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Bonke Stretch towards YC (next to Sve Dame) - Marathon, 2015

PONDERING

Auroville:

At last a place where one will be able to think only of the future.

At last a place where one will be able to think only of progressing and transcending oneself.

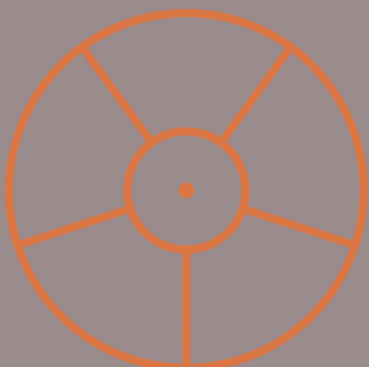
At last a place where one will be able to live in peace, without conflicts and without rivalries of nations, religions and ambitions.

At last a place where nothing will have the right to impose itself as the exclusive truth.

Jan. 1967, Feb. 1968

The Mother, on Auroville, The Vision and The Soul

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

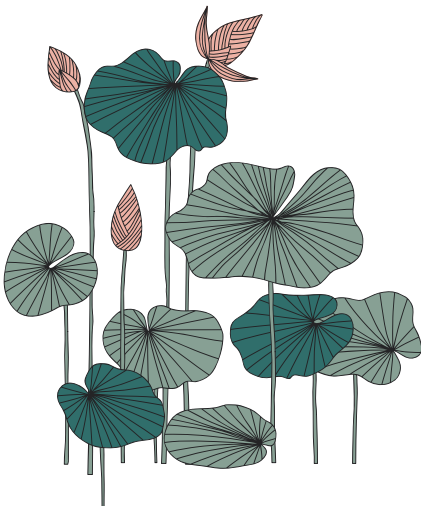




(continued from last week)

But the emergence of the new "high" or new level of consciousness, at any stage of evolution, is not a magical phenomenon, which abruptly alters all the preceding levels. Between the appearance of the first amoeba in the world of Life and that of the mammal, we know that it took many millions of years to overcome Matter's inertia and to "vitalize" it. Similarly, from the Neanderthal man to Plato, thousands of years were needed to overcome the resistance of the two previous levels and to "mentalize" Life, to become the complete mental man. Even today, how many human lives are truly governed by the mind rather than by vital passions? The whole task of the pioneers of evolution, at any level, is precisely to join the new height with the former depth; when high meets low, an evolutionary cycle is completed. Likewise, when the pioneer of mental evolution suddenly emerges in the Supramental, his discovery is not a feat of magic that upsets all the former laws. He does not leap to the complete supramental being any more than the Neanderthal man leapt to Plato; he must first "supramentalize" all the previous levels. Certainly, his consciousness is the meeting point of the supreme High and the supreme Low, Spirit and Matter, Positive and Negative, and his own powers are, of course, considerably increased, but they are increased only in proportion to the new resistance he has to encounter. The more evolution progresses, the deeper the layers it seeks to touch: the principle of Life barely colonized the material crust of the world; the mental principle narrowly colonized its immediate past, the mental subconscious and Life's old profligacies; the Supramental principle confronts not only the mental and vital subconscients, but an even more remote past, the physical subconscious and the inconscient. The higher one rises, the farther one is pulled down. Evolution does not move higher and higher, into an ever more heavenly heaven, but deeper and deeper. Each evolutionary cycle closes a little lower, a little nearer to the Center where the supreme High and Low, heaven and earth, will finally meet. The pioneer must therefore clear up the intermediary mental, vital, and material levels so that the two poles can actually meet. When the joining takes place, not only mentally and vitally but also materially, then the Spirit will emerge in Matter within a complete supramental being and a supramental body.

... earth shall be the Spirit's manifest home.



This clearing-up of the intermediary levels is the whole story of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The difficulties of accustoming the body to the supramental Agni may, ultimately, have a reason and a purpose. It may not be so much a material difficulty as a strategic one, as it were. Indeed, during that second phase, Sri Aurobindo and the Mother would realize that transformation is not just an individual problem but one involving the earth and that no individual transformation is possible (or at least complete) without some degree of collective transformation. Once collective evolution reaches a satisfactory state of progress, the present material difficulties of transformation, which seem insurmountable, will likely vanish at once. There is never any impossibility, just the question of whether the right time has come. All obstacles, whatever their nature, always ultimately prove themselves to be helpful auxiliaries of a Truth whose meaning and purpose we do not yet know. To our outer, superficial vision, the transformation seems to be exclusively a physical problem, because we always put the cart before the horse, but all difficulties are actually inner and psychological; the visible and dramatic difficulties of the body's growing accustomed to the boiling Agni may be, as we shall see, less a practical or material problem than one involving the whole terrestrial consciousness. But we are speaking in riddles; the problem Sri Aurobindo and the Mother were soon to confront will be better understood with this simple remark Sri Aurobindo once made to a disciple: *I have been dredging, dredging, dredging the mire of the subconscious.... It [the supramental light] was coming down before November [1934], but afterwards all the mud arose and it stopped.* Once again, Sri Aurobindo verified, not individually this time but collectively, that pulling down too strong a light causes all the darkness below to groan and to feel violated. It should be noted that each time Sri Aurobindo and the Mother has some experience indicating a new progress in the transformation, the disciples, without their even knowing anything about it, experienced in their consciousness a period of increased difficulties or even revolts and illnesses, as if everything were grating. Now we begin to understand how things work. If a pigmy were abruptly subjected to the simple mental light of an educated man, it would probably cause in the poor fellow subterranean revolutions that would traumatize him forever and drive him insane. There is still too much jungle underneath. This present world is still full of jungles: such is the problem in a nutshell. Our mental colonization is a very thin crust over a barely dried Stone Age.

(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)



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
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LIST OF ACRONYMS:

AVF (Auroville Foundation), **AVFO/FO** (Auroville Foundation Office), **GB** (Governing Board), **RA** (Residents Assembly)

The following groups are divided in two categories: The groups selected by the Residents Assembly through Community decision making Processes and the groups put together by the GB and the FO (not recognised by the Residents Assembly).

Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

Working Committee (WCom)
Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)
Budget Coordination Committee (BCC)
Town Development Council / L'avenir d'Auroville (TDC)

Auroville Council (AVC)
Entry Service (ES)

FO selected groups:

Working Committee (WC)
Funds and Assets management Committee (FAMC)
Budget Coordination Committee (BCC / BCS)
Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)

Housing Service (HS)
Land Board (LB)

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

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 # 194 DATED: 24-08-2023

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 Aurovillian in writing to auroville.entryboard@gmail.com OR auroville.entryservice@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- **Kalaiselvan ELUMALAI (Indian)** staying in Pour Tous Campus (Kuilapalayam) and working at Pour Tous



- **Radhika SEILER RAMADAS (Swiss)** staying in Needam and working at Verite



- **Savithri CHANDRAGASAN (Indian)** staying in Humanscapes and working at TAMARAI



- **Vengadesan NARAYANSAMY (Indian)** staying in Protection and working at Manvasam Farm



CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- **Dario SEILER (Swiss)** born on 30/11/2006 (son of Radhika)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- **Gnanavalli SAMIVEL (Indian)**
- **Michael STEVENS (Belgian)**
- **Oleg TSYPARYNDY (Ukrainian)**
- **Roberta ROSATO (Italian)**

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- **Marie SCHELLENBERGER (French)**

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- **Eva Chantal Marie MAYSONNAVE MEILHAC (French)**
- **Praveena BALAGURU (Indian)**
- **Yam Ahava YARDENI (Israeli)**

NOTE:

- The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been returned and should not exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.
- A Newcomer becomes an Aurovillian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.
- The date of becoming Aurovillian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.
- A confirmed Aurovillian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVF).
- A Resident of Auroville is eligible to become an executive of a Unit or Service of Auroville and to get an ID card issued by the Auroville Foundation.
- A meeting with the Secretary of the AVF will be arranged by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary and not at any personal request.

Yours,

The Entry Board (Alain, Grace, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan, Matilde, Sara, Sonja and Swadha)

Entry Service Timings:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30am—12:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday: Newcomer kits, 2:30—4:30pm

Contact: 0413 262-2707, auroville.entryservice@gmail.com

FROM THE RA TDC



TDC REPORTS

Dear Community,

Here are some of the reports that we have made recently regarding the ongoing violations of the NGT judgement in the form of tree cutting and construction of the Crown:

- 24 07 2023 - [excavation and trees cut](#)
- 31 07 2023 - [Clearing work at Revelation forest sanctuary](#)
- 08 08 2023 - [MM excavation and tree cutting](#)
- 18 08 2023 - [Palmyra and tree cutting on Poramboke land](#)

in Service,

L'avenir d'Auroville - TDC Town Development Council
Anan, Divya L, Dorle, Island, Natasha S, Tom G

FROM THE AV COUNCIL

UNDERAGE DRIVING

Dear Community,

We wish that we all keep taking small steps to hold one and another in our thoughts in the spirit of Auroville.

One small step we may all take is to be conscious of how we ride within Auroville.

Riding slowly and using indicators at turns to let the elderly feel safe and also to be watchful for their safety on dug up unruly patches, avoid speeding so that the fine soil doesn't fly into the eyes of our fellow travelers, avoid high exhaust fume vehicles and minimize the use of cars to keep the carbon print in check, refrain from honking to keep the sound pollution low - - these would be some of the easily done little things for our beautiful city.

Unfortunately cases of motor accidents in Auroville have increased recently due to road construction with no street lights after dark in many of these stretches.

We apologize to all for this inconvenience and we would like to find ways to arrange temporary street lights.

We also have been informed of many minors riding around Auroville and neighboring villages on big motor bikes. We appeal to the parents to refrain from allowing their under-aged children to ride motor vehicles.

If anyone comes across such minors, please write to the Auroville Council so that we can contact the parents/guardians to take road safety measures.

We would like to inform you that the legal age for driving with a license for a gearless motorbike up to 50cc is 16 years and to ride a bike with gear or to drive a car, the legal age is 18 years. According to the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, if an underage person is found driving on the roads, their parent or guardian might have to face up to 3 years in prison and a penalty of ₹25000. Also, the driver who was driving the bike will not be able to get a driving license till they turn 25 years of age. In case of an accident, no insurance claim can be filed if the bike was driven by a minor. If caught by the police without a valid license, a ₹5000 penalty will be levied even if you are of the legal driving age. Please respect the traffic rules and regulations.

With the intention to keep everyone informed and safe.

Best regards,
Auroville Council

BANNERS

Dear Community,

We believe that the preservation of Auroville's beauty, singularity and charm is a necessity. With this in mind, we feel that our environment should remain free of advertisements as much as possible, and we trust that a vast majority of residents share this vision.

If it is felt to be necessary for the success of an event or community initiative to put up banners or posters, they should remain unobtrusive and their placements should be limited to the immediate location of the event. Sponsor and commercial brand advertisements or anything that is not aligned with the ideals of Auroville must be avoided on banners and posters. Also, in order to respect the environment, consciousness in the choice of materials for banners is necessary; please ensure that the banners can be recycled or at least upcycled.

Event organisers need to take full responsibility for removing the banners/posters soon after the events are over.

In order to maintain the visual harmony of our environment and uphold sustainable practices, we kindly request all members of the community to respect these simple directions. If sign boards or banners are considered to be inappropriate, please be informed that we will ask the relevant responsible persons to remove them. Please contact the Council in case of any doubt or question: avcouncil@auroville.services

In Service,

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee selected by the Residents' Assembly (Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli)

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY SHARING

OUTCOME OF THE RA DECISION-MAKING PROCESS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

1. **EMERGENCY RAD BY THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY; and**
2. **EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE TO SELECT MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS**

Here are the results of the RAD (Residents' Assembly Decision-making), called by the petitioners, on the following topics:

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)

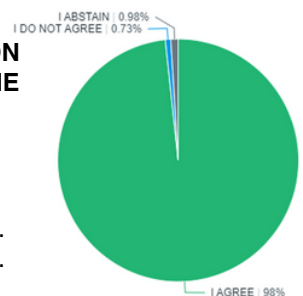
A total of **409 valid votes** have been submitted online and in-person for the "Emergency RAD by the Residents' Assembly" proposal;

... and **405 valid votes** have been submitted online and in-person for the "Emergency functions to the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly to select members of working groups" proposal.

The number of participants exceeded the 10 per cent quorum required to validate the decision (236 votes). Based on data received from the Residents Service, the total adult population of our community eligible to participate in RADs (age - above 18, confirmed Aurovillians) is 2355 (as of the month of August 2023).

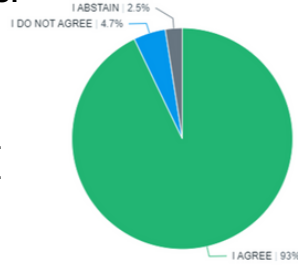
RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION ON THE EMERGENCY RAD BY THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY:

- 98% (402) participants voted in favour of the above proposal.
- 0.73% (3) participants rejected it.
- 0.98% (4) participants abstained.



RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION ON THE EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE TO SELECT MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUPS:

- 93% (376) participants voted in favour of the above proposal.
- 4.7% (19) participants rejected it.
- 2.5% (10) participants abstained.



Therefore, the Residents' Assembly approved both proposals. These decisions are effective 14 August 2023.

We would like to remind you that, according to the [RAD Policy](#), "8. Responsibility for implementing decisions made through this RAD process lies with the concerned working group/s or resident/s".

Many thanks to all the residents who participated in this decision-making event!

~ With gratitude,
 For the Residents' Assembly Service
 Veronique, Tatiana, Satprem, Sandeep, Robert, Mandakini, Manas, Giovanni

OBITUARY

AUDREY PASSED ON

Audrey Langworthy Wallace-Taylor, one of Auroville's major artists, left her body on 18 August during a family visit in USA. She had just become 90. From the moment she joined us in 2006, Audrey was an active, generous Aurovilian who persistently endeavoured to bring Art in Auroville to the forefront by her classes and exhibitions. For one of her exhibitions, click here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiTIVCxMK2g>

Her son wrote, on 19 August:

Hello friends of Audrey,
 Audrey, who has been visiting in the U.S., found out she had pancreatic cancer on the eve of her intended return to Auroville. She had no real symptoms except sleeping a great deal - 12-16 hours a day, sometimes more. She got very good care from a hospice organization here in Portland, Oregon, where I (her son) live. She, my wife Megan and I had a pretty joyful time. Audrey painted and drew when she could, when she was inspired. Her visit to the U.S. had started at her daughter Barbara's place in Port Townsend, Washington, which was a joyful reunion, full of laughter. She also had visits from her grandchildren during her time here. Day before yesterday she had a fall in the middle of the night. She never really recovered. Barbara came quickly, and we were all with her when she died - which she did with the same grace with which she lived - yesterday morning. She was in no pain at the end, and seemed to be in meditation when she passed. All along and through everything she had every intention of returning to her beloved Auroville -- her home -- and planned again and again to do that with Barbara, but it was not meant to be.

Please know that her heart was with you all.

With love, Peter

On Sunday August 20th, Auroville friends gathered under the Matrimandir Banyan tree in honour of this remarkable artist and person.



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TRIBUTE TO AUDREY

Dear friends,

as a tribute to Audrey Wallace-Taylor we are happy to share the link of a short film made by Aurofilm around her exhibition at the Centre d'Art of Citadines in March 2015.

This is a glimpse of her many faceted art !
[Audrey's painting exhibition](#)

With love, Aurofilm team



AN ETERNAL ARTIST: AUDREY WALLACE TAYLOR

A Tribute to a fellow artist & curator
 by
 Dharmesh Vikramsinh Jadeja, Auroville

Audrey's presence in Auroville over last several years has been very inspiring and rejuvenating for many of us who have been struggling with our artistic instincts and periferal engagement with arts. Especially for me, who has been running an architectural practice as my mainstay of work life in Auroville, but have always had close interactions with many an artists through my work at Kala Kendra over last two decades.



A water colour by Audrey Wallace Taylor, gifted to Dustudio, 2012

Audrey's moving to Auroville, with her ever youthful, spirited self, that always was radiant with a smiling presence, energetic art works; Always ready to explore and experiment, her artistic endeavours were an amazing, refreshing change for someone like me. We hit off very early after she moved to Auroville and we met often in early years, over a cup of tea at the gallery, or simply casually, discussing the future of art, collective ways of working, exhibiting, contributing to public art of Auroville and just engaging with all other artists. Non judgemental, soft and straightforward was her way. Her art was of course delightful, be it her paintings of landscapes, water colors and sketches, and my favourite was her phase when she was painting cows. She was one of the few artists I have resonated my radical views on art, especially in Auroville context. This was seen prominently when I put up my controversial installation, The Sleeping Beauty, for a show RED, which Audrey curated at Kala Kendra. She supported completely and totally, also organising some artists meetings for support, when this work was removed from the Town Hall premises and vandalised during the show at the Gallery. Such was her spirit, open, fearless, strong and yet humble, friendly and all embracing, the diverse ways of art expression..

THE ARTS

Fascinated by the forms nature, landscapes, experimenting with colors, textures and techniques, she reinvented herself, almost every few years. Her presence in almost all the exhibitions that we did together or with other artists, was a constant. Always enriching, enlivening, in midst of this complex community life of Auroville, with its diversity of views and aesthetics of arts, Audrey made her point with clarity, and invariably the discussions we had were revolving around art and life one enriches through arts. I will be always grateful for her presence at all our shows and programs, we organised at Kala Kendra, while setting up a gallery space, interactions and collaborative pieces we did for Sri Aurobindo Auditorium's side entrances with Nele & Audrey will always be my favourite. When she came up a few years ago with an idea of a huge wall mural painting she did with other artists, at the entrance wall of Bharat Nivas, The Indian Pavilion (now unfortunately gone by works of other artists, when the management changed), we worked together with a village artisan to create a sleeping calf, amidst the galactic painting she did, that was welcoming with its swirls, fineness and play of colors and textures. Her work life in Auroville as a constant support to anyone who wanted to take the first steps in the art world, by sketching, painting, learning techniques or simply just expressing, will be a unique memory to most of us.

Audrey managed to create her own niche in Auroville, after living a successful full life as an artist in the United States, even in her twilight years. Her energetic presence almost in all the art events, discussions, will be missed forever. Seldom I have seen artists fully devoted and dedicated to their art life, as I saw and knew Audrey Wallace Taylor. My years of connection with her and her work will be eternal. Though in last few years, my personal contact was very little, her presence and smile on Auroville roads, on her moped will be sorely missed. Her making India and Auroville as a playground for the experimental works, classes of art as a therapeutic practice for many young and old, was an immense contribution to make art accessible to all; She made friends with so many of us, with close contact with many of us, by her dedication, consistency and appreciation of art as a life in Auroville. She is an epitome of an ever youthful, never aging youth of Auroville, where she lived a life full of memories, creativity, beauty and pure joy of being. Audrey, Auroville will forever miss you and your beautiful presence on our roads and art shows; We will hold you close to our hearts for ever whenever we will see or learn to appreciate the beauty of daily life in Auroville, in India, be it through a memory of your abstract works of art or your sketches or your adorable paintings of the cows of villages around Auroville, or your work with the ladies and kolam. I am fortunate to have one of your sketches you gifted me with at the opening of my Dustudio, over a decade ago, that was made during your evening walks around your residence, at Creativity. Thank you for leaving us with these wonderful memories. May the Divine hold you close and may your journeys ahead are full of light, laughter and your beautiful presence with which you enriched our lives.



Audrey with many Auroville Artists, A Group Show at Kala Kendra, Yatra, 2004-05

Adieu, Audrey Wallace Taylor. Salutations to your life as an Artist, a wonderful being and making all our lives so special through your presence and works in Auroville...!!

*Forever with Gratitude,
Dharmesh Vikramsinh Jadeja
Auroville*

THE ARTS

CENTRE D'ART

MYTHICAL REVEAL - CYANOTYPE EXHIBITION

It Matters is delighted to present the outcome of a discovery Cyanotype workshop held on August 12th 2023. Ten artists from different backgrounds spent one day exploring the theme of Mythical Reveal.

Exhibition open from **19 to 26 Aug 2023, Mon-Sat from 2 to 5pm** - Please park at the town hall parking.

Artists: Lisa Suchanek, Chetana Deorah, Kalaivani, Ganesan L., Grace Gitadelila, Julie, Manjula Selvam, Manou, Saravana Deivasegamani, Visvanath K.

MYTHICAL REVEAL

CYANOTYPE EXHIBITION

Opening Saturday at Centre d'Art - Citadines

19TH AUG 2023 4.30pm

It Matters

Presents the work produced by 10 artists during a one day cyanotype workshop



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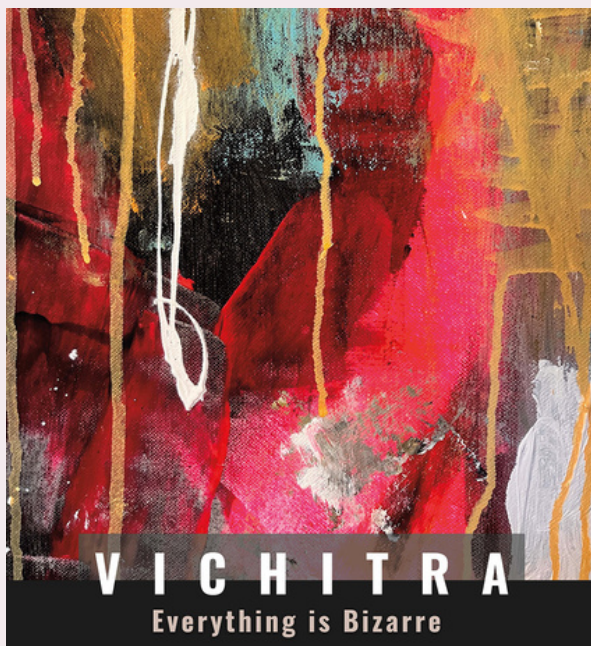
FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 4.30PM

Opening of the exhibition "VICHITRA" by Nupur Jha

Exhibition from 1st to 14th Sept 2023.

Gallery hours Tuesday to Saturday 2 pm - 5.30 pm
Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville.

Please park at town hall.



VICHITRA
Everything is Bizarre



Art exhibition by Hufreesh Dumasia



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

VOICES AND NOTES

THE ACTIVE CENTRE OF OUR BEING

The Earth is a concentrated playing field for complementary opposing cosmic forces evolving towards the Divine Manifestation.

Sri Aurobindo and the Mother are Avatars, the most recent direct incarnations of the Supreme, ushering in the Supramental Consciousness-Force that will replace the reign of the mental consciousness-force and their mind-born retinue.

Like Avatar Krishna before them, they have their torchbearers and hero warriors continuing on with the Lila, the Divine Play, towards the advent of the new species that will fully embody and express this new Supramental Consciousness-Force.

The Supramental Avatars created this City of Dawn, cradle of the transitional beings, within Bharat Mata the Guru of the World, as an intensely concentrated battlefield both inner and outer for their Arjuns and multitudinous contrasting forces, with documented specific instructions on all levels of psychophysical development and progress, such as in our Auroville Charter:

- Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. But, to live in Auroville, one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.

As we are in a Cosmic Play of the Opposites, this implies a conscious choice for each invited participant:

Willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness or unconscious/willing servitor of the undivine consciousness.

To facilitate the Supremely Decreed and therefore unstoppable Supramental psychophysical transformations on this Earth, the Supramental Avatars have lovegifted the Divine Knowledge (Jnana) for application on Works (Karma) with the Sunlit Path of Surrender (Bhakti) as the easiest and the most joyful path for the goodwilled, consenting and willing servitors of the Divine Consciousness, revealing the multi-layered secrets of this existential evolutionary continuum, such as:

- The Grace of progressing through the experiences of our co- others, building on from all that have come before us. <https://incarnateword.in/search?query=the+experience+of+others&page=1&phrase=true>
- The function of the psychic is to offer all things to the Divine for transformation. https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/22/0005_e.htm
- The Divine Mother does the Sadhana <https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/32/the-mother-does-the-sadhana>
- The first necessity is the inner discovery in order to know what one truly is behind social, moral, cultural, racial and hereditary appearances. At the centre there is a being free, vast and knowing, who awaits our discovery and who ought to become the active centre of our being and our life in Auroville. <https://auroville.org/page/a-true-aurovilian>

A consenting choice of this free being as a willing servitor and ever-progressing conscious instrument towards the Divine Supramental Manifestation is what defines one as a True Aurovilian.

Zech, 2023.08.19

OPEN LETTER TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE AUROVILLE LIT FEST

Welcome to Auroville!

You must have come expecting to meet the community members of that innovative, special community founded by the Mother and based on the vision of Sri Aurobindo.

But:

Did you know that at present there is no freedom of speech in Auroville?

Did you know that in Auroville, the city dedicated to the ideal of "human unity", some "foreigners" are being expelled for no other reason than expressing a different opinion than the present administration's one?

Did you know that quite a few Aurovilians have been barred from posting their writings in the internal online forum of Auroville?

Did you know that a good number of people have been summarily dismissed from their responsibility, and their monthly allowance cut, just because they have dared contradict the position of the present administration vis-à-vis things like development or organization?

Did you know that opposing certain viewpoints of the present administration is publicly branded as opposing the government?

Did you know that foreigners who have been in India for 30 or 50 years, who are great lovers of Mother India, whose heart is full of gratitude for the country that allowed this adventure on its soil – did you know that these foreigners are spoken of as if they were anti-national?

You are writers and thinkers. For sure you are in favor of freedom of speech.

We urge you: inform yourselves, find the truth about this place and what is happening at the moment, thank you very much,

It is with regret that I cannot sign this letter but you will understand....

WHAT'S IN A PARK? PART 3: CONTENTS

Previous parts and other articles can be found [here](#).

I won't go into what buildings could be in the proposed parks as it is not my field but, as you can see from part 1, there are many buildings and functions that can occur in parks. They can be very dynamic and engaging.

But from a vegetation point of view, what's in these parks? Are they formal or wild? Or something in between? Or both? Or gradients of these based on identified natural physical aspects, such as canyons?

Are they highly managed or minimally managed? A combination of both based on what is concluded to make sense? Different parks with different themes?

The great thing about parks, from a vegetation point of view, is that many different experiments can be done and a huge amount of variety of species can be chosen which can be used to promote a theme or idea. For example, despite most highly flowering trees not really providing good shade, they can be incorporated into the landscape in a flower themed area, another area could portrait the different fruit trees and varieties within those trees (such as different types of mangos). You could even have a few mango trees with a [whole variety of mangoes](#) growing on them. It is really a case of being imaginative.

Despite a good overall annual rainfall, there is usually a period of about six months of drought every year. This should be considered with vegetation choices even if we recycle our "wastewater".

Personally, I would say that there should be formal areas maintained as lawns with a tree here and a tree there but, the current recycled wastewater stinks and is unhygienic so such a setting should be restricted to a minimum due to our lack of water, which is necessary for this. Having gradients of formal > less formal > wild/natural is probably more realistic.

I think most people think the native, wild, vegetation in the area is low, thorny, and essentially not very inviting. Actually, it can provide good shade and be open/accessible underneath; it is possible that we have lost the plant species that would have previously grown in the shade of more established areas and that would have rendered it harder to move through. As is it, many areas can be both wild and accessible, once there is enough shade to reduce the number of plants on the ground that could otherwise survive (when there was still enough sunlight reaching the lower areas).

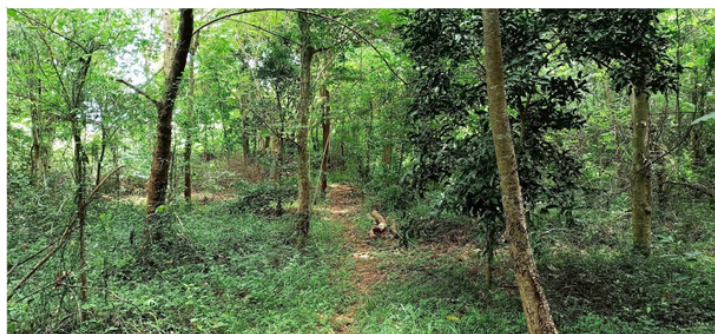


Figure 1 Example of a wild area that is still very accessible and is not even managed to be park-like.

A rather long amount of time (20 years) is required for this vegetation to grow into something rewarding (as most things, no?). But why not use fast growing trees instead? Well, most of those are short lived or need a lot of water, or don't do well in storms, or lose their leaves in the summer or attract pests or don't support the local ecology or some, or all, of the above. There are a few trees that break the trend of course, as nature is not black and white, but there are not many. In many cases, plants considered alien invasive species have been used in Auroville as they were the most adapted to such harsh growing conditions based on what was at hand/understood at the time.

They grew fast and improved growing conditions for native species to be able to survive. Now we have a larger choice of species to choose from because of all the work and research that has been done here over the last 30+ years. So, do we need to get rid of those "alien invasive species"? Not, necessarily. Many will die out or be contained when there is more shade, due to the local vegetation growing beneath and eventually growing above, as is already happening throughout. Does a certain management of them need to occur? Of course. But eradication would be a waste of resources as they are currently resources themselves, in many ways: e.g., timber, fodder, biomass, shade.

Paths can occur in certain wild areas also and such areas are mainly covered (a good example of a wild area that is very accessible is between Gaia and Grace/Surrender. Bliss used to be a good example, unfortunately now it is fragmented and the paths blocked by the "development" of the Crown).

To show an example of what local vegetation can look like after 20+ years and the requirements to get there and to maintain, I will be conducting a walk on **Sunday, the 27th of August, at 4pm** in [Espace](#). Maybe see you there.

Island, Arboriculturist, 7598103616

AWAKENING SPIRIT

NOW WE HAVE TO GO ON

"Now I see, I see how his [Sri Aurobindo's] departure and his work so... so immense, you know, and constant in this subtle physical, how much, how much it has helped! How much he has (*Mother gestures as if kneading Matter*)... how much he has helped prepare things, change the structure of the physical.



All the experiences others had had of making contact with the higher worlds, used to leave the physical here as it is. (How should I put it?...). From the very beginning of existence up to Sri Aurobindo's departure, I lived in the awareness that one may rise, one may know, one may have all experiences (and one did have them), but when one came back into this body... it was those for-mid-able old laws of the mind that ruled everything. So then, all these years have been years spent preparing and preparing—freeing oneself and preparing—and these last few days, it was... ah! the body PHYSICALLY noting that things had changed.

It has to be *worked out*, as they say, realized in every detail, but the change IS DONE—the change is done.

Which means that the material conditions, which were elaborated by the mind, FIXED by it (*Mother clenches her fist tight*), and which appeared so inescapable, to such a point that those who had a living experience of the higher worlds thought one had to flee this world, abandon this material world if one really wanted to live in the Truth (that's the cause of all those theories and beliefs), now things are no longer like that. Now things are no longer like that. The physical is CAPABLE of receiving the higher Light, the Truth, the true Consciousness, and of man-i-fest-ing it.

It's not easy, it calls for endurance and will, but a day will come when it will be quite natural. It's only just the open door—that's all, now we have to go on.

(silence)

Naturally, what was established hangs on tight and defends itself desperately. That's the cause of this whole trouble (*swarming gesture in the earth atmosphere*)—but it has lost the battle. It's over. It's over.

(silence)

It has taken this Consciousness... a little more than a year to win this Victory. Naturally, as yet it's visible only to those who have the inner vision, but... its done.

(long silence)

That was the work Sri Aurobindo had given me, that was it. Now I understand.

But it's as if from every side—every side—those mental forces, mental powers were rising in protest, violent in their protest, so as to impose their old laws: "But things have always been this way!..." But it's over. They won't always be this way, that's all."

The Mother, Agenda, 14 March 1970

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/11/march-14-1970>

Now we have to go on...

Zech, 2023.08.16

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



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

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER



Tuesday, 29th August, 9 am - 12 noon

Focus: Practice – the Sunlit Path

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome

POETRY

THESE IMMORTAL CELLS



Have you ever tried to trace
The very first instance
Of these trillions of cells
In our human bodies?
From your parents to theirs
And all previous generations
Even before the dawn
Of mental Homo sapiens?
Beyond all intermediary life forms
To the very first advent
Of a single twitch of life
From this terrestrial Matter?
We do not really know how,
But after billions of years
Here we are,
Becoming conscious
Of our Source the Marvellous.
With that intense realisation
It is time to fully awaken
To the beauties of creation
That these Immortal Cells
Have given as manifest expressions.
The blossoming of their full potential
Awaits our conscious approval.
The Two who are One
Have already opened the portal,
Even have lovegiven
A City of Dawn,
An Auroville for the willing
Whom will carry on
With what the Supramental Avatar
Sri Aurobindo and the Mother
In loving sacrifice have started:
This Great Adventure we are invited.
They have even left behind
All spoken and written revelations
Incarnate Words from the Supreme
To hasten the transition
Of the rather insensitive human
To a new species more conscious
Befitting a Life Divine.
Well, isn't that just superfine?
Now comes the decisive time
Having given this magical opportune
To choose which bend to turn:
Keep wallowing in the muck of Mind,
Enslaved by the deathful ego undivine
Or the unfettered Divine Supermind.
If a willing consent is way too hard,
In the past addicted and chained,
Then a sincere surrender
To the Supreme Lord
Is all you need.
As Nike said:
Just Do It
And experience to believe.

Zech, 2023.08.16

A CONVERSATION WITH AUDREY

"You have Light in your eyes."

"I was in the sun for quite a while.
So I guess I'm giving it out now."

-Anandi Z.

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

YOU CAN MAKE ITR HAPPEN! - "A FIRE"

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 Theater, 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!

Where: CRIPA, Kalabhumi, Auroville

When: August 25, 26, 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Age recommended: 13+

Admission is Free, of course, but ...



If you would like to help us with a donation:

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 and includes support for the actors, costumes, set design, lighting, 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/> or use the handy QR Code. It's easy!
- 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 +91 9486416173 WA.

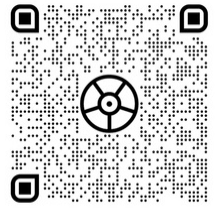
Your support, large or small, will truly make a world of difference. We can't do it without you!

SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE!

With heartfelt gratitude, Jill Navarre

www.theaurovilletheatregroup.com

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WORK OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB

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

Field Officer (Full Time)

Roles & Responsibilities:

Coordinating project field work- Capacity to lead a team of volunteers/staff/teachers in pilot testing, implementing and evaluating educational programmes; Tamil communication- Manage and take responsibility for all Tamil communication (content writing, proof-reading, translation, report writing, calls and in-person meetings); Presenting, training and building capacity for teachers, partner organisation coordinators and potential future partners; External communication- Liaising with local government officials; Teaching- Teach and inspire students in Auroville and India through implementing our Programmes; Travelling to various locations within Tamil Nadu to train, launch and evaluate educational programmes.

The essential skills we are looking for are:

- Excellent Tamil communication (written and verbal).
- Good English communication.
- People skills (confidence to communicate with different stakeholders- government officials, teachers, and partner organisations).
- Willingness and ability to travel in Tamil Nadu and when needed to other states in India.
- Fluency in Word (typing Tamil script) & PowerPoint with good presentation skills.
- Someone who is organised, pays attention to detail and is able to manage their time effectively.
- Someone who enjoys working independently as well as being part of a team.

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

- Someone who is open to presenting our programmes and training teachers.
- Someone with experience conducting social impact evaluations (surveys, focus group discussions and interviews).
- Translation and proof reading in Tamil.
- Someone who is accurate and pays attention to details.
- Knowledge of Adobe (InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop).

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



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

Project manager (Full time)

Roles & Responsibilities:

Managing projects- Capacity to lead on different aspects throughout the entire project cycle (planning, research, development, implementation, and evaluation); Managing a team- Coordination of team members, supporting team members as needed, collaborating with Admin & HR manager regarding team members; Time management- Responsible for managing project phases/timelines and making sure that outputs and deadlines are met; Quality control- Follow up on design, content, and production to make sure high quality standards are met; Strategic planning- Participation in organisational vision, mission, goals and aims including decision making in the organisational structure and project cycles.

The essential skills we are looking for are:

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

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

LONG-TERM ANIMAL CARETAKER WANTED!

As we are lifting our dog shelter to a new level of professional animal care, we offer you a unique opportunity to join our ever-expanding team at the Auroville Dog Shelter!

Responsibilities:

- Feeding and handling dogs, which includes cutting and handling meat
- Assisting our vets with dog handling when needed
- Sometimes carrying heavy bags and engaging in physically demanding tasks
- Providing extra feeding for our slow for legged eaters
- Bathing, grooming, and de-ticking of our dogs
- Administering daily medication and supplement syrups
- Offering abundant love and care to our furry residents

Requirements:

- Genuine love for dogs and fearlessness in handling them
- Team player with a reliable schedule adherence
- Ability to work 5 days a week, 4 hours a day
- Passionate and dedicated to the well-being of our 300 residents

Compensation:

We can offer Rs. 8000 as financial compensation

Contact: aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com



EDUCATION

TUTION GRADE 1-10

I offer Tuition from grade 1 to grade 10.

Contact Ashwini 8270512606

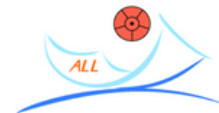


SPOKEN ENGLISH AND HINDI

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.

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-sBMlyywZNdZcAng/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 German with Ben

We are thrilled to announce that Ben has joined us as our new German teacher! A recent newcomer & native German speaker, Ben has been an online teacher for three years now, giving integration classes and language courses to immigrants from various backgrounds. He is now eager to apply his skills to an in-person classroom. Ben is a language enthusiast and takes interest in translating poetry and studying ways of integral education. Ben's classes will be structured around the Goethe Institute material & will employ a variety of audiovisual tools and interactive elements. While we organize the class structure & timings, we invite you to enquire and book your spot! We hope to start the course mid-September. Timings & days to be announced soon!

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.

- We hope to start on **September 5** with an introductory class on **August 31** if we have 6-7 confirmed registrations. Classes will take place twice weekly, on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30 pm.**

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 now closed for new registrations.

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.

- We need five confirmations to start the course. 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 started on **August 3**. Classes take place **Mondays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm.**

New: Italian with Fabio

Fabio will soon start two new Italian courses!

Beginner Italian:

If you are a beginner with little or no knowledge of the Italian language, you are welcome to join this 2-month (16-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.

- This course will start **September 4**. Classes will take place **Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm.**

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.

- We need 4 confirmed registrations to start this course.

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 soon	11am - 12noon	
	Conversation Started 3 August 2023	2:30 - 3:30pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner To start 12 September 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 To start mid-September	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner To start 5 September 2023	2:30 - 3:30pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Intermediate	2:30 - 4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner To start September 2023	10am - 12noon	Saturdays
Italian	Beginner To start September 2023	2:30 - 3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Conversation To start 22 August 2023	2:30 - 3:30pm	TBA

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

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

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

SELF EDUCATION AUROVILLE
A DREAMWEAVING INITIATIVE



To view the video, [click here](#)
Write to: selfeducationauroville@gmail.com

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

MOVING FORWARD

We will reflect our longings, wishes and moment of ignition through visualization, writing and embodied practices. And we will explore, discover, or reset our vision, life purpose and our next steps.

Contact Vega: 8531012459



VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES



Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @
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Restorative Yin & Yoga Nidra: Deep Relaxation for Body & Mind - with Emma
Friday, 25 August - 9:30am – 12:00pm

The workshop will be divided into two parts. The first one will include theory and practice, where we will journey through conscious relaxation, exploring a contemplative Yin Yoga practice to restore the natural condition of the deep tissues in the body while releasing tension in the physical, energetic, and mental layers. Then we shall transition into a relaxing Restorative Yoga practice which unwinds deep tension helping you to slowly let go of stress and feel more connected to your body. Finally, we shall experience Yoga Nidra — known as yogic sleep — a form of guided meditation practiced laying down, where we move into a deep state of conscious sleep, which is a deeper state of relaxation, taking us effortlessly into restful balance and harmony.

Master Class-Sivananda Yoga - with Mani
Saturday, 26 August - 9:30am – 12:00pm

The workshop starts with basic breathing and pranayama practices followed by sun salutations and 12 classical hatha yoga poses given by Swami Sivananda and Swami Vishnu Devananda. The asana sequence is framed in such a way that the entire spine is massaged and rejuvenated with free flow of prana starting from cervical, thoracic, lumbar to sacrum. Sufficient relaxation is given between the asanas to balance and maintain the effort and relaxation pattern of the nervous system. This rhythmic alternation between effort and the relaxation pattern of the nervous system will prepare you automatically for the final relaxation more easily and effectively. Finally, the workshop concludes with proper guided relaxation.

The Healing Power of Gayatri Mantra - with Sabrina
Saturday, 2 September- 9:30am – 12:00pm

In this workshop, Sabrina will share with you a very old and powerful tantric healing technique, based on the japa (repetition) of Gayatri Mantra. Gayatri Mantra is the mother of the Vedas, as the Rig Veda opens with these verses, and is one of the most famous and recited mantras in the Hindu and Yogic tradition. One of its many benefits is to connect us with the sun Savitri, who bestows life and gives us the energy to move forward. Another is to purify our body, mind, and intellect. After a short introduction about the mantra, you will learn the mantra and associated mudras (hand postures) to heal yourself and others while connecting to the energy of the mantra.

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

Offers regular Tai Chi Chuan classes from Mon-Sat.

Monday & Saturday:

- 7:30-8:30 Chi
- 8:30-9:30 Form

Tuesdays - Fridays:

- 7:30-8:00 Chi
- 8:00-9:00: Form



All are welcome

Contact: taichi@auroville.org.in / 0413 2623187



Program for August 2023

CLASSES - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Iyengar Yoga with Tatiana and Chloé

All Iyengar Yoga classes are designed for healthy adults. If you have any physical problem, please talk to the teacher before the class to find out if this class is for you. We do not offer any medical yoga classes and our classes are not for people who need a therapeutic approach.

Mondays 5.00 – 6.30pm | Level 1 | Tatiana

A general asana practice class. Each session includes the practice of Salamba Sarvangasana (shoulderstand) or preparatory stages. Regular attendance is expected.

Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:00am | Spine class | All levels | Chloé

Suitable for all levels of practitioners. Special attention is paid to relaxing the back and the correct position of the spine in various types of asanas. Each practitioner should be prepared to independently use props such as chairs, rollers, bricks.

Wednesdays 5.00 – 6.30pm | Level 2-3 | Tatiana

For seasoned practitioners. Classes include both asanas and pranayama. Inverted poses like Salamba Sarvangasana, Salamba Sirshasana are practiced regularly.

Saturdays 9:00 – 10:30am | Restorative Yoga | Level 2-3 | Tatiana

Each session includes time for deep work in inversions, backbends and forward bends with support and deep relaxation on a physical and mental level. Practitioners are expected to independently choose alternative postures according to their ability and are prepared for prolonged use of inverted postures.

Saturdays 11.00am – 12.30pm | Mixed Level | Tatiana

An active practice class for Iyengar Yoga practitioners of all levels. Suitable for beginners.

Youth activities

These are ongoing educational programs. If a child is interested, parents need to talk to the teacher before.

Date	Time	Activity
Mondays, Wednesdays	4:00 - 5:00pm	Asanas for teenagers, with Lisbeth
Saturdays	9:00 - 10:00am	Yoga for children, 5 – 8 yrs., with Gala
Saturdays	10:00 - 11:00am	Yoga for children, 7 – 9 yrs., with Gala
Saturdays	11:00am - 12:00pm	Energy games for children, 9 yrs+, with Gala

Art Therapy class with Gala (Please register)

- Thursdays | 3 – 5pm | for adults
- Fridays | 3 – 5pm | for families

HEALING SPACE - BY APPOINTMENT

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

DROP-IN CLASSES

	Class & teacher	Class level
Mondays		
7.30 – 9.00am	Asanas with Rachel	All levels
8.30 – 10.00am	Yoga Therapy with Gala	All levels

Tuesdays

No drop-in class on this day.

Wednesdays

7.30 – 9.00am	Asanas with Rachel	All levels
8.30 – 10.00am	Yoga Therapy with Gala	All levels

Thursdays

4.30 – 5.30pm	Aviva Exercise with Suriyagandhi	For women only
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Fridays

6.45 – 8.00am	Pranayama with François & Namrita	For former “The Art of Living” course participants
7.30 – 9.00am	Asanas with Rachel	All levels
8.30 – 10.00am	Yoga Therapy with Gala	All levels
9.00 – 10.00am	Rosa’s ATB special for seniors with Rosa	Seniors
5.415 – 6.15pm	Feldenkrais class with Shari	All levels

Saturdays

No drop-in class on this day.

NEW ACTIVITIES

Weekly Readings of the Life Divine with Balvinder
Fridays 4:30 – 5:30pm
Resumes 1 September.

The weekly reading sessions of The Life Divine are led by Balvinder, an Aurovilian and lifelong student of Sri Aurobindo's writings. Each session will proceed with Balvinder reading and giving explanations of the English prose.

No prior knowledge of The Life Divine is necessary, just an openness to experiencing the beauty and wisdom of Sri Aurobindo's masterpiece. All are welcome to join. Feel free to come and listen even once to see if this is for you. No registration is necessary.

WORKSHOPS

**Course: Professional Training | Advanced
Massage and Bodywork – Module 3 | With Shari**



Weekly twice, for 8 weeks (48 hrs)
4 September to 25 October 2023
Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

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 third 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.

There are **some seats available** in this course and it is possible to join the 3rd module without having participated in the previous ones.

New interested persons will be interviewed by Shari and could receive a special "catch up" class, if needed.

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 !

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 - 6:00 PM
Deepanam School**

Contact: 7598446327

Kiran for Ginga Saroba



SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

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Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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



Regular Classes

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

Friday from 5 to 6pm (Regular Students)

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

Therapies

Shiatsu Massage with Sara

On appointment only (Sara +91 9443617308)



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

Expressive Arts with Anjali

On appointment only (+91 95600 26678)

The key purpose of Intermodal Expressive Arts sessions is to build our relationship with an art process in an experiential and embodied way through multiple art forms such as visual, writing, photography, dance, movement, music, or drama. By moving away from the result, into paying attention to the creative process, we allow ourselves to connect deeper to the resources we hold within us. The sessions will emphasize creative imagination, mindfulness through art, and connecting with our deeper selves. This space will also allow you to connect with your authentic forms of expression, as you explore the arts and access inner resources otherwise untapped. The sessions typically last for 60-90 minutes.

Tarot Reading with Anjali

On appointment only (+91 95600 26678)

Tarot, oracle and angel cards are tools of divination and exploration which can be used to gain insight, work through life's challenges and understand ourselves on a deeper level. The messages in these cards are used not to predict the future, rather to connect ourselves with our own inner knowing and wisdom to channel our resources in the right direction. The overall aim is to promote growth and well-being. Anjali uses the tool of tarot as an opening to connect with imagery, archetypes and intuition. The insight gained from the cards are delivered as a storyline or guidance which promotes deeper reflection. Anjali is certified by the Psychic Healing Academy led by Sal Jade, Tarot Instructor and Intuitive Healing Coach, and also by Academy of Tarot by Mehakleen, Tarot and Manifestation Coach. Her approach is also based in intuitive and spiritual practice. She combines her tarot practice with techniques from Pranic Healing and Expressive Arts.

Pranic Healing with Anjali

On appointment only (+91 95600 26678)

Pranic Healing is a revolutionary and comprehensive system of natural healing techniques that uses prana (life energy) to treat illness and improve well-being. It is a synthesis of ancient, esoteric healing methods that have been rediscovered, researched and tested over decades with proven success by the founder of Modern Pranic Healing, Grand Master Choa Kok Sui. Anjali has been practicing Pranic Healing since 2018 and she has been certified in Basic Pranic Healing, Advanced Pranic Healing, Pranic Psychotherapy, Achieving Oneness with the Higher Soul, Pranic Crystal Healing, Psychic Self Defense and Arhatic Yoga Prep, accredited by World Pranic Healing Foundation, Manila.

Pranic Healing has been described as a simple and yet very powerful technology that can be employed with immediate benefits to the patient. It is a no-touch healing modality. Pranic Healing corrects imbalances in the body's energy field and energy centers (chakras) and transfers life force to the patient. Pranic Healing can facilitate healing for specific diseases and conditions including physical, mental, emotional and psychological ailments.

THE EMBODIED VOICE

I'm delighted to be back with two voice offerings:

- **Aug 26, Saturday:** a half-day stand-alone workshop at the Tibetan Pavilion. 9.30am - 12.30pm
- **Sep 2, 9, 16, three Saturdays:** an opportunity to go a bit deeper in a small group and intimate setting (contact for info about the location). 4 - 6.30pm

The intention of these sessions is to help you soften and unfreeze, and get to know your voice as it emerges effortlessly from your whole being.

Expect deep listening, intuitive sound-making, movement and bodywork to physically release constrictions, emotional processes, and partner/group explorations to play, feel connected, and sing or give voice in a way that feels both wild and safe.

You will be invited to relax into a deep place of allowing and enoughness, and to witness what then unfolds in honest process.

To register or to enquire about one-on-one sessions, email shalini.voicework@gmail.com



HEALTH FOR EVERYONE!

Shiatsu Training Hours -

Time to deepen your learning (of meridians and more), to give and receive SHIATSU. An Art of Touch for Health and Happiness! During these regular Shiatsu training hours in the months of September, October and possibly beyond, we will mainly focus on the practical refinement of the Shiatsu Art of Touch. According to the need of the participants, we will include a brief look into the extensive theory of Shiatsu as well.

This is a good time for those who ever in their life enjoyed the Study of Shiatsu and wish to practise and deepen with additional inspirations in a supportive environment as well as for those without prior experience who would like to simply get a free feel of this specific Shiatsu-Touch, characterised by „intentionless intention“.

These hours are also a good way of tuning in and preparing for the soon up-coming Shiatsu Seminars for anyone with (active participant) or without (models) prior experience.

We are looking forward to hearing about your coming as well as hearing your questions, wishes, aspirations. Contributions required for ensuring future seminars. Kindly give according to your resources. 🙏

Do contact Ulrike Urvasi at mothersworkforthemotherswork@gmail.com or 9751513906 (WA, Signal, Telegram) for necessary registration or questions.

Wednesdays, 7 - 9 am during the months of **September** and **October** at **Budokan, Aikido Hall, Dehashakti**

AUROVILLE AIKIDO NEWS!



“Auroville Aikido” at **Auroville Budokan, Dehashakti** near Dana: Welcome if you want to watch a class before or join us right away!

- **Children classes** (from 8 of age) have restarted in July (with Philippe G. and Surya CR.) We welcome children on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 4.00 to 5.00 pm**. Regular attendance (at least twice a week) required, as part of the school sports' program.

- **Adults** All levels -including Beginners: **Tuesday Thursday & Saturdays 6 to 7.30 am** (with Murugan.) A new evening class is offered on Wednesday 5.15 to 6.30 pm. Beginners are mostly welcome on Wed. evening and Sat. early morning classes.

- **Women and young girls** with Surya on **Sunday 9.15 to 10.30 am**.

Notes: Aikido is a Japanese martial art that can be for everybody –and usually gender mixed. Its regular and sincere practice makes you work on all your different levels of being: physical, mental, spiritual. There is no competition in Aikido and the practice is non violent with concrete self-defense elements! We encourage the youth and especially girls and women to come and train with us. For your information, we will have a **2 week Intensive this winter** with a French Aikido master. Better join & prepare yourself now for this high level teaching!

- **Practice clothes & other info:** to start, beginners can wear a T-shirt & long loose pants (for energy flow, avoid tight fitting clothes) then a white “keikogi” will be required (we have some). Health Fund or your own insurance necessary. Please be on time, i.e. 10-15 min. before your class! Annual reasonable contribution required from all for the Budokan (activity under LEAD) and a monthly or per class contribution from non Aurovilians.

Contact: Surya 0413-2623 813 or 83001 89062, or N. Murugan 9952812843 – e-mail budokan@auroville.org.in or suryaniworks@gmail.com

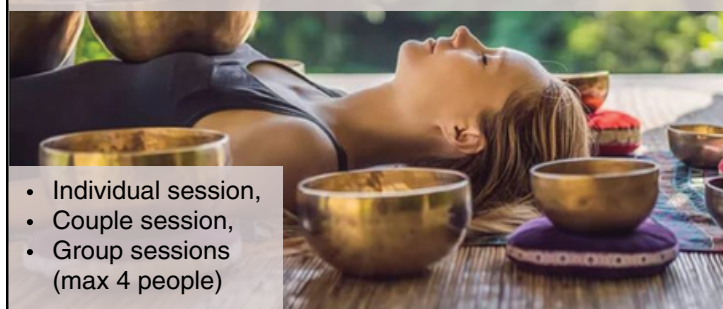
Looking forward to see you at the Budokan dojo, Surya, N. Murugan, Philippe G. and Cristo for “Auroville Aikido”.



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:

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- Guests: 500 INR

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Warm Regards, Dave

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VIPASSANA

Vipassana

As taught by S.N. Goenka



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



ACTIVITIES

EXPERIENCE HARMONY OF SPIRIT AND BODY

Bio.decodage - Guided by Nadia Labiod

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AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS

RUPHAVATI JOY ACTIVITIES

Thai 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)

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)

Tailoring

- Any kind of Dress, Blouse, Kurtis can be done.

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E-mail: rupavathijoy@gmail.com



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

From the 11th of August to the 11th of October 2023



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



MEET OUR PUPPIES



MEET OUR PUPPIES

Join us on

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

10 AM - 12 PM





AUROVILLE
DOG SHELTER
Location

Due to our clinic's ongoing renovation and upgrades, we had to skip last Sunday's event. We are happy to invite all dog enthusiasts to our upcoming event on Sunday, August 27th, at 10 a.m. at the Auroville Dog Shelter.

Recently, 7 adorable newborn puppies, aged just 2 to 3 weeks, were dumped like trash near our shelter. These fragile puppies require feeding with a bottle every few hours. On Sunday, we're excited to demonstrate how to properly care for these tiny ones. Those puppies need a foster home. If you are able to take care of them for a while, please contact us!

Our other puppies and dogs are eagerly anticipating their bathing, spa treatments, grooming sessions, and playtime!

See you Sunday at the Auroville Dog Shelter!
aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com

AUM TAT SAT - NRITYA YOGA

MATRIMANDIR AMPHITHEATRE

On the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

AUM TAT SAT

Nritya Yoga in the Light of Sri Aurobindo

script & music composition: Arnab

choreography: Madhumita, Devasmita & Grace

co-created with 50 artists from Ashram, Auroville, Europe, Russia & US

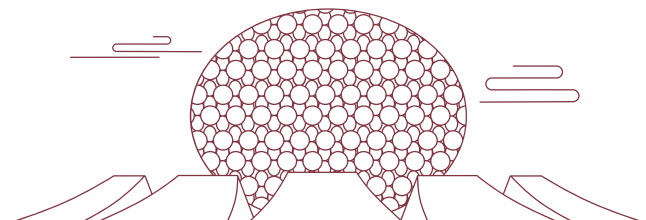


Date : Wednesday 30th August 2023

Venue : Matrimandir Amphitheatre

Time : 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

All are cordially invited to arrive by 6.45 pm.
 Park your bikes in front of the Office Gate.



KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE



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Silambam



Bharatha Naattiyam



English Classes



Kungfu



Hip Hop



Music: Keyboard



Tailoring



Archery
Karate
Tai Chi
And Sports Activities

Dear Friends,

Regular Activities are offered at our Kulai Creative Centre. For more information on the timings and to join in, please write to kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in or to our WhatsApp: 8608473385

With regards,
 Selva from KCC.

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



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 WhatsApp: +91 8940288090

POWER OF COLLECTIVE ASPIRATION



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 Auocard)

34 YEARS OF EXISTENCE OF THE AUROVILLE EARTH INSTITUTE - OPEN HOUSE 31ST AUGUST

The Auroville Earth Institute (AVEI) will complete its 34 years of existence next **Thursday, 31st August 2023**. This date is symbolic, as it corresponds to the date when Satprem Maïni joined Auroville, on 31st August 1989, to found AVEI and to build Auroville. AVEI was officially registered later as a sub unit of the Auroville Building Centre.

Despite the lies, false allegations and mean attacks of the illegitimate WC and illegitimate FAMC, Satprem goes on managing remotely AVEI –dedicated to its [mission and activities](#), to train people, research and propose low carbon, cost effective and appropriate earth technologies to build Auroville and worldwide. 34 years of endeavour and hard work from a [dedicated team](#), can be summarized as follow.

- Trained more than 14,000 people from 94 Nations (10,250 Indians and 3,848 foreigners). Some of these Indian trainees having been awarded national and international prizes for their works inspired by their time here.
- Representation for the [UNESCO Chair](#) "Earthen Architecture, Constructive Cultures and Sustainable Development": Satprem was first granted the representation for India in 2000, which was extended in 2005 to Asia.
- Designed a wide range of equipment to build with earth "Auram", manufactured and sold by Aureka all over the world.
- [Recipient of 15 awards](#): 4 international awards and 11 Indian Awards.
- Finalist for the World Habitat Award 2000 and twice finalist of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 1992 and 2007.
- Satprem has worked in 39 countries to transfer his knowledge and promote earthen architecture.
- Satprem has brought back to AVEI more than 1.5 Crores Rs. from his works abroad.
- Created invaluable assets in Auroville with the construction of the [Visitors Centre](#), [Vikas](#), [Mirramukhi School](#) (presently Deepanam), [Realization](#), AVEI premises and many other small projects.
- [Assistance with training courses and building demonstration houses in Gujarat](#) for the rehabilitation after the 2001 earthquake, which resulted in more than 3000 houses built totalizing more than 1 million m².

- [Developed a technology for earthquake resistance](#) with compressed stabilized earth blocks (CSEB), which have been approved by 3 governments.
- Built two temples for Lord Shiva: [Dhyanalinga Temple for Sadhguru/ Isha Foundation](#) near Coimbatore and [Sri Karneshwar Nataraja Temple](#) near Auroville.
- AVEI has published [many articles and papers](#) and its works were featured in many publications all over the world, the last one being mentioned on page 46 of the compendium [Prayaas Se Prabhaav Tak](#), released at COP 27 at Cairo, Egypt by the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

On **31st August**, AVEI will offer an **open house**, where everyone is welcome to see videos, visit our premises and exhibitions, and have some practical hands on. Refreshments and biscuits will be offered.

Unfortunately, Satprem will not be here that day, as he is in a kind of exile, hopefully not as long as the 14 years that Rama spend in the forest.

Satprem Maïni



SEPTEMBER:
4th-9th: CSEB Production
11th- 16th: CSEB Masonry
18th-23rd: AVD Theory
25th-30th: AVD Masonry

OCTOBER:
9th-12th: Ferrocement
16th-21st: Wind Generator

NOVEMBER:
20th-25th: CSEB Design
27th-2nd Dec: CSEB Intensive

DECEMBER:
4th-9th: AVD Intensive

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POETRY IN MOTION - WORKSHOP

SAT 2ND & SUN 3RD SEPTEMBER



WORKSHOP

Poetry in Motion

Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd September
at Cripa, Auroville

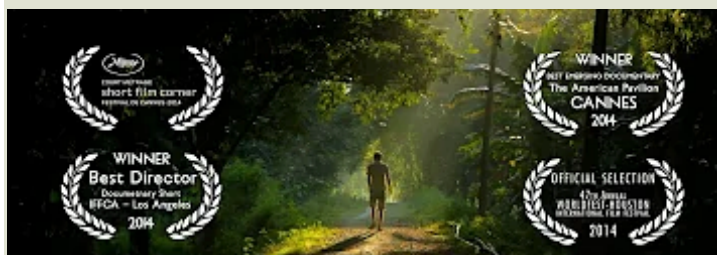
Through a journey of dance, games, movement, and written explorations we will unwind our inner worlds, co-creating a piece of embodied poetry that will be captured in a live piece, with the potential of becoming the basis for a dance short film too.

facilitated by: Valentina Beatriz, Louise Avey
and Mukul Kumar

Limited seats. Contribution requested. Info and registration at
+91 9361542758 / ineffablefilms@auroville.org.in

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

FOREST MAN



Since the 1970's Majuli islander Jadav Payeng has been planting trees in order to save his island. To date he has single handedly planted a forest larger than Central Park NYC. His forest has transformed what was once a barren wasteland, into a lush oasis. Humble yet passionate and philosophical about his work. Payeng takes us on a journey into his incredible forest.

 <https://youtu.be/HkZDSqyE1do>

AVAILABLE

HOUSEMAID AVAILABLE

Selvi has been known for 2 years as a reliable worker and warm natured person. She has a basic English, does all kinds of housework and can also take care of children. She likes babies very much. Selvi is now available half time and for babysitting in the evenings.

If you wish to enjoy working with her, contact Urvasi at 9751513906 (no calls!, all messaging providers like Signal, Whats app etc) or 2622906.

HOUSEMAID LOOKING FOR WORK

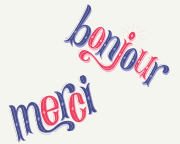
Lakshmi, from Sanjivi Nagar is looking for work 3 days a week (if possible Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday). She is a very hard and yet smiling worker.

You may contact her through her elder son +91 638 562 90 71.
For more information: 948 848 34 85
Rakhal / Sukhavati

LOOKING FOR

FRENCH TEACHER

Ashwini needs a French volunteer teacher to teach her basic French language.
Please contact 8270512606 if you can help.



FULL TIME JOB AVAILABLE

Looking for a lady to do full time house work in Auromodele / Fraternity.

Experience in house keeping & cooking in Auroville required.

Contact: Shama 9443413471

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

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Products and services
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Dropzy is a mobile app marketplace for ordering from a wide range of in and around Auroville eateries, grocers, bakers, farms, etc and has partnered with ITS (Integrated Transport Service) whose delivery personnel will pick up the orders from the outlets/stores and deliver them to the customers at their doorsteps.

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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
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Over the period of 6 months, we have made a lot of improvements with our services and technicians in order to cope with quality, beauty and time, which are the 3 mandatory factors that we work on.



Rapid Care Service, as an Auroville activity, is dependent only on Aurovillians and Auroville, while we also do not take advantage of our own community in terms of rate and quality. We make sure the work is completed on an economical budget without compromising quality.

Please use Rapid Care Services to keep Auroville's economy healthy, and rotational to benefit Auroville as a whole.

List of services provided by Rapid Care Services:

- Aluminum channel work
- Welding
- Carpentry
- Masonry - renovations and remodulation
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Insect Treatment
- Fencing
- Electrical
- Washing machine repair & installation,
- A/c repair and installation,
- Inverter repair and installation,
- Dth repair and installation and
- Furniture purchase assistance

Kindly contact us and hire our services at the below mentioned contact details.

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Regards, Julien.

HAIRCUTS

Hairdresser. For your and / or your child' s next haircut: inspired, striving for perfection, 11 yrs young artist Ahana looks after your and / or your child's hair and well being.



After everyone who came was happy and content, we are now requesting short and long HAIR MODELS to step forward and try something new and beautiful!

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

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!**

A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY

MATRIMANDIR TREE REMOVAL



The RA TDC [shared a report](#) on the recent Matrimandir (MM) excavation and tree cutting. Despite the test phase of the MM lake still being incomplete, MM executives are quickly moving forward with a second segment of the lake. This means that “various factors such as the viability and impact the lake is likely to have on the environment and ecology” remain unclear. The report shows that the excavation for the second phase is taking place over approximately 4 acres of land and endangers around 125 trees including “a large number of very old Neem trees”. Pictures included in the report show that the excavation has already removed numerous trees and many more are at risk.

These actions, the report states, go against the NGT judgement as well as straying from the recent practice whereby “the [Matrimandir] gardens have been designed through collaborative community participation”.

Narad, who was entrusted by the Mother with the task of building the MM gardens, recently resigned from his work in the MM gardens due to the planned removal of Neem Trees, and the conduct of the MM executives team. He [shared a testimony](#) stating “My dear friend and coworker told me that [a MM executive] had said that they will dig out the very old 50 to 60 year old Neem trees that truly have a presence in them and that [they] and the other executives will tell Aurovilians that they tried to transplant the trees but they died (...) I cannot accept this falsehood and therefore have resigned.”

15TH AUGUST CELEBRATIONS



On 15th August 2023, for Sri Aurobindo’s 151st birth anniversary, a day-long program of events was held in Auroville. This included the usual dawn fire at Matrimandir Amphitheater, which was less attended than usual according to testimonies and [a video posted by Manohar](#).

The AVFO and affiliated groups organised several events to mark both India’s independence as well as Sri Aurobindo’s birthday. Spiritual leader Sri M was invited to hold [a morning meditation at the Town Hall](#) and later participated in [a ‘Unity walk’ along the Crown](#).

An event was also held at Bharat Nivas to celebrate India’s Independence day, and the Indian flag was displayed on a [recently installed](#) flagpole in front of Town Hall.

In the afternoon of the 15th, several events were organised by community members with the help of volunteers. Community activities and children’s activities - such as storytelling and crafts - were offered as well as the premiers of the first part of Olivier Barot’s new movie, [Sri Aurobindo & the Earth’s Future](#). Later, the community gathered near the Inuksuk in the International Zone, around a 10 meter-wide flower mandala of Sri Aurobindo’s symbol with candles lit by children. In the evening there was a bonfire, readings of Sri Aurobindo’s words in English and Tamil, live music and a light dinner. The afternoon and evening community event was attended by approximately 700 residents.

DREAMCATCHING RESTARTS

The Dreamweavers Core Team held a community meeting on Saturday 29th July 2023. You can watch [the recording of the meeting here](#). They are restarting Dreamcatching sessions “to explore a more unifying action-oriented planning process for the development of Auroville.” Dreamcatching is a form of collective imagining that actively seeks to allow creativity to flow from a higher space. The sessions will be from 6-8am on Mondays. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to dreamcatchingav@gmail.com. You can read [the full announcement of the Dreamweavers here](#).

OUTCOME OF TWO RECENT RADS

On 14th August, the RAS [announced](#) the results of the two recent RADs. The first RAD aimed at providing the Residents’ Assembly with powers to call for emergency RADs, upon the request of 300 residents (read the full proposal [here](#)). 409 residents participated in this vote, and the proposal was approved by 402 voters (98%).

The second RAD aimed at granting the RA WCom with emergency powers to appoint interim members to other working groups (read the full proposal [here](#)). 405 residents participated in this vote, and the proposal was approved by 376 voters (93%).

On 21st August, the RA WCom sent a [massbulletin](#) in which they clarified that they “equate the term ‘Emergency Functions’ at this time to be ‘Crisis Management Functions’, even if there is no specific emergency at any given moment”. They also mentioned that they “are in the process of reaching out to people about being appointed as interim members of the RA FAMC”, which has been functioning with limited membership over the past months. “The time frame of these interim appointments could be anywhere from 2 or 3 months (till the next selection process tentatively planned for end of Sept.) to 18 months, as specified in the RAD proposal.” They added: “However, we would like to make it clear that these interim appointments are not intended to replace or reduce the importance of the Selection Process and the role of the Residents’ Assembly as a whole in selecting members for its working groups. The function of the RA Working Committee appointing people to working groups will be used as a stop gap measure only. (...) When the next Selection Process is announced by the Auroville Council and RAS, we urge residents to come forward and offer their time and energy as members of working groups”.

VISIT OF THE HON’BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

The Hon’ble President of India, Ms. Droupadi Murmu, visited Auroville on 8th August 2023. The program of the visit was shared on 3rd August by the AVFO ‘WCom’. Access passes were required to attend the Hon’ble Presidents’ speech at the Bharat Nivas Auditorium.

On 7th August at 22:16pm, an [email](#) was sent at very short notice to all those who had registered, asking them to pick up their passes before midnight the same day, which made it impossible for some to attend the event.

The Hon'ble President gave [a speech](#) to Aurovilians and those present, preceded by India's national anthem and the Tamil Thai Valthu (the state song of Tamil Nadu). Among other elements, the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, expressed gratitude for the teachings and philosophy of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, emphasizing their impact on seekers worldwide.

Part of the programme also included a visit by the President to the Matrimandir and its gardens, and for the occasion she was invited to plant a tree in the Matrimandir gardens, next to the amphitheater, accompanied by a [signboard](#). It is the first time a public personality's name is officially displayed within Matrimandir premises for a long-lasting homage.

CIRCULAR FROM MRS K SWARNAMBIKA

On 28th July 2023, a [notice](#) was posted on several websites announcing that Mrs K Swarnambika, IPS, had been appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs at a "DS/Director level" at the AVFO. No information has been shared by the AVFO as to the nature of Mrs Swarnambika's new role. On 11th August 2023, just prior to the 15th August birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo and the Indian Independence day, a [circular](#) from Mrs Swarnambika was sent to the community via the AVFO massbulletin service. The notice gave Aurovilians an 'action plan' to celebrate Independence Day - hoisting the National flag, sharing selfies with the flag and changing their profile pictures on social media to include it. Information was also given about a program of events hosted by the AVFO 'WCom' at Bharat Nivas. (See above paragraph on 15th August celebrations).

AUROVILLE NEWS PODCAST & AUROVILLE.MEDIA WEBSITE

The Auroville Media Liaison Service (AMLS), an activity approved by the RA WCom, [announced](#) the launch of a new audio series called "Auroville News Podcast" on 6th August. The first episode of this podcast series, which delves into the latest happenings in Auroville, is available on [this webpage](#) as well as on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [YouTube](#).

Additionally, on 14th August, AMLS [announced](#) that their website [www.auroville.media](#) had been updated and refreshed. They highlighted their [Summary of the current crisis](#) webpage, and encouraged residents to share it with their friends and contacts, in India and world-wide. They also added that "information-sharing and media requires much work", inviting those who feel inspired to help to write to [media@auroville.services](#).

LAND MATTERS - REPORT

A report in recent circulation claims that plots of land in Forecomers are being touted for exchange by the AVFO and their 'Land Board'. Land on the Tindivanam Highway (Murthy's stone carving workshop) and in Djaima have already been exchanged. You can read the full report, which includes other information about land matters in and around Auroville, [here](#).

TREE CUTTING IS ONGOING

Tree cutting along different sections of the Crown is ongoing despite the NGT judgement. This tree cutting, reportedly done by the AVFO 'Land Board' at the request of the Secretary, has over the last few days been carried out at irregular timings, e.g. on Sunday mornings or after dark. Many areas along the planned Crown (such as the area [in front of the Unity Pavilion](#), often used for parking)

are slowly losing their shade. According to [an RA TDC report](#), dated 18th August, these are "severe violations of the NGT judgement" which included protected trees such as palmyras. This 'work', being done in contradiction to both the NGT judgement and the RA decision to pause development on the Crown, is being carefully documented by a group of residents.

TOURIST/VIP ACCESS ROAD

Auroville farmers [shared](#) an "expression of concern" with the AVFO 'FAMC', 'Farm Service' and the Secretary, regarding the planned relocation of 3 Auroville farms in order to accommodate a new VIP access road. An [image](#) shared recently shows that the proposed road would go straight through Buddha Garden, Shambala & Siddhartha Farms. The road, the additional parking lot and convenience facilities that are planned would, according to the farmers' statement, "obliterate" the 3 farms.

The farmers' expressed that "This will certainly be a loss for Auroville's agricultural sustainability and productivity ... [this] appears to us to be in direct contradiction to other statements you have made about wanting to increase agricultural production in Auroville". The statement emphasised that the farmers' group did not intend to oppose the plan, but that they urge a proper plan in place for the relocation of the 3 farms prior to the road being built - identifying viable land with access and providing sufficient funds for relocation, for facilities such as accommodation, borewells and storerooms.

A letter from the RA TDC to the Special Officer of the AVFO 'Land Board' raised several points regarding the proposed Tourist/VIP access road. They pointed out that this road is not in any version of the gazetted Master Plan that the Secretary claims to be following in order to build the City, and that any road construction would go against the NGT verdict. You can read their full letter [here](#).

In recent weeks, the Auroville Dog Shelter received notice that part of the Dog Shelter would also be destroyed to make way for this road. The action was narrowly prevented after the intervention of the Dog Shelter team who appealed strongly to outside agencies.

UPDATE ON KALABHUMI BOREWELL

At the beginning of July 2023, the CPWD surveyor and supervisor visited Kalabhumi and discussed the trajectory of the road with a resident. As per their measurements, the road and channel are actually located 20-30 centimetres away from the borewell, and therefore it could be spared, as long as the work is executed with care and caution.

On July 28th 2023, allegedly upon the request of the Crown Road contractor SP&Co, a JCB was sent to Kalabhumi again, where they continued digging and broke the pipe. After breaking it, they continued digging towards the borewell, stopping around one metre before the well. In the meantime a group of Aurovilians gathered and prevented further destruction. When the JCB left, as water services were not replying to requests for help repairing the pipe, the residents went to get equipment to fix the broken pipe themselves, enabling a temporary connection of the borewell to the Kalabhumi water tank.

On August 2nd, two CPWD site supervisors met with a Kalabhumi resident and discussed possible non-destructive solutions. They stated that the borewell would remain untouched and appeared to understand that it would be easier for them to lay an infrastructure channel under the road to allow the Kalabhumi pipeline and cables to reach the community side. They said that they would take this information back to the AVFO, after which they would work on plans and revert back to the Kalabhumi community. No news has been received since then, and for the moment it appears that the threat to the borewell has been averted.

AV RADIO

Dear Aurovilians,



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- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep.15 “The silent years – Pre-World War I American cinema”](#) (Cinema)
- [Marlenka’s weekly Offering -Ep.102\(Literature\)](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 447](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Musical Renditions of Sri Aurobindo’s Sonnets by Shakti Balu](#) (Music)
- [Soul Tracks – Se.5 Ep.6 “Sleepless Nights and Poolside Parties”](#) (Music)

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....and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org
For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in

Peace and love
Regards, AvRadio team



CINEMA



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

Reminder: FRIDAY 25th “3 FACES” (Persian: Se rokh) by Jafar Panahi, Iran, 2018

and

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER, 8:00 pm
“SPOTLIGHT”

Directed by Tom McCarthy, US, 2015

With: Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber, John Slattery, Stanley Tucci.

The film follows The Boston Globe’s “Spotlight” team, the oldest continuously operating newspaper investigative journalist unit in the United States, and its investigation into cases of widespread and systemic child sex abuse in the Boston area by numerous Catholic priests. Unanimously acclaimed by critics, it was also nominated for six Oscars and won Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay in 2016.

Synopsis: In 1976, at a Boston Police station, two policemen discuss the arrest of Fr. John Geoghan for child molestation. A high-ranking cleric talks to the mother of the children. An assistant district attorney then enters the precinct and tells the policemen not to let the press learn what has happened. The arrest is not publicized and Geoghan is released...

Original English version with English Subtitles. Duration 2h.09’



Presents “**CINE-master class**”

5.00 – 7.30 pm on SUNDAY 27 AUG. 2023
at **Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi** (next to CRIPA)

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to our **Cine-Master classes!** Welcome to this chapter led by **Dr. Alexander Pereverzev & Philippe May** on “**White Sun of the Desert**” by **Vladimir Motyl** in 1970 (Original title: Белое солнце пустыни, Beloie solntse poustyni / Beloe solntse pustyni)

Overview: The film is an explosive blend of action, comedy, and drama set in modern Turkmenistan a century ago. For many years, the Red Army soldier Sukhov has been fighting in the Russian Civil War in the deserts of Turkestan. Just as he is about to return home to his beloved wife, Sukhov finds himself obliged to escort the harem of the ruthless anti-Soviet guerilla leader Abdulla. Abdulla is pursued by the Red Army, so he tries to get rid of his harem to avoid being slowed down. Very soon Sukhov's task proves to be much more difficult than he could ever imagine...

Alexander and Philippe our film experts and enthusiasts, will offer a presentation of the film, its context and cinematic references before the projection, which will be followed by an open discussion!

The film is in its Russian Original version with Engl. Subtitles, duration 1h.24’

AUROFILM PRESENTS

CINE-MASTER CLASS

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023

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

By our guest speakers: Dr. Alexander Pereverzev & Philippe May

A film by Vladimir Motyl



For many years, the Red Army soldier Sukhov has been fighting in the Russian Civil War in the deserts of Turkestan. Just as he is about to return home, Sukhov finds himself obliged to escort the harem of the ruthless anti-Soviet guerilla leader Abdulla...

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Presentation, Film, interactive discussion

Original Russian version, English ST, USSR, 1970 - 1h24’



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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

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

Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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- Rs. 800 Monthly: Workers of Auroville & Volunteers / One way.
- Rs. 150 Round trip per day for Aurovilians & Newcomers
- Rs. 200 Round trip per day 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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India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO ATDC - FO N&N 988

L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE

ATDC Application Announcement 17-08-2023



L'avenir d'Auroville

A. Received and Approved

The following Building Application has been received and approved (feedback requested before the 31 August 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

- PROJECT NAME—Sandeep—BAB—NO 2624 (Re-building of House)
 - Applicant/s: Sandeep
 - Location/area: Discipline / Green Belt
 - Area for which approval is sought: 45 Sq.m
 - Project brief: The present building which was built over 30 years ago, is plagued by various problems such as flooding after every rain, insufficient overhang, and structural cracks. The applicant desires to reconstruct the house and he submitted an application for this purpose, which has been granted approval by the application team.
- PROJECT NAME—Mohan & Subbulakshmi—BAB—NO 2623 (Sun / Rain Shade)
 - Applicant/s: Mohan & Subbulakshmi
 - Location/area: Soffio / Residential Zone
 - Area for which approval is sought: 46.48 Sq.m
 - Project brief: Sunshades for the house's back varandha and for East windows were not considered in the building. Due to this, it experiences problems throughout the summer and monsoon seasons.

B. Received Preliminary Design Approval

The following application has received Preliminary Design Approval (feedback requested before the 31 August 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

- PROJECT NAME—Svaram Craft Workshop—PDA—NO 2576
 - Applicant/s: Aurelio
 - Location/area: Svaram / Industrial Zone
 - Area for which approval is sought: 535 Sq.m
 - Project brief: The building will be replacing the existing workshop sheds using the same footprint in the present site of Svaram production. Grilled openings for air and light will allow for good ventilation as facing in the wind direction and guarantee good light and visibility.

Constructive feedback guidelines:

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

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

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

Sindhuja
for L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 28 August 20 23 to 03 September 2023

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. However, if you want to wear a mask it is your choice.

To organize the seminar/program please email us. Our projector is crawling towards the end of its life. It has served well, but it is time for us to look for a new one. For this or to support our work you could financially support us. Please find necessary details at the end of this note.

Indian and diaspora – Monday 28 August, 8:00 pm:

• POLITE SOCIETY

UK, 2023, Writer-Dir. Nida Manzoor w/ Priya Kansara, Ritu Arya, Renu Brindle, and others, Action-Comedy, 104mins, English-Urdu w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

A merry mash up of sisterly affection, parental disappointment, and bold action! The story follows martial artist-in-training Ria Khan who believes she must save her older sister Lena from her impending marriage. After enlisting the help of her friends, Ria attempts to pull off the most ambitious of all wedding heists in the name of independence and sisterhood. *We are rescheduling this film because many have missed this due to rain.*

Potpourri – Tuesday 29 August, 8:00 pm:

• THE MASTER

USA, 2012, Dir. Paul Thomas Anderson w/ Joaquin Phoenix, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams and others, Drama-History, 138 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Freddie Quell is a troubled, boozy drifter struggling with the trauma of World War II and whatever inner demons ruled his life before that. On a fateful night in 1950, Freddie boards a passing boat and meets Lancaster Dodd (), the charismatic leader of a religious movement called the Cause. Freddie tries hard to adhere to Dodd's weird teachings and forms a close bond with his mentor, even as other members of Dodd's inner circle see him as a threat.

Interesting – Wednesday 30 August, 8:00 pm:

• RUBARU ROSHNI (Unbroken)

India, 2019, Dir. Svati Chakravarty Bhatkal w/ Amir Khan and others, Documentary, 110mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The film is a beautiful compilation of three separate stories of killers and their victims, where the victims undergo a harrowing journey towards finding love, empathy and finally forgiveness which redeem the lives of the criminals who had assassinated, murdered and killed their family members in acts of mindless violence often underscored by political motives. Most importantly it is a humane story related through realities.

Selection – Thursday 31 August, 8:00 pm:

• TÔI THAY HOA VÀNG TRÊN CỎ XANH (Yellow flowers on the green grass)

Vietnam, 2015, Dir. Victor Vu w/ Thinh Vinh, Khang Trong, Lam Thanh My and others, Drama, Vietnamese w/English subtitles, 103 mins, Rated: NR (G)

After an act of violence leaves his brother Tuong paralyzed, Thieu discovers the true meaning of brotherhood. Set in the countryside village of Vietnam, is a touching tale of innocent love, friendships and brotherhood.

International – Saturday 2 September, 8:00 pm:

• SHE SAID

USA, 2022, Dir. Maria Schrader, w/ Lola Petticrew, Katherine Lahean, Zoe Kazan and others, Drama-History, English w/ English subtitles, 129 mins, Rated: R

New York Times reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor break one of the most important stories in a generation - a story that helped ignite a movement and shattered decades of silence around the subject of sexual assault in Hollywood and impelled a shift in American culture that continues to this day.

Children's Matinee – Sunday 3 September, 4:30 pm:

• THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX

UK-USA, 2008, Dir. Sam Fell, Robert Stevenhagen w/ Matthew Broderick, Emma Watson, Dustin Hoffman and others, Animation-Comedy, 93 mins, English, Rated: G

The tale of three unlikely heroes - a misfit mouse who prefers reading books to eating them, an unhappy rat who schemes to leave the darkness of the dungeon, and a bumbling servant girl with cauliflower ears - whose fates are intertwined with that of the castle's princess.

CLASSIC FILM FESTIVAL@ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 3 September, 8:00 pm:

• THE TREE OF LIFE

USA, 2011, Dir. Terrence Malick, w/ Brad Pitt, Sean Penn and others, Drama-Fantasy, 139 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG -13.

The impressionistic story of a Texas family in the 1950s. The film follows the life journey of the eldest son, Jack, through the innocence of childhood to his disillusioned adult years as he tries to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father. Jack finds himself a lost soul in the modern world, seeking answers to the origins and meaning of life.

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