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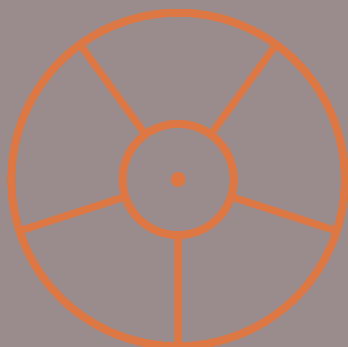
RA EDITION



PONDERING

Let this year bring you the true faith – a faith that no darkness can obscure.

The Mother, 2 February 1944



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(continued from last week)

This work is so minute that it is hard to describe. The only way of working is not to go into deep meditations, which affect only the summits of our being, or to attain an extraordinary concentration or ecstasies, but to remain right in the midst of things, to work at the level of the body, at the very lowest rungs of the ladder, so to speak, every minute of the day and night. This is why Sri Aurobindo insisted on the need for outer work and basic physical exercises, because such activities are the only way to measure oneself against Matter and to drive a little bit of true consciousness into it, or, rather, to allow Agni to emerge. This is why, too, he used to walk for many hours every day and then work at night. Through this external work, and because of it, the seeker will see all the false vibrations appear in broad daylight, all the creases of the body, as the Mother calls them. Next each false vibration will have to be rectified. But this is still a negative way of putting it, for there is only one Vibration of divine joy in the world and in things – the Vibration – because God is Joy. The moment falsehood sets in, that very vibration begins to become discolored, hardened, tense, and everything begins grating. Suffering is the most certain sign of falsehood. Pain is the Falsehood of the world. The task of the seeker, then, is not so much to struggle against so-called bad vibrations as to keep the true vibration alive, the divine joy in the body, for this joy has the power to set things right again, to ease the pain, to harmonize and to heal all those tight, wearisome, deceitful little vibrations in which our cells constantly live. It would be tedious, as tedious as the work itself, to describe the countless tiny falsehoods of the body through which old age, disease, and death manage to creep in. To do each thing in the true way, as the Mother says, while there are so many false ways of doing the slightest daily gesture. To give an example, this is one direction of the work among many others: we do everything in a state of tension, hurriedly, carelessly, unconsciously; in response to the thousand and one stimuli of outer life, not to mention crises, we behave physically like a patient in a dentist's chair; we are tense and nervous, because we are forever in a rush, afraid, anxious, or eager. This is the legacy of several millions of years of animal nature; our substance has retained the memory of all our struggles for survival, and its immediate response is to tense up. This tension is one of the causes of death, as well as a major obstacle to establishing the true vibration. When we become tense because of a blow, we concentrate all our vital force in one point, as a defense; an enormous current abruptly passes through a tiny opening, which turns red and hurts. If we could learn to expand our physical consciousness and to absorb the blow instead of rejecting it, we would not suffer; all suffering, at any level whatsoever, is a narrowness of consciousness. Similarly, if the warm, gold supramental dust were suddenly to fill our cells and the body reacted with its usual contraction, everything would explode. In other words, our cellular consciousness, like our mental and vital consciousness, must learn to expand and to universalize itself. Cosmic consciousness must be introduced there also. In mental silence, the mental consciousness universalizes itself; in vital peace, the vital consciousness universalizes itself; in the stillness of the body, the physical consciousness universalizes itself. Stillness, receptivity, and cellular expansion seem to be among the basic conditions for the bodily substance to be able to withstand Agni and to endure.

Immediately, however, a momentous difficulty arises. Universalization of the physical consciousness? But then, if the body is one with all other bodies, it means that all the other bodies are right there inside it, along with all the falsehoods of the world! This is no longer only one person's battle; it becomes the whole world's battle. We are now approaching the real problem. In this new physical transparency the seeker makes yet another, rather brutal discovery: all his yogic achievements and powers are falling to pieces. He had achieved a control of illness, of the body's functions, perhaps even of gravity, had even been able to swallow poison with impunity; he was the master of his house, because his consciousness was in control. But the moment he decides to transform the body, all his powers vanish, like water receding into the sand. Diseases assail him as if he were a mere beginner; the bodily organs begin to deteriorate. Everything goes awry. It would seem that the body has to forget its old false, decay-causing operation for it to learn everything in a new way. Then death enters the picture. Between the old mode of functioning of the body and the new one, in which the symbolic organs will be replaced by the true Vibration, the line separating life from death is often very thin indeed; perhaps one must even be able to cross the line and come back for the conquest to be complete and real. This is what Mother called dying to death, after having undergone an experience from which she almost did not return. In other words, one has to face everything, and everything resists. We are already aware of the same phenomenon at the higher levels of consciousness. As the seeker set out on his path, everything began going wrong: he who believed his mind to be firmly anchored in the truth was suddenly visited by a host of the most aggressive suggestions and doubts; he who believed himself pure and honest suddenly experienced an array of vital horrors, enough to scare off the worst villains in this world plus a few others from beyond. As Sri Aurobindo has already explained, one cannot solve a problem, on any plane, without confronting all the opposites of one's Goal. Otherwise, there would be no victory, but only repression. Nowhere, not on any plane, is it a matter of cutting off evil from the rest, but of convincing it of its own light.

(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

With love and gratitude,
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)

NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
TUESDAY 5PM

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of Harmony, Goodwill, and Truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
- Please AVOID CAPS letters
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to **newsandnotes@auroville.services**
- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before **Tuesday 5pm.**



DISCLAIMER:

Please note that the opinions and views expressed on these pages are solely those of the respective authors or work groups and do not necessarily reflect the position of the editors or the larger Auroville community. The News & Notes aims to provide a platform for the publication of diverse perspectives and voices from multiple sources within Auroville.

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

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

The News and Notes team
newsandnotes@auroville.services

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,

if you wish for your events, workshops, and other content to be published in the RA N&N please send it to:

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 # 192 DATED: 10-08-2023

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 Aurovilian in writing to auroville.entryservice@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- **Fabio PALUMBO (Italian)** staying in Sunship and working at Language lab

- **Karunanithi SENGANI aka Balaji (Indian)** staying in New Creation and working at Gaia's Garden



NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- **Lopa GOSH (Indian)**

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Chitra SADAYANDY (Indian)** staying in Siddhartha forest and working at Auroville Papers' bookshop (Visitor Center)



AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- **Vismai RAO (Indian)**

LEFT ON THEIR OWN:

- Yolane KOCHER (French)

SPOUSE OF AN AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Monica Prabhu (Indian)

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been returned and should not exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
- A Newcomer becomes an 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

CALL FOR MENTORS

As you might know, according to the present Entry Policy an applicant needs 2 mentors to start his/her Newcomer process. Mentors are responsible for supporting the Newcomers by helping them integrate into the life of the Auroville Community and its ideals. The mentors are the bridge between Newcomers and the Entry Secretariat and the Entry Board.

As you might have noticed, every week we publish the names of people from all over the world applying to become Newcomers and start the process of joining Auroville.

We really need mentors who can assist the Newcomers through their Newcomer period, offering guidance, supporting and being a solid link to the community.

At this moment, many applicants are waiting to start their process, but we are unable to take them in due to either unavailability or unwillingness of mentors.

Could you please reflect upon the present situation and reconsider whether to take new applicants or come forward to become a new mentor.

The Entry Board is available for you to help understand your roles and responsibilities in a friendly manner. Please write to us on auroville.entryservice@gmail.com or entryboard@auroville.services if you offer yourself as a part of the Mentor Pool.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

The Entry Board and the Entry Secretariat

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY SHARING

RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION

Last two days to vote on two RAD Proposals

Voting on two Residents' Assembly Decision (RAD) proposals for the community to approve or disapprove:

1. Emergency RAD by the Residents' Assembly (tinyurl.com/RADProposal1)
2. Emergency functions to the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly to select members of working groups (tinyurl.com/RADProposal2)

To vote online, use the personalized voting link sent to you on email by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS). **Last date for online voting is Saturday, 12 August.**

In-person voting at Solar Kitchen on Sunday, 13 August, 11 am to 2 pm.

RAS Members: Veronique, Tatiana, Satprem, Sandeep, Robert, Mandakini, Manas, Giovanni

NEW "AUROVILLE NEWS PODCAST" SERIES



AUROVILLE
News

Dear residents,

We're very happy to announce the first episode of our new "Auroville News Podcast". This podcast will present the community with regular updates about the unfolding of events in Auroville, and other important news related to Auroville's current reality.



<https://youtu.be/TMErCu0jgWc>

In this first episode of "Auroville News Podcast", we delve into the latest happenings in Auroville, an international community in South India. We discuss the ongoing Residents' Assembly Decision-making processes, the imminent visit of the Hon'ble President of India, the potential destruction of the Auroville Dog Shelter, the Ayarpadi Farm takeover, restructuring plans for Auroville Schools, and the latest on visa issues. We also provide a short update on the legal cases concerning Auroville currently listed in the Madras High Court.

You can find our podcast on [Spotify](#), [Apple Music](#) and [YouTube](#). Make sure to subscribe to be notified when the next episodes are released!

Find more information here: <https://auroville.media/podcasts>

Additionally, you can follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

We hope this will enable everyone to stay informed and up-to-date about what's happening in Auroville.

In community,

Auroville Media Liaison

(Auroville Media Liaison is an activity approved by the Working Committee duly selected by the Residents' Assembly)

AVSST SECURITY REPORT - JANUARY TO JUNE 2023



Dear Community members,

AVSST's duty reports for **January to June 2023** is available on Auronet.

To find it, go in the "Reports" section of Auronet by clicking where indicated in the following screenshot:

Thank you

The Auroville Safety & Security Team

OPEN LETTER: RELOCATION OF FARMS

To members of the farmservice, FAMC, Secretary AVF,

We write to express our concern as to the announcement that three farm areas (Buddha Garden, Siddhartha and Shambala) are to be removed to make place for a road, parking lots and convenience facilities. This will certainly be a loss for Auroville's agricultural sustainability and productivity.

We understand that a bypass road of Edayanchavadi may be needed, as well as facilities for visitors to Auroville and that there are not many land parcels in the area where this can be accomplished. However, despite some misgivings, we do not propose to oppose the plan as we do not have a fully clear view of the larger picture and we can see there is some validity behind it, nevertheless, while not opposing the road in principle we think that you could have in all fairness have discussed with the farm group to see if a way could be found to make a road that did not obliterate all this farmland, which appears to us to be in direct contradiction to other statements you have made about wanting to increase agricultural production in Auroville.

If the farms must go then what we wish to emphasise is that a proper plan for relocating these farms be implemented so their activities are not lost for the community. This means locating viable land areas with access to them and sufficient funds, enough to relocate and or establish new facilities, such as borewells, storerooms, accommodation, etc. We believe this to be a reasonable and necessary request that it is Auroville/AVF's obligation to fulfil.

We request that before any works start, the above matters should be cleared in an open and transparent agreement between the farmers, AVFO and the implementing ATDC group.

Regards,
Auroville farmers

OPEN LETTER

Dear Madame Secretary,

This is to inform you, with a heavy heart, that Mother's funding request, 13 pages, to build her town via systems engineering, in five years, has been secretly removed from References, Galaxy section, in the Auronet. This is the niche I had created to post the most relevant documents on Mother's town which I have been gathering for the past thirty-seven years, often receiving them personally. Initially as a member of the Centre for Human Unity, instituted by Kireet Joshi and funded by the GOI.

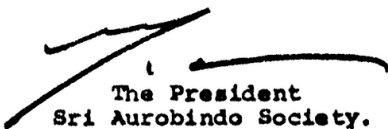
In 1987 Suresh Hindocha handed over to me a folder, never disclosed before, whose crown-jewel was Mother's resolve to adopt the systems engineering; this is the only document she ever signed on the Galaxy, as President of the Sri Aurobindo Society. When, with the help of one administrator, I was about to post under References the complete Hindocha folder, the Auronet was taken over; this was also the end of my historical documentation on Auroville's official website. But at least Mother's letter had been posted, secured... until I discovered that even this most sacred, unique document has been suppressed... Nor does Mother's letter appear in "Arise" – the new official publication recently initiated – depriving this venue as well of the only, most precious document the Mother signed, and which I attach you.

To continue documenting Mother's Auroville as assigned to me, from the beginning, by Kireet Joshi, I have so far published three books:

- "The Auroville Foundation Act and the Mother's guidelines", 2005, sponsored by the Auroville Foundation.
- "The New Being and the New Society", 2012, sponsored by SAIER.
- "Interacting with Unesco during Mother's years", 2014, sponsored by Stitching de Zaaier.

It is my intention to complete the cycle publishing "Systems engineering Galaxy – the one plan the Mother approved for execution – and her guidelines".

Regards
Paulette



**The President
Sri Aurobindo Society.**

Mother's signature ends the funding request to the Ford Foundation.

NEWS FROM THE DOG SHELTER

Dear AV Community Members,
Dear Dog Lovers!



We want to draw your attention to a pressing concern regarding the well-being of healthy puppies found on the streets. Many of these puppies, despite seemingly being on their own, do actually have nurturing mothers who provide them with vital nutrition. Mother's milk plays a crucial role in their development, offering not only essential nutrition but also a boost for their immune system, which they need to survive.

The Auroville Dog Shelter is dedicated to rescuing dogs that can no longer survive on the streets due to illness, age, or accidents. While our shelter is currently over capacity, we regret that we cannot accommodate healthy puppies. Given that puppies lack vaccinations and our shelter environment is susceptible to viruses, healthy puppies will not survive for long in a shelter environment. Please understand that our shelter is not equipped to handle healthy puppies as we don't have 24-hour staff on site. If a puppy is sick or injured, we will make every effort to accommodate it and provide medical care.

We have initiated a street treatment program despite the many challenging circumstances at the moment. When informed about healthy puppies living on the streets, we establish schedules for visits to provide food and water on the spot, conduct health checks, and administer vaccinations to those of appropriate age. To ensure their survival, we're promoting a fostering program this month. We encourage Auroville residents and dog lovers capable of caring for these little ones to foster them for periods ranging from a few days to three months, offering them a brighter future. Be part of this program! Teaching a young puppy how to socialize, and spoiling it with your love and care guarantees that it will find a good permanent home when adopted.

Once we have built the new Auroville Dog Shelter, we will be able to house and care for puppies, providing a safe and nurturing space. An adoption program will also be developed to find them permanent homes.

We are actively pursuing a sterilization program for street dogs, which is the only long-term solution to controlling the canine population in the whole area. While awaiting approval from the Animal Welfare Board of India, a legal requirement for sterilizations of street dogs, we are fundraising to sterilize 1,000 street dogs in Auroville and the bioregion within a year. This substantial endeavor necessitates Rs. 25 lakhs, or €28,000, to effectively manage the dog population.

Let's work all together to solve this issue for a better future for our dogs and humans living together. Cities like Bangalore have shown that this problem can be solved, so let's show India that Auroville can also find a great long-term solution for the benefit of animals and humans.

Your Auroville Dog Shelter Team

VOICES AND NOTES

SHORTEN THE REALISATION TIME

A change of consciousness is like learning to play a new musical instrument: once you've enrolled then constant repetitions and prompts from the Master day in day out. Some don't even know what they've got themselves into. The Maestro has so many tricks up its sleeves to convert the old world mind that is too hard-headed, or too high-headed to even consider being a willing servitor. So lots of baited tempts and painful hammerings needed, administered by the assistant gods. If transformation is not possible in this life then next, and next, and... no escaping One's only eternal Play after all.

The Sunlit Path of Bhakti is the easiest and most joyful, although in our self-limited hierarchical versions we don't get to choose our roles. One might get assigned as the ever repeating metronome...

Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick...

The replaceable string or the stick.

All unique sorts whatever, you name it.

Only upon perfection do you get to pick.

Voilà!

PS: a lovegift from none other than the Divine Mother:

"...those who have as a link between them the knowledge Sri Aurobindo has given and the will to live according to that knowledge—there remains for them the possibility of intensifying their aspiration, their will, their effort, to gather their energies together and shorten the time for the realisation."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/09/7-august-1957>

Zech, 2023.08.01

STILL IN BETWEEN

Here we very carefully understand and apply the guidance from our founders the Mother and Sri Aurobindo themselves, as we are still in between:

"Someone from Auroville wrote to me that he thought he had come here to obey no one but himself (or words to that effect), but he noticed there are rules and laws. And he said, "I am not going to do any of this; I am a free man and refuse to do this." This was reported to me, naturally, so I wrote to him (I don't remember): "One is free only when one is conscious of the Divine and conscious that it is the Divine who makes decisions in everyone, otherwise one is the slave of one's desires, one's habits, of all conventions...."

I sent him that, and he kept quiet.

That's what I wanted to add here [to this aphorism (see below)]. We should say: One is free only when it is the Divine who makes decisions in each of us, otherwise men are the slaves of their desires, their habits, of all conventions, all laws, all rules.... And the more they think themselves free, the more bound they are!"

"320—The anarchic is the true divine state of man in the end as in the beginning; but in between it would lead us straight to the devil and his kingdom.

And what do I answer to the previous aphorism?

Ah, yes....

319—Governments, societies, kings, police, judges, institutions, churches...

Yes, he put everything into it: religions and police together!

Yes, it goes together!

I was delighted.

...laws, customs, armies are temporary necessities imposed on us for a few groups of centuries because God has concealed His face from us. When it appears to us again in its truth and beauty, then in that light they will vanish.

And what did I answer?

You said:

"The anarchic state is the government of everyone by himself.

"And it will be the perfect government when everyone is conscious of the inner Divine and obeys Him and Him alone."

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/11/february-7-1970>

Zech, 2023.08.01

A FEW IDEAS/POINTS/THOUGHTS

As a response to the idea that the NGT is something that people wanted, I would like to say that I believe that no one wanted it. But as is usually the case when a civil disorder, such as domestic violence within a family for example, can no longer be resolved internally, then it is, unfortunately, for the law to intervene. That is what it is supposed to be there for, no?

The NGT ruling has meant that Auroville has less control over its own planning but, in reality, as we have failed to put in place proper planning, it is understandable that this is now imposed, to at least meet basic standards.

Regarding representing one thing or the other, what else can one do? No one can, nor claim to, represent all of Auroville.

Most of the tensions are not just about a road or some trees but instead (briefly) about:

1. The censoring of the Auronet and removal of members (such as myself) without any process or reasoning. We still have no idea who the administrators are as they don't respond to queries.
2. The takeover of the Archives without any process or reasoning.
3. The censoring of the News and Notes and threat of litigation if anything of the RA selected groups was posted.
4. The leave India notice issued to Mael and the exit permit for Satprem and numerous other visa related issues and FIRs mostly given to people who say/said something that other people don't want to hear.
5. The implementation of "development" or demolition without reasoning, proper plans, community approval nor development priorities of any sort identified. There is a perspective master plan, not a master plan. It is written quite clearly on page 9 [of the Universal Township Master Plan \(Perspective 2025\)](#).
6. The threatening of eviction of people on above said areas for development despite the lack of the previously mentioned plans etc, and this despite the lack of housing in AV. [There is a full map showing structures colored in red](#) which are to be demolished to make way for a plan that does not exist.
7. The replacement of members of working groups without process and without approved mandates in their new role, in some cases dismissing procedures that had been arrived at after many years of tweaking though community processes.
8. The "requirement" for everyone to be on an email system managed by nobody knows who but who can access anyone's mails.

Does anything above have anything to do with human unity or even, at the very least, a half-decent society? I am all for peace, progress and development but where does that fit in with the above?

There is so much blame on why Auroville is not 'Progressing'. It always seems to be someone else's fault. Well, we definitely need to improve, and we definitely need to stop blaming others for things we need to work on. But how does one do the work here with the above happening? Does one just deny it as long as it doesn't affect you directly? Does one just rely on others to sort things out? Or time perhaps?

[Interesting times](#),
Island

WHAT'S IN A PARK? PART 1

here seems to be an idea of where parks in Auroville should be, but I wonder how much thought has actually gone into it.



Figure 1 From the Master Plan, 1999

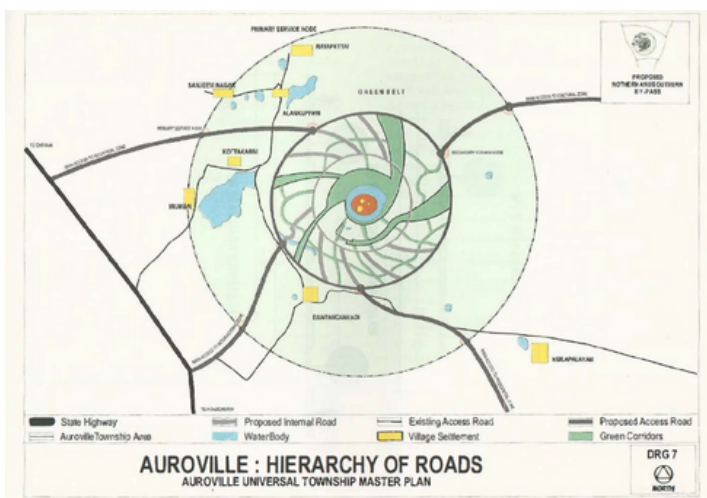


Figure 2 From the Auroville Universal Township Master Plan (Perspective 2025), 2001: What most people refer to as the approved master plan.

- When you picture a park do you think of green lawns with majestic trees here and there? A fountain in a central location? Maybe some permanent/semi-permanent art installations? Benches?
- How formal or maintained is it?
- How shaded is it? What about in summer? Is it shaded then?
- How much water is used? Unlimited or sustainably managed?
- Are there only a few lockable entrances/exits? Is it locked at night? Or perhaps earlier?
- Does it have established paths? What are they made of? How wide are they? Are they only for walking or can you also cycle on them?
- Are there secluded spots? Is there a maze? Can you clearly see from one end to the other or is it obstructed by vegetation/structures/statues?
- Is there a gradient of vegetation with formal, manicured areas and maybe wilder areas for habitats for animals and birds? What about insects? Are there [bee hotels](#)?
- Does it take into consideration and perform functions related to where water flows in the monsoon?
- Are spaces for events there? Permanent buildings?

Here are a few examples of parks in urban areas around the world for reference:

- [Hamstead Heath \(England\)](#). (790 acres): Contains manicured lawns, pools, play areas, **ancient woodlands** etc. Always open.
- [Chapultepec Park \(Mexico\)](#). (1,700 acres): Contains a zoo, lakes, museums, restaurants, sports areas, **forest** etc. Controlled opening times.
- [Ibirapuera Park \(Brazil\)](#). (390 acres): Museums, lakes, music hall, concerts, green spaces. Open from 5am until midnight every day.

Dryer areas, closer in type to what we have here:

- [Kings Park and Botanic Garden \(Perth, Australia\)](#). (988 acres): A mixture of grassed parkland, botanical gardens and 1/3 is **bushland** (the natural vegetation of the area). Open daily.
- [Golden Gate Park \(San Francisco, USA\)](#). (1,017 acres): Museum, Academy of Sciences, lakes, arboretum, wild animals, etc. Always open.
- [Lumphini Park \(Bangkok\)](#). (142-acres): Trees, playground lake, library, youth center etc. Openings vary based on areas.

In the next few weeks, I will attempt to go through some aspects related to this, within the Auroville context. What I would like to emphasise is that urban parks are not only a few trees here and there. They can be significantly larger than thin strips, be incredibly varied in style and perform multiple useful functions within urban centres.

Island, arboriculturist.

THE ARTS

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Art exhibition by Hufreesh Dumasia



WHISPERING SOUL
Unveiling the unseen world
ART EXHIBITION
Solo show by Hufreesh Dumasia


OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION
Saturday, August 5, 2023
5:00pm - 6:30pm

THREE WEEK LONG DISPLAY
August 5 to 31, 2023

Monday through Saturday
8:30am to 12:30 pm and
2.30 to 5.00 pm

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Whispering Soul Unveiling the Unseen World

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 is open till Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Monday to Saturday, 8.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30 to 5.30 pm

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TAXI SHARE



18 AUGUST AT 6AM TO CHENNAI AIRPORT

I am leaving on the **18th of August at 6am** for **Chennai airport**. If somebody would like to share a taxi, contact Ann 9443790661.

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE - MAKING IT HAPPEN - FROM JILL NAVARRE

Dear Lovers of Theatre,

You can make it happen! This time, we are on the brink of a new theatrical experience. It's called **Immersive Theatre**, where the audience and the actors are not separated, but take part in the story ...together. Scary? You bet! Thrilling, if we can make it work and arrive, at the end, together, to a new Hope. A new Earth. Auroville!

The play is called "**A FIRE: Spiritual Journey of a Nomad**", adapted from the story UN FEU (A FIRE) by Aurovilian Pavitra (Pascal Estrem). By the title, you can guess that we are on the road to self-discovery, when a soul (the Narrator) tells us about his family's amazing journey from the horrors of World War II to a search for our "brothers and sisters" to arriving (We are Millions) to a New Earth. A New Creation. Auroville!

We figure the cost to be Rs. 5,46,120 or In Dollars \$7,282, in Euros 6,827. That's our total budget for 3 nights of performance at CRIPA, Kalabhumi, Auroville and includes support for the actors, costumes, set design, food and local transport. If you would like to see the full budget breakdown, please let me know. I can send it to you!

Ways to Contribute: It's pretty painless: Just say it's for a project called A FIRE: Spiritual Journey of a Nomad / the Auroville Theatre Group. Our **Financial Service account is # 251067**.

For Donations from India: <https://donations.auroville.org/>

For Donations from Abroad: <https://auroville.org/page/donate-from-abroad>

Should you have any questions or need further information about our production, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at this email address: jill.navarre@gmail.com or Whatsapp +91 9486416173..

Thank you for taking the time to consider this appeal. Your support, large or small, will truly make a world of difference. We can't do it without you!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jill Navarre

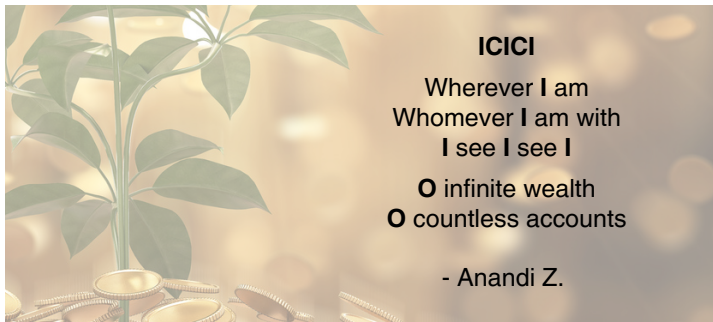
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Photo credit: Radha Ganesan

POETRY



ICICI

Wherever I am
Whomever I am with
I see I see I

○ infinite wealth
○ countless accounts

- Anandi Z.

AWAKENING SPIRIT

WE ARE ALL ONE

In the Buddhist tradition this empty or "emptiness"
Does not mean voidness or nothingness;
As how could anything come from nothing?
All things have come from the One Supreme Something.
Emptiness means that each thing in the universe
Is empty of, or lacks, inherent existence.
A thing, even a particle of an atom, can only exist
Because of another particle or something else.
A phenomenal thing cannot exist by itself alone,
It must depend on another, and then another
In an intertwined karmic existence that is based
On a continuum of co-dependent causes and effects.
Thus the Buddha's teachings of Interconnectedness,
Dependent Origination, Interdependence, and Impermanence,
And the Non-attachment to things that change always:
The whole universe is in a constant state of flux.
These existential truths have been reconfirmed
By our modern sciences especially Quantum Mechanics,
From all experiments done by the branches of Particle Physics,
Definitive results now used in our modern technologies.
However, although this ever-fluctuating universe including us
Is in an ever constant movement of wiggle and dance,
There is this ever eternal Something, a Consciousness-Force
That is and has always been there, here, upholding the Play.
Without That One Eternal unchanging Basis, the Source, the Essence,
How can we, the constant changings, the becomings, even be?
And so the realisation: Tat Tvam Asi
You are That, We are That,
Only at present self-limited versions, bright sparklings,
The whole universe itself ourselves we are experiencing.
And with this understanding of the oneness of everything,
And that what we are experiencing is an evolutionary continuum,
We continue on in this profound self-realisation:
That We are all One.
The One superconsciously expressing Its infinite unique selves
For the Ananda, the bliss, of it all, of all possible existences.
And so in this Great Cosmic Adventure of the One and Its many
We consciously continue on...
Towards a Life Divine.

Zech, 2023.08.02

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 15th August, 9 am - 12 noon

Focus: The Self-mastery

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

Location



THURSDAY MEDITATION AT THE AMPHITHEATRE

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

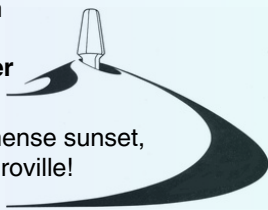
**Meditation with Savitri read by Mother
to Sunil's music**

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



WORK OPPORTUNITIES

**AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER IS LOOKING FOR AN
ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE!**



If you've witnessed our crazy journey through the past four months, navigating through turbulent and challenging times, facing storms and impending destruction, and never experiencing even one week without surprises, you might think we're crazy to ask you to take on this crazy, challenging responsibility without the possibility of financial compensation (unless you manage to convince Auroville for urgently needed additional maintenances).

As we embark on building an entirely new Auroville Dog Shelter, we are seeking a strong-minded and big-animal-hearted individual to join our team as an additional executive. Your support will be crucial in helping us realize this significant project and build something truly remarkable for our dogs and the entire Auroville community.

Your daily presence at the shelter isn't required, but your strong connections within Auroville and knowledge of problem-solving within the sometimes confusing Auroville system will be a valuable asset. With our ongoing need for funding to constantly improve our animal care and expand our AV Community services, we would really need you to handle countless boring grant applications, oversee donation gateways to ensure our commitment to 100% transparency, and assist with organizing various tasks, be they sometimes as banal as finding firewood so we can cook our dogs their meals or even setting up and organizing major charity and fundraising events. The sky is the limit!

We need your professionalism, enthusiasm, patience, love for our dogs, and willingness to participate in our grand vision to build the best model dog shelter in India for our beloved Auroville.

If you think you've got what it takes and want to join us on this incredible journey towards a bright future for the Auroville Dog Shelter, contact us, meet the team, and let us talk!

Contact Arthur on WhatsApp 8122225266

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

KOLAMYOGA FOUNDATION COURSE

3 Month committed learning of an integral basic understanding of all the Kolam types in how they are built, constructed, created, in how they function and why and how they are embedded in Universal principles of life force..

Starts with Paddi Kolam in August:

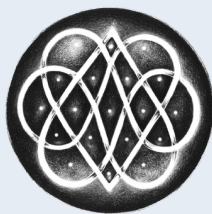
- Monday 14 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 21 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 28 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm

Kodu Pulli Pooh Kolam in September:

- Monday 4th from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 11 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 18 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 24 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm

Sikku Nelly Kambi Kolam in October:

- Monday 9th from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 16 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 23 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm
- Monday 30 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm



Registrations are still open!

If these 3 months do not work for you you can sign up for the following 3 months of November/ December 2023 and January 2024..dates /days still to be fixed...with your available input!

See attached also the Announcements of loose to follow WS that can give you an idea of what the learning of KolamYoga is like.

You are expected to do lots of self practice with given assignments.

At the end if all days have been completed by you you are entitled to a KolamYoga Basic training/ Foundation course certificate making you a KolamYoga Practitioner.

Contact email: info@kolamyoga.com

or Whatsapp +91 8072449091

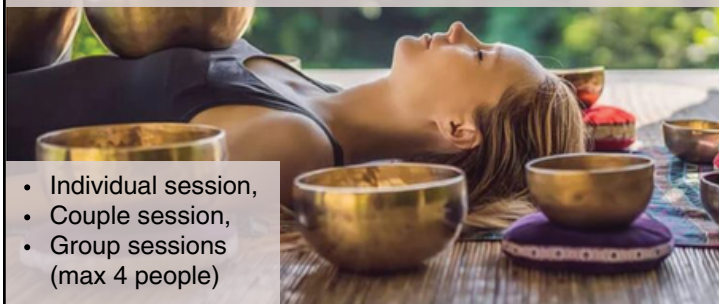
Most Welcome with Grace Gitadelila

ACTIVITIES BY LAKSHMI

Sound Chakras Healing

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

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



Private Transformational Yoga Classes

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

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

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



Please contact for an Appointment:

Lakshmi 8489764602 or
lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

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

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 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

Website: taichi.auroville.org, 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

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

MARC'S C.L.C

COFFEE LEARNING COMMUNITY



Welcome to CLC, a place to learn all about coffee and coffee culture.

Our team will conduct classes, workshops, research programs and field trips for all those interested to explore the world of coffee from a holistic perspective.

Auroville endeavour for the past 55 years has created a culture of learning with a purpose, to manifest a higher level of existence based on the human potential which allows humanity to prepare for the next evolutionary age of the planet.

Hence, CLC is a homegrown entity that aims to offer high quality integral education and research programs to the surrounding villages, the Indian subcontinent and Internationally.

Why Coffee Culture?

Coffee is the second worldwide mostly traded commodity in the world, with a value chain that connects people across the globe. Coffee Culture brings people together offering a great ecosystem to connect and collectively find solutions to the most pressing issues of the XXI century: ecological balance, access to living wages, global peace through human unity.

Visit your online store , under master classes you can find out program

www.marcscoffees.com

Foundations of Speciality Coffee

From August 21st – August 25th

A holistic introduction to the world of speciality coffee, exploring its many aspects, rather than solely on the final product by tasting and exploring some of the best international and Indian coffees. It covers 6 modules and 1 final assessment and five days of everything about coffee!

Classes will take place from **10am - 1pm and 3pm - 5pm** at Coffee Learning Community (CLC), First floor Marc's Café

Fermented Drinks Workshop

Every Saturday 3pm - 5pm at Coffee Learning Community (CLC)

Learn how to make delicious Kombucha at home following Matilde's recipes. 2-hour session for beginners that will allow you to make safe fermented drinks at home, learning the basics of fermentation techniques. You will take home 3 unique signature recipes: Tepache, Fruit Soda and Kombucha. The session will end with a tasting from the brewery, a scoby and some tea to take home and kick-start your kombucha making journey.

Coffee Cupping Session

Every Saturday 10am - 12pm pm at Coffee Learning Community (CLC)

2-hour, in-depth introduction to cupping! We will learn how to use The Flavour Wheel, cup a limited selection of speciality coffees from around the world and score them, following the SCA cupping protocols.

Includes a brewing session of the class's favourite coffee, fresh beans of 100g Marc's Coffee for participants to take home.

For enquiry please contact:

contact@marcscoffees.com / 72008 81291

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES

Pre-registration required

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



Energy Cleanse through Yoga Kriyas - with Mamta Saturday, 19 August - 9:30am – 12:00pm

Purify your energy channels with 3 Hatha Yoga Kriyas: Jala neti (saline nasal rinse), Trataka (Fixed gaze) & Kapalbhati (Skull shining breath). They cleanse your body from the inside out, develop immunity & steadfastness, paving the way for evolution of consciousness.

Yearnings for Peace: Peace Within, Peace Without - with Dr. Sehdev Saturday, 19 August - 2:00pm – 4:30pm

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

VIPASSANA

Every Sunday at Udavi school



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

Date: **Every Sunday**

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

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

No registration is required.

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



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

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Yoga with Rachel restarted!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 – 9am

Welcome to our drop-in classes. No prior registration is necessary. The classes are suitable for all level of practitioners.

Feldenkrais Classes with Shari

Shari resumes her classes on
Friday, 11th Aug – 5:15–6:45pm

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.

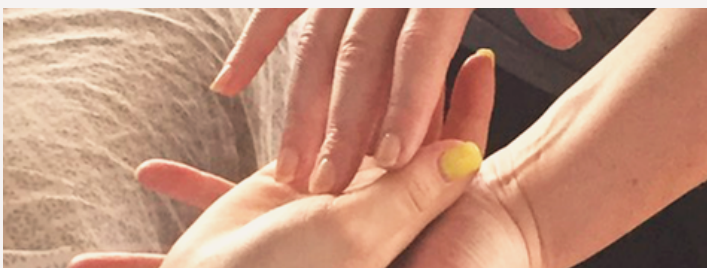
The process of drawing helps to release tension and mental stress that is present in life.

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.

Course: Professional Training - Advanced Massage and Bodywork – Module 4

With Shari



Weekly twice, for 8 weeks (48 hrs)

Sept 4 to Oct 25, 2023
Mondays & Wednesdays
10 am - 1 pm

We will be working on all levels of therapeutic massage and bodywork including anatomy, the body/mind/spirit as the vehicle for doing bodywork, intimacy and moving deeply into the essence of healing. This will include deep listening, integration, and loving/compassionate touch.

We will explore techniques for treatment of specific conditions including the most often requested work on neck, shoulders, upper back, thoracic and lower back conditions, and contraindications.

This is the fourth in a series of 4 eight-week courses with the intention of going deeply into what it means to be a successful professional in this field.

Contribution requested.

Certificate of Completion will be offered.

The class size is limited to 8 students.

For registration, please contact Shari:
+91 95008 22629

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

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ARAM IN THE THIRUKKURAL

"Thirukkural is gnomic poetry, the greatest in planned conception and force of execution ever written in this kind."

- Sri Aurobindo

The *Thirukkural* is possibly the most popular and revered Tamizh text of the last 2000 years. Written by the sage-poet *Thiruvalluvar* it has touched countless lives around the world and showed the path towards right living. The book contains 1330 *kurals* under 133 topics/themes. These topics are further split into three categories - *Aram* (related to right conduct and action), *Porul* (concerning wealth, governance, leadership, etc.) and *Inbam* (pertaining to love and desire). These also closely parallel the *Purusharthas* - *Dharma, Artha and Kama*. The *kurals* themselves are aphoristic couplets only 7 words long, but as the siddha *Avvaiyaar* says, *Valluvar* has infused the depth and breadth "of the 7 seas" into each of them.

We feel it's important to engage with the *Thirukkural* regularly here in Auroville. To start with, we'll study a selected set of 30 *kurals* on *Aram* over 6 weeks. The sessions will be bilingual, a combination of Tamizh and English to make them more inclusive. Transliterations and translations will be provided prior to the session each week and sessions themselves will be an opportunity to delve deeper into the metaphors and their meanings. Anybody keenly curious is most welcome to be a part of this. Currently the sessions are being planned online. But if there is enough interest, we could meet in person too.

The study will be facilitated by **Raman**, a long term Aurovilian and student of Tamizh mystical and devotional poetry.

Dates:

We'll start with an **introductory call** over Zoom on **16th Aug, Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:30 pm IST**, where Raman will give us an overview of the *Thirukkural* and the workshop. This is open to all and not just those who've signed up for the study. The regular sessions will start from **23rd Aug** onwards for six Wednesdays at the same time as above.

Contributions are welcome but not mandatory.

For further details and registrations, please contact:

aram.auroville@gmail.com



We warmly invite you
Aram in the Thirukkural
A 6-week study
Anchored by Thiru. Kothandaraman.
Introductory online talk on
16th Aug, 8:00 - 9:30 pm IST.
Regular sessions from 23rd Aug onwards.
Sessions will be bilingual - in Tamizh and English.

For more details please contact: aram.auroville@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

RUPHAVATI JOY ACTIVITIES

Bio-region Temple Tour



- Every Sunday, Tuesday and Saturday
9 am - 12 noon
- Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
5 pm - 7 pm

Starting from Solar kitchen

Contact: 8098845200

(If you want to Participate, please book it in advance)

Indian cooking

Every Monday to Friday:

- Noon 12 pm to 2 pm
- Evening 5 pm to 6:30 pm

Every Saturday and Sunday:
10 am to 5 pm

at Creativity

Contact: 8098845200

(If you want to Participate, please book it in advance)



Tai massage everyday at Creativity

- 12 noon to 2 pm
- 5 pm to 7 pm



Contact: Cell and WhatsApp number: 8098845200

E-mail: rupavathijoy@gmail.com

(If you want to Participate, please book it in advance)

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

WhatsApp: +91 8940288090

KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE



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Silambam



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Landmark: Next to Auroville Bakery
Kuilapalayam, Tamilnadu 605101
Email: kuilaicreativecentre123@gmail.com
Mobile: + 91-8608473385, +91-9843195290
Website: kuilaicreativecentre.org aviusa.org/?form=Kuilai



Bharatha Natyiam



Kungfu



English Classes



Hip Hop



Music: Keyboard



Tailoring

Archery
Karate
Tai Chi
And Sports Activities

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 or to our WhatsApp: 8608473385

With regards,
Selva from KCC.

TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION

12TH AUGUST (SATURDAY) 5.30PM - 6.30PM

Karan G., an international medal list candidate is hosting a demonstration for Taekwondo before he can start offering regular classes to teach the martial arts. If you are interested in exploring this form of Korean Art, please join us at the demonstration session on **12th August (Saturday), 5.30pm** at **Dehashakti Sports ground**. After the demonstration, registration for the classes would begin. Scan the barcode in the poster for more details on Taekwondo, the instructor and the Class days/ timings.



TAEKWONDO

DEMONSTRATION



OPEN FOR ALL
12TH AUGUST, SATURDAY
5.30 - 6.30 PM

DEHASHAKTI SPORTS GROUND
DANA COMMUNITY
AUROVILLE

FOR DETAILS
SCAN HERE



CONTACT | KARAN | +91-9486056419 | karan@auroville.org.in

Contact: Karan +91 9486056419; karan@auroville.org.in

JOIN US FOR THE AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY FESTIVAL!

Date: August 12th

Venue: Youth Center, Auroville

Step into our Time Boulevard and embrace "Youth Throughout Generations" - reliving the music, arts, movements, and fashion that shaped history. Share stories of YOUR youth with us!

Dresscode: Wear your best costume from any iconic era, whether it's hippie, punk, rock n' roll, or more! Let your style reflect the spirit of generations past!

Program for the day:

12:00pm - 2:00pm - Lunch

2:30pm - 3:30pm - Time Boulevard talks & exhibition

4:00pm - 5:00pm - Collective games

5:30pm - 6:00pm - Dad jokes competition

6:30pm - 7:30pm - Kid's theatre play

7:30pm - 8:30pm - fire show

9:00pm - 10:00pm - Band performance

Note: If you are coming from outside of Auroville, please park at visitor's center where a shuttle will take you to Youth Center.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY FESTIVAL 2023

Youth Center
12th Aug
12pm - 10pm

GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR INNER YOUTH

YouthLink x Youth Center

DOG WASHING EVENT AND PHYSIO THERAPY!

AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

How to find us:



DOG WASHING EVENT & PHYSIO THERAPY!

Join us on
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH
10 AM - 12 PM

Families with children are always welcome!



Summer is still on - 40 degrees heat!

Nothing better than spending a refreshing Sunday morning at the Auroville Dog Shelter and getting wet with our adorable dogs and puppies! It's bathing and grooming time!

For those interested Lore will give a workshop about our successful physiotherapy program which helps to restore mobility for our paralyzed dog friends.

Join us next **Sunday, August 13th at 10.00 a.m.** at the Auroville Dog Shelter to spoil and heal our dogs!

aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com

EDIBLE WEED WALKS

edibleweedwalk@gmail.com / 9840936907



Commelina benghalensis

Painted with Miracle fruit (Memecylon umbelletum)

I offer edible weed walks using the Edible Weeds Coloring book as guide between December and March and some special ones in August - when weeds flourish after a few summer rains.

Two special EDIBLE WEED WALKS scheduled this month are on Saturdays: 12 and 19 August 2023
Time: 7:30am to 8:30am (max 8:45am)
Venue in Auroville: TBA before the walk to pre-registered participants only

Max number of participants/ walk: 10
(to avoid trampling and compaction affecting the plants)

To contribute and pre-registere write to:
edibleweedwalk@gmail.com
or WhatsApp: 9840936907

MYTHSINART OPEN HOUSE EVENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Mythsinart is excited to invite you to our open house on **August 15th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM** at our studio in the Newlands community.

We will be showcasing our ongoing artworks, tarot project, oracle deck, artwear, postcards, and other merchandise. We would love if you could come by and see our latest creations!

If you need directions to our studio, please WhatsApp us at 6384512182 and we will be happy to help.



**Showcasing artwork,
artwear, postcards
and other accessories**

More information:

✉ mythsinart.auroville@gmail.com

☎ +91 6384512182

📍 Newlands community, near Abri

GAME TIME!

AT ARKA - THURSDAYS 3-5PM

Dear players,

A new game session is open to everyone.

It's at **ARKA**, dining room every **Thursday** from **3-5pm**.

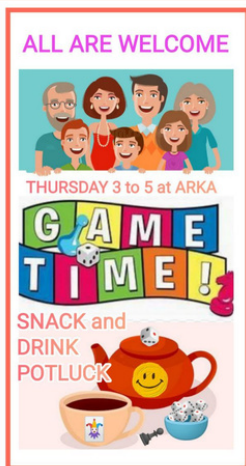
You can bring your favorite games as well.

It's also **potluck time**, then bring what you want to share with others, drinks and savory or sweet snacks.

Just come, no need to register.

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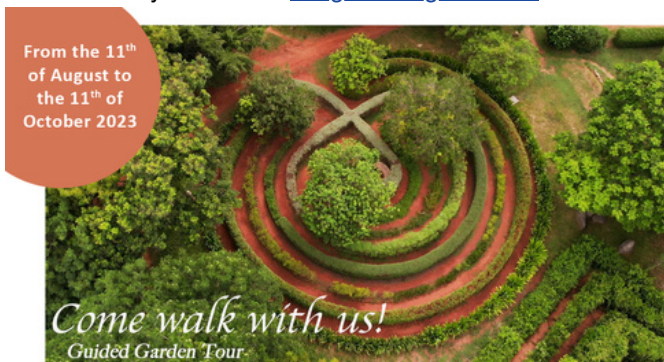
See you soon,
Veronique



JOIN AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN'S GUIDED TOURS

Come and discover the beautiful gardens on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. We start at **9:30**.

Please book your walk at avbgtours@gmail.com



Auroville Botanical Gardens

Wednesdays and Fridays - 9.30 am (about 1^{1/2} hour walk)

Be on time - Bring your water bottle and a hat - Meeting point at BG Kitchen
Please send us an email to: avbgtours@gmail.com to book your walk



SRI AUROBINDO'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

COLLECTION OF TOKENS FOR A ROOM DARSHAN AT THE SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM ON 15 AUGUST 2023

Residents who have registered their names for a Darshan token with us last week are invited to pick up their tokens.

Please come to Pitanga on

Friday, 11/08: 9am - 12pm & 3 - 5pm

Saturday, 12/08: 9am - 12pm & 3 - 5pm

Tokens not collected by 5pm on Saturday will be given away.

If you have not registered for a token for Sri Aurobindo's Room Darshan on 15 August, there are other options for you:

1. Early morning: You may join the general Darshan queue from 4am onwards. No tokens are required until the meditation in the Samadhi begins.
2. After the meditation: From 6.40am onwards, a token is required for entry. You can get your token at the booth near the Ashram Post Office. In this case, you will probably have to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.

With love,
from Pitanga's team

OM Tat Sat Jyotir Aravinda
OM Satyam Gnyanam Jyotir Aravinda
- Sri Aurobindo

15th August 2023
Collective Meditation with Dawn-fire
at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre
4.45 am to 6.30 am

150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

Entrance from the **Second Banyan Gate ONLY**, from 4 am
All are requested to be seated by **4.45 am**
The gate will remain closed from **5.00 to 5.45 am**

Important Information

The Dawn-fire Meditation at the Amphitheatre of the Matrimandir is an opportunity for individuals to experience inner silence in a unique collective setting. To maintain the special atmosphere, everyone is requested to **maintain complete silence**.

Please note that Bags, Cellphones, Cameras, Tablets and other recording devices are strictly not allowed in the Park of Unity, the Matrimandir Gardens and the Amphitheatre.

You may leave your belongings at home, in your vehicle or deposit them at the 'Custody Facility' near the designated parking area outside the Park of Unity, Matrimandir. Management will take utmost care of your items, but will not be responsible for theft or damage of items deposited at the "Custody Facility".

Traffic Instructions

You are requested to **avoid coming by car**. Parking facilities will be available only at the Mahasaraswati/West Gate, a short walk from the Second Banyan tree; dropping off passengers at the Second Banyan Gate is not permitted.

Please do not bring your pets to the Matrimandir.

Through your participation, you can help make the collective meditation a precious moment of inner experience.
Thanking you for your understanding and cooperation.

Evening Program
6 pm at the Amphitheatre

Live Chanting lead by Arnab
All are welcome to participate.

Entrance from the Office Gate from **5.45 pm to 6 pm only**.
Guests need to bring along their Aurocard

Bonne Fête, see you there!

A WALK/RUN OF 5/10 KM ON 13TH AUG

Starting at **7 am** from **Certitude around Matrimandir** and back has been organised by the Certitude Sports team in honour of **Sri Aurobindo's 150th Anniversary**.

All are invited.

Frederick (AVSRC)
For Certitude Sports



CELEBRATING SRI AUROBINDO'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 15, 2023

15th
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Celebrating Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary

Let us come together and celebrate
this special day in community.



Let us come together on the special day to celebrate Sri Aurobindo's vision and action, his spirit of freedom and unity.

Program for August 15

- 4:45am: **Matrimandir Amphitheatre**: Collective Meditation and Dawnfire. *For details, please refer to their official announcement*
- 4:15 - 7pm: **Pavilion of Tibetan Culture**: Family and community activities, including storytelling, crafts, peace flags, games and more
- 4:30 - 6:50pm: **Bharat Nivas**: Debut film screening of Sri Aurobindo and the Earth's Future
- 6:30pm onwards: **Inukshuk**: Lighting of the mandala, evening fire, music and light dinner

We need volunteers to assist in setting up and holding the space on the 14th, 15th and 16th for flower decoration, mandala lighting, snack preparation, food preparation and serving, clean up etc. Also needed are volunteers for helping with crafts and games for activities at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture (Please whatsapp 94892 14408 for details).

Your financial support would also be greatly appreciated. Please make your offering to **FS Account #251570** to assist monetarily.

Volunteers are requested to come to the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture at 10am on **Sunday, August 13th** so we can get organized.

Together in community,
Residents of Auroville

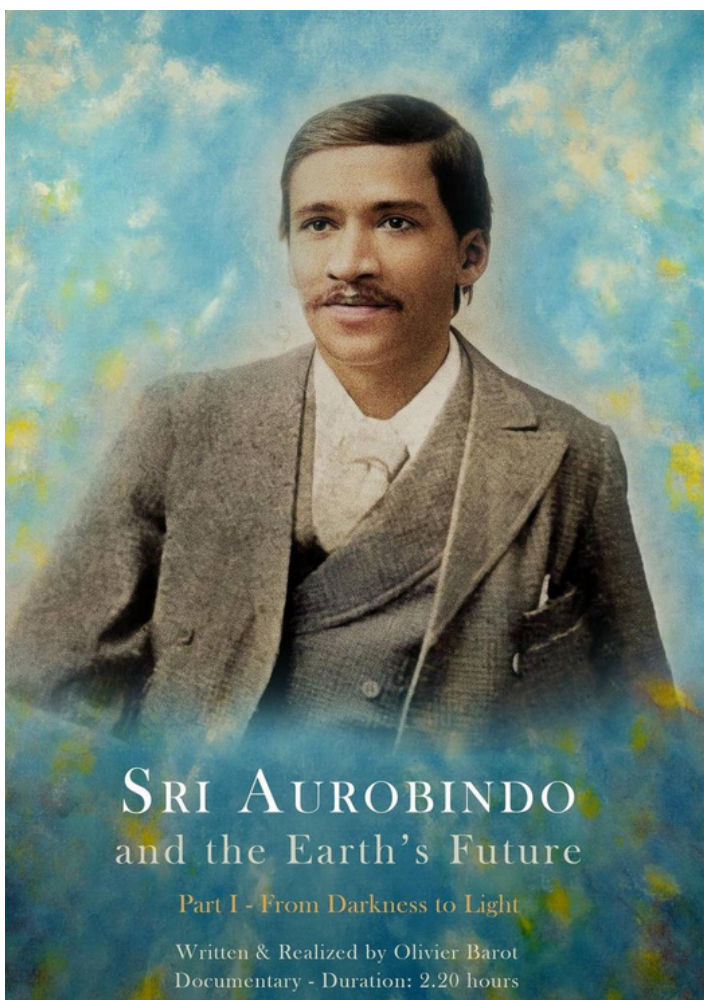


SRI AUROBINDO AND THE EARTH'S FUTURE

BHARAT NIVAS, 15 AUGUST 2023, 4:30 PM

Screening of the movie "**Sri Aurobindo and the Earth's Future**", **part I: From Darkness to Light**, English, duration: 140 minutes

Synopsis: This movie tells the extraordinary life of Sri Aurobindo, from his birth in 1872 till he came to Pondicherry in 1910, his childhood in Calcutta, Darjeeling and England, his life in Baroda after his return to India in 1893, his action has a secret revolutionary leader and, finally, his complete involvement in the Indian freedom struggle after the partition of Bengal in 1905, years before Gandhi came back from South Africa. Poet, Yogi, revolutionary and pioneer of a new evolution, Sri Aurobindo was regarded as the first leader to advocate publicly the complete independence of India from the British rule and soon, he came to be considered by Lord Minto, the Viceroy of India, as "the most dangerous man" in the British empire...



EDUCATION

TUTION GRADE 1-10

I offer Tuition from grade 1 to grade 10.

Contact Ashwini 8270512606

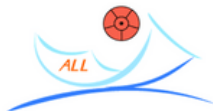


SPOKEN ENGLISH AND HINDI

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 Malayali and speak Malayalam with an authentic Malayalam accent, please contact us by Whatsapp at +919443631861 or email at tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org. We need to record some words & sentences as well as some simple daily life conversations in Malayalam for a research project.

Looking for: We are thankful to Verena for all her years teaching German with us, and taking on experiments like the Tomatis classroom, testing out various teaching platforms during the Covid year, and conducting online and in-person classes with the Goethe Institute material. We are now looking for a native German teacher to continue our A1.1 & 1.2 Beginner Level German courses.

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

Please contact 0413-3509932 or email us at 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-sBMllywZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

For those who slipped through the cracks, whose requests we were not able to respond to, we sincerely apologize.

Please send us an email if still interested, and we'll get back to you soon!

Current Language Courses at ALL

New: Beginner Hindi with Alka

We have a new Hindi teacher!

A native Hindi speaker, Alka has a passion for teaching which she has keenly pursued over the last twelve years. Her approach is to make learning easy through games, songs, poems, & other fun activities. This three-month beginner course is a great introduction to the Hindi language, and intends to make learners comfortable with basic Hindi vocabulary, grammar, and everyday sentences. The course will be paced to align with each student's comfort!

- The course will start on **September 9**. Classes will take place **Saturdays, 10am to 12noon**.

New: Beginner Spanish with Mila

Great news for Spanish learners!

Our long-time Spanish teacher, Mila is ready to start a new batch for Beginner Spanish. This three-month (24-hour) course is structured on the highly-acclaimed book, "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish: A Creative & Proven Approach." Mila has been running this course since many years. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the Spanish alphabet, phonetics, & vocabulary. The course will also delve into verb conjugations, formation of sentences, use of adverbs & adjectives, and work on the student's listening & reading skills.

- Course will start on **August 21** with an introductory class on **16 August**. Classes will take place twice weekly, on Mondays and **Wednesdays, 2:15 to 3:15pm**.

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) 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. Feel free to enquire with us and reserve your spot!

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

Italian Conversation:

This two-month (16-hour) course is for learners who already have a basic knowledge of Italian and would like to explore the language further & polish their speaking skills. Fabio will delve deeper into spoken grammar, phonetics, conversation, and any other topics of interest. This is mainly for those who took the Beginner course last time, but is open to all.

- This course will start **August 22**. Classes will take place **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm**.

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,

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
	Conversation	TBA	TBA
French	Beginner Started 5 August 2023	2:30- 4:30pm	Saturday
	Beginner for Teens To start 12 August 2023	11am – 12noon	
	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 September 2023	TBA	TBA
Hindi	Beginner To start 9 September 2023	10am – 12noon	Saturdays
German	A1.1 Beginner	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner To start 21 August 2023	2:15 – 3:15pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate	2:30 – 4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner To start September 2023	10am – 12noon	Saturdays
Italian	Beginner To start August 2023	TBA	TBA
	Conversation To start 22 August 2023	2:30 – 3:30pm	Tuesday & Thursday

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

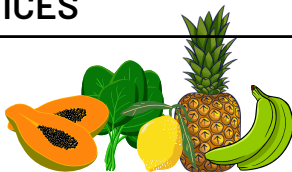
Location:
International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

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

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

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, deserts, vegan coffee etc...

The cafe runs a lunch scheme.

Education

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

Tour

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

Volunteers

Solitude Farm is happy to welcome volunteers.

Timings 8:00 am -12:30 pm

We offer breakfast, tea and lunch.

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

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.



150dpi has been emailing units and activities while also posting in News & Notes to reach out to us to sign up on Dropzy under your category of choice and preference. Request you to email us back with your queries and questions. As this will allow us to merge same and similar items of concern, address these queries and those unique to your units/activities.

Workshops, Events and Classes categories are similar to the **notice boards** found in around Auroville where units/activities affix their posters and flyers. It will aid you in increasing your target audience which today is digital in its search for information. As the **mobile phone** has become the go to media and medium to look for recreational and learning opportunities.

Do contact us on 8098144686 or hello@150dpi.com to register on Dropzy.

Coming soon in Google Play and Apple Store.



Sathish Arumugam
For 150dpi

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



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

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

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

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

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



LOOKING FOR

FRENCH TEACHER

Ashwini needs a French volunteer teacher to teach her basic French language.

Please contact 8270512606 if you can help.



MASON LOOKING FOR WORK

Permal is a mason from Alankuppam. He is looking for work and has many talents. He can do plumbing, welding. Permal is reliable, honest and a good handyman.

He also speaks English and has worked in many Auroville communities. His phone 7092816754

AVAILABLE

BAJAJ BIKE FOR SALE

Bajaj DOMINAR 400cc

Dual ABS brake system

Fully Loaded with extra accessories

Bike is in perfect condition

No scratch, no accidents

17700km driven

PY registration.

Recently done:

New Tyres (10000rs)

New Chain Sproket (5000rs)

New fork tube (5000rs)

Accessories:

Windshield (2800rs)

Luggage System Top Rack (4000rs)

Top Case XL with back rest and lights (25000rs)

Tank Bag (2000rs)

Paddock Stand (2500rs)

Bike Cover (900rs)

Motul Chain Lub (500rs)

Regards,

Julien. 9786809518

AV RADIO

Dear Aurovilians,



AurovilleRadio

The voices of Auroville

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:

- [Soul Tracks Se.5, Ep.5 Ladies and Gentlemen](#) (Music)
- [Teens Connect – Ep. 6](#) (Integral Education)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 13 “Should one Copy When Learning To Draw”](#) (Cinema)
- [Marlenka’s weekly Offering -Ep.100](#) (Literature)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 445](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Sanjan Interviews John Harper for his Community Service](#) (Community Service Project)
- [Top 10 Greatest Rappers of all time by Raghav](#)(Community Service Project)
- [Water Fest 2023 – Speakers](#) (Water)
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- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 11 “Animation Hall of Fame”](#) (Cinema)

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

Thanks for your help!

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

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

Peace and love

Regards, AvRadio team



AUROFILM IN AUROVILLE RADIO NEW EPISODES

As you might know, as part of Aurofilm's outreach programs, we run weekly sessions in association with Auroville Radio **every Tuesday at 9:30am**. It is a series called "**Exploring Education in the Arts, Animation and Film**" by Abhijit Roy. This week we are sharing the episodes from # 5 to 8, broadcast during the month of July. Please find the links below to listen to each of them:

- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 5 “The Studio System in Animation”](#)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 6 “Edison and the Lumière brothers”](#)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 7 “How Do I Learn To Draw From Scratch? – Contd...”](#)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 8 “Animation for Television”](#)

Enjoy!

Aurofilm team

CINEMA

DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING

Venue: **MMC Auditorium**, Cinema Paradiso

Date & Time: **Saturday 19 August 2023, 3 pm**

Maa ka Doodh (transl. **Mother's Milk**). 2023, Dir. Harsha Atmakuri, w/ Maneka Gandhi, Acharya Prashant, English-Hindi w/ English subtitles, 126 mins

On behalf of the Animal Climate Health Save Foundation, I'm pleased to announce the screening of the film "Maa Ka Doodh" at the Multimedia Center - Cinema Paradiso. This feature-length, award-winning documentary sheds light on the sensitive issue of dairy consumption in India and elucidates how the country has attained its rank among the topmost beef exporters in the world. It highlights the atrocities of the dairy industry on the bovine populations in India and its impacts on the country's public health, ecosystems, and cultural beliefs so as to find alternatives centered on novelty, sustainability, and ethics.

Regards,
Shubh
9267914188

INDIA IS THE LARGEST PRODUCER OF **MILK**
IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE LARGEST EXPORTERS OF **BEEF**
THIS IS **NOT** AN ACCIDENT...



MAA KA DOODH

Uncovering A Nation's Dairy Disaster

EMPATHY FILMS PRESENTS "MAA KA DOODH" DIRECTED BY DR HARSHA ATHAKURI PRODUCED BY CHETAN P SUNNY JIM GREENBAUM AND BILL DION EDITED BY AKSHAY VEERATHAK
COSTUME DESIGNER YASH NAVEKAR EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS PIYUSH SHAH PRODUCED BY BANDISH PRODUCTIONS PVT LTD AND SURESH VIJAY EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS OPKAR RANE
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS SHRUKANTH IYER AND PRAGYA RAJ EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ZAC LOVAS AND SURESH SHARMA EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS DR HARSHA ATHAKURI

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AUROFILM

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

Reminder: FRIDAY 11th, "Showing Up" by Kelly Reichardt, US, 2022

and

FRIDAY 18th AUGUST, 8.00 pm

"LEON MORIN PRETRE" (LEON MORIN, PRIEST)

Directed by **Jean-Pierre Melville**, France, 1961

With: Jean-Paul Belmondo, Emmanuelle Riva, Irène Tunc

The film was adapted by J.P. Melville from Béatrix Beck's novel *The Passionate Heart*. It is set during WWII in Occupied France. A jaded, lapsed Catholic mother and widow of a Jewish husband, challenges a priest on the ground of religion. Sure of her rhetoric, she is nevertheless disconcerted by the answers he gives her. Gradually, she loses her footing. Each new encounter with the priest will bring her closer to conversion. Her resistance will yield to the work of grace... For his work in the film, Belmondo was very praised and awarded. The film also won the Grand prix of Venice in 1961. "An honest, moving, beautiful film – like the novel it reproduces so faithfully - We are amazed to be moved, troubled, to feel the supernatural pass."

Original French version with English Subtitles. Duration 1h.57'

AVI USA EVENT, SRI AUROBINDO FILM SCREENING WITH INTRO BY OLIVIER BAROT

Please join us on Zoom, **Saturday August 19, 8:00pm!**

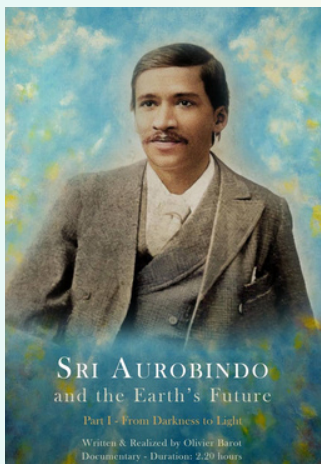
AVI USA will be hosting a Zoom presentation of Olivier Barot's **Sri Aurobindo & The Earth's Future: Part 1, From Darkness to Light**, on Sunday August 19, 8:00pm Auroville, 10:30am New York. Olivier Barot, the director, will join us for an introduction and Q&A about the creation of the film.

Register for the free event here:

<https://aviusa.org/sri-aurobindo-film/>

There will be a group viewing of the **Zoom event** at **Unity Pavilion**, at **8:00pm, Saturday August 19**.

Contact Unity Pavilion art 0413 2623576, for additional information. Please arrive a few minutes early.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 14 August 20 23 to 20 August 2023

During this special week, with multiple celebrations: the birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo on 15 August, India's Independence Day celebration on the same day, and Pondicherry Independence Day on the 16 August. In honor of these very significant days, we have a very special program line-up for you. Come, watch, participate...

Special Screening – Monday 14 August, 8:00 pm:

- **INDIA'S PARTITION: THE FORGOTTEN STORY**

UK, 2017, Dir. Gurinder Chadha, Documentary, 60mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Partition, one of the most seismic events of the 20th century that tore up a nation, families, and changed the lives affecting generations— seems almost forgotten now. The director, travels from UK to India to explore what led to the split, violence, and disruption it had unleashed. She speaks with people who lived through that time and historians seeking answer to the questions why and how did it happen?

Special Screening – Tuesday 15 August, 8:00 pm:

- **Sri Aurobindo & His Dreams for the Future of Mankind**
- **SRI AUROBINDO: THE BEGINNING OF SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

Sri Aurobindo & His Dreams for the Future of Mankind -- India, 1997, Biography-Short, 38mins, English, Rated: NR (G). A film, based on Sri Aurobindo's Independence Day Message of 15 August 1947 – narrates his five dreams. The picture quality is not great but Sri Aurobindo's writings, beautifully read - is a treat for all.

Sri Aurobindo: The beginning of spiritual journey -- India, 2022, Dir. Suraj Kumar w/ Vikrant Chauhan, Suraj Kumar, and others, Biography-Short, 38mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR(G) The film is based on Sri Aurobindo's prison life in Alipore Jail (1908-1909), a turning point in his spiritual journey. Premiering on the 15th of August last year marking Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary, it has been screened in 150 countries. ***It has come full circle reaching us on the 15th of August this year. Post screening, join the director and Murtaza Ali Khan, a noted film critic on a brief online Q&A session.***

Special Screening – Wednesday 16 August, 8:00 pm:

- **THE TRANSFORMATION - A documentary film on Sri Aurobindo**

India, 2022, Dir. Abhiji Dasgupta w/Jayant Kripalani, Charles Beachcroft, Ashoke Viswanathan, and others, 54mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

Last year, on the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo and the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, Doordarshan had premiered this acclaimed film. The Alipore Bomb Case trial took place from May 1908 to 1909, in which Sri Aurobindo, then a prominent nationalist leader Aurobindo Ghose, his brother Barindra Ghose, and several young revolutionaries were arrested. The film traces the life of Sri Aurobindo from 1908 to 1909, a turning point in his spiritual evolution.

Special Screening – Thursday 17 August, 8:00 pm:

- **EVENINGS WITH SRADDHALU: DISCUSSION ABOUT VIRUSES AND BACTERIA**

India, 2020, Director-Producer Narad Trust w/Narad and Shraddalu, Documentary-Discussion, 123mins, English

A chat where Shraddalu discusses how viruses and bacteria affect our health, how some are good, and their consequences on human health. It also sheds light on Sri Aurobindo's Aphorism on medical Science, and The Mother's view on true nature and origin of microbes and the yogic perspective on bacteria.

Special Screening – Saturday, 19 August, 8:00 pm:

- **8/12 BINAY BADAL DINESH**

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Arun Roy w/Sushnato Bhattacharjee, Sabyasachi Chakrabarty, Anuska Chakraborty, and others, Drama-History, 98mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

The very busy city center of Kolkata, once known as Dalhousie Square is called BBD Bagh now – to honor Binoy, Badal, and Dinesh. The film tells the story of these three heroic youths who had set aside their personal lives and future to seek freedom for all. They walked into the - majestic Writers Building, then the well-guarded British India Secretariat of Bengal, to assassinate the tyrannical Inspector General N S Simpson and strike a blow at the Raj. *Careful, there are some scenes of violence.*

Special Children's Matinee -Sunday, 20 August, 4:30pm

- **SRI AUROBINDO, A NEWDAWN**

India, 2023, Dir. Suresh Eriyat w/ Victor Banerjee & Deepti Naval (narrators), Handpainted-art-Animation-Biography, 25mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

The film introduces Sri Aurobindo to the world's youth through a symbolic and artistic interpretation of his life and spiritual journey. The film delves into Sri Aurobindo's pivotal role in awakening India's soul and her will for freedom. We also witness his spiritual awakening and transformation concerning the evolutionary future of Earth. *You will have the opportunity to interact with Manoj in a Q&A session after screening.*

CLASSIC FILM @ Ciné-Club:

Special Screening – Sunday 20 August, 8:00 pm:

- **GARAM HAWA (SCORCHING WINDS)**

India, 1974, Writer-Dir MS Sathyu w/ Balraj Sahni, AK Hangal, Farooq Shaikh and others, Drama, 146mins, Urdu- Hindi with English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Based on an unpublished short story by Ismat Chughtai this film set in 1947, is a sensitive portrayal of the backlash of the partition. The story focuses on one Muslim family, the Mirzas. When Halim Mirza decides to leave for Pakistan, his brother Salim and his family who remained were marginalized, subjected to religious bigotry and had their loyalty questioned. Yet they endured. A classic if you have not watched you must. *If you have watched here's a chance to catch it again!*

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

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

Thanking You,
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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

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

Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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

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



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance (24/7):

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

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

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

Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO FAMC - FO N&N 986

VISION & WORK PLAN For Auroville Food Security

Dear all, based on the interactions we have had with the farmers and the directives of the 57th Governing Board meetings regarding farming and food security in Auroville, the FAMC and Farm Service have come up with a work plan.

All of us, including the Governing Board, hold the vision that we must 'Enhance Auroville food production to meet the needs of Auroville' (4.10, 57th Governing Board meeting minutes). To achieve this, we need a new way of looking at our farming as a lot of crops that we produce (or can produce) are not used in the community and a large part of what is being used in Auroville comes from outside.

Since food production, distribution and consumption form an integrated part of the food system, we are working towards planning and accountability in all these areas.

While education and awareness will play a role in prioritizing local food, there are also challenges of pricing, consistency and production planning which need to be looked at.

At the same time, we must open our Auroville produce availability to nearby markets like in Pondicherry and Chennai, so that any excess can be distributed and the farms can start planning for higher production without the limitation of Auroville consumption or distribution.

We are also working on a food processing service which can create more value for the farm produce and help support the farms to grow.

These plans need hands-on work and we welcome anyone with goodwill and interest to join.

These and several other issues have been addressed in this work plan.

- [Summary](#)
- [Detail](#)

Your feedback and suggestions are welcome. Please let us know if you want to participate in any of these initiatives or areas. We need many hands to realize this work.

*Warmly, Anitha, Anshul, Gino, Prasad
For Farm Service & FAMC*

L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE / ATDC Application Announcement 03-08-2023



Auroville
Town
Development
Council

L'avenir d'Auroville

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

- **PROJECT NAME—**Auromode Hive Extension—BA 2624
 - **Applicant/s:** Auromode Trust
 - **Location/area:** Auromode / Industrial Zone
 - **Area for which approval is sought:** 286 Sq.m
 - **Project brief:** Proposed space is designed on the existing roof slab of 'Auromode Hive'. Extra ground space or foundations are not needed. The access through a staircase is already existing. Proposed structure is designed to have a roof with sandwich panels that can withstand the monsoon and are equipped with insulation to withstand heat. The panels will be laid in a slight slope to drain rainwater naturally. The sliding glass windows are designed to have both options of natural cross-ventilation and air-conditioning whenever required to have a clean and controlled interior needed for office use.

Sindhuja for L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC