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NEWS & NOTES

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PONDERING

It [Integral Yoga] can be called an adventure because it is the first time that a yoga aims at transformation and divinisation of physical life instead of escape from it.

CWM, Words of The Mother - II, Page 34



It is not just the body and the mind that will have to change with the supramental consciousness, but also life's very substance. If there is one sign that characterizes our mental civilization, it is the use of artifices. Nothing happens naturally; we are the prisoners of a thick web of substitutes: airplanes, telephones, televisions, and the plethora of instruments and devices that mask our impotence. We forget that our marvelous inventions are only the material extensions of powers that exist within us; if they were not already there, we would never have been able to invent them. We are that *thaumaturge sceptic of miracles*, Sri Aurobindo spoke of. Having delegated to machines the task of seeing for us, hearing for us, and traveling for us, we have now become helpless without them. Our human civilization, created for the joy of life, has become the slave of the means required for enjoying life: sixty percent of our lifetime is spent acquiring means and another thirty percent sleeping. *What is absurd here, says the Mother, is all the artificial devices we must use. Any idiot has more power provided he has the means of acquiring the necessary devices. But in a true world, a supramental world, the more conscious and in harmony with the truth of things you are, the more your will has authority over substance; substance responds to the will. There, authority is a true authority. If you want a dress, you must have the power to make it, a true power. If you don't have that power, well, you go naked! There is no artifice to substitute for the lack of power. While here, not once in a million times is authority the expression of something true. Everything is colossally stupid.* This supramental "authority" is not some kind of supermagic, far from it; it is an extremely precise process, as precise and exact as a chemistry experiment, except that instead of dealing with external objects, the supramental being acts upon the true vibration in the core of each thing and combines it with other vibrations in order to achieve a particular result, like a painter mixing colors for a picture or a poet combining sounds for a poem. He is truly a poet, for he creates what he names. The true name of an object is the vibration constituting it; to name an object is to have the power to evoke it or to destroy it.

The spontaneous and natural quality of supramental life – for ultimately only Truth is natural – will be expressed also in a supramental art, which will be a direct and exact representation of our particular spiritual tonality; an art in which cheating will have become impossible because only our inner light will be able to touch and play upon the same lights involved in Matter and mold from it the corresponding forms. If our vibration is gray, our creation will be similarly gray, and everything we touch will be gray. Our physical, external environment will be the exact image of our inner environment; we will be able to manifest only what we are. Life itself will be a work of art, our outer dominion the changing stage of our inner states. Our language, likewise, will have power only through the true spiritual force within us; it will be a living *mantra*, a visible language like the play of emotions upon a human face. All shams will draw to an end, whether they be political, religious, literary, artistic, or emotional.

Once, when a skeptical disciple commented that the Supermind was an impossible invention, first of all, because it had never been seen or realized before, Sri Aurobindo replied with his typical humor: *What a wonderful argument! Since it has not been done, it can't be done! At that rate the whole history of the earth must have stopped long before the protoplasm. When it was a mass of gases, no life had been born, ergo, life could not be born – when only life was there, mind was not born, so mind could not be born. Since mind is there but nothing beyond, as there is no Supermind manifested in anybody, so Supermind can never be born. Sobhanallah! Glory, Glory, Glory to the human reason! Luckily the Divine or the Cosmic Spirit or Nature or whatever is there cares a damn for the human reason. He or She or It does what He or She or It has to do, whether it can or can't be done.* Thousands of years ago, the rishis had already spoken of the skeptics' misfortune: "In these there is not the Wonder and the Might." (Rig Veda VII.61.5)

The Work (First Phase)

As remarkable as the end result will be, the work of getting there is modest and humble and patient, exactly like the work of a scientist with his vials and test tubes: a microscopic work, says the Mother. For it is not a question of performing miracles, but of securing a new physical base by freeing the consciousness-force in each atom and each cell. One might think that this work on the body involves psychophysical methods similar to hatha-yoga, but it is nothing of the kind. Consciousness is and remains the main tool: *The change of consciousness will be the chief factor, the initial movement, the physical modification will be a subordinate factor, a consequence. With his usual clarity, Sri Aurobindo puts us before the fact: In the previous stages of the evolution Nature's first care and effort had to be directed towards a change of consciousness; this was a necessity imposed by the insufficiency of the force of consciousness already in formation to effect a change in the body. But in man a reversal is possible, indeed inevitable; for it is through his consciousness, through its transmutation and no longer through a new bodily organism as a first instrumentation that the evolution can and must be effected. In the inner reality of things a change of consciousness was always a major fact, the evolution has always had a spiritual significance and the physical change was only instrumental; but this relation was concealed by the first abnormal balance of the two factors, the body of the external Inconscience outweighing and obscuring in importance the spiritual element, the conscious being. But once the balance has been righted, it is no longer the change of body that must precede the change of consciousness; the consciousness itself by its mutation will necessitate and operate whatever mutation is needed for the body.*

(to be continued next week)

— Satprem, *The Adventure of Consciousness, Chapter 17, The Transformation*

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#060

Zech for and on behalf of Gangalakshmi (HOMA)

HARD DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: TUESDAY 5PM

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 5pm**.

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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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)

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

Please note, that as the FO N&N continues to delay their content, we have no choice, but to print their material with one week delay in order to honour our deadline and continue to publish all voices. If you wish for your publications to be shared on time, please send it directly to:

newsandnotes@auroville.services.

Please do NOT write to us from an @auroville.org.in mail ID, your submissions will not reach us. Please send your content to newsandnotes@auroville.services. If you only have an auroville.org.in mail ID, please use this [form](#) to send us your content.

As the news and notes budget is still being disbursed only to the FO N&N, printing and distribution costs are currently being covered by private donations. If you wish to contribute to the RA Edition of the N&N, you can do so by donating to: "NEWSLETTER COLLECTION" FS #252150.

We look forward to continuing to serve the over 3000 readers who receive the RA Edition as well as serving the Auroville community as a whole by providing a platform for all perspectives to be shared with respect.

In community,
The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

WORKING GROUPS NEWS

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 185 DATED: 22-06-2023

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

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- MarieDoris FELIX (Mauritian)
- Vishwa CHUDGAR (USA)
- Chitra GANAPATHY (Indian)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Silvia GOZZETTI (Italian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- Lishanthini MURUGAYAN (Indian)
- Satyavane Jacques Paul COT (French)
- Zara Indigo ASTE (Italian)

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, Grace, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan, Matilde, Sara, Sonja and Swadha)

FROM THE RA WORKING COMMITTEE

ADDRESSING FALSE NARRATIVES IN THE ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY WORKING COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE AVFO

Dear Community,

It has recently come to our notice that an 'annual report' was circulated by the Working Committee appointed by the AVFO (Anuradha Legrand, Arun S., Joseba Martinez Burdaspar, Parthasarathy Krishnan, Selvaraj Damotharan, Srimoyi Rosegger, Christine Neuman). Since this report presents a number of clear errors and a narrative based on an incorrect interpretation of the Auroville Foundation Act, we feel a need to respond to these interpretations with fact-checking.

With the benefit of nearly 12 months of hindsight since the end date of this report, it is clear that many of these erroneous statements do not reflect the reality of the situation, however, we still continue to hear many of these narratives being repeated.

In the [attached document](#), the original statements from the AVFO-appointed Working Committee are presented in italics, followed by our responses.

For those who may be interested, please find [attached the full original report](#) sent out by the group of residents illegitimately calling themselves 'the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly'.

We hope this document clarifies any confusion. Feel free to reach out to us at workingcom@auroville.services if needed.

Sincerely,

The Working Committee selected by the RA
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli



WORKING COMMITTEE
of the Residents' Assembly
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION



Scan QR Code to read the RA
WCom responses

SHOCKING NEWS OF SATPREM'S VISA SITUATION

Dear Community,

As many of you may be aware, Satprem was summoned to and attended a meeting at the FRRO (Foreigner Regional Registration Office) in Chennai yesterday, Monday, 19th June.

During this meeting he was informed that the Secretary had revoked the recommendation by the Auroville Foundation for his visa. He was not shown the letter from the Secretary and no reasons were given. Due to this he was issued an Exit Permit and told he must leave the country before or on the 1st of July.

We understand that this news brings up deep emotions of many kinds on many levels. Now more than ever we must hold onto our faith and our commitment to Auroville's aims and ideals with an inner calm, strength and certitude.

All support is being offered to Satprem and, along with him, all possible actions are being actively explored to address this deeply disturbing escalation in the current crisis we have been experiencing for almost 2 years.

We will update the community as and when we can.

In the meantime, we invite and encourage everyone to invoke the power of the Mother to guide us through these difficult times.

With love,

Your Working Committee selected by the RA
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli



WORKING COMMITTEE
of the Residents' Assembly
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY NEWS

OBITUARY

TONY OF SERENITY PASSES AWAY

In the morning of Saturday 17 June, Aurovilian Tony (Leonard Anthony Meakin) quietly left his body at his Serenity flat. He would have been 86 in a few days' time. Having come from UK in 2014 with his wife Marion, Tony became Aurovilian in 2016 while working at Matrimandir at the time.



Due to gradually developing Parkinson's disease, he became increasingly more dependent on his wife. After the latter passed away a year ago, Tony's health steadily deteriorated, - and he now found peace.

In the morning of Tuesday, 20 June, Tony's remains were cremated at the Auroville Cremation Ground.

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COMMUNITY SHARING

AUROVILLE TESTIMONIES

Dear Community,

you can find a collection of personal letters of Aurovilians called "**Auroville Testimonies**" at the Auroville Library.

Anyone who feels like adding a personal statement about

- what brought you to Auroville,
- how you contribute,
- what you aspire for...

is invited to either give a hard copy to the Library or send it to frederickcert@gmail.com.

Please include a picture, your address and contact

Thanks
Frederick

AN APPEAL FROM RESIDENTS OF AUROVILLE REGARDING THE EXIT PERMIT SERVED TO SATPREM MAÏNI

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A text has been written by a group of concerned residents with an appeal to higher authorities to allow him to stay in India. We request all residents to please add your name to this appeal by clicking on this [link](https://forms.gle/eQLiJWRv6osczGz59): <https://forms.gle/eQLiJWRv6osczGz59>

In solidarity

A group of concerned residents

VOICES AND NOTES

THE DREAM IS FOR SALE

We got there.

Now, if you want to visit Auroville, you have to pay.

The price is low, one hundred rupees for a one and a half kilometer walk that crosses the gardens of Bharat Nivas, where you can admire some examples of Aurovilian architectures, continues with a long path through the trees where you can take selfies in front of large sculptures made by Aurovilian artists, and finally reaches a clearing in nature from which you have a great view over the famous Matrimandir. Along the way you can also visit, with another 100 rupee ticket, an art exhibition inside the building called Kalakendra, built in the 70s with a suggestive circular architecture.

We are finally coming out.

We are telling the outside world: Auroville is for sale. The Dream is for sale.

Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole? Forget it. Auroville belongs to the coffers of the municipality that sells its city as it sees fit. Like any other city in the world, it makes money with its highlights. Auroville was meant to be something different and unique, but it is not anymore.

And where is the limit?

How much will it cost to join an organized tour to find out how some Aurovilians still live in the forest? Or to visit PourTous, and check if it's true that Aurovilians don't pay for the food?

How much will a penthouse on Crown Road cost?

How much for a wedding photo shoot in the Matrimandir gardens?

An outraged Aurovilian

AND MEANWHILE...

What is the question?

"Who are you?"

This You
Is the Play of the Two
Who are One.

"Why?"

Don't know.
It is just so...

Spirit and Matter
Are simply two aspects
Of this Marvel...

And We are That.

With this realisation
It is now high time
To consciously reprogram
This hologram.

"The whole earth
Must prepare itself
For the advent
Of the new species,

And Auroville
Wants to work

Consciously

To hasten this advent."

"How?"

Through Bhakti

The Sunlit Path of Surrender
The easiest and most joyful...

"Little by little
It will be revealed

To Us

What this new species

Must be,

And meanwhile,

The best course
Is to consecrate oneself
Entirely to the Divine."

Any question?

Then come join
[Our dynamic satsang.](#)

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Zech, 2023.06.16

AWAKENING SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 27th June, 9 am - 12 noon

Focus: Self-realisation

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele
Ph/Whatsapp: 9489147202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



THE MATRIX AND THE MUTANTS

From our founding revolutionary mutants:

"It is a revolt against the whole universal Nature." – Sri Aurobindo

"Salvation is physical." "Expect nothing from death, life is your salvation. It is in life that you must transform yourself. It is on earth that you progress and on earth that you realize. It is in the body that you win the Victory." – The Mother

And from a subsequent, torchbearing mutant: *"In what direction to search?"*

"I spent some twenty years beside Mother and, like the peasants of the Middle Ages, there was something fundamental I had failed to grasp. One day, as I was making some comments to Mother, She exclaimed, "But it is my *constant* experience that life and death are the same thing!"

I had understood her to mean that the state called "life" and the state called "death" (on the other side of a tomb or of a round earth) were the same thing, i.e., there is life after death, and that life is as living as ours – which is really quite clear, and one would have to be quite primitive not to know it, but that's another story. This is not, however, what Mother meant! She meant that our life is death itself, i.e., there is no "other side"; we're already in death! Or, to put it differently, we are on the wrong side [The Matrix] *and life has yet to be. ...*

We are in a universal black dungeon, invisible to us, and we go about in that dungeon as a matter of course, thinking it is our daylight and our life, making all kinds of "wonderful" discoveries, even peering at the whole universe through the dungeon walls, using the ingredients of the dungeon to accomplish atomic, electronic, and medical "miracles," even flying through the air of the dungeon and tinkering with genetics in an attempt to improve our nocturnal species – whereupon the dungeon disintegrates.

And something else emerges. Something else entirely.

We had never been born, never been "men" – we were merely hemeralopes, like the axolotls in the underground lakes of Mexico. We had never seen the daylight, never seen life. We were living dead.

Then our walls crumble.

And it's another Earth.

It is "another heaven," as John of Patmos had seen.

It is the Day, as the Vedic rishis saw some five or seven thousand years ago.

They shattered the mountain rock with their cry;

They made in us a path...

They discovered the Day and the sun-world...

*the pregnant hill [our own matter, our dungeon]... parted asunder,
heaven was perfected."*

– The Revolt of the Earth, Satprem

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/revolt_of_the_earth_e.htm#007 (for the receptives: best to read it all)

"Nor let worldly prudence whisper too closely in thy ear, for it is the hour of the unexpected." – Sri Aurobindo

Zech, 2023.06.18

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ART SERVICES EXECUTIVES

To All Aurovilians:

Pushkar, Ramesh and Renu have been executives of AV Art Service from 2012. They were shocked to read in the News and Notes that they were dismissed and others were appointed. This is to let the community know that till date the following documents, required by Standing Order 13 of 2022 have not been produced:

1. Valid Trust resolution, signed by trustees who are running their term
2. Valid FAMC resolution, signed by the authorising GB member as per section 16 of the Act

Without these documents being presented, we are shocked that access to FS accounts have been transferred and that an office space in the Town Hall has been given.

We remain at your service,
Krishna

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB

HR Hub Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in.

Looking for work - admin & accounting, finance

If your Unit/Service is looking for someone to work in the area of Administration, accounting and finance, there are a number of Aurovilians/Newcomers that are in search for a position in those fields. We invite you to contact us for more details and will be glad to put you in contact with possible candidates.

Quality Control Management (Full or Part time)

A Production Unit is looking for someone to fill up a position as a Quality Control management: Ideally full time but part time can be discussed if the hours are agreed upon. We have some people on flexible schedules but there is a strong work ethic and workers clock in by 8.30am, out by 5pm, so someone who could work with that and the set tea times and lunch times would be the best, but as said if sticking to the hours of an agreed part time schedule and showing a good energy and output anything can be discussed. There would be a kind of Training-Trial (for both parties) period I assume, lasting for as long as necessary, as it is a key position in taking over some responsibility.

Construction worker (Part and/or Full-time)

A Unit that works in construction is looking for someone that is skilled (or that wishes to improve their knowledge) in welding, electrician, carpentry, masonry.
A good work ethic and commitment is required.
Financial support provided.

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

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

SOLITUDE FAM - JUNE 2023

Farm

Solitude has a small farm shop which is stocked daily with fresh seasonal produce.

There are also some ayurvedic powders such as giloy or guava leaf and also chilli powder, turmeric, pickles and dried flowers. Solitude also runs a C.S.A. fruits and vegetables basket service where people sign up in advance for a basket of seasonal produce.

- Soursop
- Papayas
- Assamese giant lemons
- Pineapple
- plantain
- Mangos
- Bananas
- wild spinach
- wild salad greens
- sundakkai
- banana stem
- banana flower



Cafe

The cafe runs from Monday to Saturday serving a local food vegan thali.

We also serve farm salads, smoothies, deserts, vegan coffee etc...

The cafe runs a lunch scheme.

Education

Solitude farm runs mini permaculture workshops during the week (Wednesdays and Fridays) and longer weekend workshops on a monthly basis. Pricing is flexible for Aurovillians.

Tour

Every Saturday we offer a free tour of the farm sharing the narrative and philosophy in practice of how a food forest can emerge through natural farming and permaculture.

Volunteers

Solitude Farm is happy to welcome volunteers.

Timings 8:00 am -12:30 pm

We offer breakfast, tea and lunch.

To find out more:

email: solitudepermaculture@gmail.com

whatsapp: 9843319260

Solitude farm & café
Auroville



Solitude Farm

ACTIVITIES

PUPPY TRAINING WORKSHOP



The Auroville Dog Shelter invites everyone to a **Puppy Training Workshop on Sunday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m.** This exclusive event will be led by our dog trainer Arthur, who will provide comprehensive guidance on Integral Dog Training specifically tailored for puppies.

During this workshop, Arthur will cover various aspects of puppy training and address any inquiries you may have. From basic obedience commands to socialization techniques, he will share invaluable knowledge to help you establish a strong relationship to give puppies a great start in their lives.

Your Dog Shelter team

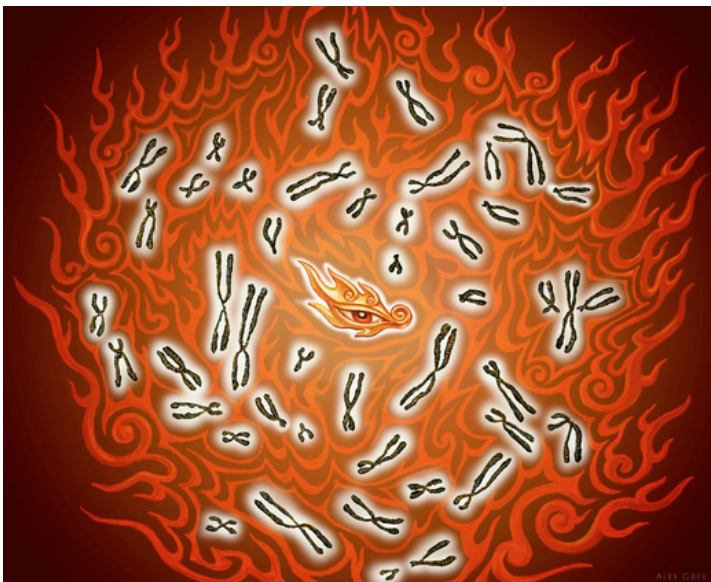
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POETRY

POLITEIA OF A DEVA SANGHA

"Control & Influence" is a name
For this Great Cosmic Game
Of the One and Its infinite many
Stirred in a cauldron of hierarchy.
"Master or Slave" is another.
So whatever your choice beware,
Why rely on mere conjecture?
Best to the Supreme your surrender,
The Ignorance and impotence offer
To That that Knows and has the Power.
In time a change of consciousness will blossom
Amongst the humans like an infectious contagion
Pushing the limits for spontaneous evolution:
The emergence that is The Divine Manifestation.



Zech, 2023.06.09

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND HEALING ARTS

BODY IN LIGHT

Do you want to step into the harmonious frequency of the universe and restore deep inner balance? Are you ready to transform into a new, shining, powerful being? In this in-person 3-day workshop, you will learn:

- Fundamentals, Principles and Universal Laws of energy healing
- Powerful healing techniques for yourself and others
- How to realign to the Blueprint of your Soul, your Divine Essence—through Divine Spine Alignment.
- Step into the frequency of the universe to become a high-frequency energy vessel.

To register:

email: contact@auroville-jiva.com

WhatsApp +91 9626006961

This is an Auroville activity under Holistic, ABC Trust, hosted by Sandhya

A poster for a "Body in Light" workshop. The background is a vibrant blue with a vertical column of seven colorful, glowing spheres (purple, blue, cyan, green, yellow, orange, red) on the right side. The text reads: "Awaken the Healer Inside You", "BODY IN LIGHT", "3-Day Energy Healing Workshop", "JULY 7, 8, 9 (Fri-Sun)", "9am-5pm", and "Tibetan Pavilion". Two circular inset photos show people in a workshop setting: one shows a group of people sitting on the floor, and the other shows a woman smiling.

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @
0413 2622045, 2622606, 7867805812

or

programming@verite.in, www.verite.in



The Healing Power of Gayatri Mantra – Sabrina Saturday, June 24 9:30am – 12:00pm

Gayatri mantra is one of the most important mantras in the Yogic tradition, connecting us with the sun, giving us energy, and helping purify body and mind. In this workshop you will learn both the mantra and the mudras (healing hand postures) associated with it. Open to all; no prior experience with mantra is necessary.

ANGAM TREE: THERAPIES

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.

Sound Healing Therapy

Using various musical instruments, Sound healing, Bodywork, Meditation, Visualization and Breathing one will become aware of their complete sensory perception.

When we hear the subtle cautions our life and where the body is a pathway of that inner voice, we all have the potential to heal ourselves.



*Contribution based

Massage Therapy

Traditional body work using acupressure and deep tissue varma points healing methodologies. Naturally prepared herbal and coconut oil along with natural essential oil aroma for meditative breathing wellness. Use of sound to awaken and create a sense of peace and calm to bring about a holistic healthiness and oneness with self.



*Contribution based



Dance Movement Therapy

Uses movement to help individuals achieve emotional, cognitive, physical, and social integration. Beneficial for both physical and mental health, dance therapy can be used for stress reduction, symptoms prevention, and mood management. In general, dance therapy promotes self-awareness, self-esteem, and a safe space for the expression of feelings.

*Contribution based

You can learn more about us and register at www.angamtree.com/therapies

For **Angam Tree**

Manager: Raja

Celebration Community

Mobile: +91 97513 95939

angamtree@auroville.org.in

TAXI SHARE



TO CHENNAI AIRPORT 24TH JUNE

I will go to Chennai airport on **Saturday, 24th June** at about **8pm**. Please let me know if you want to share a taxi.

Sylvia from Surrender.

Cell phone : 9487241170 / Land line 2622 649

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance (24/7):

- Auroville—9442224680
- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health:

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

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Vandrevalla Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

CINEMA



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

FRIDAY 30 JUNE, 8.00 pm

"March of the Penguins"

(original title: **La Marche de l'Empereur**)

Directed by Luc Jacquet, France, 2005

Synopsis: This breathtakingly beautiful documentary chronicles the heroic and harrowing journey that emperor penguins make amid subfreezing temperatures and violent snowstorms at the South Pole in order to mate. It's a scientific enigma that these flightless aquatic birds leave, at summer's end, the watery element that is most favorable for their survival to travel hundreds of miles to engage in their annual mating ritual on treacherous Antarctic ice floes. With a determination that rivals that of the animals he documents so impressively, biologist and filmmaker Luc Jacquet spent more than a year documenting the emperor penguins' epic struggle not just to reproduce, but also to survive the March of the Penguins.

We present the English version (with English Subtitles) which is superbly narrated by Morgan Freeman - Duration 1h26'



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 26 June 2023 to 2 July 2023

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

We continue to have issues with our projector. It is time for us to look for a new one. If you are able to kindly donate at MMC's FS Account for this.

Indian – Monday 26 June, 8:00 pm:

• KATHAL: A JACKFRUIT MYSTERY

India, 2023, Writer-Dir. Yashowardhan Mishra w/ Sanya Malhotra, Anant Joshi, Vijay Raaz w/ others, Comedy-Crime, 115mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Young and efficient police officer Mahima Basor is posted in a semirural Uttar Pradesh where crime is almost normalized, and the police exist to fill an official space. A constable is obsessed with finding his stolen car, essential to marrying his daughter off, while her inefficient bosses toe the line when the local MLA Munnalal Pateria summons. Two hybrid jackfruits went missing from the MLA's house and Mahima must find them. The ridiculous hunt leads to a bigger crime against women and reveals other issues. It compels the officer to adapt to the local political power play to perform her duty. *A satire worth the watch!*

Potpourri – Tuesday 27 June, 8:00 pm:

• GRÂCE À DIEU (By the grace of God)

France-Belgium, 2018, Dir. Francois Ozon w/ Melvin Poupaud, Denis Ménochet, Swann Arlaud and others, Crime-Drama, 137 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

This gripping drama follows three men who together dismantle the code of silence that continues to protect a priest who abused them decades ago. Based on true events, this film compassionately illustrates the varying effects of trauma on survivors and their families. It is an urgent portrait of resistance, the power of mobilization, and the mysteries of faith.

Interesting – Wednesday 28 June, 8:00 pm:

• AFGHAN DREAMERS

USA, 2022, Dir. David Greenwald, Documentary, 72mins, Dari-English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

In this acclaimed and inspiring film, an all-girls' robotics team in Afghanistan risks it all to prove that it can compete against anyone in the world and demonstrates what girls can achieve and become instead of teenage brides. Working in secret under Taliban rule, the high-school-aged team members struggle in the face of immense odds and ever-present danger, and single-handedly begin to change perceptions in this entrenched conservative culture. The film focuses on three team members - Fatemah, Somaya, and Lida - all of whom are fiercely determined to follow their passions and become role models for the next generation. It is a film that dares to ask if a better future is possible for women. *A must see!*

Selection – Thursday 29 June, 8:00 pm:

• SEX, LIES AND VIDEOTAPE

USA, 1989, Dir. Steven Soderbergh w/ James Spader, Andie MacDowell, Peter Gallagher and others, Drama, 100 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

John and Ann, a junior partner at a law firm and a housewife respectively, are a young, upwardly mobile couple, who most would deem to have a perfect life. What she is unaware of is that, John embarked on an affair with her sister, bartender Cynthia Bishop, who she doesn't admire as being too "loud". John reconnects with a close friend from college named Graham, who, to John, appears to have lost his way in life in the years that they have not been in touch. Graham, via the method in which he deals has a profound effect on Cynthia, John and Ann, who in turn, especially Ann, have a profound effect on him.

International – Saturday, 1 July, 8:00 pm:

• LA FAMILIA PERFECTA (The perfect family)

Spain, 2021, Dir. Arantxa Echevarria w/ Belén Rueda, Jose Coronado, Gonzalo de Castro, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 110mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Lucia is a wealthy woman and a wife of an accomplished astronomer, Ernesto. To her shock, their son Pablo chooses to marry a commoner, strong willed, foul mouthed, and from a working-class family. Lucia does everything to her power and yet the impact it has on herself, and her family is rather surprising.

Children's Matinee – Sunday, 2 July, 4:30 pm:

• LA TORTUE ROUGE (The red turtle)

France-Belgium, 2016, Dir. Michael Dudok de Wit, Animations-Family, 80 mins, No dialogue, Rated: PG

A man is shipwrecked on a deserted island and encounters a red turtle, which changes his life.

ARTHUR PENN FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 2 July, 8:00 pm:

• THE MIRACLE WORKER

USA, 1962, Dir. Arthur Penn w/ Ann Bancroft, Patty Duke, and others, Biography -Drama, 106 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Young Helen Keller, blind, deaf, and mute since infancy, is in danger of being sent to an institution. Her parents seek help from the Perkins Institute, which sends them a woman named Annie Sullivan to tutor their daughter. Through persistence and love, and sheer stubbornness, Annie breaks through Helen's walls of silence and darkness and teaches her to communicate.

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

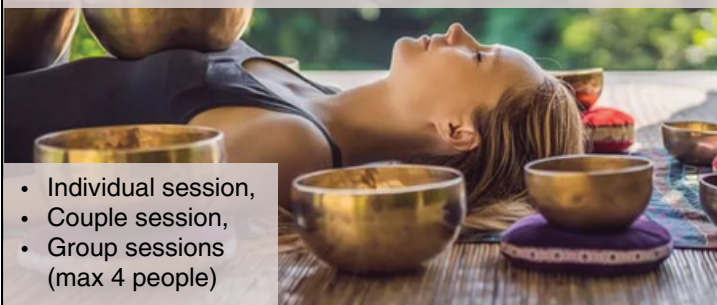
Thanking You,
MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
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ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES BY LAKSHMI

Sound Chakras Healing

Guided vibrational sound journey using **Chakra mantras, Tibetan Bowls and Tuning forks** to help reduce stress, anxiety, depression, insomnia, stimulating the natural cellular healing process, rebalancing the emotions & reconnecting with your true essence.



- Individual session,
- Couple session,
- Group sessions (max 4 people)

Private Transformational Yoga Classes

- Transformational Yoga
- Pranayama to release Fear, Anger and Anxiety
- Pranayama to achieve Peace, Calm, Quietude and Clarity
- Breathwork

Transformational yoga is inspired by Mother and Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga.

It is an innovative and highly effective yogic system, which synthesizes techniques of Hatha, Raja, Mantra, and Kundalini Yoga to bring about rapid transformation within the mind, body and spirit. Powerful, yet gentle, everyone can reap the benefits of this purifying yoga practice.



Please contact for an Appointment:

Lakshmi 8489764602 or
lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

Activity offered under Abhaya, an activity of ASSA, under Artisana Trust

ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday morning
from 10:30 AM



Dear friends,

Join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every **Thursday morning at 10:30 AM till 12 AM.**

Come and learn about:

- Sustainable menstrual products (cloth pads, cups and period panties),
- Menstrual cycle awareness and,
- Our not-for-profit work.

You can also pick up discounted cloth pads, cups, period panties and cloth nappies.

See you soon!

The Eco Femme Team

POWER OF COLLECTIVE ASPIRATION

Power of Collective Aspiration

Gatherings in
Matrimandir Gardens



Sunday evenings
6 to 6:30 pm



A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances.

Dear Community,

As we are going through a phase of intense turmoil, some of us feel the need to call for our collective prayers for protection.

Let's gather in the **gardens of the Matrimandir**, the soul of Auroville, on **Sunday evenings** at sunset time, for collective invocation.

Join a circle of prayers and chanting at the Amphitheatre from **6 to 6:30 pm.**

Come a little earlier to the stone circle for silent meditation to call the Light and Power of the Divine in Auroville.

All are welcome.

(Guests and volunteers, please bring your Aurocard)

BOTANICAL GARDENS

COME AND LEARN WITH US!



Learn to identify the species of **TDEF (Tropical Dry evergreen Forest)** with us at the **Auroville Botanical Gardens.** Starting from 29th May 2023.

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 9.00 - 11.00 AM

To join, please register at:

ecologicalhorticulturecourse@gmail.com



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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



VIPASSANA

Every Sunday at Udavi school

All old students of Vipassana meditation as taught by S.N. Goenka (www.dhamma.org) having attended at least one 10 day course are welcome to attend a half-day Vipassana course at Udavi School in Auroville.

Date: **Every Sunday**

Timings: **8:30 AM – 12:30 PM** but you can also drop in and join as long as you wish.

Venue: **Udavi School** (building on the left when you are at the front entrance), near Tank in Edayanchavadi (Auroville).

No registration is required.

Contact: Sanjay Tumati, +91 8790982210 (available on WhatsApp) sanjay@aurauro.com



FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

Loganathan working at Mahasaraswati Shop (near PTPS, Aspiration area) is a long term Aurovilian that has gained a lot of knowhow through looking after and repairing all kinds of machines. He happily repairs your machines and appliances.

You may contact him via phone / SMS or whatsapp +91 94434 93025



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Save up to 30% power usage with a regular cleaning service.

Contact **AIRCON CLEAN** now at 9786809518 or email us at airconclean.av@gmail.com

Regards, Julien.

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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 & Newcomers
- Rs. 200 Round trip for guests

Bus passes are available at Auroville Vehicle Service, Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302

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 "

FROM THE FO FAMC - FO N&N 979

CLARIFICATION

ON INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION TO CITYSERVICE

All adult aurovilians are obligated to pay a monthly contribution to our collective budget. This amount is now 3.800 rs/month.

Aurovilians on City Service Maintenance have been waived for this payment. This has created confusion when leaving a City service maintenance scheme, where many have forgotten to re-start contributing.

City Service will soon change the payment of maintenance for Aurovilians on City Service to include the 3.800 rs contribution and then withdraw to clearly show that it has been paid, and to remind people that if and when they shift out of City service maintenance they should start contribution on their own behalf.

There has been no proper accounting of this process so far, but this is now changing going forward, so City services can follow each Aurovilian, their maintenance and individual contribution.

Aurovilains receiving their maintenance from a unit, will have their individual contribution paid from the unit. This is now also accounted as an Aurovillian individual contribution.

There has been confusion about these contributions from units as well. To make things clear it has again been outlined. The unit transfers the individual City Services contribution as part of the full maintenance package for the Aurovillian. This individual contribution is accounted for with regard to each Aurovilian, and is not to be considered as the contribution from the unit to the City Services.

Aurovilians, who do not receive maintenance, are self supporting, are expected to contribute the monthly 3.800 directly to City Service. Most people do but there are still 400 aurovilians who do not contribute, and have no corresponding waiver. This is a very serious problem for the functioning of our collective economy. We have written to all these Aurovilians, and requested each to start contributing. Some have done, but still a large number are not contributing anything. We will soon follow up with a stronger message that non-contribution is not possible, unless there are very special reasons for not being able to do so.

*In Her Service,
Auroville will boldly spring towards future realizations,
Chandresh, Torkil for FAMC*

FROM THE FO BCC - FO N&N 979

BCC YEARLY REPORT 2022/23

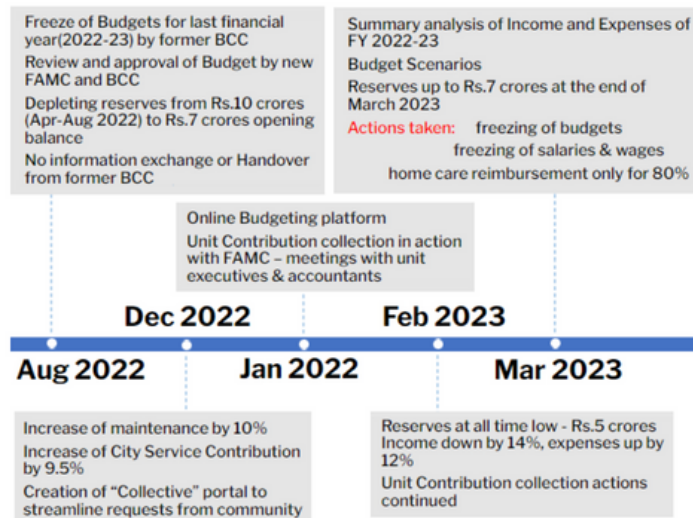
Dear Community, Please find below a concise summary report for the past financial year 2022/23.

Mandate

Guiding Principles of the BCC

- Facilitate the development of strategies that nurture and promote the vision of Sri Aurobindo and the directions of the Mother in relation to the Auroville economy.
- Support FAMC in implementing sustainable development within Auroville.
- Ensure transparency, accountability, and proper utilisation of the City Services budget.

Timeline



Reserves

In the past financial year, we ended up with an overall loss of Rs.3 crores and a closing balance of Rs.7 crores of reserves. This reserve modestly covers about three months of our monthly payments.

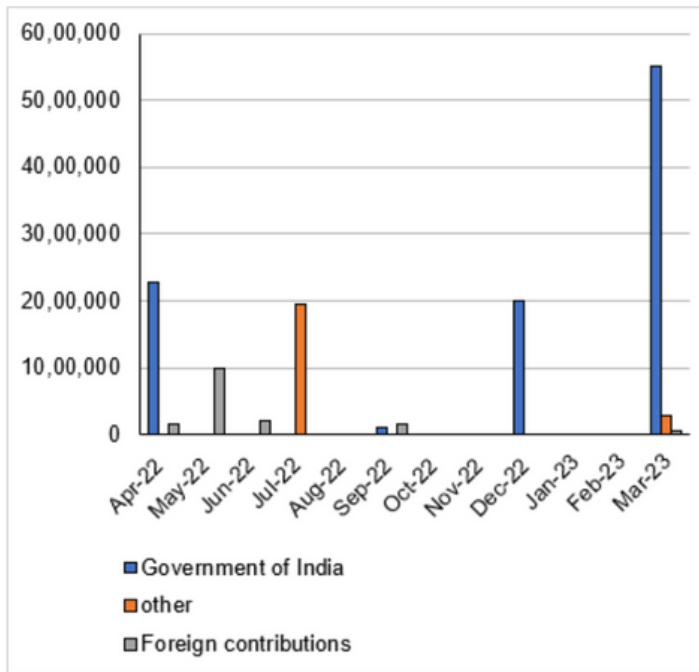
Although we commenced the last year with Rs.10 crores, the reserves went down throughout the year. This was not the case for the previous financial year 2021/22, where the reserves stayed stable around 10 crores.

Income & Expenses

Closer look at the income and payments shows that starting from April 2022, every month we had more expenditure the highest in June 2022, which continued till February 2023. Only in March 2023, we managed to receive additional income, mainly from financial services and pending contributions. These contribution payments relate however to past years and are not part of regular cash flows.

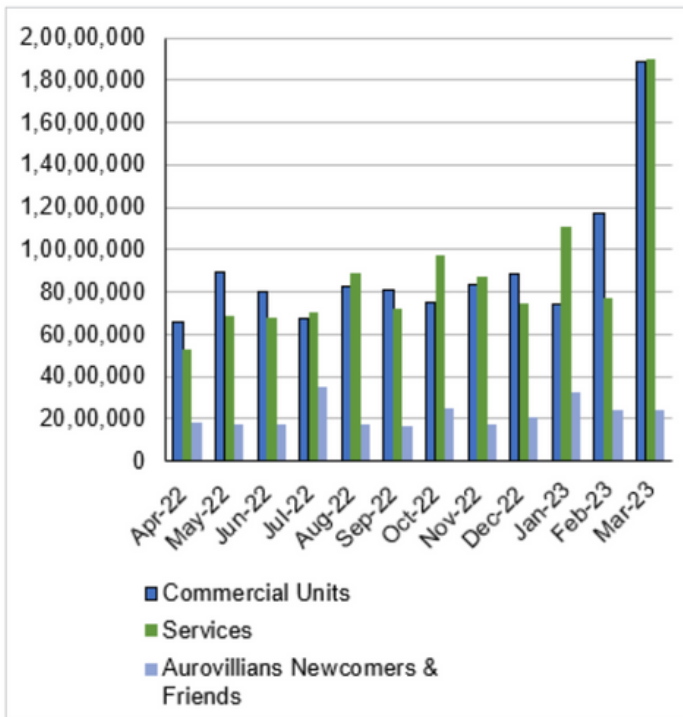
An important point to note is that in the last year we received minimum funds from the Government of India, covering less than half of our monthly expenses.

External Contributions

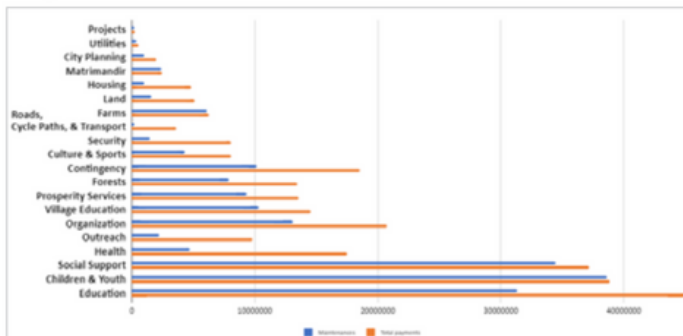


- For more detailed view of the charts please see the article in Auronet <https://auroville.org.in/article/95639>

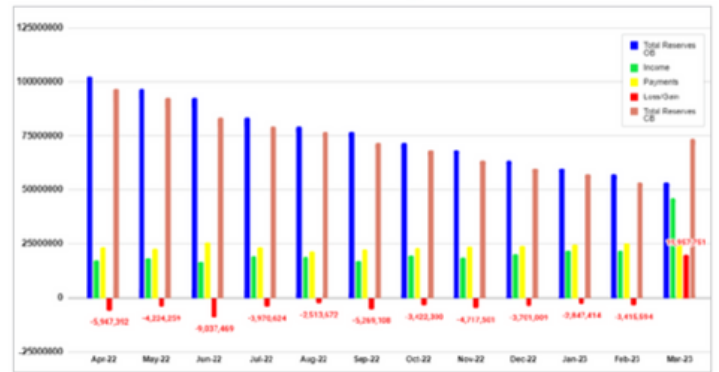
Internal Contributions



Payments



Summary of Income and Payments—FY 2022/23



- For more detailed view of the charts please see the article in Auronet <https://auroville.org.in/article/95639>

Actions taken

Considering the trend of increase in payments and diminishing of income, we along with FAMC, decided to freeze the budgets to the same as the last year. We also decided to freeze the salaries and wages in consultation with SEWA. We shall focus our actions to review and scrutinise raising costs and optimise services at our city service units.

This decision was made considering the fact that the income received from government grants has decreased dramatically and amounted to less than 5% of our yearly expenses last year and our income(contribution) from commercial units, guest houses and eateries needs to increase.

Future steps

We will be directing our efforts to collect the due contributions from our commercial units and to create a sustainable and regular cash flow to our income.

We had to make tough decisions to ensure that our City Service reserves are not further depleted, and our economy is sustainably progressing towards prosperity.

We can only manage this when we receive understanding and cooperation from all the stakeholders involved. We count on each member of our community in this regard.

*With kind regards, BCC Team
(Ocean, Radhika & Ravindra)*

CINEMA - FO N&N 979

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:)



SAVITRI BHAVAN

June 2023



Exhibitions

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

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
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4—5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Tuesdays 4:30pm:** Mudra-chi led by Anandi
- **Thursdays 4—5pm:** Videos of The English of Savitri led by Shraddhavan
- **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*

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

EDUCATION - FO N&N 979

BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSES

in Emerging Technologies at Auroville College

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology -Auroville College in Applied Sciences, located at Aurobrindavan in its 2nd year of existence, is taking admission of youth from Auroville and the Bioregion in a Bachelor Degree course (B.Voc.) affiliated with Pondicherry University in the following subjects:



1. Software Development & Machine Learning or Artificial Intelligence
2. Green Energy and Electric Systems
3. Production Technology

AIAT Education is based on learning by doing as per NEP2000 guidelines of UGC. Our learning system is skill-oriented, focused on personality-building and being a solution provider. Our students learn from the people /mentor and would practice at Auroville units.

These courses are conducted in small classes (25-30) students of 3 years duration.

During a B.Voc. course period, students receive three certificates: a Diploma Certificate after one year, an advanced Diploma certificate after two years, and a Bachelor's Degree certificate after three years.

The B.Voc. curriculum was designed by AIAT and PU faculties. It is approved and published on the PU website. Under this curriculum allocates, 60% of the credits to practical and only 40% to theory. The curriculum includes the latest development in Technology. Each academic year a student is supposed to go internship.

AIAT has qualified Aurovilian and external faculties and access to facilities at PU.

The PU conducts the examinations and certifies.

The external examiner highly appreciated our 1st-year students in the Software Development course for their practical knowledge and theoretical background.

Who can join B.Voc. Courses

Eligible are students who have completed +2 or equivalent courses. Students from Last-school are granted admission in these courses per PU guidelines.

Students who have passed 10th with min. 50% marks in an ITI course of 2 years can also join a B.Voc. course.

Pondicherry residents are admitted through CENTAC under the Govt. or Management Quota.

Fee Structure

Tuition fees for Aurovilian Kids is 38000 Rs./ Annum

For more information please contact

- Lavkamad 9443238303
- or visit our campus in Aurobrindavan

Dr Sanjeev Ranganathan & Lavkamad

AUROVILLE LIBRARY

Summer opening timings:

- Mornings: Monday—Saturday, 9am—12:30pm
- Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 4—6:30pm

To give away

The Auroville Library has several copies of books by The Mother, Sri Aurobindo, disciples and others, available in many different languages to give away. If you are interested, please pass by during our working hours.

Story time

- At the Auroville Library!
- Every Saturday, 10—11am.

All ages welcome!

Phone: 0413 2622894

Email: avlib@auroville.org.in

Web: library.auroville.org.in/



Kathrin, for Auroville Library Team

HEALTH CARE - FO N&N 979



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

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

SANTÉ SERVICES IN JUNE 2023

Sante Reduced Working Hours for June

This is to inform all that Sante has reduced working hours in the month of June and is open to the public

- Monday to Saturday from 9am to 12:30pm.

This is due to low volume and absences of therapists. The afternoon hours are used for internal work and education. Kindly book an appointment during the opening times.

Working Hours

- Monday—Saturday, 9—12:30pm

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

Santé Services Schedule

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

- 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.

Submitted by Dasha for Sante Services

MAATRAM STOPS OCH TILL END OF JUNE

OCH (Open Consultation Hour)

For appointments please

- Message or call: 90877 09434
- Email: maatram@auroville.org.in
- Website: maatram.org.in
- Location: Mitra Youth Hostel near Town Hall.



Warmly,
Megha for Maatram

AUROKIYA INTEGRAL EYE CARE @ ARKA

Aurokiya eye care has moved to Arka and will provide complete Integral Eye Care service to Auroville. The following services will be available

1. Emergency eye care services
 2. Complete eye testing facilities for all eye problems
 3. Follow-up services for surgeries and consultation from Aravind
 4. Spectacles and contact lenses
 5. Eye medicines
 6. Personal guided support to visit Aravind eye hospital
 7. Personalized eye exercise training, eye yoga sessions, and vision therapy sessions with the support of School for Perfect EyeSight and Natural Eye Care, USA
- You can learn more about Aurokiya by visiting our website: <https://www.aurokiya.com/>



Contact: aurokiya@auroville.org.in, aurokiya@gmail.com
WA/ Mobile: 8012305151

Warmest Regards, Aurosugan

FOOD FOREST TOUR

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I welcome you to a tour through my permaculture garden! We will take a look at local foods and you will get an idea on how to start growing your own food.

Come and connect with nature and learn about healthy and sustainable food options

This tour includes a **MINI-RAW-FOOD-WORKSHOP** where we will harvest herbs, fruits and flowers to prepare some delicious

VEGAN ICE CREAMS and more...

EVERY SUNDAY from 9:30 to 11:30
at La Ferme Community (5min from AV Bakery)

Sign up and info's whatsapp Sarah 9047421044
sarah@auroville.org.in

www.youtube.com/myfoodforest

SWIMMING CLASS

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

Submitted by Mani

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 1 month
- Listen more Tango music
- Dance Tango every day by booking for couples or Individuals
- Be on time

For bookings contact us:

- +918637633696, bakisatadance@gmail.com. Mani



RUPAVATHI JOY ACTIVITIES

Bio-region Temple Tour

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



Indian cooking

- Every Monday to Friday after 5pm at Creativity.
- Every Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5 pm



Thai Massage

- Every day at Creativity

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

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

Rupavathi Joy

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

ENLIGHT

Social Responsibility Outreach Initiatives



To provide meaningful and mutually beneficial opportunities to share knowledge, exchange ideas, consider practice, discuss challenges, generate learning and build connections.

URAVU has for its endeavour building relationships with local communities. To facilitate understanding of the bio region villages their heritage and culture. By framing the experiences in a language allowing visitors and guests to understand local customs and traditions. Design and deliver a peer and collaborative continuous learning relationships as part of human interactions for Inclusive Growth. Bringing social and economic benefit in an inclusive, sustainable and people-centred way. Focused on people-centred and locally-led approaches driven by inclusivity of individuals and communities. Activities and learning being co-created, developed and delivered by, with and for the people, communities, practitioners, organisations and decision-makers. Facilitators being the Youth of the local villages through experience sharing and activities



KALA is a service that has for its objective to aid and assist the underprivileged but hard-working bioregion village artisans and craftsmen in a growing technology run and industrialised world to key their arts and crafts to continue in continuity. Kala is a bridge of contact for all contributors to contribute to their upliftment and respectful livelihood. Ensuring continuity of their valuable and rich knowledge and experience as a blessing and boon from them as a community activity for the village's growth and development.



Mentoring local village folk to build and grow their concepts and ideas, live their goals and dreams.

Hand Holding to implement tools, technologies, procurement and marketing activities.

Eco-system to interact with peers to share expertise and experiences together to grow opportunities.

ANNAM initiative, offers livelihood opportunities to bio region rural women affected by social and family constraints and in need of resources to care for family members. These Akka and Amma entrepreneurs are given guidance in food safety, nutrition and business techniques, among other facets of selling these meals. Using a network of village volunteers to drive the community outreach program concentrated on identifying women who need financial assistance, while maintaining a work-life balance. The food cart will allow the women to earn an income from their cooking skills. They can provide food and savouries during festivals and events in the local community and villages.



WEAVES is a social initiative by women for women. A nation gets developed via women empowerment is possible only through associating them to self-employment, but it is not an easy task village and tribal women. They have to depend on others for their dreams and it keeps them backward. The goal of Weaves is to provide a platform for women to weave their own path to self-emancipation through skilling and working their skills to economic and financial stability.



All of the women will have increased their basic knowledge on clothing activities like drafting, knitting, darning, cutting and stitching new garments.

They will have gained the skill of tailoring which helped them to earn a decent amount of money for their livelihood lifelong.

This training course will give all these women a sense of self-reliance that they shall have not to be dependent on anyone for money.

ILAMAI meaning Youth is formed by young people, community members and contributors who wanted to create innovative programmes to engage young people. Motivating them to have new experiences, gain experiences and skills, become giving contributors in their communities and make a positive difference to their lives and the lives of others around them. Young people from different back grounds, ages and cultures. Joining and working together to bring about understanding, cohesion in their local communities and the wider society. Use environmental improvements as a means of achieving social and economic change. Developing young people to carry out social action projects in their community.



TAMIZH at its simplest, is sentience and awareness of internal and external existence. Tamil' means 'sweetness' and 'Culture' has been defined as 'sweetness and light'. 'Tamil' and 'Culture', therefore, make a most graceful combination both in Language and Life. Culture has been defined as a 'way of life', as 'sweetness and light', as 'ac-



tivity of thought and receptiveness to beauty and humane feeling'. Imbibing Tamil tradition and cultural to the youngsters, to sensitise young minds on the rich legacy left back by their ancestors.

For the future generations to take pride in its land its rich language and culture. Be proud of displaying our cultural richness to people of other states. Share with our fellow members that Tamils were a pioneer in all the form of sciences, be it medicine, astrology or food habits. Our past generations knew that Music has a very deep connection with sound health they used 108 musical instruments to facilitate good health and well-being using sound as an medium.

- Creating awareness at community and school level programmes.
- Designing and conducting cultural programmes at community as well school level.
- Establishing cultural societies in school level for educational development.
- Organize competitions and conscious circles of learning.

Your support and donation will aid in developing the local communities which is the main goal of responsible tourism. You can learn more about us at www.enlight.org.in/donate

Kindly contact us at the following email ID: enlight@auroville.org.in before making your contributions

For Enlight Team, Arun, Anand, Balaji

BAMBOO CENTRE



Workshops June 2023

Bamboo Centre Campus Tour

Auroville Bamboo Tour Every Saturday With Special Bamboo Lunch



*Note. People are requested to manage their own transport. Contribution for the tour is mandatory & Pre book your special bamboo lunch at minimal cost.

Auroville Bamboo Centre Phone: +91 8300949081 - 0413 2623806
Kottakarai, Mangalam Campus Email: bamboocentre@auroville.org.in
Auroville 605 111.

Come and enjoy every Saturday a guided tour through our bamboo campus. Discover the variety of Bamboo products, Bamboo musical instruments, different species of bamboo during your visit to the Campus, Sound Garden and Showroom. Our team will be happy and helpful to share the work with bamboo and its many gifts.

- 11:30am—12:30pm Every Saturday
- @ Auroville Bamboo Centre

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



MAKE & TAKE

FURNITURE WORKSHOP

Location: Auroville Bamboo Center, Auroville.

1 Day [9am - 5pm]

Min. 1 Person

Monday - Saturday

This is an 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 expert.

Follow Us on Instagram: [@aurovillebamboocentre](#)

Registration One Day in Advance

For Registration and Inquiries Please Contact:
bamboocentre@auroville.org.in **+91 83009 49081**

Auroville Bamboo Center, Kottakarai Road, Auroville, Tamil Nadu 605101

Bamboo Jewellery, Toys & Musical Instruments



MAKE & TAKE

Auroville Bamboo Centre

JEWELLERY, TOYS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT WORKSHOP

2-3 Hours 10am - 12pm / 02pm - 05pm

Monday - Saturday



Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys, traditional/ folk instruments or Jewellery at Bamboo centre and take home your own hand made product at the end of the workshop.

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

The Bamboo Tree House Workshop

- **6—8 July**



TREE HOUSE WORKSHOP

Date
6th to 8th of July

All Cost inclusive of:
Workshop
Training Material
Refreshment

The Bamboo Tree House workshop is perfect for anyone who wants to gain skills and hands-on experience working with bamboo and tree house technique, one of the most eco-friendly building materials, while also exploring various aspects of sustainable living. It is for anyone who is concerned about building a more environmentally sustainable world.



An essential aspect of building of the more sustainable world is the quality of the consciousness we bring to it. Our outer environment whether built or natural—reflects the state of our inner awareness

- To find out the physical character of the tree
- To find out whether the tree is habitable
- To find the possibilities of creating different platforms of habitat on a tree
- Integrate the indigenous techniques within a rural, urban or a semi urban space
- Working out the possibility of using tree as Natural columns
- Work out different special functions inside a tree foliage
- To remain within the ecosystem
- Discover a community and dwellings within the Nature

Bamboo Nature Camp at Kolli Hill

- **29 June—2 July, 9am—5pm**

Bamboo Workshop & Nature Camp

In Kolli Hills (Eastern Ghats)

29th June to 2nd July



Inviting all Adventure lovers and Sustainable building seekers to our Bamboo Workshop & Nature Camp of Kolli Hills

Bamboo Centre is offering everyone a new immersive learning experience in the lap of nature to rejuvenate and learn the fundamentals of Bamboo construction and Sustainable living using the natural resources and local knowledge of tools and techniques used by the tribal community.

This unique workshop will empower the tribal community to preserve their local skills and knowledge and support their livelihood. Workshop will take place under the guidance of an expert, who will mentor the team throughout be it for bamboo construction or beautiful treks.

Inclusions/Attractions:

- Basic accommodation in tents and tree house (sharing basis)
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) vegetarian for all days at camp site
- Guided trek in forest
- Spice plantation and river bath.
- Bamboo harvesting
- Tribal tools and techniques
- Bamboo hands-on workshop
- Drum Circle (Musical Evenings)

Bamboo Workshop & Nature Camp at Kodaikanal

- 27—30 July



Bamboo Workshop & Nature Camp at Kodaikanal

Princess of Hill Stations

Date: 27th - 30th July 2023

WHAT YOU LEARN?
PRACTICE WORKING WITH BAMBOO AS CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL AND EXPERIENCE SUSTAINABLE LIVING

No previous experience require

Kodaikanal is a hill town in the southern Indian state of Tamilnadu. It's Set in an area of granite cliffs, forested valleys, lakes, waterfalls and grassy hills. At 2000 meters above sea level, the town Kodaikanal centers around man-made, star shaped Kodaikanal Lake, bordered by ever-green forest. Rowing boats can be hired and cyclists follow the 5k Lake Road path around the shore, it is perfect location for making outdoor camps.

- **What should you have to bring?** Woolen jacket, torch light, bed sheet, tent if possible
- **Includes:** cultural & construction camp, accommodation, camp fire, drum circle & local visit
- **Meeting Point:** At Kavunji Village, Kodaikanal Bus Stand

Bamboo Summer School

- 31 July - 5 August



BAMBOO SUMMER SCHOOL

31st of July to 5th of August 2023

6 days workshop to learn how to build your dream bamboo house and live the Auroville experience.

ARCHITECTURE CONSTRUCTION | INTERIOR DESIGN FURNITURE | SUSTAINABLE LIVING | AUROVILLE EXPERIENCE

Includes
Workshop
Food
Accommodation
Local Transport
Reforestation workshop
Business coach
Village Visit
Auroville Architecture building visit

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

- Preferred through Email at bamboocentre@auroville.org
 - or telephone number: +91 8300949081, 0413 2623806
 - Flexible training dates offered to groups
 - Contact: Voice call and WA: 8300949081
 - bamboocentre@auroville.org
- www.aurovillebamboocentre.org
Thanks and Regards, Murugan

SOUL OF SOIL

Auroville Bio region hub for art, craft and culture to bridge and promote Local Tamil culture



for June 2023

Conscious and Cultural Tour Experience Program

Make and take handson workshops

Bamboo Musical Instrument	Bamboo Jewellery
Bamboo Toys	Clay Modeling
Terracotta	Incense Making
Paper Mache	Lampshade
Kolam Mandala Painting	Palm leaf craft
Coconut shell craft	Stone Carving

Daily: Make and Take, Hands-On Workshops at Bio region Art & Craft Centre (Mohanam, Cross Cultural Experiences and Educational Tours located in Mohanam campus)

- Advance booking is necessary
- Contact: preferred mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, or call +91 8300949079
- 10am—4pm, Every day except Sundays

Mohanam campus tour

Come and visit Mohanam Village Heritage centre to explore the taste of Tamil culture, bamboo experiential farm, sound healing, hands on make and take—art and craft workshops at bio region art and craft centre, Lively one village boutique with products by bio region village artisans, saree & veshti library, local traditional lunch, herbal tea.

- 10am—4pm, Every day except Sundays

Mohanam Sound healing

Book your sound healing session/ south bath for groups at Mohanam village heritage centre. A journey into silence, voice, movement and meditation inspired by nature and rhythmic waves we dive into an inner exploration of embodiment and expression. Union of mind, body and spirit through celebration of sound to enhance the sense of balance and reconnect one to their own consciousness.

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Saree & Veshti Experience Tour

Let the magic of saree & veshti adorn you!

Choose a saree and veshti from a variety of beautiful saree and veshti in our library, get your traditional south Indian look with help of our women's group members will assist you to drape/ wear the saree & veshti. You can ask us for a photo-shoot as an add on, south Indian style makeover—choose between kolam & cooking for an inclusive traditional experience

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Conscious and Cultural Tour Experience in Auroville

The future of the world (Integral—Consciousness—Responsible—Education—Empowerment Sustainability)

- Bio region village & temple tour
- Bioregion historical/ monument/ heritage educational tour

- Auroville Forest tour
- Auroville Farm tour
- Auroville North-West experience
- Auroville entrepreneurship tour
- Includes Tea and snacks, Duration: 2hours.
- 1-day advance booking is necessary
- Day & Timing: Every day 10am—5pm

Cycle Tour with Bio-Region Youth + Breakfast

Auroville is considered one of the best cycle trails in India. We at Mohanam would like to offer our experienced staff as guides to take advantage of the best routes in and around Auroville using cycles. The route shall include the following destinations Includes Tea and snacks, Duration: 2hours.

- 1-day advance booking is necessary
- Every Saturday & Sunday, 6—8am

Auroville North-West Cycle Tour + Lunch

This tour is designed for the audience to make them more aware about the beauty and richness of our culture, tradition and our heritage in this north-west zone of Auroville. Also, this is a must take walk to understand the inspiring stories of various entrepreneurship units and the way they are carrying forward our age-old traditions with modern techniques.

- Every day 10:30am—1pm, except Sunday
- Meeting/ Starting Point: Visitor center, 1-day advance booking is necessary for group bookings (for single bookings at least before 10am)
- For Bookings: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call us at: +91 8300949079

Saturday evening Aurosanthai market

Indo African Drum Circle with Food & Campfire

Enjoy the evening with blissful fusion of instrumental music, freestyle dancing and traditional drumming with campfire, accompanied by traditional Tamil dishes.

- Every Saturday between 6 to 7:30pm (Pre-booking is mandatory),
- Venue: Mohanam Village Heritage Centre,
- For more information: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call us at: +91 8300949079

Kolam Village Walk

Join for Spiritual Kolam walk and let the inner spirit and emotions lead the flow of Kolam. Enjoy the Delicious Tamil breakfast after the small trip inside the village, early in the morning made by local women to support them economically.

- Meeting point: Mohanam Heritage Village
- Every Friday, 6am to 8am
- Facilitator: Mohanam youth
- Contacts: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or +91 8300949079

Thiruvannamalai Eco & Spiritual Services

- Thiruvannamalai—Mohanam Services
- Aurunachala—Auroville
- Tour, Retreat space, Camping, Temple visit, Ashram, Girivalam Full Moon Experience.

The following services are available in Thiruvannamalai as Mohanam program has partnered with locals to arrange local tours, therapy, ashram visits, healing sessions, trekking and camping packages, group outings and awakening/ spiritual tours and Thiruvannamalai volunteering activities.

You can book the complete tour (cab, stay, local visit to spiritual places) by the Mohanam youth to Thiruvannamalai.

- For more information: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call us at: +91 8300949079

HONORARY VOLUNTARY - FO N&N 979

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gashala!

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,
8525038274WA or call 8122274924

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

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES - FO N&N 979

AURA NETWORK APPLICATION TO CLOSE

Dear Community, we are going to have to close down the Aura Network application on your phone that about 500 of you have joined. Certainly it was an epic experiment for a new economy in the spirit of the Auroville ideals. Very simply, it was not being used. It needed a critical mass of active users for it to flourish and expand. The costs of maintaining the system, the administration and all the fees involved for a state of the art phone application, could not be justified as it was not being used. Ahead of its time? Not relevant to Aurovilians in the present state of affairs? We don't speculate.



Fortunately, the years of research and development as a case study will remain available on an Aura website accessible at www.auranetwork.app.

The Team wants to express a deep gratitude to Professor Cho for his inspiration for a new currency for the world and

his willingness to sponsor a generous grant from the Science Walden Institute in Korea. Aurovilians Hye Jeong and Dan Be managed and coordinated the project which was hosted by the Korean Pavilion. They influenced professionals from Asia, Europe and India to collaborate in creating an amazing phone app. After a bit of hesitation, most Aurovilians really embraced the app as an idea but that finally did not translate into a sustainable practice of using it. Some early technical glitches also discouraged people and the festivals and information sharing could have been more extensive. The Team is grateful for the many who shared on the market place, listed their needs, and gifted auras to their peers. Touching feedback returned to us from exchanges that happened because there was this Aura app.

The Auroville journey to go beyond debit capitalism has been unsuccessful. Money still remains temporarily a sovereign lord here as elsewhere. But the collapsing global empire is rapidly turning to digital currencies, and the consequences will soon be evident.

On August 15, 2023 the Aura App will go offline. We wish to thank all who participated and supported this Auroville experiment. While this is a sunset for the Aura, we are confident that it has nursed a greater dawn.

Sincerely, The Aura Network Team

SAVI UNITS SURVEY 2023

Savi requests all Auroville units, services, projects and activities to participate in the brief "Savi Units Survey 2023" for your current and future requirements. Please participate even if you don't anticipate volunteer requirements. This is a 3-part survey and should take less than 3 minutes to complete, with each part taking less than a minute:



4. Current unit information
5. Primary mentor information
6. Simple yes/no questions about your needs

The survey form is mobile-friendly and can be completed by scanning this QR code.

Or [from your desktop using this link](#):

- We will also send this new form by email to the unit/service/activity/project email IDs already registered with Savi



Your response to this survey will allow Savi to align its new processes to better meet your demands and will also help us create your unit's homepage on Savi's new website for volunteering aspirants (under construction). Following the survey, we also encourage you to submit pictures, videos and logos of your unit by emailing them to study@auroville.org.in which will help us create a media gallery for your unit's homepage on our new website.

With gratitude, Your Savi team (Don, Gaurav, Manimozhi, Monica, Pranshula, Sandjivy, Saranya, Vivek)

GUEST REGISTRATION SERVICE

Summer Schedule

Guest Registration Service at Town Hall will be

- open ONLY in the mornings during the month of June 9:30—12:30, Monday—Saturday
- closed in the afternoons.

*Guest Registration Service Team,
Visitor Center,
grs@auroville.org.in,
+91 413 2622704, 2623449, Raji*



ELECTRICAL WORK

Sridhar a hard working technician who is looking for a work at house

- Electrical installations
- Electrical cable pulling
- Internet cable wiring inside your premises
- Fibre optic cable wiring inside your premises
- Ethernet cable wiring inside your premises
- Electrical appliances repairing/servicing

If you have any repairing and new wiring work needs to get completed quickly

- Please feel free to contact me: 9943919899,
ramkrishna@auroville.org.in



Ramkrishna

ARKA'S KITCHEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH

We are happy to inform you Arka's kitchen is open to receive its guests, open for lunch Monday to Saturday

- AV/NC @ Rs.200/-
- Guest Rs.250/-
- children Above 10 Years 1/2 price.

Lunch timing 12:15 pm to 1:30pm.

- Pre Booking is required (Please call one day before on this number 0413 2623799 in office timing: Morning 8:30am—12:30pm & Afternoon 2—5:30pm.

Please follow us on instagram page Auroville Arka .

Thanks & Regards, Ramana, Arka



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!



Kamala & Vijaya

RED DOT CAFE AT UPASANA

Low carb office lunch. Vegan option available. Sign up for a lunch scheme, perfect for a Group lunch meeting.

- +91 9962197716,
upasanared.cafe@gmail.com



Submitted by Uma

150DPI DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

We are an activity registered under Kattida Kalai Trust. Our activity has been serving our community since 2006. We provide the following services:

- Website design and development
- Web and mobile applications
- Domain and web hosting
- Security and maintenance
- Customised GST billing solutions
- UI and UX designs
- Database Development and Management
- IT Training

Sathish Arumugam, 8098144686, hello@150dpi.com



ENLIGHT:

Responsible Travel Tourism Internship Program



Responsible tourism focuses on what individuals, organizations and governments do to maximize the positive economic, social and environmental impacts of travel. Focused on determining and prioritizing the important issues locally and addressing those from a community standpoint. Stakeholders collaborating together to create value and design a better future. In line with Continuous Education and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The aims of the internship

- to experience employment and, where appropriate, accept responsibility, for the completion of tasks and the supervision of others.
- to develop key graduate attributes and skills.
- to acquire further practical skills and experience;
- to obtain an insight into management and management methods.
- to gain greater maturity and self-confidence.
- to be involved in the diagnosis and analysis of problems.
- to develop attitudes and standards appropriate to career objectives.



Send your resumes addressed to the Creative Manager at enlight@auroville.org.in

For Enlight Team, Arun, Anand, Balaji
www.enlight.org.in

POUR TOUS WATER

Free Service To The Aurovilians



Dear Friends, Pour Tous Water provides free service to the Aurovilians as part of the prosperity vision (service for all).

We would like to express our gratitude to the BCC, which is supporting the budget to cover the running costs of Pour Tous Water.

The service and labor is free. If material is necessary for your work, the city service advances it, and you are paying to the collection account, which is going back to City Services only to cover the material cost.

Pour Tous Water would like to work with you in collaboration on transparency and accountability. All service transactions are through Financial Service accounts, we do not handle cash for the services and appreciate you helping us with this. Pour Tous Water keeps plumbing materials on hand for emergencies to save money on petrol and avoid time-consuming round-trips to the store.

- For plumbing and water works, please contact us at Pour Tous Water's office numbers: 2622899, 9843644308, and ptw@auroville.org.in.

Sincerely, Grace, for Pour Tous Water

INSPIRATION - FO N&N 979

THE DIVINE LIFE

All life for the achieved spiritual or gnostic consciousness must be the manifestation of the realised truth of spirit; only what can transform itself and find its own spiritual self in that greater Truth and fuse itself into its harmony can be accorded a life-acceptance. What will so survive the mind cannot determine, for the supramental gnosis will itself bring down its own truth and that truth will take up whatever of itself has been put forth in our ideals and realisations of mind and life and body. The forms it has taken there may not survive, for they are not likely to be suitable without change or replacement in the new existence; but what is real and abiding in them or even in their forms will undergo the transformation necessary for survival. Much that is normal to human life would disappear. In the light of gnosis the many mental idols, constructed principles and systems, conflicting ideals which man has created in all domains of his mind and life, could command no acceptance or reverence; only the truth, if any, which these specious images conceal, could have a chance of entry as elements of a harmony founded on a much wider basis. It is evident that in a life governed by the gnostic consciousness war with its spirit of antagonism and enmity, its brutality, destruction and ignorant violence, political strife with its perpetual conflict, frequent oppression, dishonesties, turpitudes, selfish interests, its ignorance, ineptitude and muddle could have no ground for existence. The

arts and the crafts would exist, not for any inferior mental or vital amusement, entertainment of leisure and relieving excitement or pleasure, but as expressions and means of the truth of the spirit and the beauty and delight of existence. Life and the body would be no longer tyrannous masters demanding nine tenths of existence for their satisfaction, but means and powers for the expression of the spirit. At the same time, since matter and the body are accepted, the control and the right use of physical things would be a part of the realised life of the spirit in the manifestation in earth-nature"

*The Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo, p. 1102-1103,
Submitted by Soham*

LOOKING FOR - FO N&N 979

Looking for a Fridge

I'm writing this regarding the fridge we are looking for.

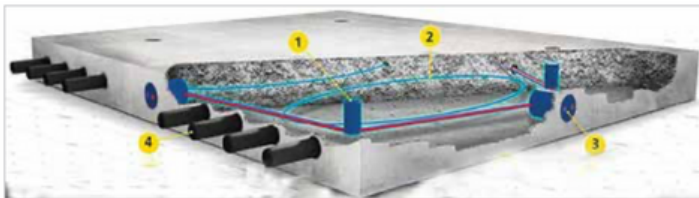
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Best Regards, Tahir



VOICES & NOTES - FO N&N 979

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS



A road construction for heavy traffic will attract heavy traffic. A questionable circulation environment for the Auroville crown. It will attract: large amounts of public traffic, commercialism and so many tourist buses, making it unmanageable for the intended purposes outlined in the Charter. Another commercialized town with a gold dome to gawk at.

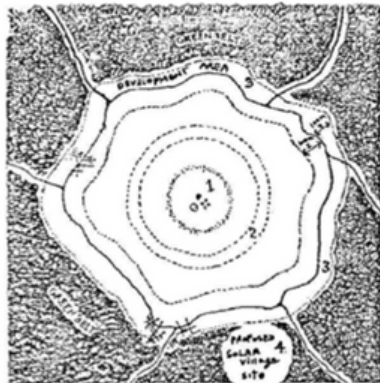
Do the Town Planners no longer respect the Auroville Charter and the writings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo?

Joel

CROWN DIAGRAM PLAN STUDY 1981

Auroville Review No. 5.

The crown zone in this 1981 diagrammatic plan rough sketch by Joel Goodman is a zone, a donut-shaped area that would contain circulation ways around. At that time I did not suggest a road or an exact circular road in the crown zone. If the Matrimandir Gardens area is to be "Quiet" a conventional ring road would attract traffic noise and garbage. At this time, far from the experiences going on in Auroville, I would continue to suggest that there should not be a conventional ring road in the crown zone.



Guidelines for development, 1981, By the Auroville development group.

1. Matrimandir Gardens area defined by a tree shelter belt
2. Circulation route (the "crown") can begin to be established as a Matrimandir bypass and access to fields
3. Peripheral area: 100 meters (approximately) from the circulation route, an area where "permanent" development can begin to take shape
4. Proposed site for "Soiar Village" project; a concentrated experiment in collective living

Joel H. Goodman,
June 12, 2023

WISDOM OF VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE: Stone Buildings In A Pioneers' Town



All life is yoga and there is no end to the human capacity to learn, assimilating the lesson of the moment as need arises. We could trace back the history of humanity by the unrolling of vernacular architecture through the ages; registering how the frail beings we

are, countering menaces and challenges by inquiry and exploration, flexibly adopting whatever means the situation demands, resourcefully orchestrates an array of provisions and apt devices; by thoughtful measures subduing impossibilities and impediments, successfully building up strength and comfort even in hostile environments. Intelligence and resilience, along with unflinching openness to the unknown, are the winning cards. A true unity in diversity blossoming across the planet, whatever the latitude and time; braving adverse natural conditions by engineering most varied responses to secure one's place in the sun. Yea, unwavering and yet ever-changing capacity of adaptation, triggering the best: wasn't 'Plasticity' Mother's favourite flower—Mother, the parashakti in action?

Such musing was my inner dialogue while visiting my progenies in Almonte. Crossed by the tumultuous Mississippi river, this small town of Canadian pioneers originated during the mills' revolution of the XIX century. Almonte features massive stone buildings—as in neighbouring Ottawa, the capital—some with elaborated designs characteristic of the Victorian and Art Nouveau styles. The roofs are extremely steep, with no overhanging. Strolling around I felt like an alien, such an abrupt sight being the opposite of my native Italy with its classic architecture, the pinnacle of beauty and refinement, nurturing a lively culture of atriums, porches and street-life, fostering human encounters. Didn't Roger wish the same for Auroville, an architecture of shades and sudden outbursts of light, with fountains and plazas, literally re-discovering the function that streets had in the beautiful towns of old? And, apropos pioneers, wasn't Almonte's display also opposite to the artful keel roofs topping the open huts that punctuated the red desert of Auroville, when young heroes came from all over the world seeking "the city the earth needs"? So here I was, struggling to come to terms with vistas unimaginable whether in Italy or Auroville; struggling to make sense and grasp so strikingly different reality, I kept my camera busy recording the phenomenon (and the fantastic flowers too, but... no diversions!), till one day, marvelling at the incredible capacity of adaptation by the human psyche, I got it: the scenario was indeed logical. Indeed, a peremptory necessity. How could I be so dumb?

Massive stone architecture, steep roofs, no overhanging are the compulsory answer to frosty nights even in June, to piles of snow metres-high that otherwise would destroy roofs, to storms tearing down big trees under the weight of cumulated ice. Nature determines architecture, this is the lesson that Almonte taught me. Answering to the might of nature by intelligence and resilience, building this way a

secure environment where to grow and prosper. Our task, at whatever latitude we live, is to pay respect to nature under whatever form it manifests; from one extreme to its opposite subtly working along with it, not against it, endlessly adapting. Then it is a win-win. Centennial wisdom: this is the secret of vernacular architecture.

Almonte—5,039 inhabitants—with its mix of 19th-century buildings (two designated as National Historic Sites of Canada), cosy boutiques and elegant vintage shops, arts exhibitions and a '50s diner, in 2023 "was named the best small town in the Ottawa area" writes the Wikipedia. "Movies have been filmed partially or entirely in Almonte in recent years, including several Christmas movies"; the neighbourhood and surroundings evoke indeed the magic of vintage Christmas postcards, the place must be a wonder in wintertime.

A worthy visit, adding to the Auroville-in-the-making coffer. There is no limit to what malleable, receptive minds can learn observing nature's play, opening to Mother Earth. BUT... days after I left that terrestrial paradise of woods, rivulets and waterfalls a stark warning came, stay indoors! Over 400 wildfires ravaged Canada, making the air unbreathable unto New York and Washington. Global warming: this is the cost of the consumerist, asuric societies pilfering the planet. The price we pay for violating the sacredness of nature, its rhythm and composure, after which we should model our lives and of which Mother's true Auroville would have been the epitome, a sattvic society of gnostic beings.

We have not escaped 'the debt to Rudra', what Sri Aurobindo calls the infrarational age still holds tight.

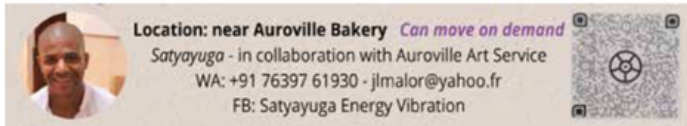
Paulette

Links to three Google photographic albums:

- [Stone architecture in Almonte \(Canada\): downtown](#)
- [Stone mansions and other residences](#) (Almonte neighbourhood, Canada)
- [Mississippi river](#) (Almonte, Canada)

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS - FO N&N 979

SATYAYUGA



Energy Vibration

- **Reiki with Kototamas:** give energy for the wellbeing and struggle against stress
- **QiGong:** work on the rejuvenation of the body & automassage and Yoga facial. 7 people max
- **Personal trainer:** using Karla Kattai, conscious muscular exercises and stretching of articulations 1 to 3 people
- **Reflexology:** Manual and natural method centered on the selfregulation of human body by pressing reflex zones & Vibrational massage with bowls
- **Nada Yoga Ananda:** Connect to your inner self through Vibrating Chants, @ 4pm for about 2hours.
 - Ecstatic Wednesday
 - Shamanic Friday
 - Sacred Sunday



- **Gongs, Tibetan Bowls & Didgeridoo meditation for Full Moon and New Moon.** Working with the energetic forces of the Moon, we will create an energetic field to power your intention. @ 7pm for around one hour



- **Tibetan bowls. Gongs. Five Elements Sound Massage.** Connect to your inner self through Sound Massage and Vibrating Chants & find peace in a Sound Cocoon



- **Shamanic journey.** A four hour Workshop to connect yourself to the Source. Experience a powerful Sound Journey in your inner self thanks to energetic exercises and transformative sounds. Every Friday, near Auroville Bakery, 10am—12noon & 3—5pm. 7 people max, possibility to split



Warmly, Satyayuga (Jean-Luc Malor)

ARKA - REGULAR ACTIVITIES JUNE 2023

Classes

Classes	With Whom	When
Acro Yoga	Damien 9047722740	Monday: 3 —4:30pm Tuesday: 5 —6:30pm
Pilates	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30—8:30am. Friday 5:30—6:30pm, Only by Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30—8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5—6:30pm.
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 (TOS)	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, Hennacoloring	Meha, 9443635114, by appointment,	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina (TOS): 9791719387, +39346225804, WA	Monday to Friday (Morning)
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry. Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards, Ramana, Arka, 0413 2623799