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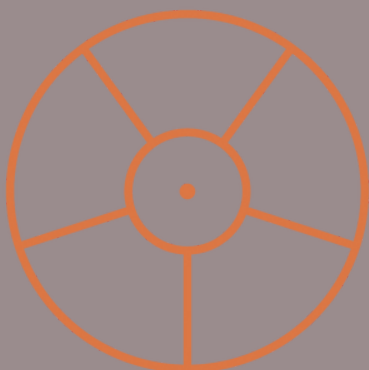


## PONDERING

### The first Principle of True Teaching

The first principle of true teaching is that nothing can be taught. The teacher is not an instructor or taskmaster, he is a helper and guide. His business is to suggest and not to impose. He does not actually train the pupil's mind, he only shows him how to perfect his instruments of knowledge and helps and encourages him in the process. He does not impart knowledge to him, he shows him how to acquire knowledge for himself. He does not call forth the knowledge that is within; he only shows him where it lies and how it can be habituated to rise to the surface. The distinction that reserves this principle for the teaching of adolescent and adult minds and denies its application to the child, is a conservative and unintelligent doctrine.

*Sri Aurobindo, Early Cultural Writings: A System of National Education*



(continued from last week)

Finally, the whole universe is composed of a single substance of divine Consciousness-Force, and *Agni* is the element of force or energy in consciousness: "O Son of Energy," says the Rig Veda. (VIII.84.4) It is Force-Consciousness, a warmth, a flame, at whatever level we feel it. When we concentrate in our mind, we feel the subtle heat of mental energy or mental *Agni*; when we concentrate in our heart or in our emotions, we feel the subtle heat of Life-Energy or vital *Agni*; when we plunge into our soul, we experience the soul's subtle heat or psychic *Agni*. There is only one *Agni* throughout, one current of Consciousness-Force or consciousness-energy or consciousness-heat taking on different intensities at different levels. Then there is the fundamental Agni, or material Agni, which is the ultimate state of the energy of consciousness, prior to its conversion or densification into Matter. This is how one becomes the other. (Let us here recalled the Mother's words: "It is a movement greater than the force or power holding the cells in an individual form.") Modern science has also finally realized that Matter and Energy can be converted into each other ( $E = mc^2$  is its great breakthrough), but it has yet to see that Energy is consciousness, that Matter is consciousness, and that by acting upon consciousness one can act upon Energy and Matter. To transform Matter into Energy, modern science knows only of physical processes that produce heat, but by knowing the fundamental Agni, which is the foundation of Energy or Consciousness-Force, one can, in principle, act directly upon Matter and achieve the same transmutation without setting one's body on fire in the process.

The conversation of 1926 then introduces us to two material facts (and their spiritual basis) that are extremely important from the standpoint of transformation: first, that all earthly forms are made up of the same elements, and only different atomic arrangements account for the different features (this is the physical counterpart to the spiritual truth of the world's divine Oneness: "Thou art man and woman, boy and girl, old and worn thou walkest bent over a staff; thou art the blue bird and the green and the scarlet-eyed"); 360 and second, that the solar fire in Matter is the material counterpart of the fundamental *Agni*, which, as Sri Aurobindo stressed in another part of the same conversation, is *the builder of forms*. To wield *Agni* is to be able to change forms, to transform Matter: "He tastes not that delight (of the twice-born) who is unripe and whose body has not suffered in the heat of the fire," says the Rig Veda; "they alone are able to bear that and enjoy it who have been prepared by the flame." (IX.83.1) It is the warm gold dust that will transmute its material counterpart, the nuclear dust in our body: *The subtle process will be more powerful than the gross, so that a subtle action of Agni will be able to do the action which would now need a physical change such as increased temperature*. Our atoms too are merely a convenient translation of the eternal ritual; nothing is fixed or inevitable. There is no end to the possible combinations, no end to the new human Being.

## SECOND PHASE – THE BODY

The second phase began in 1926 and continued until 1940. It was a phase of individual work on the body and in the subconscious. Up to this point, we have all the clues to achieve the supramental change of consciousness ourselves, and we know the basic principle of transformation. It is *Agni* "who does the work," says the Rig Veda. (I.1.5) But how, practically, is *Agni* going to change Matter? We cannot yet say; we know only some bits here and there. *If we knew the process*, says the Mother, *it would already be done*. All the other realizations have been meticulously recorded by the Indian traditions; we know all the methods for attaining Nirvana; realizing the cosmic Spirit; finding the soul; conquering gravity, hunger, cold, sleep and illnesses; leaving one's body at will; or prolonging life. Everyone can achieve these feats; the way is well charted, and the stages have been described by the seers or the Hindu *shastras* for thousands of years. It is merely a question of discipline and patience and proper timing. But the transformation is something no one has ever done, an entirely unknown journey, like traveling through a country that does not yet exist. Perhaps it is something equivalent to what happened when the first mental forms began to emerge in the world of Matter and Life. How could the first semi-animal organism that received these mental vibrations understand and describe what was happening to it, and, above all, how could it say what had to be done to control thought? To quote the Mother: *You don't know whether this or that experience is part of the way or not; you don't even know if you are progressing or not, because if you knew you were progressing, it would mean that you knew the way – but there is no way! No one has ever been there! We won't really be able to say what it is until it has been done. It is an adventure into the unknown*, as Sri Aurobindo would emphasize. We are truly like the old primates before this new creation. From here on, therefore, we can only indicate some broad lines of development, or of difficulty, without being sure whether or not they really belong to the path. The experience is in process. When it has succeeded once, just once, in a single human being, then the very conditions of the transformation will be different, because the path will have been trodden, charted, and the prime difficulties cleared away. The day Plato conceived *Phaedrus*, he raised up all of humankind to the possibility of *Phaedrus*. The day a single human being overcomes the difficulties of the transformation, he will raise up all humanity to the possibility of a luminous, immortal, true life.

(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#064](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#064)

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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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 are very excited about all the new and interesting content that is coming in weekly.

As announced three weeks ago, from this week onwards, we will only publish the FO Working groups content from the FO N&N, in order to honour our commitment to have all voices heard. FO Working Groups are of course welcome to send their content directly to the RA N&N for publishing.

We invite all those who wish for their events, workshops, and other content to be published in the RA N&N to send it to:

[newsandnotes@auroville.services](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.services).

### 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

## WORKING GROUPS NEWS

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

#### ES # 189 DATED: 20-07-2023

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

#### NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- **Lopa GOSH (Indian)** staying in New Creation and working at New Creation Child Development



#### AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Marie SCHELLENBERGER (French)** staying in Revelation and working at Revelation Forest



#### YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

- **Eva Chantal Marie MAYSONNAVE MEILHAC (French)** staying in Harmony 2 and studying Last School



- **Praveena BALAGURU (Indian)** staying in Prarthna and studying at Last School



- **Yam Ahava YARDENI (Israeli)** staying in Grace and working at TLC



#### FRIEND OF AUROVILLE CONFIRMED:

**Anand VENKATASUBRAMANIAN (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

Contact: 0413 262-2707, [auroville.entryservice@gmail.com](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com)

### FROM THE RA BCC

#### COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING YOUR MAINTENANCE

Dear friends,

We are aware that some of you are receiving communications from the FO BCC regarding your Maintenance. We can offer advice on how to respond. If you would like to discuss this with us, you are welcome to our office hours, Thursdays 4-5PM in the Council meeting room. You can also contact us at [bccoffice@auroville.services](mailto:bccoffice@auroville.services).

With care,

Your RA BCC members

(Aurosugan (on break), Danny (TOS), Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Sacha, Suryamayji, Verena)

VOICE OF AUROVILLE - ISSUE 2

Dear community,

We are happy to share with you the second issue of our bimonthly journal, Voice of Auroville, which aims to inform wellwishers and friends of Auroville across India and the globe with factual updates and concise articles on the unfolding events in Auroville.

This second issue covers Auroville's unfolding of events between April and June 2023. Amongst other contents, it also features an article on the Darkali Forest Park, a compilation of quotes from **The Spirit of Auroville** (copies of the book are still available on request), and a reflection on Auroville's governance by Claude Arpi, renowned historian and Auroville pioneer.

Please see the pdf attachment for the full edition, or download the pdf [here](#).

In case you would have missed it, the first issue of Voice of Auroville is accessible [here](#).

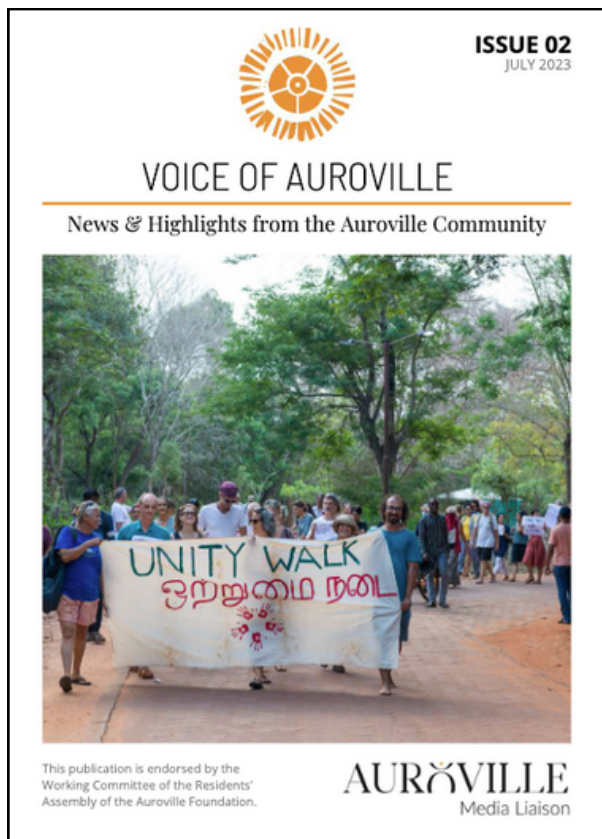
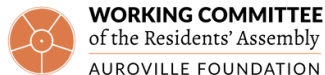
Please feel free to forward and share this email with friends and well wishers of Auroville. This is how the news can spread and Auroville's voices be heard!

Additional people who wish to be added to the subscribers list or be removed from it can email [voiceofauroville@auroville.services](mailto:voiceofauroville@auroville.services). Please also feel free to share any feedback or suggestions to [voiceofauroville@auroville.services](mailto:voiceofauroville@auroville.services).

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Voice of Auroville editorial team, as well as to all those who provided us with contents and pictures to illustrate this issue. Thank you!

In community,

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



Dear residents,

It's been over a year since you selected us to be your representatives. Much has happened since then: the courts have been approached, the takeovers have continued, and the situation has reached unprecedented intensities. We are exhausted and pained by the state of affairs Auroville is going through; but we continue to stand on a daily basis for a greater purpose, that of Auroville's realisation as envisioned by the Mother. We are proud and grateful to be representing the Auroville community - and its unique set of diversities, its land of experimentation and innovation, its fertile playground for the advent of a new consciousness.

We are well aware that there is fear circulating among many, sometimes even despair, and that much hope is projected on the outcome of our court cases. We share this hope and pray that we can announce good news soon, keeping in mind that the legal route is often long and made of ups and downs. However, we must emphasize that the courts cannot build the Auroville of tomorrow. This incredible Dream that we are all here to serve must be safeguarded and further manifested with our joint efforts, and our collective holding.

We know that much responsibility lies on the shoulders of the Working Committee, and we are committed to play the role that is ours in this greater Play of the Divine. However we cannot carry all of this alone. We hope this situation that Auroville is now facing can foster the emergence of a collective leadership, and of new initiatives that will help manifest the next positive step in Auroville's evolution.

The mobilisation of all is essential if we wish to constructively move forward. Many today do not dare express their perspectives for fear of consequences. Some could believe that the Secretary's intimidation approach has been horrendously effective; but on the other hand, even today while being targeted with legal consequences, cutting of funds or expulsion threats, many of us remain committed to standing for Auroville's purpose and mission of Unity in Diversity. Alone we are only raindrops, but together we can form a river of souls, united by the same quest and the same thirst for a new reality.

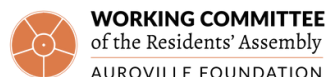
So here is our request to all: let us remain faithful, despite the waves of despair and anguish that come our way. Let us remain active and courageous, for what is really asked from us in these times of uncertainty is to fully embody the ideals for which we have dedicated our lives, the values and ideals of Auroville, so that they may continue to be manifested upon Earth.

Every action matters: documenting the wrongdoings of the Secretary's office and appointees and keeping the RA working groups informed, standing as quiet witness to ongoing destruction, sharing one's perspectives in the RA News&Notes, initiating and signing petitions and statements, supporting working groups with their many tasks and responsibilities, coordinating emergency responses to the continued takeovers, taking part in conversations about building tomorrow's Auroville, supporting financially those who have been targeted with a maintenance or budget cut, encouraging those who stand on the front line, finding creative new ways to explore Auroville's resilience and future... So much can be done if we are together!

Let us keep praying, let us keep acting.  
This is also our Karma yoga.

Faithfully,

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



### GOODWILL RESTORATION SERVICE HUB

Dear Community,

For many years now, and before the creation of Koodam in 2015, there has been a gap in our organisation in regards to effective and responsible conflict resolution. We have always tried to handle internal conflicts or even transgressions in Auroville ourselves before going to outside agencies. This has allowed our community to grow more organically but it has also presented us with some complex challenges.

The Auroville Council is often seen as a conflict resolution body amongst other things. With the creation of Koodam and the application of the Conflict Resolution Policy in 2015 the Council had started a new chapter that encouraged restorative justice and reconciliation. The Auroville Council with the support and advice of Koodam made many strides in our community conflict resolution culture, offering processes of mediation, restorative circles, arbitrations and appeals against Working Group decisions etc.

With the dissolution of Koodam in July 2021, the Arbitration Coordination Group and Facilitator Coordination Group were created to support the Auroville Council to continue overseeing the framework that the Conflict Resolution Policy had put in place. In order to do this more effectively, the Council formed a subgroup called the Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) to cover the administrative and coordination work which the Council was already doing. This initiative began well and continues, although the situation in Auroville over the past 2 years has made it very difficult to develop and to offer a holistic service.

The Auroville Council has several important roles to fulfil for the Residents' Assembly, and these have all suffered due to the additional load of needing to be a conflict resolution body. The development of our internal mechanisms and policies, the convening of regular GMs and our many other responsibilities require a lot of time, dedication and care. If these widely varying areas of work, which require very different skill sets, are further clubbed together with conflict resolution, all will suffer.

Therefore, the Auroville Council proposes to create a new independent service for Auroville, tentatively called the Goodwill Restoration Service Hub (GRSH). The GRSH would be answerable directly to the RA and it would take over all aspects of conflict resolution that the Auroville Council has so far been responsible for as per the Conflict Resolution Policy 2015. The full role of GRSH is yet to be determined by the RA itself but we envision that as well as providing support for inter-personal conflict resolution and holding appeals against working group decisions. We propose that a mandate be prepared for GRSH.

There are still several steps before the GRSH can be fully realised. As of now the CRC team as a subgroup of the Auroville Council covers this general role but hopefully you will hear from us on this topic soon. In case you have any feedback or doubts or if you are interested in supporting this service, feel free to write to [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services).

Warm regards,  
For the Auroville Council  
Ashwini, Balaji, Claudine, Philippe, Riju, Samrat, Shiva and Suryan

### Council's Communications to the Community

05/5 [New RAS 2023](#)

05/5 [Sathish resignation](#)

28/5 [Access to AuroNet](#)

17/5 [New Poll / List](#)

14/6 [Poll for RADs](#)

### Various Council Topics

Several Council members took time off for the summer, so many of our meetings were not well attended but the work went on.

Selection Process and [tentative timeline](#)

The Council met with the Residents Assembly Service and have discussed the upcoming Selection process with them. We are still working on incorporating the feedback received for the PWG Selection Process and we may also hold a GM on the same to encourage participation.

Aurovillian postings on AuroNet removed - this was a very valuable reference of Mother's commentary on the physical development of Auroville which was deleted by individuals who have been put in place without due process by the Office of the Auroville Foundation.

A member of the community brought a concern that one of their confidential emails was leaked from the Council. After an internal investigation it was determined that this was due to an oversight by a Council member.

[RAS membership resolution](#) - On the 5th of May, a resolution was passed to appoint the new RAS members.

[Allocation of housing assets](#)

Campaign to gather up-to-date email addresses. AVC and RAS have been in discussion of how to best gather up-to-date email addresses for communication and RA processes.

### Mandates and Policies

Entry Policy: Council together with the Entry Board are in the process of reviewing the mandate to see where improvements could be made.

RAS mandate: Following up on the work done by a subgroup of the Council in 2022, the Council has prepared a draft for a new RAS mandate. We intend to do the same with the Council mandate so that they complement each other. We will update the community as and when we are ready.

The Selection Process Review Task Force (SPRTF): The subgroup shared two reports with the Council. The Council members are now working to harmonise the varying recommendations in order to finalise the review at the earliest.

RAD policy and Citizens Assembly (CA): Council was planning on holding a community survey to gather input on a possible way forward for developing the new RAD policy. Presently this topic is paused as many other topics have taken precedence.

### Council Open House - Thursdays 10 - 11 am at the Council room, Town Hall

Two Council members are available to receive residents to listen to any matters or topics that may be impacting them, which they may wish to bring to the Council table for discussion.

## This months' joint meetings

12/05 - Meeting with Entry Board  
21/06 - Meeting with IT consultants and RAS  
28/06 - Meeting with IT consultants and RAS

## Other regular meetings

**"Wednesdays for AV"** - ongoing, at least 1 Council member attends weekly  
**"Regular joint WG meetings"** - ongoing, generally 2-3 members attend weekly

The Auroville Council  
Ashwini, Balaji, Claudine, Philippe, Riju, Samrat, Shiva, Suryan

## Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) Subgroup

(for AVC: Ashwini, Balaji, Suryan; Other members: Svenja, Sophie (Admin/Coordination).  
We intend to involve more able and skilled members from the community. To know more please write to [avc.conflicts@gmail.com](mailto:avc.conflicts@gmail.com)

The CRC was on a summer break but we continued to send acknowledgement of emails received.  
CRC encountered an old standing conflict for which an arbitration had been held in 2009. The agreement was updated and new necessary actions were suggested and are in the midst of being implemented.

*Please note that for obvious confidentiality reasons, we are not reporting individual or community conflicts in our monthly reports.*

*Only finalised mediations will be mentioned anonymously. Arbitration and appeal processes however, will be announced upon start and completion, also in a general manner only.  
Email addresses to reach out to:*

Auroville Council: [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services)  
CRC subgroup: [avc.conflicts@gmail.com](mailto:avc.conflicts@gmail.com)  
Facilitation & Mediation Coordination team: [facilitators.coordination@auroville.org.in](mailto:facilitators.coordination@auroville.org.in)  
Matram: [maatram@auroville.org.in](mailto:maatram@auroville.org.in)  
AV Safety & Security team: [aurovillesafety@gmail.com](mailto:aurovillesafety@gmail.com)

We think it is important to understand that farms are not just fields, but carefully set up entities where different parts and activities become a functioning organism where all parts play a crucial role. Cutting off a part of a farm as a whole from one day to the other has a dramatic effect on the farm. Farm economics are very tight and over the years a farmer finetunes the different farm parts to be able to manage logistics properly and make the economics of the farm work.

We wonder why you want to take a part of a good functioning farm to experiment with. Ayarpadi has been consistently producing field crops on this part of their farm. The farm is a main producer of grains like paddy, peanuts, ragi and sesame. These crops are all in short supply in Auroville and need skill to produce. Since many years, every year, crops have been produced on this particular plot of land. This plot is delivering around 4 tons of grain crops every year consistently which after processing end up in solar kitchen and PTDC. Ayarpadi is our main producer of boiled rice in Solar kitchen and a good amount comes from this particular plot.

Farming is a very demanding occupation and one needs many years to acquire the skill set and patience to succeed. A half year of training as you are offering gives at best a short exposure to the world of agriculture. It would be very wise to let those volunteers join an existing farm of their choice for a few years and learn farming in our challenging reality. After which they can be allocated land to farm on their own.

A very big part of setting up and running a farm in Auroville is setting up infrastructure. Ayarpadi Farm has spent a lot of their energy/money making this plot of land into a productive land parcel. To just grab this land away from the rest of the farm without any dialogue and discussion is simply not acceptable. There are many land plots (5-6 acres in Rajapudupakkam, 17 acres in Irumbai) in Auroville which need protection and can be made productive. If you think that the volunteers are ready to become farmers please allocate some of those lands to them and assist them to put in the needed infra to be able to start growing food for the community. There might be farms who have areas to be developed and might be happy to welcome newcomer farmers to develop the existing farms to become more productive.

The farm group is open for a healthy dialogue whenever you want to talk about developing farms in Auroville.

Hoping for common sense,  
The Auroville farm group  
17-07-2023

## VACCINATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We would like to provide an update on our ongoing vaccination campaign in response to the mass outbreak of Canine Distemper. Thanks to the community's response, we have made significant progress in safeguarding our beloved dogs against this deadly virus.



Over the past two weeks, our dedicated mobile vet and vet technician team have successfully vaccinated 41 dogs using Dhppi Novibac 5-in-1 vaccine, which provides protection against Rabies, Canine Distemper, Parvo, and other viruses.

Our team has been actively visiting various areas, including Pour Tous, Adventure, Ganesh Bakery, Matrimandir, Shanti Community, Tollgate area, Realisation, Swayam, Edyanchavadi, Kottakarai, Last School, and GP Cafe, among others.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY SHARING

#### OPEN LETTER TO THE AFO FAMC AND FARM SERVICE FROM THE AUROVILLE FARM GROUP

Dear members of FAMC and Farm Service

We are taken aback by your request to Ayarpadi Farm to give up 5 acres of their cultivated land to be used by volunteers to explore a farming future. We are happy to welcome new farmers in Auroville, but the way you go about this is very disturbing.

While we have observed a decrease in the number of reported Canine Distemper cases, it is important to note that the mass outbreak is not yet fully over. We strongly urge those who have not yet vaccinated their dogs and pets to do so promptly in order to safeguard them from this dangerous virus. Vaccinations should be administered by a licensed veterinarian or certified vet technician only to ensure that they are in compliance with legal requirements and to guarantee the health and well-being of your beloved pets.

Please contact your vet for more information or WhatsApp us at 9843181598 (Lore)

## **RESPONSE TO THE AVF APPOINTED ARTS SERVICE & RESPONSE TO SAUMYA'S NOTE IN LAST N&N**

Dear Auroville Community & All the Auroville Artists,

It's been long that I wrote to any of you on this Artists Group. However, here is something I wanted to share with you all, as an artist or someone who has been associated with the Art Scene of Auroville for very long. I have written this to the new Auroville Art Service appointed by the AV Foundation that has had several divisive, intimidating, unilateral appointments of many such groups.

Art from any society is the reflection of the health, value systems and the governance of the society. I have always felt that Art can make a huge impact on the controlling regime by its beauty, expression, dissent and the innovative ways one can express through Art.

Here is my mail for your food for thought, when you make your new art works from now on.

It's time to change, Act, Come to support and raise your voice as an artist through your work.

Much love,  
Dharmesh

Dear Saumya, Supriya and Team,

I have read your recent note of expression in the news & notes AVF edition.

Though it is clear from your note, where you justify your position and appointment, I have a few queries, and hence this note. I do hope that I will get an honest answer to this, as honest as your note.

As an artist, curator who has worked, established Kala Kendra and experience with several artists of Auroville, here are my concerns, which I hope you will address or clarify.

- These appointments are done without any consultation with any of the existing artists groups, services or others, purely on an arbitrary basis. Do you think this is the process, the City in making as Auroville, can justify as its Governance system?
- I am one of the artists, whose few expressions, installations, have been brutally removed, criticized by a section of people, who support your appointments; and vilified for being expressive through art installations, in public realm. Do you think this is justified for a community of artists, who represent a future, progressive outlook to the Art in Auroville?
- I know you may not have the intentions or an authority, being new to this administrative job. However, Is there a policy statement, vision of future development or inclusive and progressive, innovative way of Art Expression that you new executives of Art Service appointed by AV Foundation have worked on? Can you share this vision with the Art Community of Auroville?

- Several of us artists, who are active and connected with the Artists Community of India, and abroad, feel that Auroville's present situation is much more beyond your simplistic expression and understanding. We would like to know on what basis, with what policy or regulations, are you planning to integrate us all with the new regime? A regime which has consistently demonstrated that Community of Auroville is incapable of a governance system, that is democratic, consensus oriented and forward looking to nurture the art scene for a City of the Future. We would like to know a clear statement that demonstrates that you are not a simple tool of oppression and control of the Art Expression of Auroville Artists.
- I have personally known some of you for quite sometime, may be not so much personally. Your appointment and acceptance of this position, in violation of all principles of normal justice, did come as a surprise, pushing us all to resist, not cooperate or to ignore your new positions; You represent the force with which the Auroville Community has been crushed under the weight of a small group of Aurovilians who have taken a more fanatic path to development and vision of Auroville. Do you think this is the way forward to any sort of Human Unity, future you envision; including for Art of Auroville?
- You may disagree to some of my use of phrases, expression here, however, you are all wise enough to understand that Art has never been controlled by such regimes, In fact, it flowers and flourishes under such controlled regimes. I do hope that your building blocks of the new bridges you talk about is in fact built by new foundations, vision and the freedom of expression of the Auroville Artists, whether or not they join your team or function as independent Artists, or under other umbrellas within the country or elsewhere. I would like to know your view point, clearly on how are you able to allow Artists, art services and their own way of expression, when they do not join your side of the divide, we are seeing so prevalent in Auroville. Kindly express clearly on the same.
- Last but not the least, I do hope that you will honestly reply to this, promptly as an artist or an administrator, who will be showing us a goodwill, generosity to exist in our freedom within the Community of Artists, and not force us, exclude or intimidate us with your policies, rules and regulations that originate from a very cultish, fanatic Auroville Vision much narrower than the Charter or the Indian Constitution or the Master Plan, whatever it is. I hope that you will not hinder upon our path of expression and existence, in coming months and force us to exit the art scene or find our own path ahead. We hope to have clear answers that reflect your urge to build bridges, rather than see us as the other and celebrate our right to dissent from your AV Art Service.

I have seen many such attempts earlier from similar groups in last 30 years of my Auroville life and I openly would like to defy your orders to join your art service, or be bowed down by the new regime, as an artist, as an Indian, as a community member. Would you be able to take the same attitude and let us exist with whichever group we decide to be with and celebrate our dissent? As an artist I feel my freedom of expression is paramount to me, beyond the emotional outbursts and justifications of burning or building the bridges. As an artist community, Auroville Artists should be just let be, rather than being penalised for choosing to go with the Dream of the The Mother, and not toe the line of the forces that have appointed you as their AV Arts Service.

I do hope to get clear and to the point answers so that I can exist inspite of any of the forced agendas of the regime supported by your neutral or sided positions. I wait for your answer.

Thanks and regards,

Warmly,

DHARMESH VIKRAMSINH JADEJA



### MOTHER'S TOWN IS THE MANIFESTATION OF THE COLLECTIVE PSYCHIC BEING TAKING THE LEAD

Mother's Auroville is an economically self-sufficient town providing all that's needed for the residents' daily life, including the construction and repair materials. There is no money circulation and only the surplus is sold outside. There is no private property and no private profits, everything goes to the Central Fund for the wellbeing of all. If people are taken in charge by Auroville, they work full time and have no pensions or other incomes. There are no servants, no paid workers. Certainly, there are no cars; only collective transport and electric vehicles at a maximum speed of 15 kms by the hour cross the city – all others stop in large parking outside the green belt encircling Auroville as a buffer zone. The futuristic perspective of Mother's architect went as far as envisaging mobile sidewalks for pedestrians, and driverless electronic capsules, underground, for speed traffic and heavy loads – over five decades ago! The streets, flanked by porches, with square and fountains and sudden outbursts of light, are to nurture human encounters as in the beautiful towns of old. Parks and gardens and greenery adorn the city, enlivening even the economic zone that, radiating a sense of beauty and wellbeing as much as all other sectors, hosts ateliers and cottage industries. Industrial activities and farming are carried on outside the urban area. In this model city, anticipating for decades how avantgarde towns and districts are planned today, singles live in 30 square metres flats plus the collective spaces, and a family of four in 75 square metres. Serenely organised so as to maximize productivity while fostering inner concentration, everything is at a walking distance. Harmony radiates from within to without: the town is the material manifestation of the collective psychic being taking the lead, Auroville's group-soul and Mother's town are indissolubly one. It is the aspiration and prayer and joyous self-offering of the inhabitants that make Their town reality. For Auroville is "the Avatar's model town", linked to the supramental manifestation the Mother first talked about in 1930; Her city as inward state of being is the *sahaja*, natural, effortless way.

These were my findings in the eighties, distributed to the whole community as stencilled compilations, along with the Auroville News, on behalf of the Auroville Development Scheme. We also organised exhibitions on Mother's town and Matrimandir and were the reference point, in the Bharat Nivas compound, welcoming anyone to come and interact – but always stressing that the journey commences with Mother's guidelines: her town implies the sattwic lifestyle she set for Auroville. "To be a true Aurovilian" is the starting point: psychic to the front.

And Roger came back, after an eight-years self-exile. A throve of most precious documents, from Roger to Suresh Hindocha (Galaxy via systems engineering) to Oscar (the complete Auroville Gazette and photographic archive) and relevant others was our daily feast.

It is on this ground that I first met Kireet Joshi, in Chennai; when I told him my name he held long time my hand, looking into each other eyes, the beginning of years-long sharing, since 1985 when I left Pondicherry for Auroville. First as a member of the Laboratory of Evolution (Integral Yoga) and the Auroville Development Scheme (research and publication on Mother's guidelines for Auroville, the town and Matrimandir), both instituted by Kireet and funded by the GOI; Bhaga run the place. Afterwards as an independent researcher, author and photographer. Over the years I have been sharing views with Kireet on education and culture, Auroville, Yoga; sometimes discussing delicate questions while having lunch with Mohini Dadlani, Kireet's former philosophy student who preceded him in becoming an ashramite, and my confident.

Research, publication, exhibitions on Mother's town and guidelines – alongside Integral Yoga; all are indissolubly linked – are my svadharma. Mother's guidelines in particular have been the object of two of my books. "[The Auroville Foundation Act and the Mother's guidelines](#)", which I published in 2005 on the invitation of the then Secretary to the Governing Board Shri Sharma, who wrote the legal sentences in the first chapter, dedicated to the Act. The archival material and the historical narrative in that chapter were provided by gen. Krishna Tewari, a war-hero who took Auroville's defence during those troubled years, and the founder of the Auroville Archives. This book, now out of print, was listed for years in the Auroville Foundation website and routinely given to the Governing Board members. Kireet Joshi was the first one who received it, and I gave the last copy to the present Secretary Dr. J. Ravi.

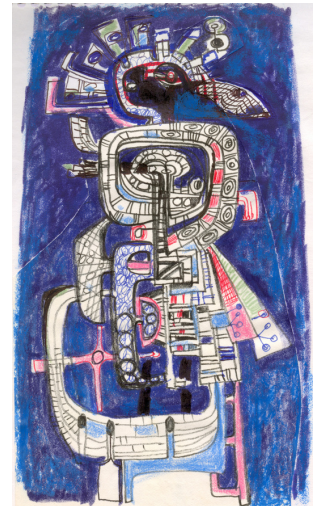
The other book, "[The New Being and the New Society](#)", is an enlarged version of the previous one minus the chapter on the Auroville Foundation Act, a too sensitive subject for public divulgation. As with their predecessors, I also gave a copy to the Secretary Dr. J. Ravi, shortly after she took office, and forwarded one as well to the new Chairman, Dr. R. N. Ravi. When SAIER published the book, in 2012, with a GOI grant, I was contacted by the editor of "Mother India" (the Sri Aurobindo Ashram's monthly magazine) to get permission to reproduce, in chapters, the book.

This came to me as no surprise, for the Ashram Prosperity and the Auroville Prosperity are indeed one. And so is the summit, and at the Ashram too the quest is collective. But the supramental society that only gnostic beings can make true is Auroville's specificity, and there are no shortcuts – and no counterfeits.

We have a long way to go, ahead!

Paulette

*Drawing by Roger Anger*



### SOMEONE ASKED:

*"So how to create a functioning RA?"*

Synchronicity, a very timely question,  
As this just popped up for our attention,  
An upgraded group label with a diviner vibration:  
From Residents Assembly to a Deva Sangha  
Performing a conscious collective Yoga  
Towards the true meaning, purpose and function  
Of Aurovilians in this City of Dawn:  
A community of would be gnostic beings  
Congregating for the Divine Manifestation.  
Here are our Avatar founders for elucidation:  
[Mother's Agenda, July 3, 1957](#)

Zech, 2023.07.10

## “WHY AM I HERE?”

“The fact of being born with a psychic being and upon earth which is a spiritual symbol proves that we have each one of us a great responsibility, doesn’t it?”

Surely. One has a big responsibility, it is to fulfil a special mission that one is born upon earth. Only, naturally, the psychic being must have reached a certain degree of development; otherwise it could be said that it is the whole earth which has the responsibility. The more conscious and individualised one becomes, the more should one have the sense of responsibility. But this is what happens at a given moment; one begins to think that one is here not without reason, without purpose. One realises suddenly that one is here because there is something to be done and this something is not anything egoistic. This seems to me the most logical way of entering upon the path—all of a sudden to realise, “Since I am here, it means that I have a mission to fulfil. Since I have been endowed with a consciousness, it is that I have something to do with that consciousness—what is it?”

Generally, it seems to me that this is the first question one should put to oneself: “Why am I here?”

I have seen this in children, even in children of five or six: “Why am I here, why do I live?” And then to search, with whatever consciousness is available, with a very little bit of consciousness: why am I here, for what reason?

This seems to me the normal starting-point.”

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/04/24-march-1951> (read it all... piercing and illuminating)

Zech, 2023.07.17

## A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY

### FARM MAINTENANCES CUT

The AVFO ‘FAMC’ cut maintenances to the Farms via [an email sent](#) to their own newly appointed ‘Farm Service’, without reaching out to farmers themselves.

According to a [massbulletin](#) released on 4th July by the RA BCC, “all Maintenances previously allocated – whether half or full – have been reduced to a care package, which is the equivalent of a quarter Maintenance”. This now effectively turns all farms into commercial units instead of services as farmers will have to generate their own income. This goes against the recommendations made by the Aurovilians involved in the [community budgeting process](#) organised by the BCC in early 2022. The RA BCC highlighted that “Farms/Food and Social Support (Maintenances) were amongst the highest budgetary priority areas, to receive more financial support from the City Services budget if needed/possible.”

In the same massbulletin, the RA BCC noted that “So far, a total of 121 adult Aurovilians have seen their Maintenance support cut by the FO FAMC and BCC, amounting to 13.6% of the Aurovilians supported by a City Services Maintenance”. They added: “This is the first occasion at which Childrens’ Maintenances have been cut as well – despite the fact that the RA FAMC and RA BCC had amended the Childrens’ Maintenance guidelines in October 2021, making all children eligible for this support regardless of the Maintenance status of their parents.”

The Farm Group has sent a response to the situation, in which they note the fallacies in thinking that the current way forward of the AVFO ‘FAMC’ and Farm Service will lead to more food security in Auroville, and that “anyone with a little sense of reality will realize that all these measures are surely not going to help to increase food for Aurovilians.” You can find [their full letter here](#).

### FOREST BUDGET AND MAINTENANCES CUT

The Forest Group updated the community on the recent budget cuts via an announcement (*see below*). It has since been confirmed that Chandresh and Torkil of the AVFO ‘FAMC’ have cut the maintenances and salaries of forest workers of the entire Forest Group, impacting 44 people on maintenance and about 60 workers. More than a hundred people are now without an income with only a week’s notice.

#### Forest Group update Report 3rd July 2023

The FG would like to inform the community that they are very disappointed and distressed at community members Chandresh and Torkil, and the GB FAMC for supporting them, in their recent communication and action. After withholding the Forest Budget, which supports 60 employees from our neighbouring communities, this communication states that their budget has been suspended. It also states that over 40 Aurovilian personal maintenances (some full/some part-time) will also be stopped at short notice. It should be noted that some of these Aurovilians have dedicated their whole working life to protecting and developing land for Auroville. For transparency, please read carefully the mail they sent to a few members of the FG and the FG’s reply. We are really hoping for community support to ensure this callous action is reversed. Faithfully the Forest Group

For the full correspondence see [RA N&N 982](#)

The Forest Group met with the Secretary and several members of the AVFO ‘FAMC’ on Friday 7th July, however the AVFO groups are unwilling to restart the maintenances and budget. It is unclear now what will be done about the gratuity (a form of severance) that the workers have a legal right to.

The Forest Group shared a [report](#) of its work and income and expenditures for the last decades. The report shows that the city budget only partly accounts for forest expenditures, as many foresters have been covering costs out of pocket or through the sale of forest products, such as timber. The report also details the impact of Auroville’s forests, and the daily work done for its protection and upkeep.

### MORE AUROVILIANS IN VISA TROUBLE

An increasing number of Aurovilians are receiving recommendation letters from the AVFO that state that they are obstructing development or engaged in anti-government activities. Ongoing cases have been referred to Delhi.

### UPDATE ON SATPREM’S VISA SITUATION

The [collective letter](#) in support of Satprem was signed by over 2700 individuals, including about 900 Aurovilians. Additionally, around 150 individual messages and appeals from around India and the world were sent to various ministries and are still coming in.

## **GUEST HOUSES ORDERED TO STOP TAKING RESERVATIONS**

In [an email](#) sent on 8th July 2023, two of the team members newly appointed by the AVFO to manage Auroville's guest houses demanded that managers hand over their reservations list and immediately cease to take bookings. The reason given was for the "restructuring" of the hospitality sector in Auroville which would see guest houses split into two categories - "high quality" accommodation which would be restructured into a centrally managed "Auroville Hotel Chain", and "budget accommodation" which would be used to house volunteers and long term guests.

As many guest houses rely on last minute reservations, particularly in the summer, preventing them from taking bookings could create immediate financial problems. There hasn't been any indication on whether financial support will be given to those Aurovilians who may lose their source of income.

## **KALABHUMI WELL ISSUE**

On 5th May 2023, the residents of Kalabhumi community received an [email from Lieve Claes](#) on behalf of the AVFO 'ATDC' stating that the borewell in front of the community supplying water to Kalabhumi, Existence, CRIPA, Music Studio, Aurofilm, and Dehashakti will be closed for the Crown construction. They were told that well users will be shifted to a centralised water distribution system under Auroville Water Service (AWS). On 13th May, [the well users responded](#) with the request for plans for the Crown, trajectory, alignment, width, work timelines, Right of Way, etc. noting that the well is located between private lands on both sides, and seeking information about expert supervision, as vague markings indicate concrete stormwater channels atop the well, which raises serious concerns about aquifer contamination. They also sought to understand the costs the residents were being asked to incur due to the disruption, as previously, the well users had paid for maintenance of the water system and had access to free water.

Meanwhile, meetings were held with AWS to understand the best way forward. [The AVFO 'ATDC' responded on 6th June](#) stating: "The detailed plans for the Crown are not meant for scrutiny by the residents of Auroville" and "it is important the residents understand that they are not dealing here with multiple choices". As for costs, it was stated that they would seek financial support from Gol for the main water lines, but the cost of installations etc. shall be borne by the residents. This is estimated at Rs.30,000 per household, excluding monthly costs.

On 13th June, a [legal notice](#) was served to the AVFO and its 'ATDC' to halt development in the area, citing multiple issues with the development. On 15th and 16th June, AWS began to dig in front of Kalabhumi gate, and the CPWD arrived with a JCB to clear space for the channels. The residents showed the senior engineer and the site manager the legal notice. The site manager then left. Another email from Kalabhumi residents [was sent to AVFO 'ATDC'](#) on 15th June regarding the legal notice.

The CPWD again returned onsite to dig on 21st June, and the LT electricity cables going towards Existence were destroyed before the residents could halt the work. The CPWD returned on 23rd June, but as a Kalabhumi resident had dug out the earth partially covering the pipeline on the community side to show them the angle and location of the pipe, they left. Since mid June, neither the AWS nor the CPWD has returned.

## **AV COUNCIL ROOM VIGIL - ONE YEAR OF PRESENCE**

Last July 2022, with no prior warning, the AV Council received an email from the AVFO 'ACUR management team' ordering them to vacate their room in Town Hall by 12 noon the following day.

Over the past year, a small group of committed residents have maintained a 24/7 presence in the room, thereby ensuring that the RA working groups have a dedicated meeting space in Town Hall. Most recently, when the Residents' Assembly Service discovered that they had been suddenly locked out of their office, they were able to continue to offer their weekly open house in Town Hall because the room was still available. 1st July 2023 marked one year of continuous presence. During that time, there has been an instance of [physical violence toward the AVC secretary](#), as well as inconveniences such as the power being cut and having access to water and the bathroom withheld.

More help is needed to continue this important vigil. If you are able to offer one or two hours a week please contact [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services) or WhatsApp 94430 03617 to sign up. See [here](#) for more information.

## **REPORT ON MURTHY'S SITUATION POST LAND EXCHANGE**

Murthy, an award-winning stone sculptor, had been working on Auroville land near the tollgate since 2008. In November 2022, he was asked by AVFO 'Landboard' members to vacate the land as they were planning to exchange it with lands inside the Master Plan area. At the time, several promises were made to him, including that he would be given another piece of suitable land and that he would be compensated for the infrastructure costs, which he had invested his personal funds into. On that basis, Murthy shifted to Aurobrindivan in December 2022. However, the Landboard has failed to follow up with Murthy in any way and in March 2023 he was informed that the AVFO will not be providing him with any of the promised compensation. It has also transpired that the 'Landboard' had already exchanged the land in October 2022, prior to any discussion with Murthy about shifting his place of work.

As he has not been able to work since his forced relocation, Murthy has had no income and has been relying on his non-Aurovillian family to survive. Please see [here](#) for a full report on Murthy's situation.

## **RA TDC UPDATE**

The RA TDC shared an [open letter](#) written to Friend of Auroville [Michael Bonke](#), regarding the clearing work that has recently been taking place on his land which lies within the Auroville Masterplan area. The letter draws his attention to the fact that in accordance with the National Green Tribunal (NGT) verdict, except on limited portions of the Crown Road no work should be carried out until proper township plans have been prepared. The RA TDC [massbulletin](#) states that "We feel it is our duty to inform him that we have noted and documented the violations that have been executed in the Auroville project area, aka the Master plan area, on his instructions". On 12th June 2023 a [contempt of court](#) notice was filed against the Secretary, members of the AVFO 'ATDC' and 'Landboard', and members of the CPWD in relation to the numerous violations against the NGT verdict.

In recent months the RA TDC has written a number of letters and reports in relation to violations of the NGT judgement by different parties, which can all be found [here](#).

In a [letter to the community](#) they shared that "The letters and reports are mostly addressed to the Joint Committee, the CPWD and the Auroville Foundation Office, ... we have also written multiple letters to the various Aurovilians and others (e.g. Michael Bonke) that are going against our agreed-upon community processes and RAD decisions, reminding them about the NGT judgement of April 2022".

## CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

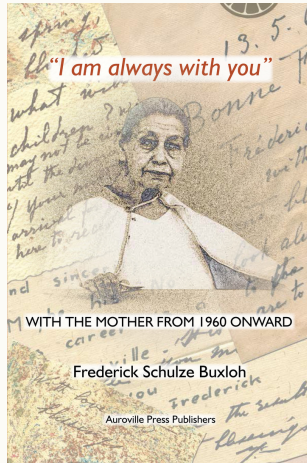
### BOOK RELEASE: I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU

Dear Community,

We would like announce that we will very soon release a new book published by Auroville Press Publishers.

It is called "I am always with you", and it is by Frederick. It is composed mostly, but not exclusively, of messages between the Mother and Frederick (starting in 1960). It also has a subtle reality, to be discovered and experienced: the Supreme Mother and at the same time a motherly presence looking after all details of life.

It will soon be available at the VC bookshop or at the Auroville Press.



### INVITATION TO THE BOOK RELEASE: I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU - BY FREDERICK

**Saturday, July 22nd**  
**Starting at 5:00 PM**  
**At New Community - Certitude**

## AWAKENING SPIRIT

### PERCEPTION & AWARENESS

Here's a very interesting discussion on the different levels of perception and awareness, taking into the spectrum the higher consciousness-forces that are now at play on Earth but hardly perceptible or even incomprehensible to most humans:

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/04/17-march-1951>

Peace within is required to be more receptive of why the hastening and intensifying psychophysical transformations are happening globally. But this must be a conscious dynamic peace, not a stoned zombie-like peace, as we are here to consciously engage in this terrestrial progress.

Again very thankful for the illuminating guidance of our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother here in Auroville, such as this as the Divine's response to the aspiring proactive Bhakta:

"There are two complementary aspects of the liberating action of the Divine Grace upon earth among men. These two aspects are equally indispensable, but are not equally appreciated.

The sovereign immutable peace that liberates from anxiety, tension and suffering.

The dynamic all-powerful progress that liberates from fetters, bondages and inertia.

The peace is universally appreciated and recognised as divine, but the progress is welcomed only by those whose aspiration is intense and courageous."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/15/darshan-messages?search=Make+of+us+the+hero+warriors+we+aspire+to+become>

Zech, 2023.07.15

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

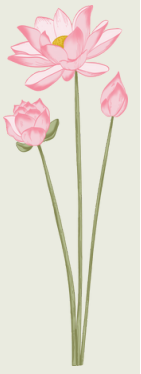
Tuesday, 25th July, 9 am - 12 noon

**Focus: The Collective Yoga**

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



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July 22- Saturday - 4 30 pm to 6 30 pm

This week, we are happy to invite— Professor Emeritus Sehdev Kumar, Historian & Philosopher of Science, Physicist, Bioethicist, Poet & Author of 7000 Million Degrees of Freedom, Ocean in a Drop: Verses and Vision of Kabir. He has taught courses on A Dialogue between Science & Religion in many universities in the world.

This satsang is intended to explore the meaning and the presence of the Divine for each one of us existentially. Following the presentation we will have Q/A and discussion.

Discussion will be in English.

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- Registration required.
- Please come in loose, comfortable clothing and on empty stomach.
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If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: [info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)  
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Website: [taichi.auroville.org](http://taichi.auroville.org), [www.artduchi.com](http://www.artduchi.com)

## ACTIVITIES

### DOG BATHING DAY AT THE SHELTER



Summer is coming back and our dogs long for a refreshing bath!

Join us next Sunday, **July 23rd at 10.00 a.m.** at the Auroville Dog Shelter to give our puppies and grown-up dogs a refreshing bath and spoil them with your love!

Let's turn Sunday morning into a relaxing Spa Day for our beloved residents Families with children are always welcome!

See you at the Shelter!  
[aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com)

### KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE



Dear Friends,

Regular Activities are offered at our Kuilai Creative Centre. For more information on the timings and to join in, please write to [kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in) or to our WhatsApp: 8608473385

With regards,  
Selva from KCC.

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Dear community,

International Youth Day is right around the corner (12 Aug) and we at YouthLink and Youth Center are preparing for a festival to celebrate the youth across generations!

In this event we are aiming to celebrate the joy of being a youth, no matter your physical age, and one aspect that we are weighing into is the celebration of youth across different time periods, hoping to reconnect some with the youthfulness that once was a driving factor in their lives.

If you have photos from your younger days that define who you were at that time and the time period you were living in that you would like to share with us for our 'time boulevard' installment, please send them to us at

[youthlink@auroville.org.in](mailto:youthlink@auroville.org.in)

or bring them to us at our office under Le Morgan, Townhall, and we will add them to our exhibition!

Also, please send us some songs that you really liked from your younger days!

Keep the **12th August (Saturday)** checked on your calendars ;)

With much love,

YouthLink and Youth Center Team



## INVITATION FOR THE YOUTH DAY 12.8.2023

Dear Community members,

We, the team of YouthLink in collaboration with Youth Center are hosting the **second edition of Youth Day Festival on the 12th of August, 2023**. We invite the av community members and friends to gather for a fun day of celebration, empowerment, love and sharing. The theme of this Festival would be "**Boulevard of different Time zones**", where we would enter into different time capsules and celebrate progress by traveling into these prominent periods of changes. Let yourself dress in different fashion time zones too, where we will channel our inner fashionista and engage ourselves into a full day of a variety of dynamic games and activities and dance to a joyful evening of intuitive good music.

**Dress code:** Any Timeline. From 50's to 2020's

Buffet is served. We have a minimum contribution for the same.

Come and join hands with us for an eventful day of togetherness.

Love,

YouthLink and Youth Center team

## TAXI SHARE



## 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

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### HR HUB

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

### Fundraiser (part time)

#### Roles & Responsibilities:

- Developing & managing a fundraising strategy
- Assisting with writing funding proposals- Conduct research on potential funding opportunities
- Creating & maintaining a donor database; Process all donations and ensure timely acknowledgement;
- Maintaining the newsletter and other communication; Write articles and social media posts.

#### The essential skills for this position:

- Excellent communication (written & verbal in English) and listening skills.
- Good research and presentation skills.
- Someone who is organised, pays attention to detail and is able to manage their time effectively.
- Someone who enjoys working independently as well as part of a team.
- Fluency in Word, Excel & PowerPoint.
- Someone who is adaptable and flexible and has independent initiative.
- Someone who is trustworthy and inspires confidence from donors.

#### It would be great to have someone with experience in the following:

- Previous experience in fundraising, interacting and communicating with donors.
- Strong connection with Auroville and committed to joining the team for 2-3 years.
- Minimum education level of Bachelor's Degree.

### Admin and Human Resource Management (Full or Part Time)

#### Roles & Responsibilities:

- Managing correspondence: This includes responding to enquiries (by phone or email), requests and visitors, managing inbox, developing standardised responses and helping write annual reports and meeting notes.
- Scheduling: Managing the calendar (weekly/monthly), sending reminders to the team.;
- Accounting: managing bills and petty cash;
- Supporting the team;
- Organising digital records, making sure they are up to date, making sure data is shared with others as needed and that there is sufficient stock of educational materials, stationary, etc.;
- Caring for our space- Management of our office building and housekeeping staff.

#### The essential skills we are looking for are:

- Excellent communication (written & verbal in English) and listening skills.
- Someone who is organised, pays attention to detail and is able to manage their time effectively.
- Someone who enjoys working independently as well as being part of a team.
- Fluency in Word, Excel & PowerPoint with good presentation skills.
- Someone who is adaptable and flexible.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at [hr.hubauroville@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:centredart@auroville.org.in) and we'll contact you shortly. Applications are open until 31/07/23.

## EDUCATION

### CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS SDZ FUNDING IN 2023

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting to review grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier. **The last date to submit proposals for this call is Monday, 7 August 2023.** You are welcome to submit earlier or send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date. (If you plan to submit a proposal, please carefully read this full announcement to the end!) All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments, emailed to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in).

*Please note that in case your proposal is not ready by this date, there will be another call for proposals for SDZ later this year.*

The Project Coordination Group will check whether proposals fall within the SDZ funding criteria and forward those that do to the SDZ Board for final selection and grant allocation.

Stichting de Zaaier welcomes project proposals for:

- research studies in the fields of sociology, economy, psychology and inner development;
- exploratory (research) studies into the relations with the world outside Auroville, in particular with the villages (and villagers) surrounding Auroville, as well as proposals for initiatives that seek to contribute to strengthening these relations;
- initiatives that seek to enhance the efficient co-operation of Aurovilians with the aim of making full use of the existing potential in Auroville;
- studies exploring a sustainable future for Auroville and initiatives contributing to such a future;
- initiatives requiring seed money (micro-projects) for innovative and informal education and training, women's development, outreach as well as proposals prepared by youth.

Please note that funds are generally not available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will only be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

Stichting De Zaaier has also indicated a preference for funding projects where the maintenance of Aurovilians is either provided by Auroville or from a source other than SDZ grants.

**A grant application form and budget request spreadsheet are available on request from [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in).**

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

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

**For more information or assistance please write to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in).**

The last date for submitting proposals for this call is Monday, 7 August 2023. Please submit earlier if possible.

*NB There will be another opportunity to submit proposals for funding by Stichting de Zaaier announced later this year.*

### TUTORIAL GRADE 1-10

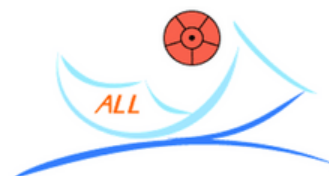
I offer Tuition from grade 1 to grade 10.  
Contact Ashwini 8270512606



### SPOKEN ENGLISH AND HINDI

I offer Spoken English and Hindi sessions for all levels.  
Contact Ashwini 8270512606

### NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



*Please remember to put your mobile phones on flight mode and switch off all wireless and Bluetooth devices before you enter the Lab. We are a wireless-free space!*

### Tomatis

**There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!**

Please contact 0413-3509932 or email us at [tomatis@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:tomatis@aurovillelanguage.org) to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations.

To know more about the Tomatis Method, please have a look at the following links:

- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTlG0y-sBMllywZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

## Current Language Courses at ALL

### New: Sanskrit with Kaushal

#### **Beginner**

Great news for Sanskrit learners! We are going to start a new **Sanskrit Beginners Course with Kaushal** this August!

Growing up in a traditional environment with exposure to Sanskrit texts, Kaushal pursued his interest in Sanskrit more actively later in life. He is now interested in helping others reach a good basic understanding of this rich, extraordinary language. This two-month (16-hour) course will take you through the sounds and the alphabet, and shall explore simple words, conversation, and chanting of select mantras.

#### **Pre-Intermediate**

Kaushal will also start a new **Sanskrit Pre-Intermediate course** for learners who are familiar with Sanskrit. In this two-month (16-hour) course, Kaushal will delve deeper into Sanskrit grammar, verbs, and vocabulary. Those who attended the recent Sanskrit Beginners course are welcome to join.

The days & timings of these courses will be fixed at the mutual convenience of the teacher & the students.

### New: Hindi with Kaushal

We are soon starting a new batch for Beginner Hindi in August! Kaushal is a native Hindi speaker who is keenly interested in introducing the beauty and nuance of this language to eager learners. In this two-month (16 hour) course, he will give an introduction to speaking, writing, and reading so as to familiarize students with Hindi.

The days & timings of the course will be fixed at the mutual convenience of the teacher & the students.

### New: French with Jean-François

Jean-François offers four 2-month (16-hour) courses. All his courses are open to new registrations.

#### **Beginner French:**

This course is for all those wanting to join a French course but finding themselves too busy through the week! Our Beginner French Course is deliberately planned for Saturdays! The classes are highly interactive delving into French vocabulary of everyday life and the basics of grammar. By the end of the course, you would be able to make simple sentences useful for interaction, and talk about your work, hobbies, daily life, etc. in a simple way.

This course will start on **August 5**. Classes will take place **Saturdays, 2:30pm to 4:30pm**.

#### **Beginner French for Teens:**

This course is for students between 13 to 16 years of age. The course is based on exercises that use many media like videos, games, role-playing, etc. to make learning both fun and effective. By the end of the course, students will have an immersion in the French language and will be able to express themselves in a simple way.

The course will start on **August 5**, and classes will take place **Saturdays, 11am to 12noon**.

#### **French Conversation:**

For those of you who know a bit of French, this is the perfect course to get more fluent, expand your vocabulary, and speak without inhibition in a diverse & fun group! Each lesson covers a theme of daily life (work, family, hobbies, shopping, projects, etc.) and is aimed at developing the students' ability to express themselves and interact in French. Jean-François would explore a range of topics like food, sports, travel, philosophy, news, literature, economics, social sciences, theater, and more. He will also review the grammar useful for basic conversation.

This course will start on **August 3**. Classes will take place **Mondays & Thursdays, 2:30pm to 3:30pm**.

### New: Italian with Fabio

Fabio will soon start two new Italian courses in August!

#### **Beginner Italian**

If you are a beginner with little or no knowledge of the Italian language, you are welcome to join this 3-month (24-hour) compact course. The course will take students through the Italian alphabet and phonetics, spoken grammar, main verbs, pronouns, sentence structure, etc. By the end of the course, learners will be able to introduce themselves & others in a simple way, exchange information about family, work, holidays, home, etc., speak about everyday activities, hobbies, etc. A range of different topics can be explored based on the interests of the students.

#### **Pre-Intermediate Italian**

This three-month course is for learners who already have a basic knowledge of Italian and would like to explore the language further. Fabio will delve deeper into spoken grammar, phonetics, conversation, and any other topics of interest. Feel free to enquire with us and reserve your spot!

The days & timings of these courses will be fixed at the mutual convenience of the teacher & the students.

### New: English for Total Beginners with Rupam

If you can read this, then obviously this course isn't for you! But, if you know someone who could use some basic, everyday English in their daily lives, feel free to pass this along. This one-month semi-intensive course will begin with the alphabet and take the students through basic nouns, verbs, and simple sentence structures.

Classes will take place **Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 11:00am to 12noon**.

### Intermediate Spanish with Susana

Our long-time teacher, Susana, is offering an Intermediate Spanish course for students who are already familiar with the various verbal modes in Spanish language (Infinitive, Indicative, Conditional, Subjunctive, and Imperative). The course will focus on polishing the conversational skills of the students and will also dive into the rules of grammar. This is a monthly course.

Classes take place every **Tuesday, 2:30pm to 4:00pm**.

### Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam

Rupam continues to offer morning English classes. Her classes are a mix of discussion on current topics, and grammar as necessary. You are welcome to try out a class and see if it fits your needs. However, please note that this is not a drop in/walk in class but is meant for students committed to joining the course.

Classes take place **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30am to 11:30am**. Enquire now to join!

**If there is a language you would like to learn, and it's not on our list, please send us a query!**

#### **To join or enquire:**

Please fill out our form at

<http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.org/>

You may also drop us an email at

[info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org),

call us at **2623661** or **come visit us!**

#### **Please Note:**

Registration and contribution are essential before you join a course with us. Please see our team member at the front desk to ensure this is complete, thank you!



## Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate	10:30 - 11:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Total Beginners To start soon	TBA	TBA
	English Conversation	TBA	TBA
French	Beginner To start 5 August 2023	2:30- 4:30pm	Saturday
	Beginner for Teens To start 5 August 2023	11am - 12noon	
	French Conversation Started 3 August 2023	2:30 -3:30pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started 6 June 2023	9:30 - 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner To start August 2023	TBA	TBA
Hindi	Beginner To start August 2023	TBA	TBA
German	A1.1 Beginner	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner To start August 2023	TBA	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate	2:30 - 4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner To start August 2023	10am - 12noon	Saturdays
Italian	Beginner To start August 2023	TBA	TBA
	Pre-Intermediate To start August 2023	TBA	TBA

The Language Lab is open:  
Monday – Saturday, 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm

Location:  
International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

Contact:  
Phone: (0413) 2623 661, 2622467, +919843030355 Email:  
[info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org)

## LOOKING FOR

### LOOKING FOR HOUSESITTING (preferably long term, min. 3 months)



Hi, I'm Dave, I'm a newcomer, working with Divine Arts (LEAD). Originally from the UK, I have been in Auroville for 3.5 years.

I love to sing, dance and facilitate spaces where we can embody human unity (e.g. sacred song circles, conscious relating workshops, dances of universal peace etc).

My current housesitting arrangement finishes in mid-late August so would be looking to shift around then.

You can connect with me on  
WhatsApp (+447564119728) or  
email [djsevans87@gmail.com](mailto:djsevans87@gmail.com)



With Love & Gratitude,  
Dave

### HOUSEHOLD FURNITURES NEEDED

Dear Residents,

I am looking for the

- Double Size Wooden Bed
- Inverter/Battery (Used or New)

Please contact me at 99439196899

Thank you!

Ramakrishnan Janakiraman



## LAKSHMI LOOKING FOR HOUSEHOLD WORK

Lakshmi, a very hard working and honest amma, has 3 days free per week.

She would like to find a new working place for those days.

Please, contact me if you are interested.

Monica, 8300132409.

## 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](mailto:solespazio@gmail.com)

With Love & Gratitude,  
Enzo



## AVAILABLE

### FURNITURE AND MEMENTOS

From the estate of the late Marion and Tony, some items against donation are available.

The proceeds are going to an Auroville Project of their daughter's choice.

Please check the photos and inquire with Clearbusters  
Julietta 890 396 57 26



## PRINTER AGAINST MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION

Dear Residents,

I am ready to offer this printer with minimum contribution. It's a Wireless Colour type printer.

Model: **HP Envy 5530**

Contact Details: 9943919899,  
[rkkrish651@gmail.com](mailto:rkkrish651@gmail.com)  
Ramakrishnan Janakiraman



## SEA SHELL CURTAIN FOR DOORWAY OR WINDOW

72 individual hanging strands of beautiful seashells as a curtain / separator for doorway or long window. Each full strand 1.5 metres long, 72 pieces in all.



Contact: [isha@auroville.org.in](mailto:isha@auroville.org.in)

## VIPASSANA



### Every Sunday at Udavi school

All old students of Vipassana meditation as taught by S.N. Goenka ([www.dhamma.org](http://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.

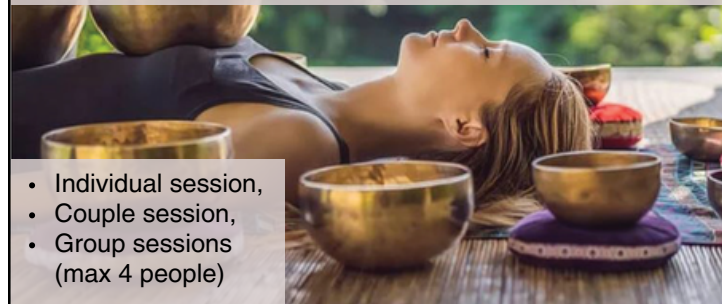
**Contact:** Sanjay Tumati, +91 8790982210  
(available on WhatsApp)  
[sanjay@auraauro.com](mailto:sanjay@auraauro.com)



## ACTIVITIES BY LAKSHMI

### Sound Chakras Healing

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



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

### Private Transformational Yoga Classes

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

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

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



**Please contact for an Appointment:**

Lakshmi 8489764602 or  
[lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:lakshmiprem369@gmail.com)

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

## RECURRING EVENTS & CO

### CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND HEALING ARTS

#### RELAXING OIL MASSAGE

Relaxing oil massage to reconnect body and soul. Full body, 90 minutes. On donation for aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers.  
Umberto 7598331379.



#### TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

We have regular tai chi chuan and chi classes every morning till August 5th.

##### Monday & Saturday:

- 7.30-8.30 Chi
- 8.30-9.30 Tai Chi

##### Tuesdays- Fridays:

- 7.30-8: Chi
- 8-9: Tai Chi



Contact: [taichi@auroville.org.in](mailto:taichi@auroville.org.in)

#### 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



**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)

**ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE**

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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

**CHANTING CLASS - SERENDIPITY**

**Traditional Mantras & Stotras Chanting Classes**

at Serendipity Community

Friday 17:00 (Regular class)

with Sonia Novaes



Email: [serendipityauroville@gmail.com](mailto:serendipityauroville@gmail.com)

WhatsApp: +91 8940288090



*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](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com)

whatsapp: 9843319260



Solitude farm & café  
Auroville

**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!**

## 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



## FOR YOUR NEXT HAIRCUT

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](mailto:essence.touch@yahoo.de)



## AIRCON CLEAN OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE AIR CONDITIONER CLEANING SERVICE KNOWN AS "JET SERVICE".



The Jet Service includes not only the filter cleaning but also indoor cooling coils, blades, and blower wheels, indoor cooler drain tray cleaning and outdoor unit with AC jet pump.

After a cleaning service your air is fresh and healthy, reducing sickness and helping you live a healthier life.

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

Contact **AIRCON CLEAN** now at 9786809518 or email us at [airconclean.av@gmail.com](mailto:airconclean.av@gmail.com)

Regards, Julien.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### ONE EARTH - ENVIRONMENTAL SHORT FILM



One Earth is an environmental short film I created and edited to help raise awareness about our impact on our environment day to day.

It tells the story of how we globally, and massively around the world, use resources for our short term profit, by deforestation, mining, burning fossil fuels, consuming and expanding. This sadly leads to the many environmental issues we face today in 2021, including global pollution, climate change, and the extinction of animal species.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQYgCxu988s>

## 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 Prahladji at Language Lab \(Music-Philosophy\)](#)

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

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Peace and love

Regards, AvRadio team



## CINEMA

# AUROFILM

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

*Reminder:* **FRIDAY 21 "SING STREET"** by John CARNEY, Ireland, 2016  
and

**FRIDAY 28 JULY, 8.00 pm**  
**"WINGED MIGRATION"**

*Directed by* **Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud, Michel Debats** – France, 2001

*Overview:* This documentary presents an epic portrait of winter bird migration. Filmed on the seven continents over four years, the footage is brought together into one portrait of a journey that's uniformly arduous for all kinds of different birds. The film near-wordlessly portrays the sheer physical effort demanded of the birds on their routes, travel several hundreds if not thousands of miles toward the equator in the autumn, and make the return journey to their higher latitude summer homes in the spring, always taking the same route, using the natural compasses of the universe, the stars, to find their way. Along the way, we see the many dangers they face... Its producer says that Winged Migration is neither documentary nor fiction, but rather a "natural tale". The film is dedicated to the French ornithologist Jean Dorst. And the film's original soundtrack by Bruno Coulais was recorded by Bulgarian vocal group Bulgarka Junior Quartet in Bulgarian, and with Nick Cave in English and Robert Wyatt.

*English version - Duration: 1h.37'*



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium  
Film program 24 July 2023 to 30 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 24 July, 8:00 pm:

### • CHHATRIWALI

India, 2023, Dir. Tejas Prabhaa Vijay Deoskar w/Rakul Preet Singh, Satish Kaushik, Sumeet Vyas, and others, Comedy-Drama, 116 mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Sania, a chemistry graduate, offers private tuition but is unable to secure a job. Ratan Lamba offers her a position as the quality control manager at a condom factory. Sania rejects the job initially, but eventually accepts. However, she keeps the details a secret even from her fiancé. After her marriage, while interacting with her sister-in-law Sania realizes how important her work is, in ensuring safety, and avoid unwanted pregnancy.

## Potpourri – Tuesday 25 July, 8:00 pm:

### • AFERIM!

Romania-Bulgaria, 2015, Dir. Radu Jude, w/ Teodor Corban, Mihai Comanoiu, Toma Cuzin and others, Adventure-Comedy, 108 mins, Romanian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Set in early 19th century Wallachia, when a local policeman, Costandin, is hired by a boyar (local noble), to find Carfin, a Gypsy slave who had run away from the boyar's estate after having an affair with his wife, Sultana. Costandin sets out to find the fugitive, beginning a journey full of adventures. Gypsy slavery lasted from the 14th century up until the middle of the 19th century, a situation which is very little known and almost nonexistent in the public debate today, although its impact continues to influence Romania's social life.

## Interesting – Wednesday 26 July, 8:00 pm:

### • MOMENT OF CONTACT: THE ROSWELL OF BRAZIL

USA, 2022, Dir. James Fox w/ James Fox, Marco Aurelio Leal, Cinthya Covo Leão, and others, Documentary, 108mins, English-Portuguese w/English subtitles for non-English conversations, Rated: NR (PG)

This film is an exploration of extraterrestrial encounters, this one centered on a series of events in 1996 when citizens of Varginha, Brazil, reported seeing one or more strange creatures and a UFO crash. Several locals, including a group of girls aged 14-21yrs, had a close encounter with a being described as about 4 feet tall, with brown oily skin, a large head and huge red eyes.

## Selection – Thursday 27 July, 8:00 pm:

### • MASS

USA, 2021, Dir. Fran Kranz w/ Jason Isaacs, Martha Plimpton, Ann Dowd and others, Drama, 111 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG 13

The parents of both the shooter and one of the victims of a school shooting tragedy agree to meet and talk in an attempt to move forward.

## International – Saturday 29 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 30 July, 4:30 pm:

### • LITTLE NEMO

Japan-USA, 1989, Dir. Masami Hata, William T. Hurtz w/ Gabriel Damon, Mickey Rooney, Rena Auberjonois and others, Animation-Adventure, 85 mins, English, Rated: G

Each night, young Nemo goes to Slumberland and has adventures and befriends the king of Slumberland, Morpheus. But one night Nemo discovers Nightmare Land, and the evil nightmare king, throwing Slumberland and Nemo himself into danger.

## ARTHUR PENN FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club:

### Ciné-Club Sunday 30 July, 8:00 pm:

#### • THE MISSOURI BREAKS

USA, 1970, Dir. Arthur Penn w/ Marlon Brando, Jack Nicholson, and others, Drama – Western, 126 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

When vigilante land baron David Braxton hangs one of the best friends of cattle rustler Tom Logan, Logan's gang decides to get even by purchasing a small farm next to Braxton's ranch. From there the rustlers begin stealing horses, using the farm as a front for their operation.

Determined to stop the thefts at any cost, Braxton retains the services of eccentric sharpshooter Robert E. Lee Clayton, who begins ruthlessly taking down Logan's gang.

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

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Thanking You,  
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### Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

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

### Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

- Monthly Rs. 800: Aurovilians & Newcomers, No validity
- Student Pass Rs. 1200 per month/ 24 days round trip
- Rs. 150 Round trip for Aurovilians & Newcomers
- Rs. 200 Round trip for guests

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



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS



### Ambulance (24/7):

Auroville 9442224680	PIMS 0413 2656271		
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### Security (24/7):

AV Safety & Security Team 9443090107	Auroville Police Station 0413 2677318	Kottakuppam Police Station 0413 2236148	Vanur Fire Station 0413 2677368
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### Health:

Health Center 0413 2622123	Santé 0413 2622803	Farewell 8903836246	
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### Mental health 24/7 support:

Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

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

## FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

### FROM THE FO WC - FO N&N 983

#### KEEP THE RESIDENTS' SERVICE INFORMED

Dear Aurovilians, Newcomers and Auroville Youth,  
Our Residents Service tries its best to maintain proper records for everyone. As most of us, both Indians and foreign residents, are in the habit of going in and out of Auroville without informing them it makes their work of maintaining correct records harder.

You are therefore requested to make sure that:

1. As a foreign resident you inform the Residents Service when you are traveling out of Auroville for a period of 2 months (within India) or out of India for even 1 day or more.

2. All Indian Residents are requested to respect and do the same.

3. This is because the X-Visa requires all foreign residents to live and work in Auroville for 9 months minimum, per year. Indian residents may respect the same requirement in the spirit of the Charter for all and keep the Residents Service informed. The same applies to OCI card holders.

4. Auroville Youth going out for higher studies are requested to keep the Residents Service informed if they need to stay out for longer than 3 years together with their reasons. Staying out beyond 5 years without informing the Residents Service or Housing will mean that they are taken off the Master List.

The person will then have to restart his or her process on return.

5. In the case of Aurovilians having to stay out for longer periods to take care of elderly parents the same process as above (4) will apply.

6. If you decide to leave Auroville, for whatever reason, please inform the Working Committee at [workingcom@auroville.org.in](mailto:workingcom@auroville.org.in) so they can update the Residents Service.

Please make a note of these details and don't forget to keep the Residents Service informed.

*Best wishes, The Working Committee  
(Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha,  
Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine)*