

*Auroville*

# NEWS & NOTES

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## PONDERING

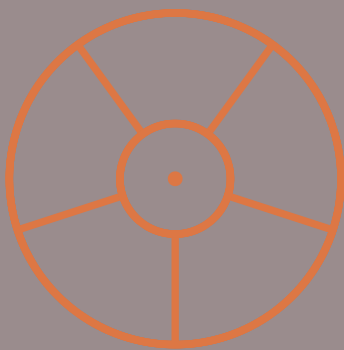
Auroville wants to be a universal township where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony, above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities.

The purpose of Auroville is to realise human unity.

8.9.1965

The Mother on Auroville - page 1

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



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



*(continued from last week)*

It is possible, however, to have some idea in advance of the major problems confronting the seeker. When *Agni* burns in our mind, in our moments of inspiration, we know it creates a great tension, an almost physical heat. When it burns in our heart, in our soul-moments, we know that our breast feels like a red-hot hearth, hot enough for the skin to change color and to such a degree that even an inexperienced eye can perceive a kind of glowing radiance around the yogi. When *Agni* burns in our vital, and as we call the force or open to the cosmic world, there is likewise a kind of concentrated pulsation at the level of the navel, almost a tremor of fever throughout the body (since a large amount of force is entering through a tiny channel). But what about the warm gold dust, *this wine of lightning*, in the cells of the body? *It begins to boil everywhere*, says the Mother in her simple language, *like a boiler about to explode*. The rishis, too, spoke of being broken "like a half-baked jar" if one went too quickly. Furthermore, if it were uniquely a matter of creating something entirely new, the problem would be somewhat simpler, but we must do with what we have, evolve from our present state to another state, from an old form of organization to a new one. The old heart, the old lungs are still there; at what moment, wondered the Mother, is the heart going to be stopped and the Force set in motion? The difficulty is in the change-over. Countless experiences in tiny doses are therefore necessary to accustom the cells so that they do not panic during the transition. Thus, the first problem is to prepare the body, and this requires years and years, perhaps centuries. Sri Aurobindo worked for forty years and the Mother for fifty years at this preparation. The practical, immediate necessity, then, is to endure, to outrun death. *The basic question*, the Mother said, *in this race toward transformation is to know which of the two will arrive first: the person seeking to transform the body in the image of the divine Truth, or the body's old habit of disintegration*.

For, naturally, the work must be done in one lifetime. From one life to another, it is possible to recover the achievements of the soul, the mind, and even the vital, which in the current life will result in spontaneous blossomings, innate talents, something already developed. One needs only go over the lesson for ten or twenty years to capture the thread of former lives; there is even a rather striking experience in which one sees precisely the cutoff point where the work already accomplished in past lives ends and the new phase begins. Thus one simply picks up the trail where one had left it. But the cellular progress in the body, the progress of the physical consciousness obviously cannot pass into the next life; everything gets scattered on the funeral pyre or dissipates in the earth. So if we want a continuity in human evolution, if we want the supramental being to manifest in our own flesh rather than in some new, unknown organism that would supersede our mental humanity, it is necessary for *one* human being to accomplish the work in *one* lifetime. If it succeeds once, it can be transmitted to others (we will return to this point later).

Sri Aurobindo used to say that it would take three centuries – and he had a clear vision – for a full supramental being to emerge, luminous, light, etc., as we have previously tried to describe him. Short of a full supramental being (even Plato was not born in a day), we must then build in our flesh a *transitional* being, a link between the human and the superhuman, that is, a being who not only would have realized the supramental consciousness but whose body would also have acquired enough immortality, as it were, to last through the transition period, and enough power and suppleness to effect its own transmutation, or to engender a supramental being through its own energy, bypassing the usual method of earthly birth. Indeed, the heavy animal and human heredity weighing on our subconscious, and automatically transmitted by physical conception, is one of the major hurdles to the transformation, at least as difficult as the boiling *Agni*, if not more difficult. This is the second problem. Perhaps it is, in fact, the true problem, far greater than the other, more conspicuous problems of the body. Such are the two fundamental problems confronting the seeker: to impart to the cells of the body the consciousness of immortality, which is already there in our soul and even in our mind, and to cleanse the subconscious completely. The progress of *Agni* in the body depends, it seems, on these two conditions. Thus, as always, the work is a work of consciousness.

First, the ability to endure. In practice, one finds that immortality is always closely related to truth: what is true is immortal. If we were completely true, we would be completely immortal, from head to toe. Until now, however, hardly anything except our soul has been immortal, because it is the truth of the Spirit within us, passing from one life to the next, growing, evolving, becoming more and more conscious. The mind, too, as it becomes sufficiently integrated around the central Truth of our being, as it thinks the Truth and wants the Truth, is immortal. One can fairly easily remember one's past formations: some truths appear exceedingly familiar, some yearnings for truth inexplicably poignant. The vital also is capable of immortality as it becomes sufficiently integrated with the central psychic Truth: we emerge into another dimension, as familiar as eternity, though this is rather uncommon since our life-force is generally engrossed in all kinds of petty activities instead of building a true life. The more we go down the scale of consciousness, the thicker the falsehood and the more real is death – naturally, because in essence falsehood means decay. The vital is already fairly obscure, but the body is full of falsehood. Old age and illnesses are among its most prominent falsehoods; how could what is True become old, ugly, worn-out, or ill? Truth is so obviously radiant, beautiful, luminous, and eternal. Truth is invincible. Death and old age can only attain us because of our lack of Truth.

*(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)

With love and gratitude,  
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)



# NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

## 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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While our editors strive to ensure the accuracy of the information presented, we cannot guarantee that all information is free from error or omission. Additionally, we cannot be held liable for any alleged misinformation provided or offence caused by the content published.

In the event of any dispute, we encourage readers to consult with the Auroville Council, and we reserve the right to suspend the publication of disputed material. Our commitment to providing an open and inclusive platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas remains steadfast.

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

## 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.

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 # 190 DATED: 27-07-2023**

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:**

- **Girijashanker Jayshanker DAVE (Indian)** staying in Sincerity and working at Emergence Auroville



- **Saranya KUMAR (Indian)** staying in Mir and working at Udavi School



#### **NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**

- **Sandhya GANAPATHY (Indian)**
- **Shalini BHATTACHARYA (Indian)**
- **Tosha PARMAR (Indian)**
- **Nandhini MURUGAN (Indian)**

### AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

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



- **Nilima BARDE (Indian)** staying in Arati 3 and working at Aha kindergarten and Integral Paradigm of Knowledge (IPK)



- **Susana Andrea BUSTOS GARAY (Chilean)** staying in Terra Amata and working at Eco Femme



### AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- **Rashmi NARAYANA (Indian)**

### YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

- **Jessica SINGH aka MIMI (Swiss)** staying in New creation and working at Kallialay surf school



### SPOUSE OF AN AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Sumathi GUNASEELAN (Indian) staying in Humility (wife of Gunaseelan)**



### LEFT ON THEIR OWN:

- **Patrick DOUMINGE (French)**
- **Elisa TUCCI (French)**
- **Thao DOUMINGE (French)**

### **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 Aurovilian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.
- The date of becoming Aurovilian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovilian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.
- A confirmed Aurovilian 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 WCOM

Dear Community,

A number of you have contacted us for advice about how to respond to the request from the AVFO BCC to Aurovilians who are receiving a 'Silver Fund' maintenance, to fill out a self declaration form.

We copy below a statement by the RA BCC providing information about the Silver Fund.

While the RA BCC recommends that you reply to the AVFO BCC's email or meet with them, we would like to add that some of the fields of the "Self Declaration Form" seem very inappropriate to us. This form also brings up privacy concerns, which is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, and we do not want to encourage this administrative culture in Auroville.

Our recommendation would therefore be that, if you decide to respond to the AVFO BCC's request, you only provide the information that you feel comfortable sharing with them, and simply state that after sincere consideration you reaffirm that you do not have sufficient funds to meet your basic needs and therefore still need this financial support from the Auroville community. This could be done either via email or in person.

We hope this clarifies. Feel free to get in touch with us and with the RA BCC if you have any further questions.

Also please inform us of any further email exchange you may have with the AVFO BCC.

Lastly, if you have received this request from the AVFO BCC and neither you nor a family member are receiving a 'Silver Fund' maintenance, please inform us and the RA BCC.

Warmly,

Your RA Working Committee

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



**WORKING COMMITTEE**  
of the Residents' Assembly  
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

### **Statement by the RA BCC:**

#### **Advice & Information for Responding to the Maintenance Self Declaration Form**

Dear friends,

*You may have received an email with a 'Self Declaration Form' to be filled in, related to a 'special category' of Maintenance that you are receiving. If so, you are probably receiving what we call a 'Silver Fund' Maintenance.*

*The Silver Fund Maintenances are Maintenances that were provided to Aurovilians over 70 years of age, who had lived and worked in Auroville for at least 20 years, and were in need of financial support. These Maintenances were allocated on a permanent basis, unless people voluntarily chose to give it up (for example in cases where they started to receive a "good" pension from their home country). In some cases, the BCC shifted eligible senior Aurovilians to a Silver Fund Maintenance to free up Maintenances in the service they were working in for new people to be able to join. Receiving a Silver Fund Maintenance did not imply that the Aurovillian had stopped working, but it did offer the Aurovillian financial security regardless of how much they were able to continue working.*

We feel concerned that the FO BCC might be considering ending this Maintenance support. When first allocating the Silver Fund Maintenance, similar questions were asked as the ones detailed in the Self Declaration form (although this was typically done in person, and based on good faith). We would advise those who have been asked to fill in a Self Declaration Form to reply to the mail or to meet with the FO BCC. Although we cannot know if this will result in the Maintenance support continuing, what we have observed is that lack of communication does lead to them cutting budgets and Maintenances. If you are receiving a pension and this pension is insufficient, we advise you to mention this in the form. Be sure to mention any kind of work that you continue to do for Auroville.

In case you are informed that your Maintenance will be cut, consider requesting information regarding their guidelines for receiving this Maintenance. Please keep the RA BCC and RA WCom informed of their reply.

With care,

Your RA BCC members

(Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Sacha, Suryamayi, Verena)

Office Hours at the Council Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Thursdays 4.00-5.00PM

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DREAMWEAVING CORE TEAM UPDATE

#### GM : UPDATES FROM THE DREAMWEAVING CORE TEAM



After the past few months of ever-changing circumstances since the GM in Kalabhumi where we committed to presenting something to the community, the Dreamweaving Core Team would like to invite everyone to a general meeting, where we would like to present both an overview of how we perceive the situation today as well as an outline of a collective approach that we hope could begin to unite people around common processes and values.

Looking forward to see you there  
- DWCT (David, Mona and Omar)

**On 29th July 2023**  
**Saturday 5.00PM - 7. 00PM**  
**Unity Pavilion**

**All are warmly invited !**  
**Welcome to stay on for an informal interaction over a light meal**

For queries contact:  
[dreamweavingav@gmail.com](mailto:dreamweavingav@gmail.com)





## OBITUARY

### DEBORAH SMITH OF GOLDEN BRIDGE POTTERY

Long-term friend of Auroville Deborah Smith of Golden Bridge Pottery in Pondicherry passed away at her residence on Friday 21 July.

Educated at Stanford University in Japanese language, Deborah apprenticed to master potter Yamamoto Toshu in the Bizen region of Japan in 1968.



Later in the ceramics department of the University of Southern California, she met her partner Ray Meeker.

Deborah, like many of her compatriots, at that moment in time, was drawn to the philosophies of the East and soon made it to Pondicherry where the Mother invited her to start a ceramic studio on Ashram land. That is Golden Bridge Pottery, a world born of the experience of Deborah and Ray. A world that has inspired and nurtured generations of clay artists in India, who are breaking new ground in ceramics today internationally.

Deborah retired from actively participating at GBP in 2019, choosing to take time to pen her memoirs. Her quiet demeanour and soft-spoken personality will be sorely missed.

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### JAYANG DESAI

In the late night of Sunday 23 July, Jayang Desai, father of Aurovilians Meha and Ankur, left his body at their Sharnga residence.



His daughter and son wrote:

*"He was a wonderful father, with lots of patience and simplicity. He always was smiling and loved helping people, that's how the Aurovilians remember him. When asked how things were, he would steadfastly say "I am fine", till his last breath. He was a great teacher to both his children by being an example. We love him so much and we wish him peace and Joy for his onward journey into the Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's embrace."*

Jayang's body was taken to Farewell, where friends could pay their last visit.

We salute a beautiful soul.

OM ॐ

## POETRY

Time will tell  
How the scroll of life  
Paints and unfolds itself

Time will tell  
Whether we have drifted apart  
Or come together  
In the flow of the Eternal.

Time will tell  
That all secrets  
Await a cover removal.

- Anandi Z.





## **THERE IS NO OTHER**

Everything that was and is happening  
From no-beginning towards no-ending  
Is none other than us  
This eternal oneness.  
So now be conscious of your choices,  
In this grand paradox of the opposites  
We each co-create our own experiences.  
Each act itself is either suffering or bliss:  
Eternal suffering for the self still forgetting  
Eternal bliss for the Self that remembers  
That the One is the other none.

The beauty of this Self-realisation?  
Divine Manifestation

Zech, 2023.07.18

## **VOICES AND NOTES**

### **HE IS BACK AND HE IS IN AUROVILLE !**

He is back and he is in Auroville !

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the Divine's dream.

I have a dream that one day this city, Auroville will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed : "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are sharing their true Nature."

I have a dream that one day on the green hills of the Matrimandir gardens, the sons of all Aurovilians will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the Assembly of the residents of Auroville, a place sweltering with the heat of quarrels, sweltering with the heat of judgments will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and kindness.

I have a dream that all children will one day live in a place where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin nor by their beliefs but by the content of their character.

I have a dream that one day down with the Foundation Office, with the Governing Board, with the International Advisory Council and the assembly of the residents, Indians and foreigners living in Auroville won't have the sword of Damocles about their visas and will be equal with their Indian brothers and sisters. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Divine shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to Auroville with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our community into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we all will be free one day and that was always our true Nature.

An Aurovilian

## WHAT IS VALUABLE TO YOU?

"At every moment one must know how to lose all in order to gain all." What does this mean?

"We have already spoken about this. When we enter upon the path of yoga, why do our dear ones leave us? One loses all worldly possessions, all one's attachments; sometimes, even, one loses one's position, and to gain what?—the most important thing, the only thing which is valuable:

The Divine Consciousness.

And to gain this one must know how to lose all the goods of this world, to let go of all one's possessions, all desires, all attachments, all satisfactions; one must know how to lose all this if one wants to get the Divine Consciousness.

It is a little paradoxical for the mind."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/04/26-march-1951>

But, but...

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

Oohlala...

"Welcome to the Great Adventure."

By choosing to be in Auroville, this City of Dawn, cradle of the transitional beings, you have now embarked on the authentic path of the Integral Yoga of its founders, the Supramental Avatar Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. In your existential quest you have entered a transformational portal, the actual proverbial rabbit hole\*, and you are traversing the twilight zone between the psychophysically limited old mental world of falsehood and the new Supramental world of Truth with infinite multidimensional possibilities. Prepare yourself for the challenges and firewalls ahead, as your sincerity, faith and perseverance, the very perception of your existence, will be intensely tested. That vertigo and the splitting headaches you are experiencing are just your neurons trying their best to reorganise themselves, with the Divine Grace keeping your brain from blowing apart... ayayay.

The Sunlit Path of Bhakti to the Supreme Divine Mother is the key to a more easy and joyful journey towards the Life Divine



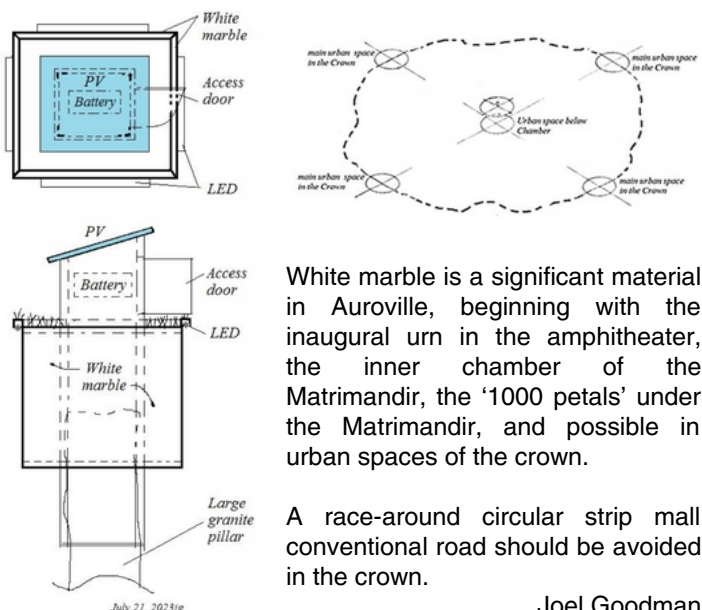
And meanwhile, the Great Cosmic Game of the One and Its many continues...

"Come what may." ॐ

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

Zech, 2023.07.19

## WHITE MARBLE IN THE CROWN



White marble is a significant material in Auroville, beginning with the inaugural urn in the amphitheater, the inner chamber of the Matrimandir, the '1000 petals' under the Matrimandir, and possible in urban spaces of the crown.

A race-around circular strip mall conventional road should be avoided in the crown.

Joel Goodman

## AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

Tuesday, 1st August, 9 am - 12 noon

**Focus: The Divine Mother**

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/Whatsapp: 9489147202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



## BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM



**BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM**  
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

*To my dear little child  
live only for the Divine*

**Calendar of regular events of August 2023**

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm  
Meditation

Every Friday 5:30 - 6.30pm, reading  
"The Mother's Questions & Answers- Vol-7"  
in English

1st, Tuesday at 6:30pm full moon, reciting  
Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra for 30min

No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street  
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

[kshetram2014@auroville.org.in](mailto:kshetram2014@auroville.org.in)

Location



## THURSDAY MEDITATION AT THE AMPHITHEATRE

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

**Meditation with Savitri read by Mother  
to Sunil's music**

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

### Reminder to all

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

Surya & Velmurugan



## THE CONSCIOUS TRANSMUTATION AND INCREASE OF ENERGY

"The practice of Brahmacharya is the first and most necessary condition of increasing the force within and turning it to such uses as may benefit the possessor or mankind. All human energy has a physical basis.... To raise up the physical to the spiritual is Brahmacharya, for by the meeting of the two the energy which starts from one and produces the other is enhanced and fulfils itself.

This is the metaphysical theory. The application depends on a right understanding of the physical and psychological conformation of the human receptacle of energy. The fundamental physical unit is the retas, in which the tejas, the heat and light and electricity in a man, is involved and hidden. All energy is latent in the retas. This energy may be either expended physically or conserved. All passion, lust, desire wastes the energy by pouring it, either in the gross form or a sublimated subtler form, out of the body. Immorality in act throws it out in the gross form; immorality of thought in the subtle form. In either case there is waste, and unchastity is of the mind and speech as well as of the body. On the other hand, all self-control conserves the energy in the retas, and conservation always brings with it increase. But the needs of the physical body are limited and the excess of energy must create a surplus which has to turn itself to some use other than the physical. According to the ancient theory retas is jala or water, full of light and heat and electricity, in one word, of tejas. The excess of the retas turns first into heat or tapas which stimulates the whole system, and it is for this reason that all forms of self-control and austerity are called tapas or tapasyā, because they generate the heat or stimulus which is a source of powerful action and success; secondly, it turns to tejas proper, light, the energy which is at the source of all knowledge; thirdly, it turns to vidyut or electricity, which is at the basis of all forceful action whether intellectual or physical. In the vidyut again is involved the ojas, or prāṇaśakti, the primal energy which proceeds from ether. The retas refining from jala to tapas, tejas and vidyut and from vidyut to ojas, fills the system with physical strength, energy and brain-power and in its last form of ojas rises to the brain and informs it with that primal energy which is the most refined form of matter and nearest to spirit. It is ojas that creates a spiritual force or vīrya, by which a man attains to spiritual knowledge, spiritual love and faith, spiritual strength. It follows that the more we can by Brahmacharya increase the store of tapas, tejas, vidyut and ojas, the more we shall fill ourselves with utter energy for the works of the body, heart, mind and spirit."

Sri Aurobindo

<https://incarnateword.in/compilations/brahmacharya>

Zech, 2023.07.12

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### HR HUB

HR Hub Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovillians 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.

### Construction Work - welding, electrician, carpenter, masonry (part or full time)



A unit of Auroville is looking for someone that has a good work ethic, motivation; that has a minimum experience in the construction field and wants to improve knowledge and training with professional people.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of this work opportunity or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at [hr.hubauroville@gmail.com](mailto:hr.hubauroville@gmail.com).

## HELP NEEDED



### CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

Dear Auroville Community,

Since Covid times a few Aurovillians and Maatram have been giving active support to **Giuseppe** who is aging and needs mental health support.

Lately he has started to escape his attendants, catching bike rides and often going to La Terrace. Due to his condition, he is at times very confused and does not remember how to get home.

Giuseppe lives behind Certitude football field, near the small tennis court in the back. Whoever sees him and picks him up, please drop him at his house.

Rashmi (Maatram) is the coordinator for Giuseppe's care (94482 35935) and Anand Rajaram his main caretaker, mornings till 1pm, 86820 43919.

You may also call the Auroville Safety and Security team (AVSST), 94430 90107 if needed.

**We are URGENTLY looking for a second committed attendant** for the afternoons, and into the evening (for 5 to 6 days/ week). In case you can help or you know someone that possibly could, please call 98400 31935. Financial support is available.

On Sundays it would be helpful to have one or two Aurovillians to pick up Giuseppe around 12pm, take him to La Terrace for lunch and bring him back to his place at about 2 pm.

If you are interested to help, **please contact Rashmi 94482 35935**, best by whatsapp message or sms.

All help is very much appreciated.

**THANK YOU.**

*Submitted by Shivaya on behalf of the Giuseppe care team*



### DONATIONS FOR RABIES QUARANTINE FACILITY NEEDED!

We want to restart our 24-hour rabies rescue again, but in order to do so, we need to build a quarantine facility, as mandated by the Animal Welfare Board that every shelter must be equipped with one. As IACC shelter was never equipped with such a facility, we had to build a makeshift isolation facility, which proved to be insufficient, especially during the outbreak of canine distemper when the number of affected animals increased rapidly.

The approximate cost we have to fundraise is Rs. 1.5 lakh. With your contribution, we can create a safe space where dogs infected with rabies, parvovirus, or canine distemper can be isolated, treated, and monitored effectively.

Please donate to our **FS account 251391** or through the AV Donation Gateway.

**Please help us to keep Auroville safe!**

[aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com)



AUROVILLE  
DOG SHELTER

# CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

## SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Auroville - 605101, TN, India

Mobile/Whatsapp: +91 9385623342

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

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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



## Regular Classes

### Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

Friday from 5 to 6pm (Regular Students)

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

## Therapies

### Shiatsu Massage with Sara

On appointment only (Sara +91 9443617308)



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

## AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

### Auromode Yoga Space - Satsang Saturdays - Poetry reading and Commentary



As part of our weekly satsang (satsang means company of truth) this week, we are happy to invite all of you for a poetry reading circle. Join us with a poem from any language, read it for us, enlighten us with its translation, meaning through your own interpretation and commentary.

Discussion will be in English.

Simple traditional prasadam offered.

Free and open for all.

**Date: July 29 , 2023**

**Time: 4 30 pm to 6 pm**

**Venue: Auromode Yoga Space,  
Auromode Apartments, Auroshilpam**

**Contact Bala**

Email: [balaganesh.siva@gmail.com](mailto:balaganesh.siva@gmail.com) or WA + 91 9892699804



## IKEBANA CLASSES

Ikebana courses, the traditional Japanese art of floral arrangement, are about to start again.

For further information please contact:  
Valeria Raso Matsumoto on WhatsApp :  
+39 3392846127



## KOLAMYOGA FOUNDATION COURSE

KolamYoga Foundation course is NOW fully available on Video.

Watch Introduction video: <https://youtu.be/IErbDiGJVTA>

\*BUT, if you are willing or prefer to commit to a three month training of

4 sessions a month and you are in Auroville

- August - September - October *or*
- November - December - January

Completing 12 sessions.

You can apply to have an interactive learning Foundation Course with Grace Gitadelila in her House in Sharanga (*right gate*)!

There is space for 6 people, not more!

The costs are the same as purchasing the Video online from the KolamYoga website: [www.kolamyoga.com](http://www.kolamyoga.com) 18000/- all inclusive (Work/learning materials, 18%Tax, City service contribution etc..)

\*BUT, If you are **Tamil from the rural environment of Auroville**, this course is Free of cost for you... under conditions that you commit to attending the 12 sessions within a mutually agreed framework.

(We decide together the timetable)

Also look out for the coming **one off experiences offered**;

Shatkona, Ashtakona, All the seven Chakra each individually...and a celebration of the sacred Sarpa Rekha in our Kolam language.

You can write to Grace Gitadelila [info@kolamyoga.com](mailto:info@kolamyoga.com)

or Whatsapp/ call; +91 8072449091

Most Welcome!



KolamYoga

Foundation course  
12 videos

with Grace Gitadelila

Contact-email: [info@kolamyoga.com](mailto:info@kolamyoga.com)  
Ph: +91- 8072449091

Introduction video  
link



Link to 12videos







**Art exhibition by Hufreesh Dumasia**

**Whispering Soul**  
unveiling the unseen



**ART**  
EXHIBITION



**Solo Art Exhibition by Hufreesh Dumasia**  
August 5 to 31, 2023  
Monday through Saturday  
8.30am to 12.30pm 2.30 pm to 5pm  
Pitanga Cultural Center



**Whispering Soul  
Unveiling the Unseen World**

Join us for the  
Opening reception on  
**Saturday, August 5th from 5pm – 6:30pm**  
at Pitanga

**Whispering Soul**

*A delicate communication from the soul to the artist.  
Unveiling suggests an act of revelation, a lifting of the veil to  
expose what lies beneath. Hufreesh encourages viewers to  
explore and engage with the mysteries that lie just beyond our  
grasp through these artworks.*

**The exhibition will be open**

**from Saturday, August 5 to Thursday, August 31, 2023.**  
Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30 to 5.30 pm

**Shiatsu classes in pairs - in French – by Patricia**

Here is an opportunity for 1 or 2 persons to join an ongoing study group: “In a spirit of openness, in a quiet and benevolent atmosphere, we will explore Shiatsu in depth in pairs.

The benefits of this practice are immediate, such as relaxation of the body, emotions, and mind.

A new energy balance is harmoniously established, uniting all the internal parts of the organism.”

Regular attendance is required.

**Mondays | 5.30pm – 7pm – starts 7th August**

If this interests you, please register with the reception desk team.



The Art of Living Part 1, four days intensive pranayama course, combines breathing techniques, meditation and features Sudarshan Kriya, a breathing technique that uses specific rhythms of breath to detoxify every cell of the body and infuse it with energy.

**Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th August 2023**  
**6.30 – 8.30am, for 4 days**

- Registration required.
- Please come in loose, comfortable clothing and on empty stomach.
- Attendance on all 4 days is compulsory.

### **Art Therapy in the style of Neurographica™** with Gala

Gala offers art therapy classes for children and adults with the intention of balancing the mind and stimulating creativity and imagination.



The classes are based on the Neurographica method developed by Russian psychologist Dr. Pavel Piscev. Through the process of drawing, guided by the teacher, one recognizes patterns and hidden obstacles and finds new creative solutions and organic ways to release outdated patterns in one's life.

The process of drawing helps to release tension and mental stress that is present in life.

**For adults: Thursdays | 3 – 5pm | drop-in class.**  
**Family Art: Fridays | 3 – 5pm | by reservation.**

This class is for a max. of 2 parents & 2 children.

If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: [info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)  
*See you at Pitanga, with a smile !*

Pitanga Cultural Centre  
2622403 / WA 9443902403  
[info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

## TAI CHI CHUAN WORKSHOP

7 AUGUST TO 26 AUGUST, 2023

### INNER WAY TAI CHI SCHOOL

TAI CHI HALL in Sharnga

Presents

THE ART OF CHI - Stevanovitch's method



From Mondays to Saturdays, 7.30 AM – 10.30 AM,  
Beginners, chi and tai chi basics, approaching the 24-posture form.

#### **The 3-week workshop is essentially directed towards:**

- Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation;
- Improvement of movement through balance and coordination;
- Learning to mobilize Chi. First perceiving it, then guiding it in one's body
- with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

Information and booking: [taichi@auroville.org.in](mailto:taichi@auroville.org.in)

Website: [taichi.auroville.org](http://taichi.auroville.org), [www.artduchi.com](http://www.artduchi.com)

## *The Sound of Bamboo*

Various Styles of the Indian Flute



### **Bansuri (Flute) Group Classes With Michael**

**Kalabhumi Music Studio**

**Every Friday** (Beginner: 11am-12pm, Advanced: 12pm-1pm)

Drop in is possible at any time, flutes available to borrow or buy.

#### **Contribution:**

Aurovilians, NCs, Volunteers & Local Villagers: Free donation

Guests: 500 INR

#### **More Info:**

[www.the-sound-of-bamboo.com](http://www.the-sound-of-bamboo.com)

#### **To Donate:**

<https://pay.auroville.org/divine-arts>

Learn More About Divine Arts:

<https://auroville.org/page/divine-arts>

Warm Regards,

Dave

M: +44 (0) 7564 119 728

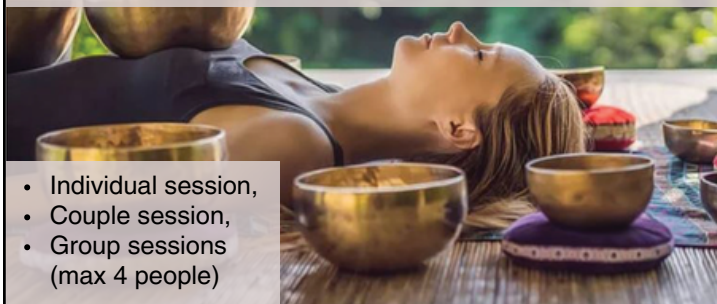
E: [djsevans87@gmail.com](mailto:djsevans87@gmail.com)

## 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)

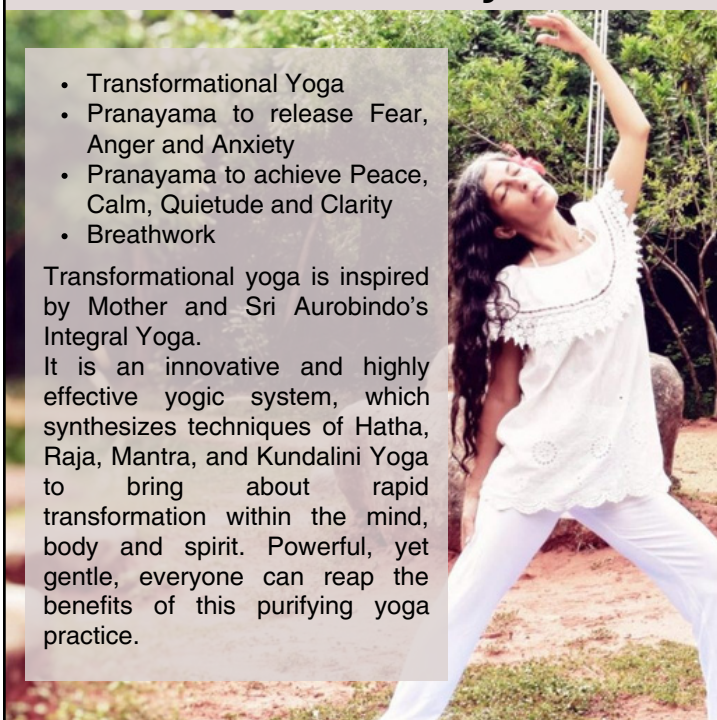


### Private Transformational Yoga Classes

- 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

## 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



## 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)

## VIPASSANA

### Every Sunday at Udavi school

Vipassana  
As taught by S.N. Goenka



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@aurauro.com](mailto:sanjay@aurauro.com)



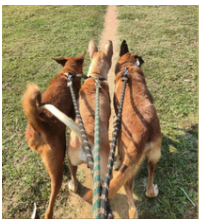
## RELAXING OIL MASSAGE

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



## ACTIVITIES

### DOG WALKING & WHEELCHAIR TRAINING



## DOG WALKING & WHEELCHAIR TRAINING

Join us on

**SUNDAY, JULY 30TH**  
10 AM - 12 PM



How to find us:



We want to invite the Auroville Community, dog lovers, and friends next **Sunday, July 30th, at 10 a.m.** to an Integral Dog Training Workshop about the right way to walk a dog, hosted by our dog trainer Arthur. Let's enjoy an educational dog walk together! If you could donate a leash, our dogs would be very happy, as we don't have a lot.

For those who prefer a more quiet activity, join Lore and Caroline when they train our beloved paraplegic dogs how to use a wheelchair so that they can soon join our soon-to-come „Wheelchair Race“.

We are happy to welcome you again to another exciting Sunday morning at the Auroville Dog Shelter!

[aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com)

## 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

## AUROMODE HIVE'S OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, 4TH AUGUST 2023

Dear Community,

Join us at **Hive's Open House** on **Friday, 4th August 2023**, from **10 am to 5 pm!**

Discover Hive, the coworking space and find your inspiration in an environment built for productivity and connection.

Try out our coworking space for free and see the difference.

Visit our website at [www.auromode.in/hive-coworking](http://www.auromode.in/hive-coworking) for more details on our plans and facilities.

For inquiries, feel free to reach out to us on WhatsApp at 70921 97375/ 9042759540.

We can't wait to welcome you to our thriving community!

With Best Regards,  
**Auromode HIVE Team**  
**Auroshilpam,**  
**Auroville - 605101**  
**Tamil Nadu, India**  
**WhatsApp - 70921 97375**



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Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/auromode\\_hive/](https://www.instagram.com/auromode_hive/)

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Kj1qebb6PowiQX2m9>



## 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 12st 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



## KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE



# KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE

A SUB UNIT OF SAIHER – AUROVILLE



Sillabham



Bharatha Naatyam



Kungfu



English Classes



Hip Hop



Music: Keyboard



Tailoring



Archery  
Karate  
Tai Chi  
And Sports Activities



Kuilapalayam - Auroville Main Road  
Landmark: Next to Auroville Bakery  
Kuilapalayam, Tamilnadu 605101  
Email: [kuilaicreativecentre123@gmail.com](mailto:kuilaicreativecentre123@gmail.com)  
Mobile: + 91-8608473385, +91-9843195290  
Website: [kuilaicreativecentre.org](http://kuilaicreativecentre.org) [aviusa.org/?form=Kuilai](http://aviusa.org/?form=Kuilai)

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.

## EDUCATION

### TUTION GRADE 1-10

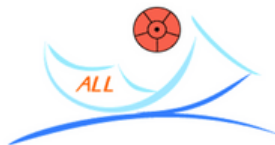
I offer Tuition from grade 1 to grade 10.  
Contact Ashwini 8270512606



### 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!*

**Looking for:** If you are a true-blue Mallu (Malayali) and you speak Malayalam with a true Malayalam accent, please contact us by sending a Whatsapp message to +919443631861 or email to [tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org). This is to help with a research project.

### Tomatis

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

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

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlywZNdZcAng/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@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguage.org)

## FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

### OFFERING IT SERVICES

I am Ramakrishnan, Aurovillian, experienced in the fibre internet field (Ftth) for 8+ years and gained more knowledge in creating-on new fibre internet infrastructure and IT troubleshooting work for our Auroville community Since 2015.

I am happy to provide the below services to our Auroville community:

- Internet speed; Boosting up for dual bands 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz
- Wired/wireless; Fibre ONT modems, Routers, Switches installation/repairing work
- Fibre optic cable; Joining, power loss troubleshooting, laying/pulling work inside and outside your house
- CCTV; Configuration/Installation/repairing work inside and outside your house
- Smart-TV/laptops/printers; Configuration/Installation/repairing
- Other network communications devices; Configuration/Installation/repairing



For any internet-related issues/complaints, please feel free to contact me:

Ramakrishnan: 9943919899, [krish651@gmail.com](mailto:krish651@gmail.com)

## SOLITUDE FARM - 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.

- Papayas
- Assamese giant lemons
- Pineapple
- Plantain
- 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, desserts, 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.

### Opportunities

Solitude Farm Cafe is looking for a serious person to manage the POS and accounts, stock, excels etc for the cafe and farm. Replying to emails and calls.

Solitude Farm is looking for people to help with the educational workshops.

To find out more:

email: [solitudepermaculture@gmail.com](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com)

whatsapp: 9843319260

Solitude farm & café

Auroville



*Solitude Farm*

## AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS

Auroville Library 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!**

## DROPZY

Products and services  
from in and around Auroville.



Dropzy along with the existing categories for products and services will also be offering 3 new categories for Units and Activities in and around Auroville, as follows.

- Workshops
- Events
- Classes

You'll be able to upload your posters giving details of the activities. Prospective customers will be able to contact you via phone and email.

### Key advantages:

- Reduces your time and cost
- Increases purchases by customers
- Larger target audience being a digital platform
- Higher response rate to customer enquiries

Do contact us on 8098144686 or [hello@150dpi.com](mailto:hello@150dpi.com) to register on Dropzy.

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Sathish Arumugam  
For 150dpi

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Regards, Julien.

## 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



## HAIRDRESSER

For your and / or your child' s next haircut: inspired, thriving for the perfect, 11 yrs young artist Ahana takes care of your and / or your child's hair and well being.

For an appointment kindly contact 9751513906 (all messenger providers, no calls) or [essence.touch@yahoo.de](mailto:essence.touch@yahoo.de)



## AVAILABLE

### GREENBELT HOUSE SITTING

Hi,

Would you like to stay in a little house in the Greenbelt close to the Centre?

It is for a period of 6 weeks, from beginning of August to second part of September.

The place is very quiet, no wifi no tneb, so no loud music or parties...

There is a lot of birds & forest live here.

It's very basic with 12V Solar, small fridge, and 220 inverter for charging things.

No Ama or gardener, so...if you like gardening and keep your place clean yourself you will like it here.

I have a cat called Alice, she is spoiled and very sweet if she likes you, needs regular feeding and someone to talk to.

Contact : [veronicavolkers@gmail.com](mailto:veronicavolkers@gmail.com)

Or.....9385430934 on W.A.

P.S. only if you are Auroville registered.

See you,

Veronica



## LOOKING FOR

### LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM HOUSE SITTING

Dear Community,

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

Please reach out on 8667648515 or mail to

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

With Love & Gratitude,

Enzo



### DRY CABINET

Hi, I'm looking for a dry box or a dry cabinet to store my sound equipment. It's for few month so I can borrow it or buy it.

Thanks ! Contact: [radiochloe@gmail.com](mailto:radiochloe@gmail.com)

## 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.

## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURES NEEDED

Dear Residents,

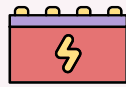
I am looking for the

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

Please contact me at 99439196899

Thank you!

Ramakrishnan Janakiraman



## 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,

[rkrish651@gmail.com](mailto:rkrish651@gmail.com)

Ramakrishnan Janakiraman

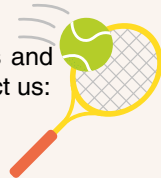


## STARTING TO PLAY TENNIS

Partners and Teachers needed for ages 11 yrs and adult. When you are one of either, please contact us:

Ulrike Urvasi, 9751513906

(all message providers, no calls)



## CINEMA

# AURO FILM

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

*Reminder: FRIDAY 28* , “WINGED MIGRATION” by Jacques Perrin, France, 2001

and

**FRIDAY 4th AUGUST, 8.00 pm**  
“MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO”

*Directed by Hayao Miyazaki*, Japan, 1988

*Synopsis:* This animated film and its story takes a look at a world through the eyes of two young girls, Satsuki and Mei who are both desperately missing their hospitalized mother and coming to terms with it in their own unique way and, with a bit of help, from some interesting friends they find in their neighborhood... The film explores themes such as animism, Shinto symbology, environmentalism and the joys of rural living; it received worldwide critical acclaim and has amassed a global cult following. - Touching, uplifting and funny, it's simply a great film for all ages!

*Original Japanese version with English subtitles - Duration: 1h.26'*

# AV RADIO



## AurovilleRadio

The voices of Auroville

Dear Aurovilians,

Your favourite radio is always working for you. Stay tuned!  
[Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7).  
[Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

### Last published podcasts:

- [Presentation of the book "I'm always with you" by Frederick](#) (Literature)
- [Soul Tracks – Se.5 Ep.02 "On the Road Again"](#) (Music)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 439](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Soul Tracks – Se.5 Ep.01 "Follow the Rabbit"](#) (Music)
- [Savitri, B. II, C. III, Part 3](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Kamil and Nikhil interview Matthew for their Community Service](#) (Community Service Project)
- [La Vita Divina – Ep.28](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Marlenka's weekly Offering -Ep.93](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi– 438](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [I just wanna write – Ep.11 "How writing can replace negative beliefs with love and compassion"](#) (Creative Writing)
- [Marlenka's weekly Offering -Ep.92](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi– 437](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 6 "Edison and the Lumière brothers"](#) (Cinema)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 5 "The Studio System in Animation"](#) (Cinema)
- [Savitri, B. II, C. III, Part 2](#) (Integral Yoga)

Auroville Radio Tv is maintained and supported with the help of a small town budget and voluntary donations. If you as Aurovillian wish, **make a donation to F.A. number 0867**.  
Thanks for your help!

....and more! on [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org)

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

Peace and love

Regards, AvRadio team



## 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**



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### EVER SLOW GREEN (S.O.S. FROM AUROVILLE)



In the light of the current events in Auroville the award-winning documentary film Ever Slow Green about Auroville's unique reforestation work is being made available for free. The current threats to Auroville's forests are hundred-fold to the ones of 2018/2019 mentioned in the film - just this time they come from within. And the threats to Auroville's forests are only one aspect of the current threats to the entire Auroville project as a whole. Please spread the word and be aware of the circulation of a lot of misinformation. Whenever you read/see/hear news that say "There is no problem here, it's just a bunch of residents who want to block development of Auroville" be suspicious and research further...



<https://youtu.be/51npNzj2zY>

### THIS TAMIL NADU MAN TURNS 100 ACRES OF BARREN LAND TO AN INDIGENOUS FOREST



This is the story of D. Saravanan, a true environmentalist at heart, who dedicated nearly 25 years of his life to turning barren land into a green luscious forest spread over 100 acres, now known as the Aranya Forest and Sanctuary in Poothurai village, Tamil Nadu. Born into a small farmer family near Villupuram district in Tamil Nadu, Saravanan always had a special connection with nature. At the age of 14, he participated in the 100-day march for the 'Save the Western Ghats' rally which deeply influenced his path in life. After being active as an environmentalist in his youth days, Saravanan took up the project in Auroville in the year 1994. And with the help of the residents, students and the local community, Saravanan decided to grow a 100 acre of land into an Indigenous forest. It was not an easy task, from bringing water into the land, nourishing the soil, collecting rare local seeds, fighting poachers and planting thousands of trees on barren land. Saravanan dedicated 30 years of his life, sweat and dreams to what we today call Aranya Forest and Sanctuary. Thanks to his exemplary work and dedication, the forest has 700 species of indigenous plants like Diospyrus Melanoxylon, Gloriosa superba, Memecylon Umbellatum and Derris Ovalifolia.

The forest is also home to six man-made water bodies and pristine ravines. Saravanan now dedicates his time to planting more trees, taking care of the forest and providing education to the local community and students about the importance of Indigenous forests. A true environmentalist at heart, Saravanan truly believes that we are just the takers of the earth and when it's time, it is our responsibility to hand over this planet to the next generation.



[https://youtu.be/om\\_Qk4Ob2DQ](https://youtu.be/om_Qk4Ob2DQ)

## ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS



[avbus@auroville.org.in](mailto:avbus@auroville.org.in) / +91 94430 74825

### 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



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 31 July 2023 to 06 August 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 31 July, 8:00 pm:

- **KANTARA**

Henchman Shiva lives in a small tribal hamlet with his mother. An unforgettable incident that he had witnessed during his childhood makes him stay away from the traditional worship and Bhoota Kola legacy (a divine dance of coastal Karnataka). He is a vagabond and is happy loafing around with his friends and doing petty jobs for his landlord. When Forest officer Murali enters the scene, it gives a fresh dimension to the man-vs-nature fight. Can Shiva save the forest from Murali? Or is Murali just a dummy bait cast by bigger fish? The film is highly acclaimed, offering a "mesmeric blend of action and mythology". *Don't Miss!*

## Potpourri - Tuesday 1 August, 8:00 pm:

- **BLAZING SADDLES**

USA, 1974, Writer-Dir. Mel Brooks w/ Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, Slim Pickens, and others, Comedy-Western, 93mins, English-Yiddish-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

The Ultimate Western Spoof. A town where everyone seems to be named Johnson is in the way of the railroad. In order to grab their land, Hedley Lamar, a politically connected nasty person, sends in his henchmen to make the town unliveable. After the sheriff is killed, the town demands a new sheriff from the Governor. Hedley convinces him to send the town the first Black sheriff in the west. Bart is a sophisticated urbanite who will have some difficulty winning over the townspeople.

## Interesting - Wednesday 2 August, 8:00 pm:

- **FAUNA**

Spain, 2023, Writer-Dir. Pau Faus, Documentary, 74mins, Catalan-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Set in a rural area on the outskirts of Barcelona, comes this witty and compassionate film. It juxtaposes the life of a local goatherd and life in a nearby research laboratory to explore the tangled contemporary relationship between man, nature and science. It's a theme which the pandemic brought very much to the fore. While keeping a compassionate eye on the fascinating and unfathomable contradictions that make us who we are.

**Selection – Thursday 3 August, 8:00 pm:**

• **QUE HORAS ELA VOLTA? (The second mother)**

Brazil, 2015, Dir. Anna Muylaert w/ Regina Casé, Helena Albergaria, Michel Joelsas and others, Comedy-Drama, 118 mins, Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Val spends 13 years working as nanny in São Paulo. She is financially stable but lives with the guilt of having left her daughter Jéssica in Pernambuco, in the northeast of Brazil, raised by relatives. As college entrance exams roll around, Jéssica wants to take her exams in São Paulo, and cohabitation is not easy. Everyone is affected by the girl's personality and candor and Val finds herself right in the middle of it.

**International – Saturday 5 August, 8:00 pm:**

• **THE WOMAN KING**

USA, 2022, Dir. Gina Prince-Bythewood, W/ Viola Davis, Thuso Mbedu, Lashana Lynch and others Action-History, English-Portuguese w/ English subtitles, 135 mins, Rated: PG13

The remarkable story of the Agojie, the all-female unit of warriors who protected the African Kingdom of Dahomey in the 1800s with skills and a fierceness unlike anything the world has ever seen. Inspired by true events, it follows the emotionally epic journey of General Nanisca as she trains the next generation of recruits and prepares them for battle against an enemy determined to destroy their way of life.

**Children's Matinee – Sunday 6 August, 4:30 pm:**

• **IL VIAGGIO DI ARLO - THE GOOD DINOSAUR**

USA-Japan, 2015, Dir. Peter Sohn w/ Jeffrey Wright, Frances McDormand, Maleah Nipay-Padilla and others, Adventure-Comedy, 93 mins, Italian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

In this epic journey into the world of dinosaurs, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend. While travelling through a harsh and mysterious landscape, Arlo learns the power of confronting his fears and discovers what he is truly capable of.

**CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL@ Ciné-Club:**

**Ciné-Club Sunday 6 August, 8:00 pm:**

• **BEING THERE**

USA, 1979, Dir. Hal Ashby, w/ Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine and others, Comedy – Drama, 130mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Simple-minded gardener Chance has spent all his life in the Washington D.C. home of an old man. When the man dies, Chance is put out on the street with no knowledge of the world except what he has learned from television.

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

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

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

# FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

## FROM THE FO ATDC - FO N&N 984

### L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE

#### ATDC Application Announcement 20-07-2023



Auroville  
Town  
Development  
Council

*L'avenir d'Auroville*

#### **A. Building Application has been received and approved, feedback requested**

The following Building Application has been received and approved (feedback requested before the 3rd of August 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

1. **PROJECT NAME: Boobalan—BAB—NO 2621 (Study room & Office )**
  - Applicant/s: Boobalan
  - Location/area: Djaima/ Outside Master Plan
  - Area for which approval is sought: 50.31 Sq.m
  - Project brief: This building, originally constructed in 1980 as a store room. However, there is no record of its existence. The applicant desires to legalise the structure and convert it into a study room and he submitted an application for this purpose, which has been granted approval by the application team.

#### **B. Application Has Received Preliminary Design Approval, Feedback Requested**

The following application has received Preliminary Design Approval (feedback requested before the 3rd of August 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

1. **PROJECT NAME: Jayanthi & Raju—PDA—NO 2615 (Caretaker House)**
  - Applicant/s: Jayanthi & Raju
  - Location/area: Discipline Farm / Green Belt
  - Area for which approval is sought: 119 Sq.m
  - Project brief: Caretaker house in Discipline Farm.
2. **PROJECT NAME—Tanto Far Beach—PDA—NO. 2608**
  - Applicant/s: Sheril & Daniel
  - Location/area: Srirama / Outside Master Plan
  - Total built of existing building: 174.44 Sq.m
  - Project brief: An extension of a ground floor & First floor for the Guest House in the Srirama Community (Tanto Far Beach)
3. **PROJECT NAME—Matrimandir Service Compound—PDA—2619**
  - Applicant/s: Antoine, Divya Karun, John, Judith, Sundar
  - Location/area: Administrative Zone
  - Total built of existing building: 2562 sq.m
  - Project brief: Office, Workshops & Nursery for plants

#### **C. Site Application Have Been Received And Approved, Feedback Requested**

The following Site application have been received and approved (feedback requested before the 3rd of August 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

1. **PROJECT NAME—Auroville Dog Shelter—SA—2622 (New Location)**
  - Applicant/s: Lore Dossche
  - Location/area: Red Earth / Outside Master Plan
  - Total Site Area of Project: 4 acres (excluding wet land approximately 2 acres)
  - Project brief: Auroville Dog Shelter's new proposed location

## **D. Building Applications Have Been Received And Approved (Information Only)**

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

### **1. PROJECT NAME—Nimila & Arun—BAA NO. 2618**

- Applicant/s: Nimila & Arun
- Location/area: Arulvazhi School Campus / Outside Master Plan
- Area for which approval is sought: 118.12 Sq.m
- Project brief: Residential House

### **Constructive feedback guidelines:**

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

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

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

*Thanks! Sindhuja  
for L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC*

## **REPLACEMENT BOREWELLS POLICY**



Auroville  
Town  
Development  
Council

*L'avenir d'Auroville*

This is to inform the Auroville Residents that L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC will no longer approve new and replacement borewells in the Auroville City area. Green Belt will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions will be made only if no other water supply possibilities are available.

Auroville has more than 100 borewells for a small number of people. Historically this has grown on a community-basis but the future growth requests a more professional and sustainable approach. Most existing borewells have capacity to serve more people than one community alone. Water needs to be shared, as no one community can claim this as its own resource. For this reason, the ATDC, will not give permission for new borewells unless it is clear that the need for water cannot be met by any other existing sources. The platform for interconnection of borewells and sharing of water, is Auroville Water Service (AWS). It is AWS who is, on behalf of the Auroville Foundation, the custodian of all the bore-wells and related water-infrastructure in Auroville and the service is established for this purpose. Water supply in Auroville is managed by this service and will be more and more so until the management of all water related infrastructure is held by this organization. As Auroville expands, it is high time to switch to this mode of management for this much needed resource.

Drilling of new borewells and replacement borewells on Auroville land must be done only with the permission of ATDC, without which it will be a violation.'

*Thanks! Toby  
for L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC*

**FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**AUROVILLE  
FOUNDATION**

FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ACUR, AUROVILLE 605 101  
TAMIL NADU, INDIA  
adms@aurville.org.in

**Donation Channelling Group**

**Information on donation channelling processes**

**Date: 18 July, 2023**

The Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) issued Guidelines for Fundraising on 16 June 2023.

After receipt of feedback, an updated version of the guidelines has been prepared. Please see this version: V2 dated 5 July '23, attached below.

For the implementation of the Fundraising Guidelines by the recently formed Donation Channelling Group (a sub-group of FAMC) the following steps will be taken to start with:

**Registration of projects**

For the registration of projects for which donations are already being received or for which donations are proposed to be raised, an on-line *Project Registration Form* (PRF) has been designed. Project holders are requested to fill up the form and upload it on the designated portal as mentioned in the form.

**Release of funds process**

For the disbursement of donated funds to projects, an on-line *Funds Release Form* (FRF) has been designed. This form needs to be filled up and uploaded each time a project needs to get the funds released from Unity Fund to the project account.

**General points to be noted**

1. All registered units / activities / projects seeking donations and grants (non-GOI) have to register with the DCG before Sept 30, 2023. After this date, funds will be released for registered and approved projects and after receipt of the Funds Release Form (FRF) and Donor Information Form (DIF).

2. The Project Registration Form (PRF) includes a self-assessment checklist which is based on the Fundraising Guidelines.

3. Projects seeking donations for the first time have to register before starting the process of fundraising (contacting potential donors), including approaching the AVIs.

4. Only registered projects will be able to access the donation website(s).

5. Approvals of registrations will depend on the size and complexity of the project, but will be done mostly within seven working days of submission. Rejection will be done only after discussion with the project holders and with the FAMC.

6. There will be a threshold limit (to be determined and depending on the size of the project) below which funds can be withdrawn from Unity Fund without the need of a FRF.

7. Projects will have to submit quarterly reports to the donors and the DCG. Further disbursement tranches will not be released without this report.

8. If project holders do not comply with the fundraising guidelines and DGC processes, the DCG may stop the disbursement of the next requested tranche and may recommend appointment of new project holders to the FAMC.

9. If the totally collected donation amount of a project exceeds the project budget as prepared for the purpose of fundraising, the excess amount will be used for similar projects, in consultation with the project holder.

10. The privacy of donors will be protected and their names will be shared only for compliance with applicable statutory provisions.

11. Foreign Contributions: Section 8 of the Foreign Contributions Regulations Act (FCRA), 2010 provides for a cap on administrative expenditure of 20% of the amounts received during the year.

12. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions: Rule 7 of CSR Rules provides that the administrative overheads shall not exceed five percent of total CSR expenditure of the donor company for the financial year.

13. If donors wish to contribute to the corpus of a unit, trust or Auroville Foundation as a whole, this will need to be specified by the donor upfront and has to be approved by FAMC prior to its transfer.

14. Donations received will not be transferred to personal Auroville Financial Service accounts.

15. The unclaimed donations will stay with the Unity Fund till the end of the Financial Year. Thereafter, it shall be transferred to City Services Account.

We hope that everyone appreciates this is an essential step towards improving our accounts and inculcating transparency and accountability in our systems.

To get your feedback on the Guidelines, forms and the PRF checklist, a meeting had been arranged at 4:00pm. on Wednesday, 19 July, in SAIER Meeting Room (I Floor). Sorry due to timelines of submission & coming out of this N&N, you could not read this in time. But we had published this, along with the draft forms on the AuroNet on 13 and 17 July.

For any assistance, please write to [dcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:dcg@auroville.org.in). Please favour us with your feedback on this announcement.

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## FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Guidelines for fundraising

#### Version V2: 5 July 2023

#### 1. Background and Context

1. Auroville has been conceived as a universal township for the manifestation of the Auroville ideals and vision as given by the Mother. Auroville Foundation has been established as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India by an Act of Parliament 'for the purpose with a view to making long-term arrangements for the better management and further development of Auroville in accordance with its original charter and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto'.

2. The development of Auroville as a township requires significant funding, of which a major part will come from donations, grants and contributions while the recurring expenditure of Auroville will increasingly be met from Auroville's own income-generating activities as part of the vision of Auroville being a self-supporting township.

3. These guidelines have been prepared for the purpose of having transparent and effective processes relating to fundraising and the expenditure of funds raised.

4. This version of the guidelines for fundraising supersedes earlier versions.

#### 2. Alignment with the Auroville ideals

1. Projects for which fundraising is undertaken should align with the ideals of Auroville.

2. Funds for Auroville township development shall be raised and spent only for development in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan as prepared and approved under section 17(e) of the Auroville Foundation Act.

3. Fundraising activities and documentation need to outline clearly how Auroville's development will benefit from the funds proposed to be raised.

4. The inclusion of a road map for environmental, social and financial sustainability in project proposals is recommended.



### **3. Reporting**

1. Donors and grantors will need to be given regular updates on the impact of their contributions.

2. Auroville units, activities and projects that make use of donated funds should have a robust donor relationship program in place to ensure that donors and grantors are regularly informed about project progress.

### **4. Transparency**

1. A high degree of trustworthiness and transparency shall be maintained in project operations, including financial management, governance, and impact reporting.

2. Donors, grantors and other contributors must be able to see evidence of their contributions making the impact as envisaged in the project proposals.

3. Auroville units, activities and projects should be equipped to provide transparent and reliable accounts of the expenditure incurred with the contributions received.

4. Upon completion of a project, a comprehensive completion report of project implementation and impact shall be prepared.

### **5. Administrative costs**

1. Administrative costs shall be kept as low as possible while ensuring that project accounting, monitoring and reporting are undertaken correctly.

2. In the case of certain grants and donations a maximum percentage of total project cost which is permitted as administration and other overhead costs may be provided for in the donation or grant agreement / letter or may be determined by statutory provisions. Such caps on administrative and overhead costs shall be strictly complied with.

### **6. Utilization**

1. When fundraising is done for a specific project or project component, funds received shall be used only for such project or component.

2. When unspecified donations are received, utilization thereof shall be in accordance with Auroville budgets and priorities as may be set by the FAMC from time to time.

3. Donations and grants received shall be utilized in full for the Auroville projects for which the donations and grants have been raised and there shall be no retention of any part of the funds received by any of the Auroville entities through which such funds are channeled for administrative, accounting or other purposes.

### **7. Accounting and Audits**

1. All Auroville donations and grants shall be received only through the official channels of Auroville Foundation.

2. Assets created with donations and grants shall be accounted for as Auroville Foundation assets in the relevant books of account of the concerned unit, activity or project.

3. No donations or contributions shall be received by Auroville Foundation or its units, activities and projects for the benefit of an individual.

4. Financial accounting and audits of projects funded with donations and grants shall be undertaken as per guidelines and manuals as issued by the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) from time to time.

5. If a donation or grant agreement provides for a project audit, such audit shall be conducted in addition to regular internal and statutory audits.

### **8. Income Tax Relief**

1. Auroville Foundation is authorized to issue donation receipts with income tax relief to donors who are taxable in India under sections 80G, 35(i)(ii) and 35(i)(iii) of the Income Tax Act.

2. The applicability of each type of income tax relief will depend on the nature of the project for which funds are being raised.

## 9. Fundraising and expenditure process

1. For each project, program or activity for which donations, grants or contributions are sought, the process fundraising and project implementation trajectory will include, but may not be limited to the following steps:

2. Check the eligibility of the project proposal in the context of Auroville, its objectives and values;

3. Evaluate the project proposal in terms of costs and sustainability;

4. Determine under which section of the Income Tax Act, tax relief can be offered to the prospective donor(s) (80G, 35(1)(ii), 35(1)(iii)) for donations from within India and / or whether the project qualifies as a CSR project with reference to Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013;

5. Approve the fundraising documentation and the prospective donor / contributor target group;

## 10. Raise the funds

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b. Evaluate the project proposal in terms of costs and sustainability;

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d. Approve the fundraising documentation and the prospective donor / contributor target group;

e. Raise the funds;

f. In the case of foreign contributions, ensure receipt of funds through the dedicated SBI Bank account to be used for this purpose;

g. Receive the funds and issue the donation / contribution receipt with tax relief where applicable;

h. Allocate/ disburse as already determined earlier in the process;

i. Undertake the project and monitor progress;

j. Send periodical progress reports to the donor / contributor;

k. Prepare the completion report;

l. Undertake a project audit, where applicable;

m. Do a project completion review (actual vs. plan review; lessons learned etc.; feedback from donor / contributor etc.)

## Miscellaneous

1. FAMC may establish committees, subgroups or service units to implement or monitor implementation of these guidelines or parts thereof.

2. These guidelines may be updated or amended by the FAMC from time to time.

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