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Is this the Auroville of tomorrow?

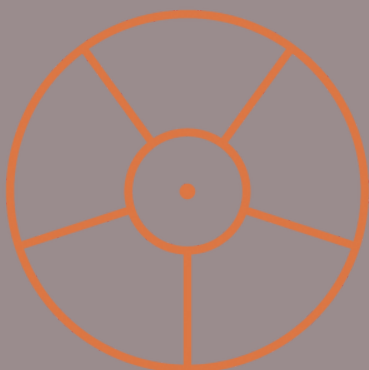
PONDERING

Earth needs

a place where men can live away from all national rivalries, social conventions, self-contradictory moralities and contending religions; a place where human beings, freed from all slavery to the past, can devote themselves wholly to the discovery and practice of the Divine Consciousness that is seeking to manifest.

Auroville wants to be this place and offers itself to all who aspire to live the Truth of tomorrow.

20.9.1969



The Mother on Auroville - page 1

<https://motherandsriaurobindo.in/The-Mother/books/compilations/the-mother-on-auroville/>



THE FUNDAMENTAL AGNI

At the outset of the second phase, a little before his retirement, we find a rather strange conversation that Sri Aurobindo had in 1926 with a French physicist. These few words of Sri Aurobindo's, which must then have seemed rather enigmatic, show the particular orientation of his experiences:

There are two statements of modern science that would stir up deeper ranges in an occultist:

1. *Atoms are whirling systems like the solar system.*
2. *The atoms of all the elements are made out of the same constituents. A different arrangement is the only cause of different properties.*

If these statements were considered under their true aspect, they could lead science to new discoveries of which it has no idea at present and in comparison with which the present knowledge is poor.

Let us remember that the year was then 1926.

Sri Aurobindo continued: *According to the experience of ancient Yogis... Agni is threefold:*

1. *ordinary fire, jada Agni*
2. *electric fire, vaidyuta Agni*
3. *solar fire, saura Agni*

Science has only entered upon the first and second of these fires. The fact that the atom is like the solar system could lead it to the knowledge of the third.

What was Sri Aurobindo driving at? And how is it that he – not to mention the rishis of six thousand years ago – knew before all our scientific laboratories that solar heat, *Saura Agni*, has a different origin from what we usually call fire or electricity, that it is produced by nuclear fusion and that it is the very same energy found in the atom's core? It is a fact – perhaps disconcerting for science, which needs to deal with "concrete realities" – that every physical reality is lined with an inner reality which is both its cause and its foundation; even the most infinitesimal material elements have their inner counterparts, and foremost among them are our own physical organs, which are only the material linings or supports of the centers of consciousness. Everything here is the symbolic translation or shadow thrown by a light or a force that is behind, on another plane. This whole world is but a vast Symbol. Science observes and analyzes phenomena, devises equations for gravitation, weight, atomic fission, etc., but it only touches the effects, never the true cause. The yogi sees the cause before the effect. A scientist can deduce a certain cause from the effects produced, whereas a yogi deduces the effects from the cause; he can even deduce effects that do not yet exist from a cause that already exists (e.g., the accident will happen tomorrow from the force of the accident that is already there in the background). The scientist manipulates effects, at times bringing about catastrophes; the yogi sees the cause, or, rather, identifies with the Cause, and thereby he can alter the effects, or as Sri Aurobindo puts it, the "habits" we call laws. Ultimately, all our physical effects, which we have codified into laws, are nothing more than a convenient *support* for the manifestation of forces that are behind, exactly as a performance of magic requires certain ritualistic diagrams, certain ingredients or formulas, so that the forces invoked can manifest themselves.

This whole world is a gigantic magical performance, a constant act of magic. But the earthly diagram, all the ingredients we have so earnestly and unchangeably codified, all our infallible formulas, are merely conventions. The earthly ritual can change if, instead of remaining mesmerized by the effects, we go back to the cause behind them – on the side of the Magician. There is a tale about a Hindu Brahmin who, every day at the hour of his worship, had the family cat tied up so that he would not be disturbed in his ritual. Eventually, both the Brahmin and the cat died, and the Brahmin's son, now in charge of the worship ceremony, procured a new cat, which he then conscientiously tied up during the sacrifice! From father to son, the cat had become an indispensable element in the effective performance of the ritual. Our own unassailable laws, too, may contain a few little cats. If we go back to the original force concealed behind the physical support, to the "true movement," as the Mother describes it, then we begin to witness the Great Play, and to realize just how different it is from the rigid notions we have of it. Behind the phenomenon of gravitation, to take one of the rituals, there is what the ancient yogis called Vayu, which causes gravitation and the electromagnetic fields (as Sri Aurobindo mentioned also during that conversation of 1926), and this is how a yogi can eventually defy gravity. Behind the solar or nuclear fire there is the fundamental Agni, "the child of the waters, the child of the forests, the child of things stable and the child of things that move. Even in the stone he is there," says the Rig Veda. (1.70.2) This is the "warm gold dust" the Mother speaks of, the real cause behind the effect, the original force behind the material, atomic support; "other flames are only branches of thy stock." (1.59) It is because Sri Aurobindo and the rishis saw this spiritual *Agni* in Matter, this "sun in the darkness," that they were able to know of its material, atomic effects, and hence of nuclear fusion, long before our own scientific experiments revealed this phenomenon. This is also why, since they knew the cause, they dared to speak of transformation.

(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**.

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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
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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,

We thank everyone for embracing the new RA N&N and sending in your submissions.

We have been facing various issues with the FO N&N (*delaying their publications; locking PDFs; repeated or obsolete content; content published without author's consent; unclear sourcing of content; etc...*). Consequently, we have decided that from 20th July onwards, we will only publish content sent directly to us at newsandnotes@auroville.services.

Important:

From next week onwards, the only content that we will continue publishing from the FO N&N are announcements from the FO and their working groups, in order to honour our commitment to have all voices heard. FO Working Groups are of course invited to send their content directly to the RA N&N for publishing, if they wish for their links to be functional and if they would like to avoid any delays in publishing. All events, workshops, and other content not sent to us directly, will no longer be added to the RA N&N, for the above stated reasons.

Reminder:

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

Support the RA N&N:

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



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

WORKING GROUPS NEWS

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 188 DATED: 13-07-2023

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- **Gwjwn DAIMARI (Indian)** staying in Celebration and working at Youth Link
- **Maheshwaran RAMESH (Indian)** staying in Azhagu Bhoomi and working at Food Link
- **Ramesh BALASUBRAMANIAM (Indian)** staying in Maitreye I and working at Language Lab



AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- **Abijith ROY (Indian)**
- **Rajesh SHAH (US)**
- **Chakarapani SAKTHIVEL (Indian)**
- **Kaniamudhan AYYANAR (Indian)**
- **Karan WILSON (Indian)**

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)

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

OPEN LETTER TO AUROVILLE LAND BOARD

Auroville, 8th July 2023
TDC 23.041

Subject: Serious violation of the NGT judgement - tree cutting

Dear Land Board members, Mrs. Meenakshi, Special Officer, Mr. Ponnambalam, Special Officer, Mr. Rajavelu, Mr. Raja, Mr. Satyakam, Mr. Venkat

We understand that the Auroville Land Board received an intimation from the office of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation to let the trees be cut on a stretch of land stewarded by Mr. A. Vohra.

It is neither in your nor in the purview of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation office or Mr. A Vohra to permit the cutting of trees prior to the evaluation and submission of the Report for the entire Crown by the Hon'ble Joint Committee.

In an NGT hearing on 14th March 2023 (see court order attached), hon'ble Mr. Vaibhav R Venkatesh stated - on behalf of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation Office - that no cutting of trees will be undertaken beyond the recommendation given by the Joint Committee, meaning the Darkali stretch.

It is with great disappointment that we have witnessed the Auroville Land Board being engaged in the cutting of trees near the Gaia crossing as well as the fact that you are acting against the decision of the Residents' Assembly taken in the January 2022 RAD.

It is very unfortunate that the Land Board chooses to willfully ignore both the judgement of the Hon'ble NGT dt 28th April 2022 as well as an RA Decision. Please be aware of the legal implications of your actions. Any cutting of trees is a direct violation of the court judgement and is not to be taken lightly

As we have explained to you verbally several times, unless you have written and signed documentation intimating you to proceed with or be party to the cutting of trees on any part of the proposed Crown trajectory - outside of the Darkali park stretch - or anywhere inside the Auroville project / Master plan area on lands that have not been developed may make you personally liable for the actions taken. This includes the clearing of shrubs and understory as well as young trees, as is being undertaken by Mr. A. Grandcolas on lands that should be stewarded by the Auroville Land Board between Town Hall and Martimandir.



Photo taken on 3rd July 2023

Attached:

[2023 07 07 - report - trees cut on crown trajectory](#)
[NGT Court order dt. 14th March 2023](#)

CC:

AVFO

Secretary of the Auroville Foundation Office

Working Committee of the RA

Auroville Council

CPWD

in Service

L'avenir d'Auroville - TDC Town Development Council

Anan, Dorle, Divya L, Island, Lata, Natasha S, Tom G

COMMUNITY SHARING

OPEN LETTER FROM THE AUROVILLE FARM GROUP

Dear Torkil and Chandresh, members of AFO FAMC

The Farm Group does not agree with your analysis of the farming situation in Auroville or your so-called solution. Our thoughts are as follows:

- You say that since farmers only produce 20% overall of what Auroville needs, this is because of subsidies given to the farmers rather than structural issues relating to the Auroville market. As we have explained to you, a large part of the reason for this deficit is because the Auroville market demands food that it is impossible to grow in this area. Farmers cannot do much about that and a better approach would be to try and change the habits and attitudes of Auroville consumers towards the food that can be grown in this climate and with the present natural resources. Auroville farmers can and will produce more of these items provided they could be sure that most of what they grew would be sold.

- You say that FAMC have tried to engage farmers but that they have been resistant to this. We have met just two or three times with the AFO FAMC and twice with the farm service. In the last meeting with FAMC, Gheeta, Torkil and Chandresh, we all agreed in principle to look at ways both groups could move forward together; focusing on the things with which we can agree. Two days after, the Farm Service was created and at our first meeting with them, Prasad informed us that they, not FAMC, would only be dealing with us. Now, last week an email reducing farmers' maintenances. You say that the Farm Service is moving ahead with dealing with surpluses through restructuring Foodlink. Just to let you know that farmers are still getting produce returned and being told not to bring in certain items because Foodlink cannot deal with them. In other words, the new Farm Service Foodlink are having the same problem as before, in fact possibly more.

- If you want to go ahead with making farmers support themselves please be aware that you are encouraging farmers to grow what makes the most profit which is not necessarily what Auroville needs. Do you think this is a good move? It is also unclear about expectations with regard to the standard of Auroville produce. The existing high standards ensure that Auroville food is grown in a way that is healthy for people as well as the Earth. Do you subscribe to those values? Or is the value to be measured only in profit and production? At present it sounds very much like the latter and Auroville farmers do not agree with this. You talk about new ways of farming; can you please explain? If you mean the Gratitude project or Unity farm, we do not see any much new happening there.. You talk about the new farms which are having no subsidies and so we should all have no support; are you talking about Unity farm which got a budget of over 7 lakhs to start up or Gratitude project with double that investment? If farms would get all such startup investment the situation might look quite different now.

- Growing more food also requires investment so where is that supposed to come from? Many farms do not have resources for new investment to grow more and for those that do it will take time to make the necessary changes to increase production. You say that the new initiatives of which you talk have/will be carried out without subsidy and presumably investment. Please do explain this further. How will these new projects be set up with no financial backing and how are the people doing the work managing with no financial support? (using savings? Getting jobs outside Auroville?) Please clearly explain this to us.

Farmers have shown lots of goodwill to try to cooperate with you although your group has been imposed on Auroville without any proper process.

Now getting these decisions thrown at us;

First our common farm group accounts are frozen. These accounts are vital for farmers to be able to take emergency loans, seed/compost loans, infra loans, it also blocks the repayment of several lakhs of rupees to farms from a fund which farmers have pooled to pay operating cost of foodlink and any excess gets paid back at the end of the financial year.

Then Farm group and it's subgroups are being dismissed as non existent; these groups are simple working groups where farmers meet, look at each others work, plan crops and are crucial for learning and regulation of production.

Foodlink being taken over without any respect for its executives and no time for a proper transition and finally cutting of the personal maintenance from farmers, again from one moment to the other without any proper prior communication is totally unacceptable.

We really start to wonder about your motives and capacity; anyone with a little sense of reality will realize that all these measures are surely not going to help to increase food for Aurovilians.

We will continue to work on the land because that is what farming is about. We will find ways to survive and keep supporting Aurovilians because that's what is needed. Unless you stop making these unilateral decisions and there is normal communication it will be difficult to work with you any longer.

Wishing for better times,
Auroville Farm group

THE ABOVE MESSAGE WAS A RESPONSE TO THE AFO FAMC E-MAIL BELOW:

Dear Auroville farmers,

Despite many years of work, large areas given for farming, large subsidies in form of maintenance, donations and loans, the farms of Auroville have only managed to produce around 20% of the food Auroville needs.

Over the last year FAMC have tried to engage farmers in discussions about how this can be radically changed, but there has been little interest to move away from the safety and protection of subsidies. Auroville is now expecting a fast growth in population and the existing farm production system will not in any way be able to be scaled up. The new Farm Service is moving fast ahead with new ways of farming, opening Food Link for selling surplus outside, and is working without expectation of subsidy or maintenance, but based on sale of production.

It would not be possible to run two different production systems at the same time, one heavily subsidised and one without. FAMC has decided that with effect from June 2023 we will move into a new setup to support a fair maintenance scheme of a "care package" for running farms in Auroville, and farms have to rely additionally on what they produce and sell.

A "care package" provided by BCC covers the monthly support of the lunch scheme, in-kind support for groceries and the health fund contribution. The City Services Contribution will also be provided with a waiver. We know it is a difficult transition for the farm sector, and we realise that some farmers will have trouble taking these steps.

In case anybody has serious financial problems with this, they can approach City Services for temporary support.

In Her Service,
Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations,
Chandresh and Torkil for FAMC

SUMMARY NOTES OF A CORE GROUP MEETING IN BUDDHA GARDEN 04/07/2023

- 1. FARM MAINTENANCES;** the recent reduction in maintenances for farmers was discussed, especially the inability of some farmers to pay outstanding loans which cannot necessarily be met from farm income. A way has to be found to ease stress on these individuals maybe by freezing the loans for the time being.
- 2. COMMUNICATION TO THE AFO FAMC;** draft of an email to the AFO FAMC was discussed and it was decided to add details of the frozen Farm Group accounts. These include 7 funds totalling approximately Rs50laks. The AFO FAMC will be questioned as to why is this money is frozen when it is much needed by farmers. After circulation this email was sent on July 8th.
- 3. FARM GROUP MEETING;** in the light of recent actions taken by the AFO the Core Group is sending an email to all farmers inviting them to meet on July 11th. A range of subjects will discussed relating to the maintenance situation and other issues. As well as exploring various ways to support farmers through the present challenging situation.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION;** various administrative tasks will be carried out to make this process more efficient for the group. A summary of meeting notes will be sent bi-weekly to the News and Notes.

SUMMARY NOTES OF A CORE GROUP MEETING IN BUDDHA GARDEN 27/07/2023

- 1. FOODLINK;** according to the Service Trust the Farm Service does not have the power to dismiss Foodlink executives as they did with Sumathi and Angurajan. Only the trustees of the Service Trust can do this. It appears that Farm Service are not practically addressing the problems of the AV Food Ssystem distribution as farms continue to be burdened by the situation of Foodlink not taking all the farms' produce. More administrative support is needed to better distribute/market excess Auroville produce so that this job does not fall on farmers.
- 2. MEETING WITH SECRETARY, FO FAMC, FS ON JUNE 23RD;** there were wide ranging discussions about the role of the Farm Service, the amount of land used for production, the challenges of creating optimum farm productivity and the price of Auroville food. In the light of subsequent actions which include minimising farmers' maintenances and branding the Farm Group as illegal the possibilities of positive collaboration seem much reduced. Especially as although the Farm Service say they want to create a 'prosperity system' the basic problems of the Auroville Food system distribution are not being practically addressed.
- 3. DISMISSAL OF FARM GROUP/CORE GROUP/SUB GROUPS;** the Core Group and Sub Groups of the Farm Group have been branded as illegal by the Farm Service/Foundation office. Legal advice is being sought to share with farmers to decide how best to proceed and communicate about this situation.
- 4. VEGETABLE PRODUCTION;** Anshul's Vegetable project attempting to gather data on how much produce is grown as the basis for future vegetable growing planning. Confirmation is needed if the Aruvadai (Harvest) project presented to the PCG will meet this need. To be discussed at the next Veg Sub Group meeting at the end of the week.

5. COMMUNICATION WITH GROUPS; it was agreed to send emails as follows:

- Priya will draft an email to all the relevant FO groups about the end of farmers maintenances and how it was implemented. This will be sent after feedback from the FCG and farmers.
- Tomas will draft an e-mail to the Farm Group letting them know that there is no immediate solution to the maintenance situation and the problems this creates for farmers. Farmers will be asked for ideas which can be discussed at a larger meeting.
- An open letter to the FOFAMC and Farm Service (cc'd to Secretary and News and Notes) will be drafted to explain how despite Foodlink being under new management farms are still burdened by the present situation of Foodlink not taking all the produce that farms grow.

6. GENERAL COMMUNICATION

- Farmers will be updated about the farms situation through a new WhatsApp group.
- To keep the community informed about what is going on the Auroville farm sector with regular reports from the Farm Group.
- More admin support is needed to take notes at the meetings and keep email communication updated.
- To make communication between farmers more secure farmers will be asked to create a non Auroville.org.in so farmers can be sure that their communications between each other are private.

RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

REPORT & CALL FOR FEEDBACK



EMERGENCY RAD BY THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY; EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE TO SELECT MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS (TO BE PUT OUT TO THE COMMUNITY FOR A DECISION)

Dear Residents,

Here's the report of the 1st Residents' Assembly Meeting (RAM) that took place on Friday 7th of July 2023 and all relevant materials.

Residents' Assembly Meeting

Day / Date: Friday, 07.07.2023

Venue: Kalabhumi

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Attendees: more than 125 attendees (in person), and 50 views online

Facilitators: Elisa and Henrike

The 1st RAM on this topic was called by petitioners and held by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) to inform about and discuss two proposals:

1. Emergency RAD by the Residents' Assembly; and
2. Emergency powers to the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly to select members of working groups; in preparation for the feedback period as a part of the decision-making process.

Short Report:

More than 125 residents attended the meeting at Kalabhumi.

People started to register their attendance from 4:40 pm on. The RA Meeting started at 5:10 pm.

The RA Meeting:

1. The RAM was formally opened at 5:10 pm by the facilitators with a moment of silence. The facilitators welcomed the participants and got through the agenda;
2. Residents' Assembly Service members informed about the stages the RAD process consists of, the intention and the background of the topic;
3. Renu (petitioners' representative) presented the 1st proposal on the need of residents to call for an Emergency RAD without solely relying on the WCom to do so;
4. After the presentation the facilitators encouraged the attendees to ask questions on the proposal and share their inputs;
5. RAS requested the attendees of the meeting if they feel that this proposal is ready to go through the community feedback process, and the majority agreed;
6. Petitioners' representative presented the 2nd proposal: RA provides emergency powers for 6 months to the RA Working Committee (Aravind, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Maël, Sauro, Valli) to be able to appoint, replace, or add members, and constitute new groups for Auroville's organization in a speedy manner;
7. Presentation was followed by a Q/A session on the proposal, participants of the RAM shared their inputs and suggestions;
8. RAS asked the attendees if they feel that the 2nd proposal is ready to go through the community feedback process, and the majority agreed;
9. Next steps (as per the RAD Policy): feedback will be collected by RAS and handed over to the petitioners' reps for further processing. Revised proposals will be introduced to the community in the follow-up RAM;
10. The RA meeting was closed at 6:30 pm.

For a deeper exploration, please refer to the following:

- [RAD details by petitioners' representatives](#)
- [PWG](#)
- [Video recording \(AV Radio\)](#)
- [Steps of an RAD](#)

-- END OF REPORT --

The RAS invites your feedback on the RAD proposals: <https://tinyurl.com/radfb202307>



The feedback process will run until 17th July

MANY THANKS!

We would like to thank all those who helped with facilitating the event, preparing the space, taking care of technical arrangements, video recording, etc. We appreciate all the support of RAS resource persons and volunteers, Auroville Radio and many other groups and individuals who contributed to this RA meeting.

~ Warmly,

For the Residents' Assembly Service

Giovanni, Tatiana, Manas, Mandakini, Robert, Sandeep, Satprem, Veronique

MATRIMANDIR WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE WEEK FROM MONDAY JULY 17TH UP TO SATURDAY 22 JULY

Matrimandir

A deep cleaning, and some repairs will be underway inside Matrimandir during the week.

Some Petals will be kept open during the Aurovillian timings: from 7 am to 8 am and from 4.30 pm to 6pm.

The gardens will be open as usual.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY POOL AUROVILLE

Dear Community,

The Multidisciplinary Forum (MDF) invites people from different fields of knowledge and expertise with the aim to gather and reflect on a given topic while using different tools.

The MDF has recently completed the exploration of another topic of interest for the Community, which was: "How do we improve the flow, from ideas to implementation?"

This last session welcomed 22 experts from: Farming, Organisation & Researches, Engineering, Law Practice, Art, Medical & Therapy, Sports, Architecture & Planning, Forest, Media, Education and Outreach.

These dedicated persons met 7 times within 4 months and came up with a common understanding and outcome regarding the topic.

Please find the link to the report of the session here below.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UsgMJhF20hP8UCqGwZE7Y3DvTcR3hPDs7fqw3ZBjS50/edit?usp=sharing>

We thank you for your kind consideration.

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CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ROOF STUDIO/AV ART SERVICE

Presents

Abstract Paintings "Art Is Where We Find It"

Venue: Auroville Library

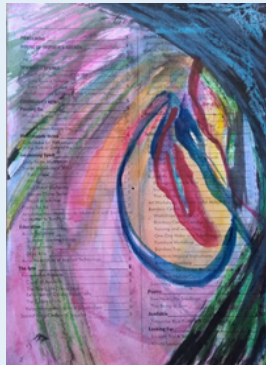
Opening times:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday, Saturday

9.00- 12.30 & 14.00 – 16.30

Tuesday 9.00 – 12.30 & 16.00 -18.30



Ivana Frousova paints on very unusual material, and here watercolors/wax crayons are used on prints of News&Notes. Art does not have rules and any definition. Art is where we find it, and the challenge of using common paper becomes the advantage for freedom of expression and gives us opportunity to experience it.

All work is protected by lamination which enhances its longevity.

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All paintings are available, you just need to choose!

AWAKENING SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 18th July, 9 am - 12 noon

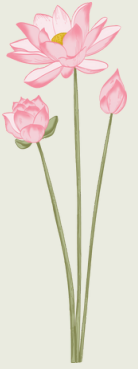
Focus: The Great Stair of Existence

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/Whatsapp: 9489147202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



LIFE DIVINE EXCERPT, BY SOHAM

"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 Divine Life, p.1102-3)

Soham's comment:

The realisation of the new Truth-love consciousness means the total elimination in ourself of all the psychological rubbishes forcefully imposed on us by the profit, ego oriented conditioning and absurd destructive, self-torturing environment, mentally, tormented by its mad obsessions to possess, to abuse, to dominate whatever it can grab, crush consume, smash to powder (of gold if possible). Help! Lovely Lord of my heart, normal people are all cracked!

A POTENTIALITY OF THE DIVINE

In this multidimensional existence of limitless possibilities, probabilities and potentialities:

There is something here in this world, in the last result, which justifies the labour:

A Potentiality of the Divine

"If we regard the gradation of worlds or planes as a whole, we see them as a great connected complex movement; the higher precipitate their influences on the lower, the lower react to the higher and develop or manifest in themselves within their own formula something that corresponds to the superior power and its action. The material world has evolved life in obedience to a pressure from the vital plane, mind in obedience to a pressure from the mental plane. It is now trying to evolve supermind in obedience to a pressure from the supramental plane. In more detail, particular forces, movements, powers, beings of a higher world can throw themselves on the lower to establish appropriate and corresponding forms which will connect them with the material domain and, as it were, reproduce or project their action here. And each thing created here has, supporting it, subtler envelopes or forms of itself which make it subsist and connect it with forces acting from above.

Man, for instance, has, besides his gross physical body, subtler sheaths or bodies by which he lives behind the veil in direct connection with supraphysical planes of consciousness and can be influenced by their powers, movements and beings. What takes place in life has always behind it pre-existent movements and forms in the occult vital planes; what takes place in mind presupposes pre-existent movements and forms in the occult mental planes. That is an aspect of things which becomes more and more evident, insistent and important, the more we progress in a dynamic yoga.

But all this must not be taken in too rigid and mechanical a sense. It is an immense plastic movement full of the play of possibilities and must be seized by a flexible and subtle tact or sense in the seeing consciousness. It cannot be reduced to a too rigorous logical or mathematical formula. Two or three points must be pressed in order that this plasticity may not be lost to our view.

First, each plane, in spite of its connection with others above and below it, is yet a world in itself, with its own movements, forces, beings, types, forms existing as if for its and their own sake, under its own laws, for its own manifestation without apparent regard for the other members of the great series. Thus, if we regard the vital or the subtle physical plane, we see great ranges of it, (most of it), existing in themselves, without any relation with the material world and with no movement to affect or influence it, still less to precipitate a corresponding manifestation in the physical formula. At most we can say that the existence of anything in the vital, subtle physical or any other plane creates a possibility for a corresponding movement of manifestation in the physical world. But something more is needed to turn that static or latent possibility into a dynamic potentiality or an actual urge towards a material creation. That something may be a call from the material plane, e.g., some force or someone on the physical existence entering into touch with a supraphysical power or world or part of it and moved to bring it down into the earth-life. Or it may be an impulse in the vital or other plane itself, e.g., a vital being moved to extend his action towards the earth and establish there a kingdom for himself or the play of the forces for which he stands in his own domain. Or it may be a pressure from above; let us say, some supramental or mental power precipitating its formation from above and developing forms and movements on the vital level as a means of transit to its self-creation in the material world. Or it may be all these things acting together, in which case there is the greatest possibility of an effective creation.

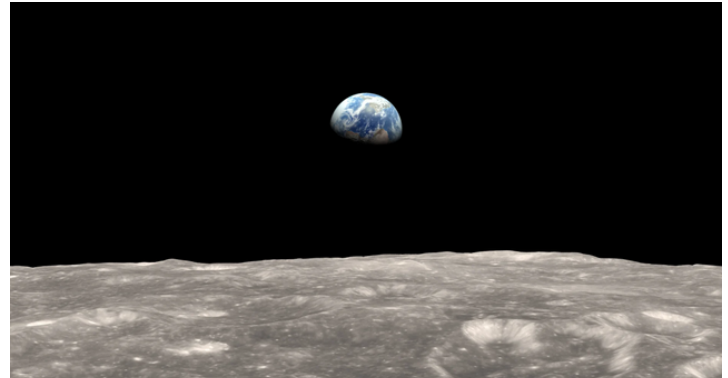
Next, as a consequence, it follows that only a limited part of the action of the vital or other higher plane is concerned with the earth-existence. But even this creates a mass of possibilities which is far greater than the earth can at one time manifest or contain in its own less plastic formulas. All these possibilities do not realise themselves; some fail altogether and leave at the most an idea that comes to nothing; some try seriously and are repelled and defeated and, even if in action for a time, come to nothing. Others effectuate a half manifestation, and this is the most usual result, the more so as these vital or other supraphysical forces come into conflict and have not only to overcome the resistance of the physical consciousness and of matter, but their own internecine resistance to each other. A certain number succeed in precipitating their results in a more complete and successful creation, so that if you compare this creation with its original in the higher plane, there is something like a close resemblance or even an apparently exact reproduction or translation from the supraphysical to the physical formula. And yet even there the exactness is only apparent; the very fact of translation into another substance and another rhythm of manifestation makes a difference. It is something new that has manifested and it is that that makes the creation worth while. What for instance would be the utility of a supramental creation on earth if it were just the same thing as a supramental creation on the supramental plane? It is that, in principle, but yet something else, a triumphant new self-discovery of the Divine in conditions that are not elsewhere.

No doubt, the subtle physical is closest to the physical, and most like it. But yet the conditions are different and the thing too different. For instance, the subtle physical has a freedom, plasticity, intensity, power, colour, wide and manifold play (there are thousands of things there that are not here) of which, as yet, we have no possibility on earth. And yet there is something here, a potentiality of the Divine which the other, in spite of its greater liberties has not, something which makes creation more difficult, but in the last result justifies the labour."

— Sri Aurobindo

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/22/0005_e.htm

Zech, 2023.06.28



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: EATING OUR WAY TO EXTINCTION



Eating Our Way To Extinction is a powerful documentary that invites you on an eye-opening journey into our food system and the negative impact it is having on our planet – and on our future as a species and civilisation.

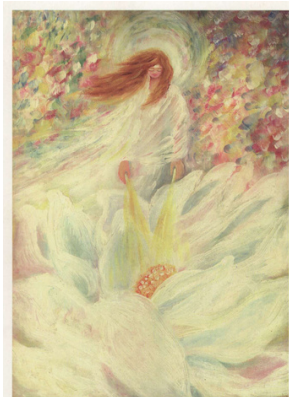


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaPge01NQTQ>

HERO WARRIORS

"Make of us the hero warriors we aspire to become. May we fight successfully the great battle of the future that is to be born, against the past that seeks to endure; so that the new things may manifest and we may be ready to receive them." ¹

1964: my year of mortal birth on this planet Earth...
Quite a roller-coaster experience, having again the chance
To transcend the cultural and genetic programmings
Of my soul-chosen earthly parents...
An ongoing most interesting evolutionary process.
Anyway, back to The Play...
It is against the whole universal Nature, this revolt. ²
So it is a most intense and formidable fight,
Sentinels of the old world hanging on tight, ³
Prowling hungry wolves baring large teeth.
But be more wary of those dressed in sheep,
Enticing with fool's gold, fine food, sex and wine
Till sun-born Circe turns you to a monster or swine,
Your precious life force drained by vital vampires
Until your poor physical body simply expires.
What a waste of another reincarnated existence,
Maybe next life a chance for a change of consciousness.
So yes Hero Warriors are indeed needed
In this pre-Golden Age to forge ahead.
As Kali Yuga is peaking my dear Hero friend
The challenges are intensified and hastened;
The asuric and rakshasic overlords of Mind
With their hordes will not just give up without a grind.
Best to battle it out with proven Divine Allies,
Like Avatar Krishna siding with Arjuna of the Pandavas.
This time the Avatar Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
Came to kickstart and herald the Satya Yuga Chapter,
Even creating a huge playing field to hasten
The evolution, this Auroville the City of Dawn,
With the consenting Mothers Bharat and Bhumi
Backing up the push for a terrestrial newbie
That will replace the governance of the transitional species
Born from the Ignorance too mortal Homo sapiens
With the physically upgraded immortal Supramental being:
The Divine Manifestation, Master of Matter,
Swift Golden Child of the Supreme Divine Mother,
Whom will govern the cosmos with Divine Love and Bliss.
On this marvellous but abused and raped of an Earth soon
A Life Divine.



The Spirit of Auroville.

Featured Artworks:

"No More" by Josephine Wall
"The Spirit of Auroville" by Huta

1. <https://incarnatoword.in/search?query=Make+of+us+the+hero+warriors&page=1&auth=m&phrase=true>
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Zech, 2023.07.09

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES



Solitude Farm

SOLITUDE FAM - JULY 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



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For your next haircut (currently women only) contact 11 yrs young Ahana with her highly inspired and creative talents @9751513906 (whats app, signal and telegram only) or essence.touch@yahoo.de



HEALTH CARE



AYURVEDA TIPS FOR RAINY SUMMER

During the summer, body struggles to keep its inner temperature to a cool 35-36°C when outside temperature can rise well above. Now that the peak heat of the summer is over, thanks to the summer rain that cools down the atmosphere, we notice that days are warm, almost hot but nights can be chilly. This is when a bit of humidity and coolness in the air can give sore throat, sneezing, coughing or slight fever.

Pitta ferments and shows signs of acidity, inflammation or strong body odour and some bitterness, impatience, frustration, anger in the mind. Vata gets cold and makes the joints more painful, digestion and bowel movements irregular and mind might be imbibed with anxious thoughts, worries or lack of concentration.

We can help ourselves with the following recommendations:

With the food

- Eat only when hungry and eat the appropriate amount (both hands joined together is the size of the stomach)
- Take a warm, cooked meal with any spices to improve the digestion (eg: ginger, turmeric, black pepper, cumin, coriander, cinnamon, ajwain, basil, garlic etc)
- Eat green leafy vegetables, take light dishes made of mung dal, vegetable soups... all pulses and dal are good when cooked with spices (all spices are good apart from red powder-chilli powder)
- -For non-vegetarian, eat white meat or small fishes.
- -Drink warm water all day long (especially when there's a sore throat)
- Dinner should be light and taken 2 hours before going to bed
- Give energy to the body with cereals and grains such as: amaranth, barley, cooked oats, granola, rice
- Honey is the best sweetener
- Ghee used for cooking and Sesame and Olive oils for dressings
- Chew some neem or Tulsi leaves

Some immunity enhancers:

- Giloy/Guduchi (*Tinospora cordifolia*), a very good immune regulator; 1tsp of powder morning and evening in warm water
- Amalaki (amla): full of vitamin C; consumed fresh if available or in powder
- Turmeric: Anti-inflammatory, can be used for gargling with warm water and a pinch of salt
- Tulsi (*Ocimum tenuiflorum/sactum*): for the lungs, fresh leaves in warm water
- Ashwagandha (*Whitania somnifera*): immune regulator and calming the nervous system; 1tsp morning and evening in milk or warm water
- Ginger – Turmeric – Black pepper powders (Be No1): improves digestion and energy, ½ tsp with warm water or lemon juice + honey once or twice a day
- Tulsi – Cinnamon – Amla – Ginger – Turmeric – Black pepper powders (Be No3): as prevention or in case of cold, cough, flu, feverish state, body ache, ½ tsp with a sip of warm water or lemon juice + honey once a day if it's preventive, 3 times a day before food if there are symptoms
- Saffron, aloe vera, licorice herbal infusions
- Chyavanprash Avaleha: 1 tsp in the morning with breakfast

In the activities, help Pitta and Vata to be centred and grounded:

- Be grounded in the heart or abdomen with Yoga, Pranayama, Meditation, observing the breathing movements in the abdomen, Yoga Nidra, Body Awareness, Qi-Gong, Tai Chi...
- Regular exercise, 30 minutes daily
- Gardening, cultivating, weeding, cooking
- Keep warm, take warm showers, cover your neck from chilled breeze
- Gargling with salty water if sore throat
- Oil pulling with 1 Tbsp of sesame or coconut oil, keep in the mouth for some time, spit it out and rinse the mouth with warm water (can be done early morning or at bedtime after brushing the teeth)
- Nasya: pour 2 drops of sesame oil or Anu Tailam in each nostril once a day
- Fragrances: sandalwood, rose, jasmine

Let's be all well, happy and healthy.

Be at Santé Clinic

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @
0413 2622045, 2622606, 7867805812
or
programming@verite.in, www.verite.in



Yogic Kriyas - with Mamta Friday, 22 July, 9:30am – 12:00pm

Just as we clean our bodies daily, our inner organs need cleansing too. Internal purification through specific Yogic practices (Kriyas) helps our vital force (Prana) to flow. We will explore the origin and purpose of the Kriyas, learn & practice Trataka and Kapalhati Kriyas, and close with a guided meditation.

Yearnings for Peace: Peace Within, Peace Without - with Dr.Sehdev Saturday, 22 July - 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Harmony, Tranquility, Beauty & Generosity are essential expressions of Peace. Disharmony, tension, fear, and depression are various expressions of a life that is not at peace with itself. In this state of peacelessness, all our life energies are slowly dissipated. Peace Within - peace in our hearts, bodies, and minds, and Peace Without - in our families, nations, and in the world at large, are all of one piece. Through one's own life experiences and encounters, this workshop explores Peace as the most scintillating force in all its existential and spiritual manifestations.

Thai Yoga Therapy - with Andres at Verité

Sometimes referred to as assisted yoga, Thai Yoga Therapy (Nuad Boran) is an ancient technique used to improve the flow of energy throughout the body. The practitioner uses acupressure, stretching, pulling and rocking techniques to relieve tension, promote relaxation and improve flexibility and circulation.

By appointment: 0413 2622045, 2622606, 9363624083 (WhatsApp), treatments@verite.in

AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

Introduction to Saiva Siddhantham Saturday satsangs

Saturday
4 30 pm to 6 30 pm
July 15, 2023



We are happy to invite you to our weekly satsang, where we will delve into the profound teachings of Indian and Tamil philosophy.

This week, we are happy to invite – **Dr T Ganesan** - Director, Centre of Saiva Studies, Pondicherry to give us an introduction to **SAIVA SIDDHANTHAM**, a prominent philosophical and theological tradition within Tamil culture, and the corpus of Tamil literature available for us. Shaiva Siddhantam believes in three primordial manifestations of

- Pati – Divine, is Siva himself and cause of emission, maintenance, re-absorption, concealment and Grace.
- Pasu – Soul, is individual Soul, distinct from Siva, but bound because of impurities.
- Pasam – Bond, the three impurities - anava (darkness), kanma (deed) and maya (delusion).

Join us to learn more, discussion will be both in Tamil and English - Simple traditional prasadam offered.

Free and open for all.

Contact Bala

Email: balaganesh.siva@gmail.com or WA + 91 9892699804



TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA OFFERS DAILY CLASSES

Every day - except Sunday.

- Mondays and Saturdays: 7.30am-9.30am
- Tuesdays-Fridays: 7.30am-9am

We practice the 24 form, the 108 form and the 127 form in the Stevanovitch Method. We also practice Chi and meditation techniques.

Contact: taichi@auroville.org.in



SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Auroville - 605101, TN, India

Mobile/Whatsapp: +91 9385623342

Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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



Regular Classes

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

Friday from 5 to 6pm (Regular Students)

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

Therapies

Shiatsu Massage with Sara

On appointment only (Sara +91 9443617308)



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

EXPERIENCE HARMONY OF SPIRIT AND BODY

Bio.decodage - Guided by Nadia Labiod

For appointment contact:

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- WEIGHT LOSS
- Anti-cellulite body massage
- Anti-wrinkles, dark circles eyes massage
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PITANGA



Program for 20-31 July 2023

(0413) 2622403 / WA 9443902403

info@pitanga.in

Pitanga opens after repair on Thursday, 20th July.

You can call for reservations from 14th July onwards.

First Iyengar Yoga class will be on Wednesday, 19th July.

Please register.



Iyengar Yoga with Tatiana

Mondays 5.00 – 6.30pm | Level 1

The general asana practice class is for people who do not have major physical problems. Each session includes the practice of Salamba Sarvangasana (shoulderstand) or preparatory stages. Regular attendance is expected.

Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.00am | Yoga for the Spine | All levels

The class is suitable for all levels of practitioners. In the classes, special attention is paid to relaxing the back and the correct position of the spine in various types of asanas.

Please note that this is not a healing session. Each practitioner should be prepared to independently use props such as chairs, rollers, bricks.

Wednesdays 5.00 – 6.30pm | Level 2-3

The class is for seasoned practitioners. Classes are divided into weeks and include both asanas and pranayama. Inverted poses such as Salamba Sarvangasana, Salamba Sirshasana (headstand) are practiced in every class.

Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am | Restorative Yoga | Level 2-3

Each session includes time for deep work in inversions, backbends and forward bends with support and deep relaxation on a physical and mental level.

Practitioners are expected to independently choose alternative postures according to their ability and are prepared for prolonged use of inverted postures.



Pitanga's Healing Space

- Acupuncture by Heidi
- Cranio Sacral Therapy by Anne H.
- Thai Yoga Massage by Juan



Join without prior registration!

Mondays	Program & facilitator	Level of the class
8.30 – 10.00am	Yoga Therapy with Gala	All levels
Resumes: August	Asanas for teenagers with Lisbeth <i>Interested new students can give their names to the reception</i>	For teenagers
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Thursdays		
3.00 – 5.00pm	Neurographic Drawing with Gala	Beginners
4.30 – 5.30pm	Aviva Exercise with Suriyagandhi	For women only
Fridays		
6.45 – 8.00am	Pranayama with François & Namrita	For former "The Art of Living" course participants
8.30 – 10.00am	Yoga Therapy with Gala	All levels
9.00 – 10.00am	Rosa's ATB special for seniors with Rosa	Seniors
Resumes: August	Odissi Dance with Rekha	Beginners
Saturdays		
9.00 – 10.00am	Yoga for children with Gala	Children 5 – 8 yrs
10.00 – 11.00am	Yoga for children with Gala	Children 7 – 9 yrs
11.00am - 12.00pm	Energy Games for children with Gala	Children, 9 yrs+

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!

Submitted by Andrea, for Pitanga.

LOOKING FOR

LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM HOUSE SITTING

Dear Community,

I am a confirmed Aurovilian and looking for a long-term house sitting. I am single, originally from Italy and I contribute to the Community through various activities. I am a neat, clean, reliable, quiet and respectful person.

Please reach out on 8667648515 or mail to

solespazio@gmail.com

With Love & Gratitude,
Enzo



LOOKING FOR OLD WATER FILTER CANDLES

The **low tech lab** based in Fertile is looking for **waste filter water candles (the one in ceramic)** for an experiment to grow algae. We need 10 of them.

Thank you, Johnny, Marc, Lucas.

Please contact Marc :+91 9442006807



KIREET JOSHI FROM AUDIO TO TEXT

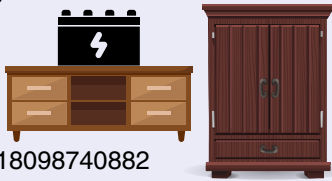
Looking for help to transcribe into text a number of audio files on Kireet Joshi.

Please contact Frederick (09486475457)

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED

I am looking for :

- a TV table with drawer
- a Dress cupboard small
- a Ups battery



Please contact Parthiban at +918098740882

Thank you!

ACTIVITIES

DOG TREAT DAY



DOG TREAT DAY
Join us on
SUNDAY, JULY 16TH
10 AM - 12 PM



How to find us:


We are thrilled to announce that we have received a generous donation of delicious snacks and treats for our dogs from a kind-hearted dog lover!

Join us on Sunday, **July 16th at 10:00 a.m.** for a special event called "Dog Treat Day." We have planned a big surprise for all of our 300 dogs and we invite you to be a part of it. Let's bring smiles to their faces and tasty snacks to their mouths!

Last week, we successfully assembled a few wheelchairs and started training our first paralyzed dogs on how to use them. It was an incredibly heartwarming experience for both the dogs and our team, witnessing the joy in their eyes and the happiness on their faces as they gained newfound freedom of movement. However, they still need practice and support to become more adept at using wheelchairs. Weather permitting, next Sunday, you can be a part of their journey and help them roll freely by supporting our dogs in their wheelchair training. See you Sunday at the shelter!

aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB INITIATIVE

HR Hub Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers in search for suitable work by connecting them to Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions and in turn to find the right individuals to step in.

We invite the Auroville Services/Units to use our service; if you are in need to find someone to fill out a work position in your unit, we can help you by screening and finding suitable applicants.

We also invite Aurovilians and newcomers that are in search of a work opportunity to write to us and apply through our service so that we can connect you with the Units/Services of Auroville in need.

Please contact us for more information:

hr.hubauroville@gmail.com

CENTRE D'ART AUROVILLE IS LOOKING FOR A NEW COLLABORATOR

Centre d'Art is a cultural center dedicated to Art and Beauty. Our work includes disseminating and archiving Dominique Darr's photographs, organizing art events and workshops. We host painting, mixed media and photography exhibitions, promote artists and facilitate artistic exchanges.

We carefully curate our programs in order to offer Aurovilians and the general public diversity in art and unity around beauty.

A new collaborator is needed for our exhibition team beginning in August.

We are looking for an artistically inclined individual with good interpersonal skills, works well with a diverse team, speaks and writes fluent English and has communication, writing and organizational skills.

Hands-on proactive skills for preparation of art exhibits, detail oriented, strong appreciation for spatial installation, French speaking and curating experience will be appreciated.

If you are interested please send us a mail with your resume at centredart@auroville.org.in and we'll contact you shortly.

LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT WORKER

Male support worker required to provide extra assistance to a senior man 3 mornings per week for 2 hours each morning.

Please contact: cjani4@gmail.com

Cell phone: 9486851176

TAXI SHARE



TAXI SHARING TO ARAVIND EYE HOSPITAL ON 19TH JULY

If you need to have a check up on your eyes and want to come, you can share a taxi on Wednesday 19th.

Let me know by writing to rosa@auroville.community

TAXI SHARING TO CHENNAI ON 27TH JULY

Anyone going to Chennai airport in the **late afternoon of 27th July**? Or coming from the airport to Auroville, to share a taxi? Umberto 7598331379

AV RADIO



AurovilleRadio

The voices of Auroville

Dear Aurovilians,

At the moment our website is in trouble, so we couldn't attach the links of our other audio programs. We are doing our best to fix it. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Last Youtube Videos:

- [Resident Assembly Meeting \(City life\)](#)
- [Auroville Choir 2021 - Cantique \(Music\)](#)
- [Auroville Choir 2021 - Sure on this shining light \(Music\)](#)
- [The Auroville Youth Choir in Concert | April 2023 \(Music\)](#)
- [Happy Birthday JULES! a free live music jam celebration \(Music\)](#)
- [Satsang with Prahladi at Language Lab \(Music-Philosophy\)](#)

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

[Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

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

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

Peace and love
Regards, AvRadio team



CINEMA

AUROFILM

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

Reminder: "SECRETS AND LIES" by Mike Leigh, UK, 1996

FRIDAY 21 JULY, 8.00 pm

"SING STREET"

Directed by **John CARNEY**, Ireland, 2016

With: Ferdia Walsh-Peelo, Lucy Boynton, Maria Doyle Kennedy, Aidan Gillen

Synopsis: As everyone moves to pop music in early 1980s Dublin, sensitive teenager Conor struggles to cope with a strained family relationship, reconnect with his older brother Brendan, and most of all, deal with the hostile environment at his new public school. Then one day, he sees an enigmatically beautiful girl. In order to get noticed by her, Conor enlists the help of a group of dreamy teenagers to form a band, and amazingly, with each lyric he writes, the gap narrows; and with every song he plays, his heart overflows with love. Now, faced with a sea of opportunities, what does the future hold for a brave love like this... A refreshing comedy-musical, inspired by writer/director John Carney's (Once, Begin Again) life and love for music, "Sing Street shows us a world where music has the power to take us away from the turmoil of everyday life and transform us into something greater".

Original English version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h.46'

AUROFILM PRESENT A

"CINE-MASTER CLASS" on Sunday 16 July 2023 - 5.00–7.30 pm

at Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to our Cine-Master classes! Welcome to this chapter led by our special guest speaker **Pr. Sivakumar Mohanam** on: **"YEARNING"** (Midareru) by **Mikio Naruse** (Japan, 1964)

Our guest speaker: A Filmmaker and Film teacher (LV Prasad Film & TV Institute, and Loyola College, Chennai) Professor **Sivakumar Mohanam** will offer a presentation on **Mikio Naruse's** classic "Yearning", which will be screened and followed by an open discussion.

Overview: Mikio Naruse is often overshadowed by more famous Japanese directors, even though his resume is brimful of classic films. Ozu was his assistant and Kurosawa was his best friend and contemporary. His films are on par with Japan's leading directors in the post-war era.

Yearning is possibly Naruse's finest moment. The main attraction is an eye-watering tale of a love triangle between a widow, her deceased husband, and his still-living brother. Beneath the surface, the story tackles issues like generational differences, postwar modernism, and the Japanese codex of honor.

The socio-political undercurrents in the narrative add depth, though it is hardly needed with such a timeless tale of forbidden love and undying devotion. Yearning is as gripping today as it was 60 years ago, much due to the well-aged and confident teamwork of Naruse and his signature actress Hideko Takamine.

Film in its original Japanese version with Engl. Subtitles, dur. 1h.38'

AUROFILM PRESENTS

CINE-MASTER CLASS

SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023

at AUROFILM, KALABHOOMI (next to CRIPA) 5:00 pm

By our guest speaker, Professor Sivakumar Mohanam

A film by Mikio Naruse

YEARNING



A Filmmaker and Film teacher (LV Prasad Film & TV Institute, and Loyola College, Chennai) Professor Sivakumar M. will offer a presentation on Mikio Naruse's classic "Yearning", which will be screened and followed by an open discussion.

Yearning is possibly film director Naruse's finest moment. Is a tale of a love triangle between a widow, her deceased husband, and his still-living brother...

Presentation, Film, interactive discussion

Original Japanese version, English ST, Japan, 1964 - 1h38'



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 17 July 2023 to 23 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 and diaspora – Monday 17 July, 8:00 pm:

- **BALLABHPURER ROOPKOTHA (Fairytale of Bhallabhpur)**

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Anirban Bhattacharya w/ Satyam Battacharya, Surangana Banerjee, Debraj Bhattacharya, and others, Comedy-Horror, 136mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: U (G)

In 1961, Ray Bahadur Bhupati Ray, the rajah of Ballabhpur village, is deep in debt. His only material asset is his crumbling 400yrs old palace. Bhupati wants to sell it and move to Kolkata. As a potential buyer Mr. Halder comes with his family, Bhupati, Manohar - his butler, and even his creditors help to make the deal impressive. Mr. Halder wants to purchase the house, but does he know that it is also haunted?

Potpourri – Tuesday 18 July, 8:00 pm:

- **FLUGT (Flee)**

Denmark-France, 2021, Dir. Jonas Poher Rasmussen w/voices Daniel Karimyar, Fardin Mijdzadeh, Milad Eskandari and others, Animation-Biography-Drama, Danish-English w/English subtitles, 89 mins, Rated: PG 13

Amin arrived as an unaccompanied minor in Denmark from Afghanistan. Today, at 36, he is a successful academic and is getting married to his long-time boyfriend. A secret he has been hiding for over 20 years threatens to ruin the life he has built for himself. For the first time, he is sharing his story with his close friend. An animated documentary telling the true story about a man's need to confront his past in order to truly have a future.

Interesting – Wednesday 19 July, 8:00 pm:

- **ALL THE BEAUTY AND THE BLOODSHED**

USA, 2022, Dir. Laura Poitras w/ Nan Goldin, David Velasco, Megan Kapler, and others, Documentary, 122mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

This epic film takes viewers through the emotional and interconnected story about internationally renowned artist and activist Nan Goldin. The events unfold to the viewer through Nan's slideshows, intimate interviews, ground-breaking photography, and rare footage of her personal fight to hold the Sackler family accountable. The same Sackler family, the pharmaceutical dynasty, that was greatly responsible for the opioid epidemic's unfathomable death toll.

German – Thursday 20 July, 8:00 pm:

- **LEIF IN CONCERT – VOL 2 (Leif in concert)**

Germany, 2019, Dir. Christian Klandt w/ Luise Heyer, Tilo Prückner, Bela B. Felsenheimer and others, Comedy, 115 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan. A film with friends calls the director this typical day in a typical German Jazz-Blues pub. Lene, the good spirit of this place, is juggling random visitors. You can taste the smoke and smell the beer. In the run-up to the concert of Leif, she also has to fight for a dream and make nothing less than perhaps the most important decision of her life.

International – Saturday 22 July, 8:00 pm:

- **GUY RITCHIE'S THE COVENANT (The covenant)**

UK-Spain-USA, 2013, Writer-Dir. Guy Ritchie w/Jake Gyllenhaal, Dar Salim, Sean Sagar, and others, Thriller-War, 123mins, English-Dari w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The film follows US Army Sergeant John Kinley and Afghan interpreter Ahmed. After an ambush, Ahmed goes to Herculean lengths to save Kinley's life. When Kinley learns that Ahmed and his family were not given safe passage to America as promised, he must repay his debt by returning to the war zone to retrieve them before the Taliban hunts them down first.

Children's Matinee – Sunday 23 July, 4:30 pm:

- **PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH**

USA, 2022, Dir. Joel Crawford-Januel Mercado w/ Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, Harvey Guillén, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 102 mins, English, Rated: PG

Daring outlaw Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for peril and disregard for safety have taken their toll. He has burned through eight of his nine lives, though he lost count along the way. Getting those lives back will send Puss in Boots on his grandest quest yet.

ARTHUR PENN FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 16 July, 8:00 pm:

- **LITTLE BIG MAN**

USA, 1970, Dir. Arthur Penn w/ Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway, and others, Comedy -Drama, 139 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13.

Jack Crabb is 121yrs old as the film begins. A collector of oral histories asks him about his past. He recounts being captured and raised by Indians, becoming a gunslinger, marrying an Indian, watching her killed by General George Armstrong Custer, and becoming a scout for him.

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. Please 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,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

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ACTIVITIES BY LAKSHMI

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Please contact for an Appointment:
 Lakshmi 8489764602 or lakshmiprem369@gmail.com
 Activity offered under Abhaya, an activity of ASSA, under Artisana Trust

AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS

From Monday 3rd July, the Auroville Library will return to its usual opening timings:

- Mon - Sat: 9am - 12.30pm
- Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 2pm - 4.30pm
- Tues: 4pm - 6.30pm

Every **Saturday** between 10am -11am: **Children's storytime!**



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)

CHANTING CLASS - SERENDIPITY

Traditional Mantras & Stotras Chanting Classes
 at Serendipity Community
 Friday 17:00 (Regular class)
 with Sonia Novaes

Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com
 WhatsApp: +91 8940288090

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND HEALING ARTS



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

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*Contribution based

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

For **Angam Tree**

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Celebration Community

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angamtree@auroville.org.in

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



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

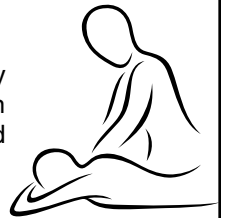
Contact: 7598446327

Submitted by Kiran for Ginga Saroba



RELAXING OIL MASSAGE

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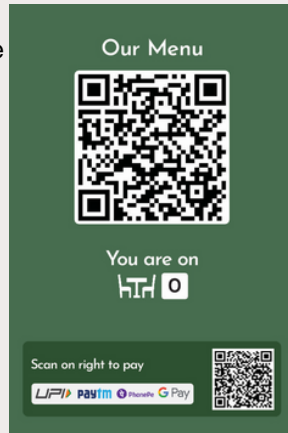
Regards, Julien.



Dear Residents,

150dpi has designed and developed a digital menu recently for an Auroville's Restaurant which can be read by their customers coming to dine in using a simple scan of the QR code from their mobile phone and be able to place their orders to the restaurant's staff.

Scan the QR code and experience the ease and convenience of ordering.



The digital menu also features a password protected administrator area through which you can add, edit, update your menu items along with marking items "not available" in real time and it reflects immediately on the customer menu side which is accessed by the diners.

Key advantages of this digital menu:

1. Adding items and removing them can be done instantly.
2. Price updates of items can be done with ease.
3. Mark an item "not available" for the day so the diners won't order it.
4. Update a particular day's special menu items.
5. You can share the digital menu QR code with anybody.
6. Payment can be done also through the same stand with payment QR code.

If you are running an eatery and feel this is something you would be looking for, please get in touch with us via email on hello@150dpi.com or call us on 08098144686.

We offer interested eateries a "one month free trial" of this digital menu. After which, it is a nominal yearly subscription fee that goes towards building and maintaining the software.

Sathish Arumugam
For 150dpi
Auroville Activity since 2010

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



ACCESSIBLE AV PUBLIC BUS

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 Auroville TO PONDICHERY			
	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 NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO FAMC - FO N&N 982

FUNDS & ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT May and June 2023

We will struggle, we will build, we will discover, we will yield. "...For in this ideal place money would be no more the sovereign lord. Individual merit will have a greater importance than the value due to material wealth and social position. Work would not be there as the means of gaining one's livelihood, it would be the means whereby to express oneself, develop one's capacities and possibilities, while doing at the same time service to the whole group, which on its side would provide for each one's subsistence and for the field of his work...."

The Dream of the Divine. The Mother

- All assets, buildings, farms, green buffer zone and parks, lands are resources that belong to the Divine Mother to be optimally and diligently used by all. The assets are held in a structure-The Auroville Foundation-amenable to the laws of the land.
- FAMC members met executives/ managers of Health Centre, Sante, Health Fund, Pharmacy, Arka, Health and Healing trust and Auroville Health Services. This meeting was one of the first meetings for moving in the direction of "Integral Health" by integrating all components of this service.
- FAMC members along with new Visitors Centre executives met outgoing Visitors Centre executives for a proper handover. Meeting with the accountant and a walk in the campus followed.
- Few FAMC members met the newly minted Green Belt Service and Farm Service members.
- FAMC team led by Dr. Jayanti Ravi, the Secretary of Auroville Foundation and other working group members, has been visiting varicus communities of Auroville to meet the residents.
- FAMC team led by Dr. Jayanti Ravi had a meeting with all the farmers in Terra Soul farm. Farm assessment is a priority. Farms are ready to produce more but distribution needs to be re-imagined.
- FAMC team submitted a draft policy for a proper House transfer.
- FAMC Team led by Dr. Jayanti Ravi along with Housing and Farm Services invited people who had registered in the HS database for allocation of houses as well those who had expressed interest in agriculture and related activities in the RoR.
- SAIER Directional Perspectives along with a proper Integral Education based roadmap has been discussed.
- Physical Education Department Directional Perspectives have been forwarded.
- Green Buffer Zone Service Directional Perspectives are being worked upon.
- Farm Service Directional Perspectives have been initiated.
- Donation Channeling road map and online tools for the full donation utilization and reporting has been shared with the community. It is a work in progress.
- Final consolidation of AVF accounts as per MoE required format is under process and the AVFO auditors have finalized the MoE format for submitting the accounts. The units and trusts have been provided the final approved format for submitting the 2022-23 accounts to AVFO & FAMC. All balance sheets have been received in the new MoE format.
- The Governing Board has appointed Ms. Margarita Correa as a member of the FAMC. Welcome Margarita!

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

"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

COMMUNITY NEWS - FO N&N 982

NEW BORN - FO N&N 982

DISHANTH ARRIVES



Dear Community Members, we are delighted to share the joyous news of the arrival of our baby boy, Dishanth, born on 22 June at Nallam Clinic.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of the Morning Star Team for their unwavering support and exceptional care.

Naveen & Poovizhi, Fraternity

AUROVILLE MATTERS - FO N&N 982

REFLECTIONS

Dear all, this message is a personal reflection towards 2 comments.

1. *The RA Working Committee commented about 'how disturbing it is that some Aurovilians have accepted the new office order to be the new executives of different services'*
2. *The comment made by an Aurovilian on the 'Stand for Auroville' platform that says 'these people who have accepted the new roles are of dubious moral character or are plain opportunists'*

Dear friends, I wish it were so simple or black & white.

My name is Sowmya.

I am an Aurovilian for the last 8 years.

But I have called Auroville my home for the last 23 years. I discovered Auroville as a teenager and lived here for 5 years before I decided to leave for Europe to grow and evolve in my profession, and to gain financial independence, so I could come back to be able to contribute towards this Dream in my little way.

I am one of the new executives of the Art Service.

I was asked to help with Art and Design in Auroville which is my education and profession and I agreed to this.

After which I was asked to become an executive of the Art Service.

It took a lot of calm consideration and a lot of introspection before I said yes.

Why did I say YES?

When I have a full time job with our unit and don't want any maintenance from this new role. I have to put in many extra hours after my full time work schedule in the nights and weekends towards this new role. More importantly this choice has led to me being ostracized by most of my 'friends' and being verbally, very aggressively abused in front of my 7 year old.

Why did I say YES?

It's simple:

There are many of us that want to build bridges and not burn them all.

There are many of us that want collaboration and not forever conflict.

There are many of us that want our beautiful city and our dream to be realized.

A few months ago we met the old Art Service representative with an offer to collaborate. But it was refused. Now when they claimed last week that this is all a shock, it really saddens me as it is not true. Why are they communicating false, fear based, sensationalist messages to the community? This is very disappointing.

Now, many questions arise.

Why this conflict, why this pain, why this anxiety. Maybe deep within I know but I am afraid to say it out loud. Maybe I know that to aspire for such glorious ideals we have been challenged individually and collectively. It is not in the challenge but in our reactions and our acceptance of these challenges we might find the way to grow and to surrender.

We are all here not by accident.

We do not choose Auroville,

Auroville chooses us.

The more we surrender to this the more we can experience the magic.

This is my first post towards the community.

I took many months to gather the courage and calm to write this. The reason I do it is for sharing my narrative. To share that people like me who have accepted such roles have a much more layered approach towards why and why not.

It pains me that there is such a one sided, often fear based narrative circulating in our community. I wish we can have the calm consideration and the kindness towards a 3rd new perspective rather than being polarized by 2 ends.

I wish we could build bridges rather than burning them all down.

Quoting our Dear Mother:

'When you are in difficulty widen yourself'

With love and kindness, Sowmya.

SAVITRI BHAVAN, JULY 2023



Exhibitions

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

Films

- **July 24.** Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga—Evolution Fast-forward, Part 2. Psychology, Cosmology, Transformational Practice: Film by Sopanam, Auroville in 3D motion graphics (2015). Duration: 50min.
- **July 31.** Evolution Fast-Forward, Part 3—Parts of the Being & Planes of Consciousness as mapped by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother (2017). Duration: 75min.

Dream Divine Series

Directed especially at newcomers, Savitri Bhavan has launched a project called 'The Dream Divine Series'.

The goal of the project is to make newcomers understand the Aims and Ideals of Auroville, learn about the Life and Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, and the Integral Yoga.

- There will be a weekly session every Wednesday 4:30—5:30pm.

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

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 Shradhdhavan
- **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



CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS - FO N&N 982

KOLAMYOGA

Starting in August Integral Basic KolamYoga live training with Grace Gitadelila

- **Once a week 9am—1pm,** 4 sessions a month, covering 12 sessions over 3 months, August, September and October.
 - **Introduction Video**
<https://youtu.be/IErbDiGJVTA>
 - **KolamYoga website:**
<https://www.kolamyoga.com>
 - **Social media**
 - <https://www.instagram.com/kolamyoga.av>
 - **Contact:** info@kolamyoga.com, +91 8072449091
 - **Address:** KolamYoga Sharanga right gate, Auroville
- In gratitude, respectfully Grace Gitadelila*



FRENCH CLASSES
in the New Creation School
 Classes will start on 18 July,

We have a new volunteer who wants to start teaching French for people. We will start French classes in the New Creation Free progress school for children. We will start with a first batch of students from 9 to 13 years old. We ask people to commit for at least 6 months.



- **Classes will be 3 times a week.**
 Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday for 1.5 hours, starting 5pm
 - **We will have another class for adult**
 on Saturday and Sunday for about 2 hours each
- Our teacher, Jean Marie, is a Newcomer and he is really happy to start sharing his knowledge and being helpful here. We will ask for a contribution of 500 rs/month which will be used as a donation to support our school project.
- You can get in touch with Jean Marie
 8148401950 or with Beber 6385635943.
 or email at aurochild@auroville.org.in

Jean Marie

MATHEMATICS COURSE OFFERED

- **What is being offered?**

STEM land is offering a 1-hour session from Mon-Fri to learn Mathematics topics/themes at the 10th grade/O level. This is not tuition for either NIOS, CBSE, or State Board, the goal is to develop intuition to understand the key concepts of Mathematics and then practice with rigor. The goal is to make Mathematics visual, accessible, and useful for life.



We will look at all important topics that are necessary for Mathematics at that level. This will help not only in the short-term goals you may have but also long-term goals of developing a pattern mind and building problem-solving skills.

We will also introduce the easiest methods and shortcuts (after the concept is understood) to make students confident e.g. in calculations of squares, cubes, cube roots, trigonometry core triangles, Pythagorean triples, etc.

- **Where and when will the sessions be held?**

The sessions will be held in STEM land from 5-6 p.m. Mon-Fri. You can join the next session on 10 July.

- **Why is STEM Land offering these sessions?**

We stand for responsibility, equality, and courage to create we are responding to this request from the community. We have been working with various grades from 3rd to 10th for 10 yrs now in visualizing mathematics, creating projects, etc so we have something to offer to those who want to take responsibility of their learning.

- **What will it cost?**

Each youth needs to deposit Rs.300 at the beginning of each month to STEM Land. If the youth attends all the sessions the amount will be returned at the end of the month else not. This is an opportunity for young people to support their parents in a small way by being responsible. Adults are also welcome as long as they commit to the same rigor.

- **Please contact** Kugan 09159160372 or kugan@aurauro.com.

Submitted by Sanjeev

GOOGLE WORKSPACE TRAINING CLINIC

Learning how to get the best from google workspace can help you save time and improve efficiency in your work—making it easier to find emails/files and collaborate with others in your team.



We are offering a weekly drop-in clinic to help you set up or customize your google workspace on your phones, tablets, or laptops. This will include but will not be limited to:

- **Email**—how to get the most out of email with the least effort.
- **Calendar**—how to make sure you remember all your meetings.
- **Google Docs & Google Sheets**—how to create and share documents.
- **Google Drive**—how to organize documents.

The session will be facilitated at various locations across Auroville



- **on Wednesday morning from 10:30am to 12pm**

and coordinated by Flourish (a service unit which aims to help create an ecosystem where those working in Auroville can grow and flourish). The clinic locations and details are:

	Time	Support Provider	Location address
Support Day: Wednesday	10am—12pm	Sathish	150dpi, Surrender Community, Gate 2, Auroville
	10:30—12:30	Madhan	Yuvabe, Saracon campus, Kottakarai Road, Auroville
	10:30am—12:30pm	Dharani/Premkumar	C3streamland designs, Udavi School campus, Edayanchavadi Village, Auroville.

For any questions, please contact Rishi

- rishi@flourish-av.org or 9822609229 WA .

Rishi

THE ARTS - FO N&N 982

KALAKENDRA PRESENTS

Dawn of Auroville

- **Venue:** Kalakendra Art Gallery.
- **Office Contact:** 0413 2622488

A permanent photographic exhibition with basic information on the conception of Auroville, its inauguration, and the beginning of Matrimandir till November 1973. It has been curated by Sri Aurobindo Ashram Archives in collaboration with Auroville Archives and Bharat Nivas.

- *Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate.*



Kalakendra - Bharat Nivas
Presents

The Dawn of
Auroville



Inauguration: 5.30 pm

Date: Saturday 17th June 2023
Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery - Time: 9am - 5.00 pm
Office Contact: 0413 2622488

**N.B: DUE TO THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THE
PRESIDENT OF INDIA THE DATE MAY CHANGE**

Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate

The Great Cholas

Photography Exhibition by Artist R. Manivannan

• 1—30 July

Gallery Visiting Hours:

- 9am—4:30pm
- Sundays: 9am—1pm

9043562566, Regards, Vani, BN Cultural Team

LOOKING FOR - FO N&N 982

Looking for Office Work

Chandru is looking for office work. He has experience in computers and has english communication skills.

- Please contact Chandru mobile: 9566616759
- or email k.chandru@live.com

If you are interested, he can send you his resume.



Thanks, Velu

Looking to House Sit

I am looking for a house or an apartment from 12 July to 10 August, 2023. Even if the dates are not completely concurrent, do not hesitate to contact me. I have already done several house sittings. I can take care of your animals.



Satyayuga (Jean-Luc), +917639761930
jlmalor@yahoo.fr

Looking for Work

Shankar K. from Matthur is looking for garden or field work. He has also experience with looking after dogs. He has worked in Auroville for 30 years. Recently he lost his workplace due to a change in management. If you are interested, please call him directly (if you speak a little Tamil) 9787756807, or call/WA 9489601312.



Second hand working condition ceiling/pedestal fans

Dear Friends, Udavi School is in need of second hand working condition ceiling/pedestal fans to be used in the classrooms at the primary section of the school. If you have ceiling/pedestal fans in working condition and do not use them anymore and want to donate, Udavi School will be happy to use them in the classrooms. If it is necessary and needed a small contribution can be made. On availability you are requested to contact us. We will organise to pick them up. Your contribution will be appreciated Thank you.

Contact details:

- udaviadmin@auroville.org.in or Mobile 9487068021

Regards, Sudhir for Udavi School

AVAILABLE - FO N&N 982

Hero Splendor Available

Hero Super Splendor 125cc for sale. 2019 Model, PY Registration, Single Owner and Insurance valid upto January 2024. Milage 58 to 60 km per Litre
Contact: Aryaman @ NESS office, 7094280071



Madhavi

HONORARY VOLUNTARY - FO N&N 982

UDAVI SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Kitchen, 8:30am to 11 am at least
Every day, Monday to Friday

Dear Friends, at Udavi School we need volunteers to help in the kitchen for cutting vegetables from 8:30 am to 11 am at least. We cook simple south Indian meals for our children every day, Monday to Friday.



If this is something that interests you please get in touch with us for further information. Thank you for your support and help. Contact details:

- udaviadmin@auroville.org.in or Mobile 9487068021

Regards,
Sudhir for Udavi School

NEW CREATION CRECHE NEEDS A VOLUNTEER

Dear Friends, New Creation is a project to help village's families by providing to the people a free creche and kindergarten service. We are looking for 1 volunteer teacher to join our team.

If you want to know more about our work, what we are doing here and what is possible to do

- please contact Anand our school manager
9363223552 or auro-child@auroville.org.in.



With love and light,
Anand

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES - FO N&N 982

LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA--TRAVEL SHOP

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

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

Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant

- Will be at our Kalpana office at 10am—4pm, Monday to Friday.
- He can also be contacted any-time:
+91 9894598686, phone or WA
- or by email: travelshop@inside-india.com
- Emirates offers are available from Chennai to Frankfurt, Paris.
- Srilankan airways special fares from Chennai to Paris, London.
- Etihad airways offers fares from Chennai to Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Milan, Rome
- Qatar Airways offers flights from Chennai to London, Barcelona, Dublin, Paris, Helsinki, Frankfurt, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Madrid, Milan and Rome.
- Oman airways has special fares from Chennai to Milan.
- Air Vistara offers 2 pieces of 23 kg each, from Chennai to Frankfurt, Paris with special fare.

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Sathish Arumugam 8098144686 hello@150dpi.com

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DROPZY



Dropzy

Dropzy is a delivery platform for Auroville units and services working in the following categories.

It is similar in features and functions like many other delivery apps that you would be familiar with and using in your day to day life. 150dpi reaches out to all the units and services working in the food, groceries, medicines, bakery, body care and home decor to register for this platform.

Dropzy is a service offered by 150dpi, although not being for profit, but will include a nominal yearly subscription fee that goes towards improving and maintaining the software. We offer interested units and service a 'one month free trial' of Dropzy.

- 150dpi will train the designated staff member to manage the Dropzy platform and provide continuous support.
- 150dpi has reached out to ITS (Integrated Transport Service) to partner with us to handle the delivery and logistics.
- Do contact us on 8098144686 or hello@150dpi.com to register on Dropzy.

Sathish Arumugam For 150dpi,
Auroville Activity since 2010



POETRY - FO N&N 982

THE EXPERIENTIAL PLOY 3

*I in my apprentice-wisdom draped,
have things to say about things,
things that belie the conspiracy that goes on
in search of the Reasonable Other.
I have things to say about the thingness of things
and about the nothingness of nothing,
and about the termination of things seen
at the many-splendored tumult of the lone.
For at the moment when blessed things
take on all that has become so clearly cursed
and profane things become at last redeemed
the very nature of belief is gathered
with all things in, dispersed with all things wide.
All in this new and holy stance
old things lose the very thingness of old things,
become things new, things clear,
things newly uttered; all things,
otherwise opaque, brighten, are lifted up
into being; all things turn innocent, experiential.
Times change and thingness changes with it.
Even when nothing moves
and no thing changes place
the parts stay incommensurate with the whole...
O the air is pungent with my foolishness
as I strive to speak of what I only know.
My knowledge is all empty, lost in words; only
my foolishness recognizes what makes things things
and nothing nothing.*

1987, Navoditte

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