Auroville.

*Best regards, The Working Committee*

*Anuradha Legrand, Arun S. Joseba Martinez Burdaspar, Parthasarathy Krishnan, Selvaraj Damotharan, Srimoyi Rosegger, Christine Neuman*

### RESPONSE TO AVI BOARD

Dear Christiane, we refer to your 'clarification' on Auronet ([auroville.org.in/article/95209](http://auroville.org.in/article/95209)) which is disappointing to say the least and an obfuscation of facts. We offer you here a simple list of corrections:

1. 'A report was published' does not mention by whom, as the new AVI Board has also chosen to de-recognize us like a faction that is currently active. The AVI Board did not respond to our invitations in August 2022, not even by a simple email, nor to a joint meeting invitation by the Working Committee with the FAMC, ATDC and WCom sent in February. This was before the meeting with the Secretary that is mentioned.

2. The invitation was for a dialogue and a collaboration on different issues and projects. However this was bypassed and then ignored and finally a rather rude, heavy handed letter arrived which only addressed the ATDC, setting conditions for the meeting which was neither respectful nor collaborative. The ATDC replied on the Dreamweaver question and have even been working with some of them, but preferred to meet with the Board in the future together with the 3 groups as invited by the Working Committee—which is not quite as its being projected.

3. 'AVI Board is not against the development of the city' can no longer be taken at face value given the positions taken repeatedly in letters sent to the UNESCO, and other officials and well wishers in India and abroad.

4. We are aware of the deep divisions now in many AVI centres as a result of the negative and misleading messaging that has demonized those in working groups and of course the AV Foundation. People are being ostracized within AVI groups. Does all this have your support as well?

5. We appreciate the work that the different AVIs have done for many years and their effort to make Auroville known in their countries and amongst their friends. Fund raising needs to be envisaged according to the needs of an overall realization of Auroville and not remain limited to certain projects alone. This calls for a good collaboration with the working groups, a transparency of process and accountability. We say this as questions have come to us from different people and by the GB.

We trust you will not relegate us to the Unwanted or Recycle lists as some self styled RA groups have done. Surely the AVIs and the AV Board must rise above all that.

*Regards, The Working Committee  
(Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi and Tine)*

## REMEMBERING

### REMEMBERING ILSE ON 05.05.2023

**(15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

My dear friend, It is very difficult to forget you even though it is 17 years now. We had a very good moments together. Never had any misunderstanding, good advisor, friend, well-wisher and was taking care of my son by dropping and picking up from transition school.



He still remembers the gratitude flowers which you will be plucking for him on the way to school. Your memory remains as if sculptured in the rocky stone. We all miss you and love you forever my dearest friend.

*Love, Raji, Arunachalam and Gothainayagi*

## AUROVILLE MATTERS

### DO NOT TRY TO APPEAR VIRTUOUS

*Examine thyself without pity, then thou wilt be more charitable and pitiful to others.*

*Sri Aurobindo, Thoughts and Aphorisms 70*

Very good!

It is very good, very good for everybody, particularly for people who think themselves very superior.

But this really corresponds to something very profound.

In fact, this is an experience which I have been having for some time. It is almost like a reversal of attitude.

Indeed, men have always considered themselves victims harassed by adverse forces; those who are courageous fight, the others complain. But I have an increasingly concrete vision of the role that the adverse forces play in the creation, of the almost absolute necessity for them, so that there can be progress and for the creation to become its Origin once again—and such a clear vision that instead of asking for the conversion or abolition of the adverse forces one

must realise one's own transformation, pray for it and carry it out. This is from the terrestrial point of view, I am not taking the individual standpoint. We know the individual standpoint; this is from the terrestrial point of view. It was the sudden vision of all the error, all the misunderstanding, all the ignorance and obscurity, and even worse, all the bad will in the terrestrial consciousness which felt responsible for the perpetuation of these adverse beings and forces and which offered them in a great aspiration—more than an aspiration, a kind of holocaust—so that the adverse forces might disappear and have no further reason to exist, so that they might no longer be there to point out everything that has to be changed.

Their presence was made unavoidable by all these things that were negations of the divine life. And this movement of offering of the earth consciousness to the Supreme, in an extraordinary intensity, was like a redemption so that the adverse forces might disappear.

It was a very intense experience which expressed itself like this: 'Take all the faults I have committed, take them all, accept them, efface them so that these forces may disappear.'

This Aphorism is the same thing from the other end, it is the same thing in essence. As long as it is possible for a human consciousness to feel, act, think or be contrary to the great divine Becoming, it is impossible to blame anyone else for it; it is impossible to blame the adverse forces which are maintained in creation as the means of making you see and feel all the progress that has yet to be made.

*(Silence)*

The state I found myself in was like a memory—a memory that is eternally present—of that Consciousness of supreme Love which the Lord emanated upon earth, in the earth—in the earth—to—bring it back to Him. For that was truly a descent into the most total negation of the Divine, the negation of the very essence of the divine Nature, and therefore a renunciation of the divine state in order to accept earth's obscurity and bring earth back to the divine state. And unless this supreme Love becomes all — powerfully conscious here on earth, the return can never be final.

This experience came after the vision of the great divine Becoming, I and I asked myself, 'Since this world is progressive, since it is becoming more and more the Divine, will there not always be this intensely painful feeling of the thing which is undivine, of the state which is undivine compared to the one which is to come? Will there not always be what we call 'adverse forces', that is, something which is not following the movement harmoniously?' Then the answer came, the vision came: no, indeed the time for this possibility is near, the time for the manifestation of that essence of perfect Love which can transform this unconsciousness, this ignorance and the bad will which results from it into a progression that is luminous, joyful, eager for perfection and all — inclusive.

It was very concrete.

And this corresponds to a state in which one is so perfectly identified with all that is, that one becomes all that is anti-divine in a concrete way, and that one can offer it—one can offer it and truly transform it by offering it.

Basically, this kind of will for purity, for good, in men—which expresses itself in the ordinary mentality as the need to be virtuous—is the great obstacle to true self-giving. This is the origin of Falsehood and even more the very source of hypocrisy—the refusal to accept to take upon oneself one's own share of the burden of difficulties. And in this Aphorism Sri Aurobindo has gone straight to this point in a very simple way.

Do not try to appear virtuous. See how much you are united, one with everything that is anti-divine. Take your share of the burden, accept yourselves to be impure and false and in that way you will be able to take up the Shadow and offer it. And in so far as you are capable of taking it and offering it, then things will change.

Do not try to be among the pure. Accept to be with those who are in darkness and give it all with total love.

*21 January 1962*

*Submitted by Clare*

### **KALI: 7,5 YEARS IN ECO SERVICE**

Dear Aurovilians, I would like to thank everyone for the trust and support I have received during my seven and half years of working at the Eco Service. It has been an amazing journey. The effort and the energy of reducing the land fill to leave the least footprint as possible for the coming generation and the earth was hard but very satisfying.

The other major role I played was helping people find what they needed for fixing, creating or manifesting a project, as one man's waste may be another man's treasure. My aim was to make a circular loop of all the Auroville packaging within Auroville, and slowly, more and more packages were being redirected and reused. I also took the time to sort clothes and books, even washed them when needed and dropped them at the Freestore. I gave all I could to turn dead and waste energy into live matter. This slowly took a toll on me.

These concerns should not weigh on one person nor on the Eco service Team but on the whole community. Now that I'm not there, there will be a void in that field. I request from my heart that each one of you steps up and think twice before you simply put something in the waste. So many objects can be given a second life in and out of Auroville!

Please drop off your clothes, toys, hats, at the Freestore and books at the library and don't put them anymore in your waste. I have even found freshly washed and iron clothes in well sealed bags in the waste! These now might just end up in the landfill!

Small things such as cutting off the label from your tofu and other packages allows us to recycle rather than send to landfill.

Please empty your Ayurvedic or natural medicine in your drain, empty your jam jars, ketchup, soya sauce and do not send bottles for us to empty as this is an extra load for us while it's a small gesture for you.

Avoid using single use plastic, plastic straws, and tetra-packs.

I did my very best, and it is not because I am no longer in the team of Eco service that I don't feel concerned. I remain available to answer any question in regards to segregation and waste related issues.

I am always happy to help if needed.

*Thanking you from my heart, Kali*

## **AWAKENING SPIRIT**

### **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*





**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 Shradhdhavan
- **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**

Wednesday, 10 May, 4:30—5:30pm  
Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan



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.

**Building Matrimandir—A Labour of Love  
Auroville 1971—2008**

- There will be a weekly session every Wednesday 4.30—5.30pm. The series will include presentations, films, talks, etc., followed by questions and answers.

Everyone is welcome

Thank you, Dhanalakshmi, for Savitri Bhavan



**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
- **15 May, Monday: 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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**EXPLORING SPIRIT:  
MOTHER ON AUROVILLE**

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary  
Bharat Nivas Presents

A New Series on Auroville...  
"Exploring the Spirit"

**"Mother on Auroville"**  
by Gilles Guigan  
Part - 2

Venue : Bhumika Hall - Bharat Nivas  
Day : Saturday 6th May, 2023  
Time : 5 to 6 pm

*The Spirit of Auroville.*

BHARAT NIVAS  
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The Position of India, Auroville

Regards,  
Vani, BN Culture Team

## REFLECTIONS ON DEMOCRACY and Auroville's Governance by Sri Aurobindo & The Mother

Dear Community, since December 2021, we, as serving members of the Working Committee have often turned to Sri Aurobindo and The Mother to understand what they had in mind for the governance or organization of Auroville, about freedom and anarchy and divine anarchy in the context of Auroville and the future it must build. We share some of them with you here.

### From Sri Aurobindo

#### • Ideal of Human Unity/ Forms of Government

Or it might be something like the disguised oligarchy of an international council reposing its rule on the assent, expressed by election or otherwise, of what might be called a semi passive democracy as its first figure. For that is what the modern democracy at present is in fact; the sole democratic elements are public opinion, periodical elections and the power of the people to refuse reelection to those who have displeased it.

#### • The Ideal of Human Unity / The Drive towards Legislative and Social Centralization & Uniformity

Certainly, democracy as it is now practiced is not the last or penultimate stage; for it is often merely democratic in appearance and even at the best amounts to the rule of the majority and works by the vicious method of party government, defects the increasing perception of which enters largely into the present day dissatisfaction with parliamentary systems. Even a perfect democracy is not likely to be the last stage of social evolution, but it is still the necessary broad standing ground upon which the self consciousness of the social being can come to its own.

It does not follow that a true democracy must necessarily come into being at some time.

#### • War and Self Determinism

Ancient liberty and democracy meant in Greece the self rule—variegated by periodical orgies of mutual throat cutting—of a smaller number of freemen of all ranks who lived by the labor of a great mass of slaves. In recent times liberty and democracy have been, and still are, a cant assertion which veils under a skilfully moderated plutocratic system the rule of an organized successful bourgeoisie over a proletariat at first submissive, afterwards increasingly dissatisfied and combined for recalcitrant self assertion.

Another illusion was that the growth of democracy would mean the growth of pacifism and the end of war...

Man refuses to learn from that history of whose lessons the wise prate to us; otherwise the story of old democracies ought to have been enough to prevent this particular illusion.

#### • War and Self Determinism

The future does not belong to that hybrid thing, a middle class democracy infected with the old theory of international relations, however modified by concessions to a new broader spirit of idealism.

The future destined to replace this present is evident enough in some of its main outward tendencies, in society away from plutocracy and middle class democracy to some completeness of socialism and attempt at a broad and equal commonality of social living, in the relations of the peoples away from aggressive nationalism and balances of power to some closer international comity.

#### • The Idea of Human Unity / The Peril of the World State

Democracy is by no means a sure preservative of liberty: on the contrary, we see today a democratic system of government march steadily towards an organized annihilation of individual liberty as could not have been dreamed of in the old aristocratic or monarchical system... it revives now only only in periods of revolution and excitement often in the form of mob tyranny or a savage reactionary or revolutionary repression...

#### • Sri Aurobindo / Evening Talks, 1926 / Purani

I am at present speaking against democracy. That does not mean there is no truth behind it—and I know it, yet I speak against democracy because that mentality is against the Truth that is trying to come down.

### From The Mother

#### • On Thoughts & Aphorisms 341 -343 (Karma)

Democracy was the protest of the human soul against the allied despotisms of autocrat, priest and noble; Socialism is the protest of the human soul against the despotism of a plutocratic democracy; Anarchism is likely to be the protest of the human soul against the tyranny of a bureaucratic Socialism. It is chimerical to enquire which is the better system; it would be difficult to decide which is the worse.

A turbulent and eager march from illusion to illusion and from failure to failure is the image of European progress.

#### • Agenda 10 April 1968

If there is no representative of the supreme Consciousness (which can happen, of course), if there isn't any, we could perhaps (this would be worth trying) replace him with the government by a small number—we would have to choose between four and eight, something like that: four, seven or eight—a small number having an INTUITIVE intelligence.

All the intermediaries have proved incompetent: theocracy, aristocracy, democracy, plutocracy—all that is a complete failure.

#### • Agenda, August 16, 1969

In an undated note, Mother once wrote: Democracy was necessary and useful a hundred years ago, but now we must go beyond it if we want to take a step forward towards a new creation.

#### • Agenda 27 July, 1968 (conversation)

*Satprem: The Press is asking for a few texts to fill blanks in the forthcoming Bulletin.*

*The Mother: Take from Sri Aurobindo, not from me! Everything from Sri Aurobindo*

*Satprem proposes the following text:*

*Sri Aurobindo: Overmind is obliged to respect the freedom of the individual...*

*Oh, that's a revelation! I didn't know that.*

*Sri Aurobindo: ...including his freedom to be perverse, stupid, recalcitrant and slow. Supermind is not merely a step higher than Overmind—it is beyond the line, that is a different consciousness and power beyond the mental limit.'*

*Do you imply that the Supermind will not be obliged to respect the freedom of the individual?*

*Sri Aurobindo: Of course I do! It will respect only the Truth of the Divine and the truth of things.*

#### • The Mother / On Auroville's Organization

We want an organization which is the expression of a higher consciousness working to manifest the truth of the future.

#### • Mother's Agenda, 1966

Scores of people have come for Auroville.... Instead of working, they spend their time talking... They've already begun discussing what the city's political situation will be ...And one of them wrote to me yesterday, saying he couldn't take part in something that wasn't purely 'democratic'... So I answered him this: Auroville must be at the service of the Truth, beyond all social, political and religious convictions... but above all...it would be better to build the city first!

• **Mother's Agenda, 7 Feb, 1970**

The anarchic state is the self government of each individual, and it will be the perfect government only when each one becomes conscious of the inner Divine and will obey only Him and Him alone...

Someone from Auroville wrote to me that he had come here to obey only himself and he found there were rules and laws. And he said: I won't do it! I am free, I refuse to do it... so I wrote to him..

'One is only free when one is conscious of the Divine...'

• **Charter of Auroville / The Mother**

*But to live in Auroville, one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.*

Anu

**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](mailto:avlib@auroville.org.in)  
Website: [library.auroville.org.in/](http://library.auroville.org.in/)

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS TRAINING**

22 May—3 June, 3—6pm, Monday through Saturday

SAIER is pleased to offer a 100 hours Physical Education Teachers Training program over a year with the goal of improving the overall quality of physical education in Auroville. The program is for those who are already teaching to develop their skills, as well as for those who are interested in potentially becoming Physical Education teachers to form a solid base for their work.



The program is being organized and conducted by a PhD in Sports Science with many years of experience in Pedagogical Supervision and training teachers at University level.

The first 36 hours session of the program will take place at SAIER conference hall and Dehashakti Sportsground:

- 22 May—3 June, 3—6pm, Monday through Saturday

Each day includes one hour of Didactics and Pedagogy (theory) and two hours of practice. The curriculum includes Integral Education, sports science, curriculum development, session planning, cooperative and competitive games, communication skills and more.

- Please email [saiier@auroville.org.in](mailto:saiier@auroville.org.in) until 15h May to express your interest. This program is free of cost.
- If you are undecided about joining you are welcome to attend the first day: 22 May at 3pm at SAIER conference hall to see if this program is right for you.

Submitted by Liuin

**HEALTH CARE**

**SANTÉ SERVICES IN MAY 2023**

**Working Hours**

- Monday—Saturday, 9—12:30pm & 2—4:30pm

**Tests and Sample collection**

- Monday—Friday before 12pm.
- No sample collection on Saturday.

**For emergencies**

- Auroville Ambulance 24/7: +(91) 9442224680
- Government Ambulance 24/7: 108

**Appointment**

- Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment

<b>Doctor consults</b> with Dr. Senthil & Dr.Sana, Monday to Saturday	<b>Nursing Care</b> , Ezhil, Thilagam, Archana & Sandhya, Daily, No appointment necessary
<b>Ayurveda</b> with Dr. Sonia, Monday / Thursday / Friday	<b>Physiotherapy</b> with Osnat—Tuesday & Thursday
<b>Acupuncture</b> with Andres—Monday To Friday	<b>Homeopathy</b> with Michael—Monday / Wednesday / Saturday
<b>Integrative Psychotherapy</b> with Juan Andres, Monday To Friday	<b>Pregnancy Care &amp; Women's Wellness</b> with Paula, Tuesday & Wednesday
<b>Physiotherapy &amp; Massage</b> with Galina, Monday to Friday	<b>Physiotherapy</b> with Rebeca, Monday / Wednesday / Friday
<b>Bio-Well Assessment</b> (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena, Tuesday & Saturday	

- In Santé, we value our patient's confidentiality & make every effort to ensure their privacy.
- In case of cancellation or to reschedule, it is necessary to inform us in advance.

Love, Dasha

**AUROKIYA EYE CARE—FOCUS  
(Eye Exercise & Vision Therapy)  
Workshop: 15—24 May 2023**

**Aurokiya Eye Care**  
(An Integrative Eye Care Model)

**FOCUS**  
Eye Exercise and Vision Therapy Program

Enhance your visual experience with series of eye exercises in our 10 days FOCUS program

Register. Dates: 15-24 May, 2023

The seats are limited ! Registration compulsory!

Scan the QR code for registration and details

Contact  
✉ [aurokiya@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurokiya@auroville.org.in)  
☎ +91 8012305151

**Aurokiya Eye Care** is an integrative and holistic eye care model. We are providing a 10 Day workshop, where we will guide you through a series of eye exercises and vision therapy to enhance your vision. These sessions will be based on the School for perfect eyesight program and vision therapy exercises from Natural Eye Care, USA.

- For registration and details scan the QR code.

*Thanks & Best Regards, Aurosugan,  
Manager Aurokiya*

### AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

**For Appointment please contact us**

Email: [aurodent@aurovill.org.in](mailto:aurodent@aurovill.org.in)

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

**Working hours**

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

*Submitted by Sudha*

### THE FAMILY BAND

The Family band consists of six musicians:

- Lorenzo on drums,
- Sam on electric guitar,
- Gianpietro on semi-acoustic guitar,
- Nicola on classical guitar and flute,
- Eric on electric bass, Alice on vocals.

The songs performed by the band are pop rock:

- Beatles,
- Ben E. King,
- Bob Dylan, Eagles,
- Los Lobos, Pink Floyd,
- Red Hot Chili Peppers,
- The Cranberries U2
- and some Italian composers.

*Submitted by Shakti*

### PAINTING DEMO

13 May, 10am—4pm, Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas

*Submitted by Tapas*

### GATHERINGS

#### DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE GATHERING

Sunday, 7 May, 5—6:30pm, Sacred Groves Stone Circle

We welcome anyone who would like to hold a collective intention and dance for peace that world and Auroville needs at those times.

- We will gather on Sunday, 7 of May at the Sacred Groves stone circle ( entrance thought the gate in the fence on the right side of centerfields open ground) from 5—6:30pm

The gathering will be facilitated by couple of Aurovillians  
*With love and gratitude,  
Prem Shakti*



### ACTIVITIES

#### 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*

## 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](mailto:bakisatadance@gmail.com). Mani



## 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

- Everyday after 5pm

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

- +91 8098845200, Voice and WA
- [rupavathijoy@gmail.com](mailto:rupavathijoy@gmail.com)



Rupavathi Joy

## 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

## SWIMMING CLASS

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

Submitted by Mani



## 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

## 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@auroville.org.in](mailto:sarah@auroville.org.in),
- [www.youtube.com/myfoodforest](http://www.youtube.com/myfoodforest)

Submitted by Sarah

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@auroville.org](mailto:bamboocentre@auroville.org) or telephone number: +91 8300949081, voice & WA
- Flexible training dates offered to groups, contact: +91 8300949081, voice & WA

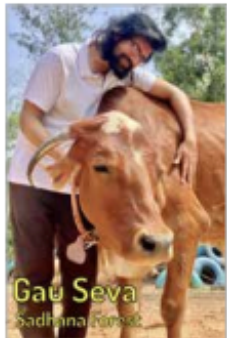
[www.aurovillebamboocentre.org](http://www.aurovillebamboocentre.org)

Thanks and Regards, Murugan



## 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](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in), 8525038274WA or call 8122274924

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

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT MANAGER

Surya Performance Lab is a dynamic professional dance-theater group based in Auroville. It is an activity under the Auroville art service that creates shows, does tours, workshops, and artistic research.



We are now creating a new show, and we are looking for an assistant manager who can help us promote our show, communicate and take care of social media, update our website, write content, and sell our show to festivals and other structures.

- Fluency in English is required, and knowledge of Tamil and/or Hindi is appreciated but not mandatory. Skills and experience in communication are expected.
- It is a part-time job.
- Volunteers, newcomers, and aurovilians are welcome.

Surya Performance Lab can offer a contribution.

- Contacts: [suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in](mailto:suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in), 8903869078

Thierry and Philippe

## LOOKING FOR

### Looking for Barbie Dolls to be repaired AND RETURNED!

If you have one or more Barbie Dolls with spoiled and/ or damaged hair, please deposit them at Freestore. Kindly attach your name to the doll before placing it into the box appointed for that purpose. 'The Secret Salon' will make them beautiful again and you can pick them up approximately one week later. Be quick!



- This offer will not last forever!

Have a playful day!

'Work is play and play is the only work.' The Mother  
Ulrike

### Sri Aurobindo reading and discussion

I would like to meet with others who are interested in reading and dive into studying The Life Divine, The Isha, The Kena or the Veda. It would be great to hear from you.

[robertdemito@yahoo.com](mailto:robertdemito@yahoo.com), Robert



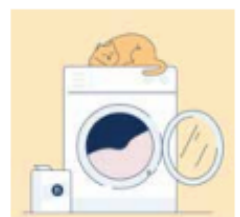
## AVAILABLE

### Fridge and Washing Machine Available

We are moving soon and no longer need our fridge and washing machine, so we are looking to sell them.

- If you are interested, contact us for details (photos, dimensions) 90420 58624.

Thanks, Thomas



## TAXI SHARE

### To Chennai Airport, 8 May, 4am

Taxi sharing to Chennai Airport on 8 May at 4am. Please contact [vonlieres@gmx.de](mailto: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

## FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

### SOUL OF THE SOIL WEAVES

Offers its services voluntarily in gratis (Pro Bono) for the below areas only to individuals/activities who/which do not have a qualified and experienced in-house resource.



#### Focus:

- Startups: Products and Services
- Concept Note Writing, Project Proposal and Pre-defined Application Form Preparation, Financial Projections—Guidance only
- Email, Instagram, WhatsApp and LinkedIn Marketing, Business Communication and Content Writing—Guidance only

Contact Details: Surajkiran

- 98842 04918 Voice and WA, [surajkiranv@gmail.com](mailto:surajkiranv@gmail.com)

Location: Auroville

Regards, Surajkiran

### 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

### SAKURA SUSHI OPENING TIMINGS

We would like to inform about Sakura Sushi opening timings during the month of May:

- 1—16 May open only for dinner during the week & on the weekends as usual:

lunch and dinner 12—3pm & 6—9pm.

- 16 May—1 June closed for holiday.

We will reopen on 2 June at our usual timing both for lunch and dinner.



Egle for Sakura Sushi 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!

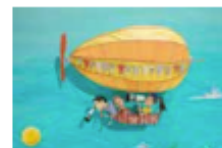
With Love & Light, The Free Store Team,  
Kamala & Vijaya



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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'



## ARE THE FRENCH IN DANGER IN AUROVILLE?

Born on 28 February 1968, the adventure finds its roots in two texts: the Charter of Auroville and the 'Dream'. Its essence resides in the expression of aspirations, without any indication of the path to be followed, an evolutionary path, an adherence to an ideal, an aspiration towards a path for the soul.

Each human element, with its own qualities is requested to bring these qualities at the service of the realization of Auroville. Naturally each "element" comes with its 'luggage' of things to accomplish in order to transcend his limits. But the regard remains fixed on the horizon, towards the dawn to come in spite of the difficulties on the road.

After some years, in the context of a semi desert land, where everything had to be done, we, ordinary humans, started to mark 'territories' with our own conceptions of property, without property. For this was the challenge, to believe in utopia.

When one speaks of the individual, one must include the collective. This collective aspires to be ideal, including everybody and letting everyone give its opinion. Elections came and the politics followed. Soon one did not see the 'other' as oneself. Then came opinions. And then came freedom of expression, personal choices, and preferences. Even the freedom of one bulldozing the liberty of another.

All this drowned, in fact, the original quest, and the individual not anymore the instrument but the dictator. We arrive at the fraternity of a clan, which is superficial. And that is where Auroville is at the present, forgetting that our only liberty is to adhere to the values enshrined in the Charter and the Dream.

One says that Auroville is in turmoil, it is true and it is a sign of the good health of this project. In fact, Auroville was day dreaming for the last 50 years, paralyzing itself with stagnation. Evolution cannot stop. One can see the environing landscape progressively overtaking the territory of the city itself. This is the consequence of the lack of choice or the division of the collective. It is also fashionable to be against the city. Then endless suppositions come in, born from the fears of everyone: fear to lose one's privileges, insecurities of all kinds, fright which have no reality but are posturing as truth...It is the fear of Change, well known from all of us, in spite of our aspiration for change.

To say today that the French are threatened!!! Why the French??? This is a gratuitous segregation. The uncertainties of some cannot be interpreted as the truth of the whole collective. What is the use of such communication? communication? Is it to weaponize with importance only one's point of view? Transformation does not take place by imposing views but by an understanding at the individual level. Else it is just the creation of fear. To create a dialogue is to be able to include the 'other'.

To answer word for word to accusations or denunciations is a useless process. It is like justifying oneness with mediocrity.

Why should the French be in danger, specifically French?

We have an evolutionary crisis, perfectly understandable. Great changes in the world have never come from compromise. See Nelson Mandela, Lincoln, Churchill, Bolivar, Napoleon, and many others. It requires courage? Yes. And conviction in an ideal. I have not noticed personally any risk or threat against the French or anyone else. If it is about Mael, he, as an individual, was asked to leave India, not threatened, due to his sudden ordinary attitude to say the least. It is India that has invited men and women of goodwill to this fabulous project. That is to be simply respected. Mael's leave India notice may be interpreted as a threat if one wishes to. I have not noticed anything apart from sadness, from friends, not a fear of a similar action.

It is important to recognize the aims and objectives of Auroville and not deny Auroville its identity its realization as a city. The world is big enough for those who want to follow other dreams.

Today, we are confronted with a choice: to remain the little individual with its frustrations, its lived or pretended failures, its endless accusations of the other, its denunciations. It is a pigmy world without any evolutionary future... Or, can one look boldly into the essential to call the future to be discovered, the beauty to be manifest, the human unity where the other is oneself. To destroy or to build, it is the Divine who does.

*Jean Pougault, 31 March, 2023*

## WHICH SIDE AM I ON?

To begin with, I don't see there are any sides when it comes to building Auroville, the dream of the Mother. We are all together in it.

It's merely a matter of understanding each one of us on how this dream of the Mother is to be accomplished, in our own limited understanding and judgment of what we know and how we interpret what is right and wrong, in the absence of the Mother's physical guidance.

Therefore, I don't see myself taking or have taken any sides.

When there's goodwill, sincerity, truthfulness, discipline and compassion to each other from everyone that are here today, Auroville will manifest itself in the right direction with the help of the Mother's force and she'll take care of us and her dream of Auroville, the City of Dawn and Truth.

When I or they become us and we join hands together, I believe many of the challenges/problems will disappear and solutions will emerge beautifully.

Are you ready for that sincerely? Then please make the effort in your own way possible to bring this togetherness starting from now.

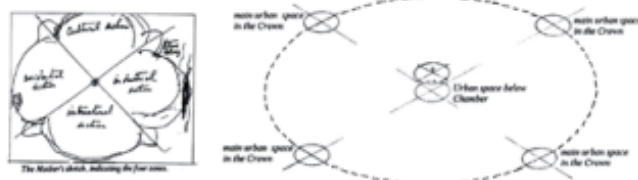
Let's come together, it's never too late. Let forgiveness prevail from all directions.

My appeal is to everyone.

*Sincerely, Sathish Arumugam,  
Surrender Community*

## WHITE MARBLE IN THE CROWN

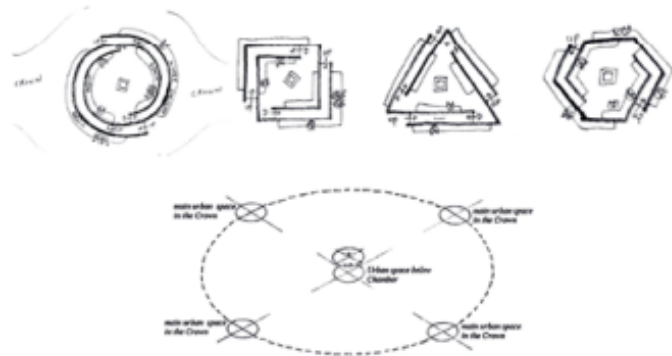
A suggestion for Auroville town development is to develop four main urban spaces in the Crown at the four sections/zones with reference to the original sketch by the Mother and symbolic extension of the Matrimandir pillars. If the four main urban spaces are created in the Crown, connections between them could naturally and organically develop over time as well as other urban spaces in the Crown. Important are the four main urban spaces in the Crown to better connect the atmosphere of the Chamber and the space below the Chamber to the Crown.



At least the centers of the four main urban spaces in the Crown can be marked as well as reference perimeters. The centers of the four main urban spaces in the Crown could be marked with a small amount of the white marble used in the Chamber. If there are trees in the Crown urban spaces, work with the trees (training, pruning, transplants, etc.) to form special urban places in the Crown. Just as there is the white marble Saharasrara lotus vertical dimension connection in the urban space under the Matrimandir, white marble in the four main urban spaces in the crown would be horizontal dimensions for wideness connections.



A connecting atmosphere between the Chamber and the Crown may clarify the details and be a peaceful influence to the Crown development.



When I was living in Auroville c1977—1982 somebody gave me some type written carbon copy pages. One of the quotations was numbered 22/371 discussing the crown. The Sri Aurobindo scholars should verify this quotation:

*“The crown is the place of passage between the body-consciousness with all it contains of mind and life and the higher being above the body. It is there that the two consciousnesses begin to meet.”*

Sincerely, Joel H. Goodman

Joel studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Masters of Architecture and taught architecture U. of Minnesota, Assistant Professor (1971-72, 74-76, 82); and Texas Technical University (1983).

He lived in Auroville, 1977-82, 1984, & 1987: as a resident researcher in the fields of land reclamation, water conservation, reforestation, renewable energy, building technology and town planning. Delegate to the Human Ecology Conference, Jaipur, India, 1979.

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

### 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 ayūn

*‘A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances’.* **The Mother**



### HEARTFULL® MEDITATION WITH AVANTIKA

- Savitri Bhavan  
May 9, 16, 23, 30 2023, Tuesdays, 9—10am
- Arka Guest House  
May 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](mailto:avantikaLight@gmail.com) for any questions.

Avantika



## ARKA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL Regular activities, May 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 Meditation	Avantika, 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, <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a>	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards, Ramana

**Traditional  
Mantra & Stotra  
Chanting Classes**

at Serendipity Community

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

with Sonia Novaes

Email: [serendipity@auroville.org.in](mailto:serendipity@auroville.org.in) | WhatsApp: +91 8940288090

## PITANGA



**Programme for May 2023**  
(0413) 2622403 / WA 9443902403  
[info@pitanga.in](mailto: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**

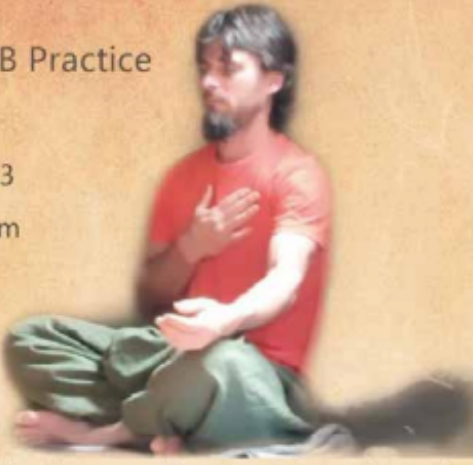
*Please book your appointment for a healing space by phone: 2622403*

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](mailto:atbconrosa@gmail.com)

### Women Pelvic Floor, Anatomy in Movements

Women Pelvic Floor

Monday to Friday  
22–26 May '23  
8:30–10:30am  
at Pitanga



Anatomy  
in  
movements

intensive 5 sessions

Facilitated by:  
Michelle & Osnat

- 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](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

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

### WORKSHOPS BY DR. SEHDEV

#### Freedom from Fear

- Saturday, 13 May, 2—4:30pm



Fear has an apocalyptic power; it can sap all energy and make everything inert and lifeless:

*Fear of Losing Face, Fear of Loneliness, Fear of Love & Intimacy, Fear of Failure.*

How can one live with full intensity and with all ebbs and tides, without knowing what fears freeze the mighty river of one's life?

#### Yoga of Forgiveness with Dr. Sehdev



- Saturday, 20 May, 2pm—4:30pm

From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference, to the Light of Forgiveness is a momentous step. From Fear & Festering Revenge, to the Courage of Being is the True Journey of the Spirit. We must let go of what ties us to the prison bars, and dream once again of Freedom. In this freedom alone lies our true Redemption.

*Dr. Sehdev Kumar, Professor Emeritus, Canada, Author, Poet, Mediator, Author of Lotus in the Stone: Explorations in Dreams & Consciousness, Kabir: Ocean in a Drop, 7000 Million Degrees of Freedom*

Submitted by Sehdev

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your journey in healing and  
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[contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#)

#### 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](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961

#### 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](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626565134

## Mirabelle 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](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626565134

## Our Venue Sharnga Guest House

[www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://www.sharngaguesthouse.in)

*Submitted by Sigrid*

## MASSAGE THERAPIST DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



Angam Tree is based in Auroville, an international township supported by the United Nations. As its guide the U.N. Sustainable Development Goal: SDG 3 "Good Health and Well-being" which is a "Global Goal achieved via action". Our work in therapy and healing is focused on educating people to the importance of healthy living and

conscious lifestyle. To together achieve a better and sustainable future in wellness for each individual and their communities.

Our Massage Therapist Development Initiative is a scholarship based platform for Student Massage Therapists to learn more about the science and craft of therapy via research and becoming a more evidence-based practitioner. This is an opportunity to not only create a positive change in our learning and growth as contributing individuals within our communities, but also for other us to create better outcomes in our practice and generational continuity of our knowledge and skills.

Your support and donations will help young individuals to learn the traditional craft of therapy. Ensuring them a means of livelihood and continuity of the healing arts generation to generation.

- You can learn more about us and our initiative at [www.angamtree.com](http://www.angamtree.com), +91 9751395939, Raja N.
- Location Auromode

*Thank you, Raja Narayanasamy,  
Celebration Community*



Vérité

## VÉRITÉ PROGRAMS

Pre-registration required

0413 2622045, 2622606, 7867805812

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## Vérité Programs—May 2023

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- Mobile +91 7867805812/ 8489391876
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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

## Workshop

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*Kathir and Thushar, Vérité*

**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, 12 May**

**Last Chance to See—Kakapo**

2006 / 59 minutes / Tim Green

Follow Mark Carwardine and Stephen Fry as they visit New Zealand in pursuit of a rare and charming flightless parrot. Meet the bird who inspired Douglas Adams to get involved so deeply in the world of conservation and whose fate had been changed considerably through the efforts of a Sci-fi Comedy writer.

*Submitted by Shek*

**LAST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**For 2023 Edition of Hands On Documentary Film Workshop in Ladakh !**

From 5 June to 16 July, 6 weeks



The 6 weeks workshop will be anchored around the themes of human ecology, urbanization and material culture. Based out of the old town of Leh, the sites of exploration will extend to Skurbuchan, Photoksar in western Ladakh, Ensa and Turkuk in the Nubra Valley, Puga in Changthang. The Participants will be mentored to make their own short films.

We are looking forward to drawing people from both the region and beyond, having diverse professional backgrounds and interests including: anthropology and other social sciences, film, art, architecture and design. The trans-cultural-disciplinary participation aims at a productive exchange of ideas and insights setting up a diversity and inclusive experience of collective learning.



It is an intermediate level workshop—open for participants from all over India and abroad.

Special call for young academics, cinema enthusiasts and explorers from Auroville and the bioregion!

To know more and register, please visit:

- <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2023/02/16/hands-on-documentary-film-workshop-ladakh/>
- or call message : +91 9969879319 WA & Telegram

*Warmly, Richa, Film Institute @ Auroville*

**FILM-PHILOSOPHY**

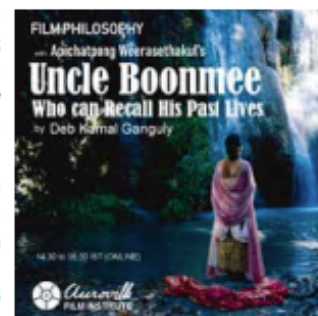
**with 'Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives'**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 impulsive 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*

**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**

Monday	8 May	Screening	<b>JDangerous Method (2004, 99 mins.), David Cronenberg</b> A look at how the intense relationship between Carl Jung and Sigmund Freud gives birth to psychoanalysis.
Tuesday	9 May	Reading	<b>Jungian Studies: Projections</b> Identifying and working with our symbolic projections
Wednesday	10 May	Reading of an Academic Paper	<b>European dreams, Tamil Land: Auroville and the paradox of postcolonial utopia</b> This 2012 paper written by Jessica Namakkal in the journal for the study of radicalism, explores the effects Utopian dreams have on Auroville's relationship with its neighboring villages.
Thursday	11 May	Reading of a Thesis	<b>Imagining the other:</b> The above thesis by Jukka Jouhki brings to light the orientalism of the west and the occidentalism of the east in determining the Tamil-European relations in Auroville and South India
Friday	12 May	Reading + Screening	<b>The Killers</b> Reading of a short story by Ernest Hemmingway followed by Screening of short film by the same name by Andrei Tarkovsky

- For more information write to [support\\_filminstitute@auroville.org.in](mailto:support_filminstitute@auroville.org.in) or contact AVFI fellow Swanand: 8956126016 WA
- Warmly, Richa*



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 8 May, 8pm**  
**NANPAKAL NERATHU MAYAKKAM**  
**(A mid-day slumber)**

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Lijo Jose Pellissery w/ Mammooty, Ramya Pandian, Asokan, and others, Comedy-Drama, 95mins, Malayalam-Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

A group of Malayali travelers were returning to Kerala by bus after their visit to Velankanni, doze off in a lazy nap. When James stops the bus in a village in Tamil Nadu, Sundaram behaves like him and confusing them. He walks amidst faith, delusion, dream and trance.

**Potpourri—Tuesday 9 May, 8pm**  
**CANDELARIA**

Colombia-Cuba, 2017, Dir. Michael Noer w/ Charlie Hunnam, Rami Malek, and others, Drama, 87 mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Candelaria and Victor Hugo are a magnificent couple of septuagenarians who, as they hurtle towards the sunset of their lives, rediscover mutual love, and even a touch of passion. Set on Cuba during the Special Period midway through the 1990s, at a time when a strict trade embargo was in force, where food is scarce, and they have to raise chickens illegally to eat. One day Candelaria finds a video camera which is a luxury for Cubans and takes it home. Victor Hugo starts using the camera to record moments with Candelaria.

**Interesting—Wednesday 10 May, 8pm**  
**OWL POWER: Nature Episode #10**

UK, 2015, Dir. Lucy Smith w/ Paul Christie and others, Documentary, 56mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

For centuries, the mysterious night-time lives and uncanny hunting skills of owls have made them fascinating hallmarks of children's stories and folk tales. But what actually makes owls so special? Bird trainers Lloyd and Rose Buck and their very special family of owls, eagles, falcons, geese, pigeons, and two newly hatched barn owls—Luna and Lily—provide a rare opportunity to learn more about these unique birds, in this much acclaimed film, that used ground breaking technology that allows us to be silent observers of this fascinating world of owls.



*'... let all thyself be light. This is thy goal.'*

*Sri Aurobindo*

**Multimedia Center—Cinema Paradiso Team**

is looking for suggestions for new (2018 and later) made feature length documentaries (50mins or longer) or reality inspired feature films on the life and work of Sri Aurobindo for screening during 14 and 20 August 2023 on occasion of his 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary celebration.



**Selection—Thursday 11 May, 8pm**  
**MUKTI BHAWAN (Hotel salvation)**

India, 2016, Dir. Shubhashish Bhutiani w/ Adil Hussain, Lalit Behl, Geetanjali Kulkarni and others, Comedy-Drama, 102 mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG13

An ominous dream convinces 77yrs old Dayanand Kumar that his end could be near. He takes the news to his son Rajiv, knowing he wants to breathe his last in the holy city of Varanasi and end the cycle of rebirth, by attaining salvation. Being the dutiful son he is, Rajiv is left with no choice but to drop everything and make the journey with his stubborn father, checking into the hotel in Varanasi.

**International—Saturday, 13 May, 8pm**  
**ARGENTINA, 1985**

Argentina, 2022, Dir. Santiago Mitre, w/ Ricardo Darin, Gina Mastronicola, Francisco Bertin and others, Biography-Drama, 140 mins, Spanish-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Argentina, 1985' is inspired by the true story of Julio Strassera, Luis Moreno Ocampo and their young legal team of unlikely heroes in their David-vs-Goliath battle to prosecute Argentina's bloodiest military dictatorship against all odds and in a race against time to bring justice to the victims of the Military Junta. A Golden Globe® winner for Best Picture—Non-English Language.

**Children's Matinee—Sunday, 14 May, 4:30 pm:**  
**DUMBO**

USA-UK, 2019, Dir. Tim Burton w/ Colin Farrell, Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, and others, Fantasy-Adventure, 110 mins, English, Rated: PG

A struggling circus owner enlists a former star and his two children to take care of Dumbo, a baby elephant born with oversized ears. When the family discovers that the animal can fly, it soon becomes the main attraction, drawing the attention of audiences, as well as a silver-tongued entrepreneur.

**Woody Allen @ Ciné-Club Sunday 14 May, 8pm**  
**THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO**

USA, 1985, Dir. Woody Allen w/ Mia Farrow, Jeff Daniels, and others, Fantasy-Romance, 82 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

A waitress spends every free moment she has at the cinema because the grand stories she finds there distract her from her pitiful life, but when a dashing character from one of the films becomes smitten with her and leaves his celluloid world, she finds herself in the middle of her own fantasy romance.

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

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in). **We appreciate your continued support. Pl donate to 'Cinema Paradiso' (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.**

**Thanking You, Nina for MMC/CP Group Account #105106, [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in)**

## ACCESSIBLE AV PUBLIC 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

## 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:

- Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

### India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

## POETRY

### THE TRIUMPH-SONG OF TRISHUNCOU

*I shall not die.*

*Although this body, when the spirit tires*

*Of its cramped residence, shall feed the fires,*

*My house consumes, not I.*

*Leaving that case*

*I find out ample and ethereal room.*

*My spirit shall avoid the hungry tomb,*

*Deceiving death's embrace.*

*Night shall contain*

*The sun in its cold depths; Time too must cease;*

*The stars that labour shall have their release.*

*I cease not, I remain.*

*Ere the first seeds*

*Were sown on earth, I was already old,*

*And when now unborn planets shall grow cold*

*My history proceeds.*

*I am the light*

*In stars, the strength of lions and the joy*

*Of mornings; I am man and maid and boy,*

*Protean, infinite.*

*I am a tree*

*That stands out singly from the infinite blue;*

*I am the quiet falling of the dew*

*And am the unmeasured sea.*

*I hold the sky*

*Together and upbear the teeming earth.*

*I was the eternal thinker at my birth*

*And shall be, though I die.*

**Sri Aurobindo**