

*Auroville*

# NEWS & NOTES

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## PONDERING

The earth is certainly not ready to realise such an ideal, for mankind does not yet possess the necessary knowledge to understand and accept it or the indispensable conscious force to execute it. That is why I call it a dream.

Aug. 1954

**The Mother on Auroville - page 6**

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



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

(continued from last week)

*It may well be that, once started, the [supramental] endeavour may not advance rapidly even to its first decisive stage; it may be that it will take long centuries of effort to come into some kind of permanent birth. But that is not altogether inevitable, for the principle of such changes in Nature seems to be a long obscure preparation followed by a swift gathering up and precipitation of the elements into the new birth, a rapid conversion, a transformation that in its luminous moment figures like a miracle. Even when the first decisive change is reached, it is certain that all humanity will not be able to rise to that level. There cannot fail to be a division into those who are able to live on the spiritual level and those who are only able to live in the light that descends from it into the mental level. And below these too there might still be a great mass influenced from above but not yet ready for the light. But even that would be a transformation and a beginning far beyond anything yet attained. This hierarchy would not mean as in our present vital living an egoistic domination of the undeveloped by the more developed, but a guidance of the younger by the elder brothers of the race and a constant working to lift them up to a greater spiritual level and wider horizons. And for the leaders too this ascent to the first spiritual levels would not be the end of the divine march, a culmination that left nothing more to be achieved on earth. For there would be still yet higher levels within the supramental realm, as the old Vedic poets knew when they spoke of the spiritual life as a constant ascent, –*

"The priests of the word climb thee like a ladder, O hundred-powered. As one ascends from peak to peak, there is made clear the much that has still to be done."

We have in fact spent all these centuries preparing the Base: a base of security and well-being through our science, a base of charity through our religions and morals, a base of beauty and harmony through our arts, and a mental base of rigorous exactitude, but these are all bases for *something* else. Absorbed as we are in our effort for perfection, we see only one angle of the great Work – the angle of earthly immortality, like the rishis; the angle of eternal Permanence, like the Buddha; the angle of charity, of well-being, all kinds of angles – but we are not going to continue playing forever like children with building blocks! None of these is an end, but only a negative condition of the Play. Nothing has really yet begun! Perhaps we are expected, first, to become conscious of the Play in order for it to begin. We have exhausted all kinds of adventures since Jules Verne, and they have all gradually closed in on us. What war, what revolution is still worth giving one's blood for? Our Everests have all been deflowered, and the high seas are patrolled night and day; everything is monitored, precalculated, even the stratosphere. Could this be intended to lead us to the only possibility left in this increasingly asphyxiating world? We had assumed we were only short sighted little moles on a big planet, so we proceeded to rectify the great Eye within, and our wings, by substituting a steel machinery that is now crushing us mercilessly – perhaps to compel us to believe as much in ourselves as we do in our machines, and to understand that we can realize far more than they. "They go round and round, battered and stumbling, like blind men led by one who is blind," said the Upanishad long ago. Perhaps the time has come to look beyond all our small constructions and to begin the Play? Instead of playing with shovels, bulldozers, gospels, and neutrons, let us clear the consciousness and cast that seed to the winds of time, that life may truly begin.



*O Force-compelled, Fate-driven earth-born race,  
O petty adventurers in an infinite world  
And prisoners of a dwarf humanity,  
How long will you tread the circling tracks of mind  
Around your little self and petty things?  
But not for a changeless littleness were you meant,  
Not for vain repetition were you built...  
Almighty powers are shut in Nature's cells.  
A greater destiny awaits you in your front...  
The life you lead conceals the light you are.*

Glancing beyond the old wall, we see that everything is already there, only waiting for us to want it:

*I saw them cross the twilight of an age,  
The sun-eyed children of a marvellous dawn...  
The massive barrier-breakers of the world...  
The architects of immortality...  
Bodies made beautiful by the Spirit's light,  
Carrying the magic word, the mystic fire,  
Carrying the Dionysian cup of joy...*

*(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#066](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#066)

With love and gratitude,  
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)



## HARD DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: TUESDAY 5PM

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

### How to submit material:

- Max size of posters should be 1 MB, in JPEG format. Bigger posters will be reduced or cropped to fit.
- 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 try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before **Tuesday 5pm.**

## DISCLAIMER:

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

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

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

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

## LIST OF ACRONYMS:

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

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

### Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

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

Auroville Council (AVC)  
Entry Service (ES)

### FO selected groups:

Working Committee (WC)  
Funds and Assets management Committee (FAMC)  
Budget Coordination Committee (BCC / BCS)  
Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)  
  
Housing Service (HS)  
Land Board (LB)



## NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

### **Important call for support:**

The RA Edition of the News&Notes (RA N&N) is made by and for the residents, and can only exist with your support. So far, printing and distribution costs have been covered by private donations but we are now facing a shortage of funds. We call for the community's **solidarity** and **financial support** to fund the printing and distribution of our News&Notes.

To contribute to the RA N&N, you can do so by donating to: "NEWSLETTER COLLECTION" **FS #252150**. Gratitude in advance for the support!

### **Reminder:**

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

We look forward to continuing to serve the over 3000 readers who receive the RA N&N 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 # 200 DATED: 05-10-2023**

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](mailto:auroville.entryboard@gmail.com) OR [auroville.entryservice@gmail.com](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com).

We thank you in advance.

#### **NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:**

- **Banumathy ARUNKUMAR (Indian)** staying in Celebration and working at Housing Service
- **Kanagaraju ANNASAMY (Indian)** staying in Muyarchi (Surrender) and working at Ayarpadi farm
- **Martina GOTTLE (German)** staying in Aspiration (Sharma's GH) and working at EcoFare
- **Nirmalraj MURUGAN (Indian)** staying in Newlands and working at Payanam



- **Thanmalar SHANKAR (Indian)** staying in Matrimandir Nursery and working at Matrimandir petals



#### **CHILD OF NEWCOMER:**

- **Lathika Sri (Indian)** born on 05/09/2012 (daughter of Banumathy)

#### **NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**

- **Dmitrii SEMENOV (Russian)**
- **Elamkathir K (Indian)**
- **Ganesh SHANMUGAM (Indian)**
- **Kavithanjali RAMACHANDRAN (Australian)**
- **Shubhendu DASGUPTA (Indian)**
- **Sujata MOHANTY (Indian)**

#### **AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:**

- **Lakshmi PANNEERSELVAM (Indian)**

#### **NOTE:**

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

Yours,

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

#### **Entry Service Timings:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30am—12:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday: Newcomer kits, 2:30—4:30pm

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

**Note:** If you want any more information about someone, please contact the Entry Service directly for more details.

## **FROM THE AV COUNCIL**

### **RAS MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Community,

The 3 months trial period for the new members of the Residents Assembly Service (RAS) is now completed, here is the final update:

**Mandakini, Robert, Sandeep** and **Satprem** have decided not to continue as RAS members. Giovanni has also expressed that he will step down as of 30th of September.

**Manas, Tatiana** and **Veronique** will continue as RAS members.

With appreciation and gratitude for the RAS' work.  
Auroville Council

## OBITUARY

### EX-CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, DR. MS SWAMINATHAN, PASSES AWAY

This is to inform the community that Dr. MS Swaminathan, distinguished agricultural scientist and the leader of India's Green Revolution, passed away on Thursday 28 September, at the age of 98. He was the founder and chief of the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai, the organisation that played a key role in developing high yielding rice varieties that boosted the income and productivity of poor farmers.



As he was holding, among many other functions, the UNESCO Chair of Eco-Technology, it was not surprising that his interest in Auroville was true and lasting. Auroville was honoured to have him as Chairman of the Auroville Foundation from 1997-99, and saw him as a committed friend and adviser ever since.

In 2002, during a filmed interview for Swiss TV, Dr. Swaminathan said:

"Auroville stands for fulfilment through work, work which is meaningful, work which can regenerate the environment, which can regenerate the human spirit, and can create more love and understanding and compassion among people. So, I think its message is very relevant to today's world as after the September 11th events this is the message of hope."

We salute a great man, and great friend of Auroville.

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## COMMUNITY SHARING



### AUROVILLE NEWS PODCAST - EPISODE 5



Dear community,

The 5th episode of our Auroville News Podcast has been released!

In today's episode we delve into the latest happenings from our community, including Matrimandir lake developments, visa concerns, and more.

You can find this 5th episode on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), [YouTube](#) and on [auroville.media/podcasts](http://auroville.media/podcasts)

The TAMIL VERSION of this 5th episode is available [here](#).

Thank you for listening, and for staying informed about what's going on in Auroville.

Feel free to send any comment, question or feedback at [media@auroville.services](mailto:media@auroville.services) and until next time, stay tuned!

Warmly,  
The Auroville Media Liaison service.

### A FOLLOW UP INFORMATION MEETING ON THE LATEST MATRIMANDIR LAKE DEVELOPMENT

Date & Time: 5:30pm Tuesday 10th October 2023

Venue: Savitri Bhavan

#### Lake Information Meeting Part II

On the 19th of September the Varuna Lake Team had organized an information meeting about the Matrimandir Lake. The response to this meeting was by far exceeding all expectations. About 100 people were physically present, and 950 watched the meeting online.

After the meeting we got a number of communications which expressed feelings of frustration over the fact that the meeting had to be closed after 2:15 hours, because 3 of the convenors of the meeting had to reach their flight to Hong Kong.

Therefore, we will hold a follow-up meeting on the **Tuesday the 10th of October, again at 5.30** in the late afternoon, and again in Savitri-Bhavan.

This time there is no limitation to the duration of the meeting, so we will be able to discuss questions at full length.

The subjects which the meeting will address are the following:

1. The targets for test-phase 1 of the MM-Lake, and the question if it makes any sense to wait for the next phase or not. According to our list of points for the research of Phase 1, we have achieved all what had to be researched in Phase 1 and it does not add any value to our research, if we wait now. But we are of course open to look at this and discuss our standpoint.
2. The desalination plant, its technical concept and its special features to meet the highest possible environmental standards.
3. The concept of general water-management for Auroville, as Varuna is proposing it and the role which the Matrimandir Lake has to play in this concept.
4. Our technical and scientific support for the Matrimandir Lake. Who are the scientists who accompany this project, how have we structured our flow of information and the procedure for technical decisions?
5. Sharing some of the preliminary test and researches we have carried out before starting the full lake.

For those who have not been part of the first meeting on the 19th of September, here is the link to the youtube-video. If you want to attend the second part, it would be good to be aware of what was discussed in the first part.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPS62FtMkpQ>

We would be very happy if the participation in this meeting and the interest in the subject is again as great and as full of life as it was on the 19th of September. We are looking forward to meet you!

The Varuna and Lake Team

## **SELF EDUCATION AUROVILLE - FIRST REPORT**

The Self Education group would like to share with the community its first report on the on-going program.

To access the report please, click on this [link](#).

The Self Education Team

## **UPDATE FROM THE DOG SHELTER**



As announced in our September transparency report, Lore bid farewell to the shelter at the end of September to pursue her personal dreams.

Over the last six weeks, we've been actively seeking a qualified candidate for a half-maintenance position, but unfortunately, no one has come forward to join our team.

Despite having hired a second veterinarian which enables us to provide the best quality care for our 300 resident dogs seven days a week every afternoon, our ability to respond to emergency rescue calls is currently limited.

Until we fill the position of a rescue driver who is also legally qualified for canine first aid, we can only respond to **rescue calls during daytime hours, from 9:00 to 17:00, Whatsapp: +91 89394 49413**

For any emergency rescue calls outside of these hours, please reach out to **BARK India: +91 94870 07552**

## VOICES AND NOTES

### **THE SUN RAY IN THE MATRIMANDIR INNER CHAMBER IS OFF CENTER**

Sitting in the Inner Chamber this morning I watched the sunray slide across the marble of the Mother's symbol until it gently touched the white carpet of the Chamber floor.

Of course, the Ray should have been centered on the Globe, not sliding around on the Mother's symbol. (We are looking for the mechanical or digital cause of this problem, manifesting for about two weeks now, but to no avail so far)

I thought of my old friend Ruud Lohman. He was always probing the symbolism of Matrimandir, in all its dimensions. Ruud, long gone, would have surely had a lot to say about this recent destabilization of the Sun Ray.

Clearly, something is amiss.

Perhaps it is reflecting the difficulties and agitation flooding Auroville since many months.

Until recently, a few months perhaps, this stir had not come to touch, visibly, the center of Auroville. The daily works proceeded quietly, steadily, - its gardens always offering a silent evening haven for all.

But recently, with the growing focus the execution of lake section 2, the energetic swirl of Auroville at large has finally touched the Center. Perhaps the Center has silently called it to come close, to embrace and to solve it?

Some say that the conflict in Auroville is between forces that want to build and forces that want to block the growth of the city. Forces that want to block Auroville's physical manifestation.

My take, rather, is that the opposition is coming from forces that want to block the development of the Auroville Spirit, to prevent the growth of the true Auroville consciousness.

After all, what will be the use of building rapidly a city of concrete and glass? Will that shell then wait for some new, fresh generation of Aurovilians to come and inhabit it, to fill it with the true spirit?

Both are needed now: the physical growth of the city and the growth too, and more urgently, the growth of the true consciousness of Auroville.

Look at the world around: does it need a new city to be built? Even a new green city with all the latest adaptations to the climate crisis will only be one more green city among many now under incubation.

No. Auroville has to be the city the earth needs... the city with a Soul... with a living consciousness of unity. This is the challenge of today.

It is difficult, yes... we each have our position, our conviction of being the holder of the true point of view.... but, as the Mother encouraged us to do so many years ago, we have to strive to act from a true synthesis of views.

Reaching this truer synthesis (we will not reach the pinnacle of truth right away, of course, but we can make some first faltering steps) we will send out into the world a tiny, but very powerful vibration of the Auroville spirit... and it will find its way.

It is challenging, even frightening, to let go of our mental/ vital positions... it is an exploration into unknown territory...

To let ourselves be led by That... to be led by quiet indications coming from a higher, truer source.

But it is something urgent now, totally urgent, - for ourselves, and perhaps for the world.

Achieving this, I am sure that the Ray in the Inner Chamber will return to its center.

John H

## USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN MODERN TIMES

Prakriti (Matter) is the expression of Purusha (Consciousness). In the hierarchical Cosmic Play of the many levels of consciousnesses, which is based on the opposites, Matter can be used by either those allied with the Divine Consciousness or the undivine consciousness.

That is why in the very beginning of the Auroville Charter, this diversity based on unity or our essential Oneness is clearly stated:

*"Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole."*

And immediately thereafter a clear "choice" is implied, a "must":

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

This "conscious choice of use" for either the Divine purpose or undivine purpose applies to everything that is Prakriti, physical-vital-mental or body-life-mind (for example one's psychophysical body or computer systems, money, etc.), as a tool of expression of the evolving individual Purusha, the Psychic being.

This "progressive Spiritual Evolution" also implies that many are still in the egoistic stage, which although false and undivine is the appropriate attitude at that stage, with each individual having the potential, the chance to advance to the True and Divine. Hence the Lila or the Cosmic Play that we are all in, starting billions of years ago from the Inconscient and the Ignorance of Mind (mental) evolving towards the Superconscient and Gnosis of Supermind or the Supramental, leading to the goal of this shared existence:

The Divine Manifestation... a Life Divine here on Earth.

Human beings or the Homo sapiens species as our current consciousness' (individual Purusha's) modality of manifest expression (Prakriti) is only a transitional stage, where we find ourselves circa 2023 in the advanced technological Age of Information and Communications, the IoT, A.I., all sorts.

I see this evolutionary stage as something that will intensely compel the few highly conscious humans to practice the advanced levels of the Integral Yoga of the Avatars Sri Aurobindo and the Mother that states in one core sentence:

*"Man is a transitional being..."*

In the meantime, here are some references and guidance from the Mother:

*"How does the Mother view the progress of Science and Technology in India? What contribution can they make to the growth of the Spirit in man?"*

Its only use is to make the material basis stronger, completer and more effective for the manifestation of the Spirit."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/18/basic-issues-of-indian-education>

*"Sweet Mother, If the children want to do practical work from the age of nine in the field of electronics or technology, should they be encouraged?"*

Yes, of course."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/12/correspondence>

For the moment let us all help in the Renaissance of Bharat Mata, the Guru of the World, as True Aurovilians working for the progress of Auroville, the City of Dawn:

- Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages.
- Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations.



- Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual researches for a living embodiment of an actual human unity.

<https://auroville.org/page/core-documents>

Zech, 2023.09.30

## THE IMPORTANT THING NOW

Circa 2023: a most relevant reminder has popped up that is most appropriate to our current local, national and global circumstances:

*"From a spiritual point of view, India is the foremost country in the world. Its mission is to give the example of spirituality. Sri Aurobindo came on earth to teach this to the world.*

*This fact is so obvious, that even a simple, ignorant farmer here is in his heart closer to the Divine than all the intellectuals of Europe.*

*All those who want to become Aurovilians must know that and behave accordingly, otherwise they are unworthy of being Aurovilians."*

(Another Note)

*"In the beginnings of humanity, the ego was the unifying element. It is around the ego that the various states of being were formed. But now that a superhumanity is about to be born, the ego must disappear and leave place for the psychic being which has slowly developed through divine agency to manifest the Divine in man.*

*The Divine manifests in man under the psychic influence, and that is how the coming of superhumanity is prepared.*

*The psychic being is immortal, so through it immortality can manifest on earth.*

*Hence, the important thing now is to find one's psychic being, unite with it, and allow it to replace the ego, which will be forced either to convert itself or disappear."*

The Mother

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/13/february-8-1972>

Here are the Avatars for the deeper understanding of and identification with one's Psychic being:

<https://incarnateword.in/search?query=psychic+being&page=1&phrase=true>

And why is it important to find and unite with our Psychic being, which is only the first step prior to the Yoga, the Union with Source Spirit and the crucial Supramentalisation of our being?

Because the Lords of Falsehood and Death, with the hordes of adverse and hostile vital beings, are still around.

*"And as long as these two beings exist, there will be difficulties."*

*"...they are doing as much damage as they can."*

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/04/8-march-1951>

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/03/12-may-1929>

As Avatars, Sri Aurobindo and the Mother have revealed fully the Cosmic Play, and the way to eventually eliminate all difficulties and undivinities and transform all to the Divine. The coming of the Avatars is only to kickstart the most difficult paradigm shift, the initial descent of the Supramental Consciousness-Force and Its embodiment in their physical bodies as primary contagions. As the evolving and awakening Psychic beings in the same physical bodies, it is up to us to continue on for the full Supramental manifestation...

This current human vessel, this Homo sapiens psychophysical modality is only temporary:

*"Man is a transitional being, he is not final."*

And that is why they created Auroville, within Bharat Mata the Guru of the World:

- *The whole earth must prepare itself for the advent of the new species, and Auroville wants to work consciously to hasten this advent.*
- *Little by little it will be revealed to us what this new species must be, and meanwhile, the best course is to consecrate oneself entirely to the Divine.*

<https://auroville.org/page/a-true-aurovilian>

Are the troubles and difficulties humans and all sentient beings here and all over the world not clear and felt enough? Are most really that blind and numb not to see and feel?

It is of utmost importance for all Aurovilians to at least be aware of these and then make the choice to consciously collaborate with the needed psychophysical transformations for the coming Divine Manifestation. It is only through the fully awakened Psychic beings that the Supramentalisation process in the physical will happen.

As the unstoppable evolutionary process is hastening and intensifying, if you choose to stay in the Ignorance of the ego you will only suffer. We have been warned enough by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

***"The choice is imperative:  
Truth or the abyss."***

All modern tools for True Knowledge (Jnana) and Action (Karma) are now at our disposal... use them divinely.

And remember the first and last word of the Divine Sunlit Path:

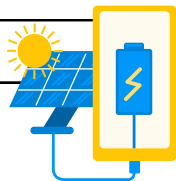
**Surrender (Bhakti)**

Om Namo Bhagavate 🙏

Zech, 2023.10.01

## HELP NEEDED

### BATTERIES FOR SOLAR SYSTEM NEEDED



Dear fellow Aurovilians,

After 9 years of faithful service, the batteries from our solar system are at their end.

We consider ourselves lucky that they have lasted this long! ❤️

A new battery set has been ordered via Sunlit Future with a price tag of rs 2.12 lakhs.

We already have 1.35 lakhs, with donations from the Solar Fund, our own funds and the estimated resale value from the old batteries.

We are grateful for any donations that the community could support us with, to cover the remaining amount of rs 77000.

We have opened an account at the Financial Service, **252625 Stefan and Ancolie Solar Batteries** for the donations.

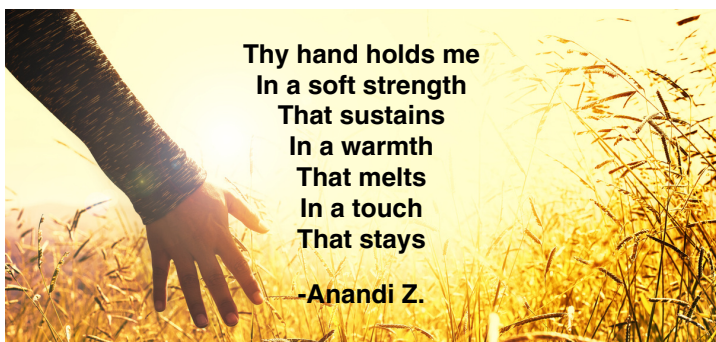
Thank you all very much in advance for helping us out. ❤️

Much love and gratitude,

Stefan and Ancolie.

Evergreen.

## POETRY



**Thy hand holds me  
In a soft strength  
That sustains  
In a warmth  
That melts  
In a touch  
That stays**

**-Anandi Z.**

# A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY

## MATRIMANDIR LAKE

On 19th September 2023, an information sharing evening was held at Savitri Bhavan regarding the Matrimandir (MM) lake construction project. A presentation was given by Michael Bonke, a friend of Auroville who is involved in both planning and funding the MM lake. A number of residents have expressed concerns about the recent excavation of the second section of the MM lake leading to the destruction of a large number of mature trees. The main concerns are regarding environmental impact of the fast-tracked plans for both Auroville and the bioregion, the lack of transparency and consultation with the residents and other experts. Some residents are holding a vigil to halt the felling of these trees until a more environmentally sound option for lake development is explored. This construction and tree felling is also occurring during the NGT rule to halt all new development in the Master Plan area.

Amongst those expressing concerns are the chief engineer of the test lake, Jan Imhoff. Previously he [questioned](#) why the second section of the lake is going ahead when evaluation of the data collected from the test lake has still not been completed. The timescale for this was originally set to be three years. He also [raised concerns](#) regarding planning approval, which is significant given the effect that the MM lake will have on both Auroville itself and the surrounding villages. In his most [recent report](#) he raises several further “points to address”, such as the importance of an Environmental Impact Assessment, clarification of how the lake will be filled with water, and who will be the responsible body for the project execution.

Satprem has also written a [report](#) noting his concerns regarding the project, as well as [providing data](#) showing that the lake cannot be filled with rainwater alone. Amongst other observations, he argues that the proposed desalination plant might never be built or finished, due to the environmental impact and because the pipeline would need to go through large sections of privately owned land.

At the presentation evening, Michael Bonke [presented a plan](#) for the MM lake that is highly experimental and technologically complex. His team recently designed an experimental “under-water-foil-cushion” to serve as an underwater storage unit, the intention being that, while the main body of the lake will be filled with rain water, several of these storage units will be filled with desalinated water, stored at the bottom of the MM lake, and used to provide the city area with drinking water. He also outlined plans for uphill power storage as part of the lake design.

During [an open question and answer session](#) with Michael Bonke, a number of residents requested that information and data regarding the project be shared with the community, as well as independent expert evaluation on the project. No commitment was made during the evening to share data, open up plans to outside evaluation, or to allow community participation.

Regarding concerns about the potential toxicity of the water due to the 10m depth, Michael Bonke outlined that the design of the lake will allow wind to create a current in the water which will prevent toxicity. However, he admitted that the assumption that there will be a current is theoretical, and they will not know for sure if it will work until after the lake is completed.

The presentation ended with a section regarding the recent destruction of trees in the MM gardens. He stated that it was not possible to integrate any trees on islands or peninsulas within the lake as this would break the current and lead to stagnant water in the lake.

In a resident's [open letter](#) to Michael Bonke, written after the presentation evening, it was asked that he consider criteria other than speed of construction, such as responsible planning, trust, collaboration, beauty and whether the proposed lake plan is in accordance with Mother's vision.

For other documents related to the MM lake construction, please see [here](#).

## **AVFO ASKS FOR 'NO DUES CERTIFICATE' IN ORDER TO RECEIVE VISA**

Residents applying for a visa letter of recommendation (LoR) will not have their request sent to the AVFO until they receive a 'no dues certificate' from the AVFO 'BCC'. This is a newly created document which confirms that they are paying their Auroville financial contribution. If it is found that the person has not paid their contribution in full, then the request for a LoR will not be sent until the deduction is set up, and up to three years of 'back payments' are collected in full - which could amount to over 1 lakh rupees.

Previously, there was recognition that a person's contribution to Auroville could be paid in kind. In the [reflections shared by the RA BCC in April 2023](#), it was noted that the AVFO 'BCC' were taking a very different approach to the collection of individual contributions than had been taken by previous groups. They stated "It is important to distinguish between a contribution and a tax ... contributions are waived because the individuals are working for free, or previously made large donations to Auroville (and are now aged), or are between jobs and without resources. The current approach seems to be to administer the individual contributions as a tax, without understanding or honouring this human element." The action also specifically targets Aurovilians who rely on receiving a visa LoR in order to stay in Auroville, namely non-Indian nationals or those without OCI status.

## **SATPREM'S EXPULSION UPDATE**

Some of you may remember that on 19th June Satprem was notified by the FRRO Chennai that he had to leave the country on or before 1st July, although he holds a valid visa until December 2025, since the Secretary had apparently withdrawn his recommendation to work and live in Auroville. The Secretary never answered Satprem's request for a reason, the AVFO 'WCom' published a list of false accusations that were [countered by him](#).

Efforts were made to clear his situation in Delhi with some Auroville friends and a member of the RA WCom. His case was presented along with hundreds of support letters from around the world and pertinent facts regarding work in Auroville and India during the last 34 years.

The officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs alleged they would look into the matter and send an update.

In the interim, the AVFO groups have made several attempts to discredit Satprem and prevented the Auroville Earth Institute (AVEI) he founded from functioning, Margerita of FO FAMC claims since he is no longer on the RoR he may not manage his activity and had blocked his Financial Service and bank accounts. (admission and termination of Avlians is one of the responsibilities of the RA). Several employees are impacted. These actions are most unfortunate as AVEI is one of the world's foremost centres for excellence in earthen architecture, and a leader in the research, development, promotion and transfer of earth-based building technologies. AVEI has worked in 39 countries to promote and disseminate knowledge in earth architecture, and has garnered 15 awards for its work (4 international awards and 11 national awards).

For more information on the Auroville Earth Institute, please see [AVEI at a glance](#) or visit their website <http://www.earth-auroville.com>.

## TDC REPORTS ON TREE-CUTTING

The RA TDC are continuing to document and report on instances of tree cutting across Auroville. Their [reporting](#) shows how, on 31st August 2023, 15 trees were felled on Auroville land adjacent to the Language Lab by a person who claimed to be hired by the AVFO 'Land Board'. This person then removed the cut wood from the site "without the intervention of the Auroville Land Board". This action brought the total number of trees felled between June-August 2023 on the proposed Crown trajectory to over 50.

In the RA TDC [report](#) dated 7th September 2023, they show that at least 378 trees have been cut on the proposed Crown and Outer Ring Road trajectories since the NGT judgement of April 2022, in direct contravention to the court's verdict. This does not include the young trees that were cut for Mothers Flower Garden, the trees felled along the Crown in December 2021, or the clearing of Revelation Forest. Nor does it include the many mature trees that were cut on Michael Bonke's land. Their News & Notes [announcement](#) that accompanied the report stated "these are ecologically valuable assets of Auroville which contribute to our green infrastructure ... The Auroville forest and green cover are a precious asset not only to Auroville, but also for the surrounding areas".

On 3rd September 2023, banyans and palmyras that were beside the Crown road opposite Sante were cut. Palmyras are the state tree of Tamil Nadu and steps have been taken by the state government to protect them. A further [report](#) points out "a narrowing or diversion of the road by a few centimetres would have allowed the trees to remain".



## AYARPADI FARM THREAT REMOVED

In July 2023, an [email](#) was received by Ayarpadi farm demanding that they hand over "the land parcel that you are farming in situated next to Windarra, as well as the service farm" so that the land could be reallocated to "Aurovillians [sic] who have undergone 6 months of training at Unity Farm". The Farm Group responded with a [letter](#) which stated that they were taken aback by the request, going on to say: "We wonder why you want to take a part of a good functioning farm to experiment with. Ayarpadi has been consistently producing field crops on this part of their farm." The farm produces many grains that are in short supply in Auroville such as paddy, peanuts, ragi and sesame, as well as being the main supplier of boiled rice to Solar Kitchen.

Ayarpadi Farm has now received an [email](#) from the AVFO 'Farm Service', which stated that they would no longer be considering Ayarpadi Farm land for reallocation.



## CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

In June 2023, the RA WCom shared [via massbulletin](#) their [response](#) to the AVFO 'WCom' [Annual Report](#) August 2021 - August 2022. The report contained a number of often repeated narratives that continue to be spread by the supporters of the AVFO to justify the ongoing takeover of Auroville's assets. As the RA WCom notes "With the benefit of nearly 12 months of hindsight since the end date of this report, it is clear that many of these erroneous statements do not reflect the reality of the situation, however, we still continue to hear many of these narratives being repeated." The response addressed numerous errors in the AVFO 'WCom' annual report, the most common of which will be shared in upcoming editions of the Bulletin.

**The original statements from the AVFO 'WCom' are presented in italics, followed by the RA WCom responses.**

### **Aurovilians "have taken possession" of Auroville's lands**

*"The first generation of Aurovilians took possession of the donated lands, fenced it, and gave it community names, implying that the areas belong to them and they determined who could live there and who not. This attitude has huge repercussions on claiming (similar as possession) areas, stewardship, accountability of activities, and excluding other Aurovilians in those areas etc. Moreover, these Aurovilians were over-represented in the governing groups like the Working Committee, FAMC, and the Auroville Council, formerly called 'Executive Committee'. The main strategy was that within these groups the (financial) decisions were taken in favor of stewardship, maintenances, loans, taxes, donations, media, entry, land-acquisition etc. With regard to what suited them well while pushing development into a non- Galaxy- Masterplan direction. One of the most significant result of this constellation, is that growth became the big loser. Even after 54 years Auroville hardly managed to have 3200 residents. It should be at least 10-fold."*

Auroville has been developed according to its financial capacity and available funds, mainly contributed by residents and well-wishers from around the world. This statement appears to be a blatant attempt to tarnish the first generation of Aurovilians, which is disrespectful to the energy and resources that were put into making the area liveable for the many future residents. Aurovilians over the past 54 years have put in their personal resources, time and effort to create a large number of units and services that support the growth of the community based on its needs. Some examples are schools, health centers, outreach programmes, grocery outlets, farms, and forests, all for the benefit of the Auroville community and beyond. Painting those achievements as complete failures and attempts to "own" the community is willfully misguided, and extremely disrespectful. The whole community benefits from the work of each member - to name these developments as anti-growth is antithetical to their very nature. As for dealing with "ownership", which is discouraged in Auroville, many initiatives are helping to address this challenge, and that of an alternative economy: the principle of stewardship, the maintenance system, the Free Store and 'Library of Things', the Pour Tous cooperative, and more.

We have observed a rather progressive and steady growth in Auroville over the last decades.

This pace was required for Auroville to accommodate the needs of the new members of the community - from housing to schooling to farming etc.



## AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

Tuesday, 10th October, 9 am - 12 noon

**Focus: The Great Stair of Existence**

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/Whatsapp: 9489147202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



### AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Every THURSDAY at sunset  
(weather permitting)

**Meditation with Savitri,**

Sri Aurobindo's long mantric poem read by Mother to the incredible music of Sunil

Let's gather under the beautiful open space, with heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

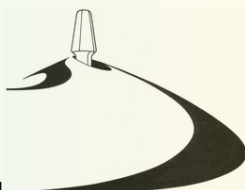
Reminder to all:

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 5.15 pm and for the meditation time.**

Thank you,  
Surya and Amphitheatre Team



### A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

A sacred gathering for the study and practice of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, founders of Auroville, the City of Dawn.

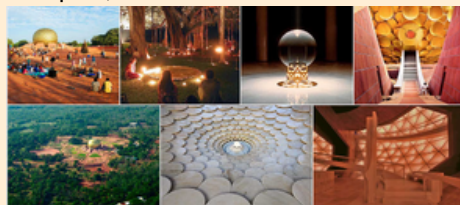
*"The first necessity is the inner discovery in order to know what one truly is behind social, moral, cultural, racial and hereditary appearances. At the centre there is a being free, vast and knowing, who awaits our discovery and who ought to become the active centre of our being and our life in Auroville."* — The Mother

We start right here, in the Eternal Now, from where we each are at this ever-progressive moment, and share our unique experiences on the path of rediscovering and embodying who we really are.

Facilitated by Zech Joya

Schedule: **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:00pm**

Venue: Conference Room, G/F SAIER Building, Town Hall Complex, Auroville

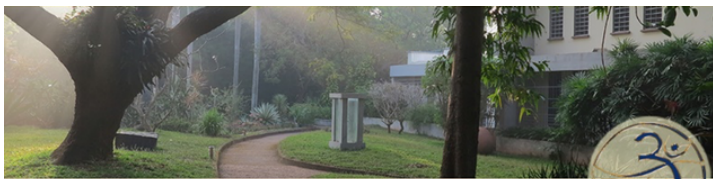


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# HEALTH

## PITANGA - TALKS ON HEALTH BY LIZE

FRIDAYS 3-4PM



**PITANGA**  
CULTURAL CENTRE

For info & registrations:  
info@pitanga.in, 0413 2622403 / 9443902403 WA



- **6 October: Prevention and reversal of cognitive decline**  
Learn how to protect your brain from declining function and cognitive impairment.
- **20 October: Healthy to 100** Stay mentally and physically healthy and vibrant as you age.
- **3 November: Resilience** Tools to stay mentally, emotionally, and physically resilient through difficult times.

All are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Lize is a Functional Medicine Practitioner and volunteers at Santé Clinic and Pitanga.

The talks are organised in collaboration with Santé Clinic.

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

*See you at Pitanga, with a smile !*

## SANTÉ SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2023

### Working Hours:

Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 12:30pm & 2:00 – 4:30pm

### Tests and Sample collection:

Mon-Fri before 12:00 pm. No sample collection on Saturday.

### For emergencies, contact:

Auroville Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: +(91) 9442224680

Government Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: 108

Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment

<b>Doctor consults with Dr.Senthil &amp; Dr.Sana:</b> Monday to Saturday	<b>Nursing Care:</b> <b>Ezhil, Thilagam, Archana &amp; Sandhya:</b> Daily No appointment necessary
<b>Ayurveda with Dr.Be &amp; Dr.Sonia:</b> Mon /Wed /Thurs /Fri	<b>Pregnancy Care &amp; Women's Wellness with Paula:</b> Tuesday & Wednesday
<b>Acupuncture with Andres:</b> Monday to Friday	<b>Homeopathy with Michael:</b> Mon / Wed / Sat
<b>Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres:</b> Monday to Friday	<b>Physiotherapy with Arun:</b> Monday to Saturday
<b>Functional Medicine with Lize:</b> Monday to Saturday	<b>Physiotherapy with Rebeca:</b> Mon /Wed /Fri
<b>Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena:</b> As per availability	<b>Physiotherapy &amp; Massage with Galina:</b> Monday to Friday

In Santé, we value our patient's confidentiality & make every effort to ensure their privacy.

**In case of cancellation or to reschedule, it is necessary to inform us in advance.**

# EDUCATION

## SPOKEN ENGLISH AND HINDI

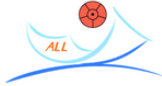
Hi! My name is Ashwini and I have an experience of 20 years as a Spoken **English, Hindi, Kannada and Marathi** language trainer for all levels. If you are interested in learning one of the above languages either in oral or written form please contact me on my WhatsApp 8270512606.

## TUTION GRADE 1-12

Tution classes open for students from grade 1 to grade 12. Please contact on my WhatsApp 8270512606. Ashwini



## NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

## Tomatis

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

Please contact 0413-3509932 or 04132622467 or email us at [tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org) to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations.

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyyWZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

## Current Language Courses at ALL

### **New: English Conversation with Ramesh**

Good news for all those waiting: Ramesh is restarting his English Conversation course! This two-month (16-hour) course aims to equip students with day-to-day conversation skills in practical situations, improved vocabulary and pronunciation, idiomatic expressions, listening comprehension, and fluency & confidence in speech. Please note that these classes require a basic foundation in the English language and are ideal for intermediate-level English speakers. Spots are limited and several people have already signed up. Register soon!

- The course will start on **October 17**. Classes will take place **Tuesdays & Fridays, 4pm to 5pm**.

### **New: Private Lessons with Monique**

We are really excited to welcome our old volunteer Monique back to the Lab! A native French speaker, Monique recently retired from a 40-year career teaching English & French from middle school up to university level. Having worked with teenagers as well as adults, from absolute beginners to PhD-level students, Monique can accommodate a diverse range of language needs. She will be offering private lessons to individuals or small groups (2-3) in English, French, & beginner-level German. She has also developed an immensely useful language learning website that she will guide the students through, for self-study and further learning. Email us with your requirements & we will arrange a course for you.

## New: French with Jean-François

Jean-François offers three 2-month courses. New batches start late October. These fill up quick, so please register soon.

### **Beginner French:**

This 16-hour course is for all those wanting to join a French course but finding themselves too busy through the week! Our Beginner French Course is deliberately planned for Saturdays! The classes are highly interactive delving into French vocabulary of everyday life and the basics of grammar. By the end of the course, you would be able to make simple sentences useful for interaction, and talk about your work, hobbies, daily life, etc. in a simple way.

- This course will start **October 28**. Classes take place **Saturdays, 2:30 to 4:30pm**.

### **French Conversation (Post-Beginner to Pre-Intermediate level):**

This 12-hour course is for post-beginners with a basic knowledge of French who are not yet comfortable conversing in French. The course will focus on day-to-day topics and will be a good mix of grammar, and interactive verbal as well as written exercises. By the end of the course, the students will acquire a more solid foundation in French conversational skills. All students who have taken Jean-François's Beginner Course are welcome to join!

- This course will start on **October 28**. Classes take place **Saturdays, 10:30am to 12noon**.

### **French Conversation (Intermediate level):**

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 16-hour course will start on **October 23**. Classes take place **Mondays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm**.

## 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 as soon as we have 6-7 confirmed registrations. Classes will take place twice weekly, on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30 pm**.

## 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 is offering two courses:

**Beginner German:** This course is now closed to new registrations.

**German Conversation:** This 2-month course is for those who already know a bit of German and would like to further polish their speaking skills.

- This course will start as soon as we have 4-5 registrations. Classes will take place **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 to 5pm**.

### **Spoken Tamil with Saravanan**

Saravanan has been running this interactive and practically-oriented course for the past seven years. The class modules are based on a booklet called "Fun with Tamil", which has been put together with a lot of research and thought. By the end of this course, you would be able to converse in Tamil on day-to-day matters, having achieved a deeper understanding of its sounds, pronouns, conjugations, etc.

- Classes take place **Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:30am to 10:30am**. Course started on **September 12** comprising 24 hours of teaching over three months.

### **Beginner Hindi with Alka**

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 interactive modes. This three-month (24-hour) 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 also make use of the material put together by the Landour Language School, one of the oldest Hindi language schools of India. The course will be paced to align with each student's comfort.

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

### **Italian Conversation with Fabio**

This two-month (16-hour) course is for learners who already have a basic knowledge of Italian and would like to explore the language further & polish their speaking skills. Fabio will delve deeper into spoken grammar, phonetics, conversation, and any other topics of interest. This is mainly for those who took the Beginner course last time, but is open to all. This course will close at 4 registrations.

- This course started on **September 12**. Classes will take place **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm**.

### **Intermediate Spanish with Susana**

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

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

### **Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam**

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

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

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

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

Please fill out our form at

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

You may also drop us an email at

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

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

### **Please Note:**

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

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate	10:30 - 11:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Conversation	4-5pm	Tuesday & Friday
French	Beginner To start 28 October 2023	2:30- 4:30pm	Saturday
	Conversation 1 To start 28 October 2023	10:30am – 12noon	
	Conversation 2 To start 23 October 2023	2:30 -3:30pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner Started 12 September 2023	9:30 – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner To start October 2023	TBA	TBA
Hindi	Beginner Started 9 September 2023	10am – 12noon	Saturdays
German	A1.1 Beginner Started 11 September	9:30 – 11am	Monday & Wednesday
	German Conversation To start soon	4 – 5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Spanish	Beginner To start October 2023	2:30 – 3:30pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Intermediate	2:30 – 4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner To start November 2023	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner TBA	2:30 – 3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Conversation Started 12 September 2023	2:30 – 3:30pm	Tuesday & Thursday

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

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

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

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES



AUROVILLE  
DOG SHELTER

### DOGS CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Are you new to Auroville and seeking a hands-on experience of the Yoga of Work? Do you have a special love for animals, particularly dogs? Are you ready to commit 25 hours every week to care for our incredibly affectionate 300 dogs?

An incredible, potentially life-changing experience awaits you! Join us at the Auroville Dog Shelter, where you can become a SAVI registered volunteer, receive training as an animal caretaker, and be part of the most exciting phase in our history – building a model shelter for all of India! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and you wouldn't want to miss the chance to make a real impact!

Contact us now via WhatsApp:  
Coco: +33672046070  
Arthur: +918122225266



## KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE AUROVILLE



Dear friends, we are looking for...

Volunteers who could help in **Teaching English** lessons to Beginners and Intermediates (Children and Adults) and **Tailoring lessons** during Monday to Friday. Also, people who are willing to teach **Hindi** and **French**...

Kindly contact: [kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in) Or  
[kulaicreativecentre.auroville@gmail.com](mailto:kulaicreativecentre.auroville@gmail.com)

For WhatsApp: + 91-8608473385/9843195290  
Selva from KCC



# CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## CENTRE D'ART EXHIBITION

### IKEBANA - SEARCH for the HEART of FLOWERS

by Valeria Raso Matsumoto

from **13th to 21st October 2023** at Centre d'Art Citadines -  
10am-12pm, 2-5.30pm

**Opening on Friday 13th October at 4pm**

Please park at Town Hall

ABOUT IKEBANA, by Valeria Raso Matsumoto

Ikebana is the Japanese Art of Flower Arrangement.

It is a disciplined art form where the arrangement is a living thing in which nature and humanity are brought together.

It is steeped in the philosophy of developing a deep connection with nature.

In the most traditional school of Ikebana, the three main elements of the composition are said to represent Heaven, Humanity and the Earth.

In Ikebana, empty space plays an essential part of any arrangement.

The elements, placed asymmetrically, are given emphasis by the empty spaces.

Thus, the totality of a well-done arrangement brings about a state of serenity and peace to the viewer.

Born around the 6th AD in Japan as a religious offering at Buddhist temples, Ikebana slowly became popular among the aristocracy and the samurai class.

To reach a state of peace of mind and a state of concentration before going to battle, some samurai would perform both Ikebana and Tea Ceremony to purify their heart and mind.

By the 16th century, Ikebana had become a Zen practice.

One becomes quiet when practicing Ikebana.

One becomes more patient and tolerant of differences.

The ephemeral side of Ikebana helps us to not become attached to the material creation, but rather to love and respect it in the real moment of its existence.

Together with some flowers, leaves, a vase and our inner being, we achieve silence and harmony between Nature and ourselves.



Valeria Raso Matsumoto was born in Sicily, Italy.

Graduated in Psychology at the University of Padua.

She has sailed around the world for 8 years with her husband Kenji Matsumoto. She lived for 15 years in Japan where she studied Ikebana for 10 years.

She graduated from the Sogetsu school of Tokyo with the stage name Sui ren (Water Lili).

Since 2001 she has been living and teaching Ikebana in Auroville.

## SINGING FESTIVAL

14TH & 15TH OF OCTOBER

Dear Music Lovers.



We are preparing the Auroville **Singing Festival for 14th & 15th of October in CRIPA**. The theme of the festival is **"Singing hearts of Auroville"** and our aspiration is to create Unity in the beautiful diversity of voices from Auroville, by presenting our native souls and expressing ourselves through songs.

As there are no funds available for Cultural events in 2023 we invite you to support this event with a donation toward **Financial Service Acct. 0250** Auroville Artist Group.

With love,  
Shakti, Marta, Antoine, Ok and Rolf



## THE ARTS

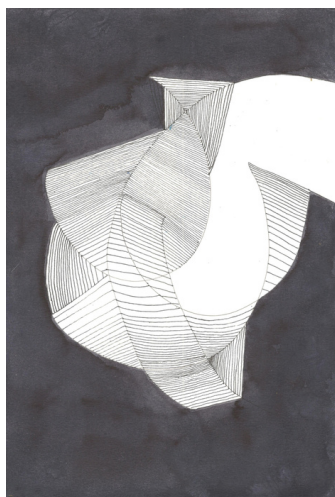


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### CREEVA PRESENTS:



**Black & White  
In Life & Beyond  
by Audrey Wallace-Taylor  
(1933 – 2023)**

Art Exhibition cum Fundraiser  
For CREEVA

**7 – 24 October 2023**  
at Pitanga

The exhibition will be open  
Monday to Saturday  
from 8.30am to 12.30pm and  
2.30 to 5.30 pm

Organised in loving memory for Audrey by CREEVA and her close friends.

Proceeds from sales of the exhibition will support CREEVA, Audrey's art and life project in Auroville.



#### About CREEVA:

CREEVA is a platform to experience art first hand, where one can experiment with mediums, form, themes.

**CREEVA**

Creeva offers the chance to go on a

journey to find expression, as each one has an individual expression and style; the way you speak, the way you walk and move. CREEVA allows such deep exploration; one can practice the yoga of art regularly and peacefully.

The founder of Creeva was Audrey. In the early years she was gifted with the means to explore, to find her own expression, to follow her passion to paint, to draw. Audrey has passed on into the Light but Creeva remains, to offer the opportunity to any who would avail themselves of such freedom, such possibilities of exploration.

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# CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

## CAPOEIRA WORKSHOP

6TH OCTOBER 2023



We are happy to inform you that YouthLink is offering you a **Capoeira workshop** happening at Deepanam School!

Taking place on **Friday the 6th October 2023** taught by **Ginga Saroba Group**.

Afro-Brazilian martial art incorporating music, dance and movements.

It was developed in Brazil during the 18th century. Derived from traditions brought across the Atlantic Ocean by enslaved Africans and fueled by the burning desire for freedom. It soon became widely practised on the plantations as a means of breaking the bonds of slavery, both physically and mentally.

Join us to discover a piece of history through a fun and beautiful martial art.

This workshop starts at **5 pm until 7pm**.

To register email us at [youthlink@auroville.org.in](mailto:youthlink@auroville.org.in) or come to our office in Town hall between 9.30am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm to sign up.

## VIPASSANA MEDITATION

All **old students** of Vipassana meditation **having completed at least one 10-day course as taught by S.N. Goenka** ([www.dhamma.org](http://www.dhamma.org)) and who is not meditating within any other tradition 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.

**No registration is required.**

**Venue:** Udavi School (2nd building on the left when you are at the front entrance), near Tank in Edayanchavadi (Auroville). Location [here](#).

**Contact:** Sanjay Tumati, +91 8790982210  
(available on WhatsApp)

[sanjay@auraauro.com](mailto:sanjay@auraauro.com)

Vipassana

As taught by S.N. Goenka



## QUIET HEALING CENTER



Quiet Healing Center, Auroville 605 104, Tamil Nadu, India

[www.quiethealingcenter.info](http://www.quiethealingcenter.info) / [quiet@auroville.org.in](mailto:quiet@auroville.org.in)

Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

## Baby Watsu® Class with Appie & Friederike Friday 13th at 9.30 am

A special opportunity to connect with your baby!

You'll be guided on how to hold, feel and move your baby, using the qualities of warm water, so that you and your baby can feel safe, at ease, and enjoy this quality time together. You'll learn and practice the basics in the group, while you stay focused on your baby's needs. In the end, there is free playtime.

Please go first to the reception, bring towels and a closing swimming pant for your baby.

For babies between 2 and 12 months with their parent(s).

## FLOW INTO ALIGNMENT WITH THE SACRED

Is there a question that is burning inside you? Explore the art of soulful inquiry. Bring a question that's alive in your heart, and commune with the Sacred to discern your next most aligned steps. Join us as we draw on earth-based practices and the powerful process of the Flow Game to dive into your heart's inquiry, within the therapeutic natural landscape of Mahakali Park.

**Registration:** Max. 6 spots. WhatsApp +91 9833384580 ASAP to register.

*This is an Auroville activity under Holistic, ABC Trust.*

# Flow Into Alignment With the Sacred

At Mahakali Park  
(Revelation)

7:00 - 11:30am  
Sun, Oct 8



## JOIN OUR BOLLYWOOD DANCE SESSION AT AUROMODE!

Are you ready to groove to the vibrant beats of Bollywood and Kollywood music? Look no further, because we've got just the dance session for you!

**Day:** Every Tuesday

**Time:** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Venue:** Auromode Apartments, Near Upasana and CSR

Meet our talented instructor, **Pranathi**, who brings over a decade of experience as a trained **Bharatnatyam dancer**. She has been sharing her passion for dance by choreographing and teaching both children and adults for the past 5 years.

Whether you're a seasoned dancer or just looking to have some fun and learn new moves, this is the place to be! Impress the world with your epic dance skills.

For more information and to reserve your spot, contact:

✉ Email: [balaganesh.siva@gmail.com](mailto:balaganesh.siva@gmail.com)

📱 WhatsApp Only: +91 94467 62034

Don't miss out on the chance to add some Bollywood and Kollywood flair to your dance repertoire. See you on the dance floor! Contribution Requested.



## 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



### VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS AND THERAPY

**Pre-registration required**

Please contact Verite @  
0413 2622045, 2622606, 9363624083 or  
[programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in), [www.verite.in](http://www.verite.in)



#### **Restorative Yin & Yoga Nidra: Deep Relaxation for Body & Mind - with Emma**

**Friday, 6 October, 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 - Mantra, breathing & Asanas for internal Organs - with Andres**

**Saturday, 7 October, 9:30am – 12:00pm (theory booklet included)**

A workshop to help you understand the relationship between emotions and organs, and the effect of asanas on our internal organs through specific breathing techniques, asanas and mantras that bring equanimity to your emotions and well-being to your internal organs.

#### **Explore Your Five Bodies (Koshas) through the Practice of Yoga with Sabrina**

**Saturday, 7 October, 9:30am – 12:00pm**

Through a specific Hatha Yoga practice Sabrina will guide you to become aware of our bodies, develops inner clarity and discrimination and sharpens our yoga practice. As attention is strengthened and awareness expanded, better understanding of ourselves and self-management can occur in our everyday life.

#### **Energy Cleanse through Yoga Kriyas - with Mamta**

**Friday, October 13, 9:30am – 12:00pm**

Purify your energy channels with 3 Hatha Yoga Kriyas: Jalneti (saline nasal rinse), Trataka (Fixed gaze) & Kapalabhati (Skull shining breath). They cleanse your body from the inside out, develop immunity & steadfastness, paving the way for evolution of consciousness. Anyone registering for this workshop must either bring their own Jalneti pots or buy it from us at the registration desk for Rs 50/-



## **Master Class - Sivananda Yoga - with Mani** **Friday, October 13, 9:30am – 12:00pm**

A classic Sivananda session, including basic pranayama (breathing) and Surya namaskar (sun salutation), designed to massage and rejuvenate the entire spine, with rhythmic alternation between effort and relaxation to balance the nervous system and prepare it for the final guided relaxation.

## **Purify your Koshas (Bodies) through the Practice of Yoga - with Sabrina** **Saturday, October 14, 9:30am – 12:00pm**

According to the Taittiriya Upanishad (Yajur Veda), the human being is composed of 5 sheaths called " Pancha koshas ", from gross/physical to the more subtle bodies. In this practical workshop, Sabrina will guide you through a Hatha Yoga session to purify and detoxify your physical body, your energetic system, and your thoughts and emotions. You will learn specific asanas, pranayama's, kriyas, mudras and mantras to stimulate the cleansing of the whole system, releasing what is no longer needed and settling into a sense of balance, well-being, and contentment. This purification practice is the doorstep to connect with deepest layers of your being, reach mental clarity and accelerate your spiritual development. A beautiful session, open to all levels. Come with an empty stomach or have a light breakfast.

## **Yoga of Forgiveness - with Dr. Sehdev** **Saturday, October 14 - 2:00pm – 4:30pm**

From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference to the Light of Forgiveness is a momentous step. From Fear & Festering Revenge, to the Courage of Being is the True Journey of the Spirit. We must let go of what ties us to the prison bars, and dream once again of Freedom. In this freedom alone lies our true Redemption.

# **YOGA OF FORGIVENESS**

with  
**Dr. Sehdev Kumar**



**From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference**  
**To the Light of Forgiveness**  
**From Fear & Festering Revenge**  
**To the Courage of Being**

**Location: Vérité, Auroville**

**Saturday, 14 October, 2023**

**2 to 4.30 pm**

**Register: +91 78678 05812**

An Exploration of the dynamics and power of Forgiveness in Families, between Friends and among Nations.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/p18qUDakJEM>



**BHAKTI MOVEMENT IN INDIA**

Prof. Sehdev Kumar

**Celebration of Divine Love**

Kabir, Mira, Nanak

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/y4td9i6fhFg>



## THREE WORKSHOPS

Dr. Sehdev Kumar

### I. Yoga of Forgiveness

Saturday, Oct 14, 2-4:30 pm

### II. Freedom from Fear

Saturday, Oct 21, 2-4:30 pm

### III. Peace Within: Peace Without

Saturday, Oct 28, 2-4:30 pm



Vérité, Auroville, Register: +91 7867805812



## SEVEN STEPS TOWARDS GLOBAL PEACE

Prof Sehdev Kumar

Radiation Physicist, Historian of Science

**Zoom Session #1:** Ushering of Atomic Age & Moral Dilemmas

<https://youtu.be/dS7g8k0NSeQ?si=oVO2smsCRnpS8hulk>

**Zoom Session #2:** World Beyond Wars: Seven Steps Towards Global Peace

<https://youtu.be/piNMttw9SKk?si=nz81Bu-rmS2J-4Call>

## The Sound of Bamboo

Various Styles of the Indian Flute



### Bansuri (Flute) Group Classes With Michael

Kalabhumi Music Studio

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

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

#### Contribution:

- Aurovilians, NCs, Volunteers & Local Villagers: Free donation
- Guests: 500 INR

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

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

Learn More About Divine Arts:

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

Warm Regards, Dave

M: +44 (0) 7564 119 728 / E: [djsevans87@gmail.com](mailto:djsevans87@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:taichi@auroville.org.in) / 0413 2623187

## STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING

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### CREATE AND TRANSFORM

## STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING

individual \* group \* family



Therapy can be creative and non-threatening for help with:

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trauma
- Life Issues

Trauma Informed Art Therapy & Counseling:

- Client Centered,
- Strength Based,
- Solution Focused,
- Incorporating CBT and a creative, eclectic tool box.



**Tia Pleiman, MA, ATR, NCC, LPC**

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## Program October 2023

During school holidays our program changes:

### 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 5pm – 6.30pm with Tatiana | Level 1**

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

#### **Wednesdays 5pm – 6.30pm with Tatiana | Level 2-3**

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

#### **Saturdays 9am – 10.30am with Tatiana | Restorative Yoga | Level 2-3**

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

#### **Saturdays 11am – 12.30pm with Tatiana | Mixed Level**

An active practice class for Iyengar Yoga practitioners of all levels. Suitable for beginners. Exceptionally, this class can be attended without registration as well.

## DROP-IN CLASSES *Join without prior registration!*

### **Mondays**

7.30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels

### **Tuesdays**

*No drop-in class on this day*

### **Wednesdays**

7.30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels

### **Thursdays**

4.30 – 5.30pm | **Aviva** Exercise with Suriya | For women

### **Fridays**

6.45am – 8am | **Pranayama** with François & Namrita |  
For former “The Art of Living” course participants

7.30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels

9am – 10am | **Rosa’s ATB special for seniors** | *(Not on 6/10)*

4.30pm – 5.30pm | **Reading of the Life Divine** with Balvinder |  
All are welcome to join.

5.15pm – 6.15pm | **Feldenkrais class** with Shari | All levels

### **Saturdays**

11.00am – 12.30pm | **Iyengar Yoga** with Tatiana | Mixed Level,  
open to beginners

## HEALING SPACE - BY APPOINTMENT

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

### **Bio-Resonance (with Bi-Com machine) with Afsaneh**

Bio-Resonance therapy is a complementary or alternative medicine therapy. It uses a device to determine the frequency of energy wavelengths emitted by the body. These measurements are then used to provide a diagnosis of a disease.

All body cells emit electromagnetic vibrations. During illness or injury these vibrations become disharmonious.

The Bi-com equipment can read these vibrations and transmit complimentary electromagnetic vibrations to restore harmony in the body.



The Bi-com equipment has computerized programs to make an energy diagnosis and to determine which therapies are appropriate for specific symptoms, organs, and meridians.

## Chiropractic Adjustment by Afsaneh

Chiropractic is a health care modality that emphasizes diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system, especially the spine.

The main chiropractic treatment technique involves manual therapy, including manipulation of the spine, other joints, and soft tissues; treatment also includes exercises, and health and lifestyle counselling. Most who seek chiropractic care do so for lower back pain. This healing modality offers at the same time a journey to discover oneself and the deeper functioning of our emotions.

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

*See you at Pitanga, with a smile !*

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### OUR DRINKING WATER - IS THE WORLD DRYING UP? DW DOCUMENTARY



# The great drought

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6sg2C-jqw>

## ACTIVITIES

### VOLUNTEER AND LEARN - FARMING HANDS ON AUROORCHARD



 **AuroOrchard**

**Volunteer and learn  
farming hands-on!**

AuroOrchard is the oldest and one of the largest farms in Auroville, contributing significantly to the food needs of the community.

Join us to learn to work with the soil, plants and food while sharing with a diverse group of people. We offer breakfast made with farm produce.

JOIN US! PLEASE REACH OUT TO US FOR ANY QUERIES!

**MONDAY to SATURDAY** EMAIL: [auroorchard@auroville.org.in](mailto:auroorchard@auroville.org.in)  
7AM to 9AM and/or  
9AM to 112PM WHATSAPP: +91 9566631079 (Nidhin)





## POETRY BOOK LAUNCH

WEAVE LIFELINES - ANANDI ZHANG



**Read from your heart**

When: **Thursday 12th October**

Time: **5:00 - 6:30pm**

Venue: Savitri Bhavan square hall

Come 5-10min earlier. We start on time :-)

Contribution:

Various forms to explore — book / gift exchange, voluntary contribution...

Painting for book cover: Lisa Suchanek

## YOUTH LINK OPEN HOUSE

14TH OCTOBER



**Oct 14** (Saturday)  
Our office, Town Hall  
4:30pm - 6:30pm

*Discover YouthLink's vision, engage with our community, and brainstorm our collective future at our Open House!*

## ECOLOGICAL HORTICULTURE COURSE

AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS

**LAST DATE TO APPLY - OCTOBER 15th!**

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



**Applications  
open!**

ECOLOGICAL HORTICULTURE COURSE

DEC 2023 - MAR 2024

To fill the form:



For queries :

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**15TH OCT'23**

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## NEW CREATION DANCE STUDIO

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# New Creation Dance Studio

## Sweatout & Smile

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Every Mondays!



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## RUPHAVATI JOY ACTIVITIES

### BIO-REGION TEMPLE TOUR

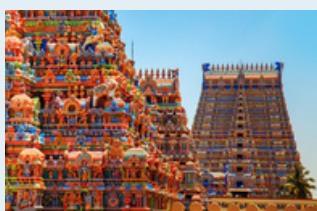
Interested in learning more about the religious heritage in and around the bio-region?

Come take a guided tour of temples around the bio-region.

Starting point from Solar Kitchen.

Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week.

Please contact in advance for more information and booking:  
8098845200



### SOUTH-INDIAN CUISINE - COOKING CLASS

Learn to cook some delicious delicacies of south India with Rupavathi.

**Monday to Saturday  
between 10AM and 5PM**  
at creativity.

Please book sessions in advance.



### THAI MASSAGE

**Monday - Saturday between 9AM and 5PM**

To book massage sessions or for more information, please contact personally.

### TAILORING

We can tailor and customise any kinds of dresses, sari-blouses and kurtas.

For any of the above services, contact information below:  
Phone/WhatsApp - 8098845200  
Email - [rupavathijoy@gmail.com](mailto:rupavathijoy@gmail.com)



## FOOD FOREST TOUR

[www.myfoodforest.info](http://www.myfoodforest.info)  
[myfoodforestgarden@gmail.com](mailto:myfoodforestgarden@gmail.com)



# FOOD FOREST TOUR

I welcome you to a tour through my permaculture garden!  
We will take a look at local foods and you will get an idea on how to start growing your own food.  
Come and connect with nature and learn about healthy and sustainable food options  
This tour includes a **MINI-RAW-FOOD-WORKSHOP** where we will harvest herbs, fruits and flowers to prepare some delicious **VEGAN ICE CREAMS** and more...  
**EVERY SUNDAY from 9:30 to 11:30**  
**at La Ferme Community (5min from AV Bakery)**  
Sign up and infos whats app Sarah 9047421044  
[www.myfoodforest.info](http://www.myfoodforest.info)  
[myfoodforestgarden@gmail.com](mailto:myfoodforestgarden@gmail.com)

## 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

Thursday 9:00 AM (drop-in class)

Friday 5:00 PM (regular class)

with Sonia Novaes



Email: [serendipityauroville@gmail.com](mailto:serendipityauroville@gmail.com) / WA: +91 8940288090

## AUROVILLE: ONE DAY & HALF DAY TOURS

Explore Auroville like never before. We will explore community life from different angles and multiple viewpoints.



We will embark on a journey to see how a community runs, in general and what makes Auroville, a spiritual community or a living Utopia and its aim to constant progress and growth. Come and spend a day with us.

Pre - Registration is required.

Contact us to know more details:

[youthlink@auroville.org.in](mailto:youthlink@auroville.org.in) or WA: +91 85248 25120

Here is the link for the itinerary, fee and other important details:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tGQN BGltSxZKGulnpwhQTPNaUIAJomDU?](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tGQN BGltSxZKGulnpwhQTPNaUIAJomDU?usp=drive_link)

[usp=drive link](#) or

please scan this code to know more:



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

From the 11<sup>th</sup>  
of August to  
the 11<sup>th</sup> of  
October 2023



## FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

### 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!**

### SURABHI SUPPLIES

Dear Auroville Community,

**Surabhi Supplies** is dedicated to aiding individual community members, units, and projects in **acquiring a wide range of materials and equipment**, including but not limited to construction supplies, appliances, machinery, and more.

Our service offers several advantages to the community, such as **reduced prices** achieved through **bulk purchases** and **volume-based discounts**. We have established strong partnerships with various manufacturers and dealers who share our commitment to advancing Auroville's development.

Our primary goal is to streamline the procurement process for everyone, thus saving valuable time, energy, and costs while providing a high level of service to the community.

If you have any inquiries, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at:

Email: [surabhisupplies@auroville.org.in](mailto:surabhisupplies@auroville.org.in)

Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,  
Surabhi Supplies

# GOYO - KOREAN SILENT RESTAURANT

TUESDAY & FRIDAY - 12:30PM

[goyo@auroville.org.in](mailto:goyo@auroville.org.in) / +91 94896993809



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Tuesday & Friday  
12:30p.m

+919489693809  
[goyo@auroville.org.in](mailto:goyo@auroville.org.in)  
luminocity, Auroville 605101

please book for lunch  
minimum a day before

TASTE OF KOREA

## HEMPLANET

### Discover the Magic of Hemp at Hemplanet!

Dive into a world of nourishing hemp delights at our Hemp Store. From the heartiness of hemp hearts, the richness of hemp seed oil, to the rejuvenating touch of hemp body care, we've got it all. Whether you're a hemp enthusiast or just curious, come chat with us and explore the wonders of hemp!

#### Hemp Food Selection:

- Hemp Hearts
- Hemp Seed Oil
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**Dropzy** is a mobile app platform 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 convenience.

**Dropzy** works by providing a complete ordering and delivery solution that connects the existing neighborhood outlets/stores with the comfort and convenience of ordering from home.

Find new customers, build your business and grow your sales. Increase your order volume, drive more revenue and improve profitability with help from **Dropzy**.

#### Register your Unit/Activity

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Regards, Sathish Arumugam for Dropzy

## RAPID CARE SERVICES RCS

**Rapid Care Services** has been serving the community at its best capacity.

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 Aurovilians 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.

Balaji - 8270071581 ; Arun - 7639810621

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

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

## SOLITUDE FARM - 2023

### Farm



Solitude has a small farm shop which is stocked daily with fresh seasonal produce.

There are also some ayurvedic powders such as giloy or guava leaf and also chilli powder, turmeric, pickles and dried flowers. Solitude also runs a C.S.A. fruits and vegetables basket service where people sign up in advance for a basket of seasonal produce.

- Papayas
- Assamese giant lemons
- Pineapple
- Plantain
- Bananas
- Wild spinach
- Wild salad greens
- Sundakkai
- Banana stem
- Banana flower

### Cafe

The cafe runs from Monday to Saturday serving a local food vegan thali.

We also serve farm salads, smoothies, desserts, vegan coffee etc...

The cafe runs a lunch scheme.

### Education

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

### Tour

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

### Volunteers

Solitude Farm is happy to welcome volunteers.

Timings 8:00 am -12:30 pm

We offer breakfast, tea and lunch.

### Opportunities

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

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

To find out more:

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

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Solitude farm & café

Auroville



*Solitude Farm*

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Regards, Julien.



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You may contact him via phone  
/ SMS or whatsapp  
+91 94434 93025



## OFFERING IT SERVICES

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

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

For any internet-related issues/complaints,  
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## LOOKING FOR

### LOOKING FOR HOUSESITTING FROM NOVEMBER

(preferably long term, min. 3 months)

Hi, I'm Dave, I'm a newcomer, working with Divine Arts (LEAD). Originally from the UK, I have been in Auroville for 3.5 years. I love to sing, dance and facilitate spaces where we can embody human unity (e.g. sacred song circles, conscious relating workshops, dances of universal peace etc).



You can connect with me on WhatsApp (+44 7564 119 728) or email [djsevans87@gmail.com](mailto:djsevans87@gmail.com)

With Love & Gratitude,  
Dave



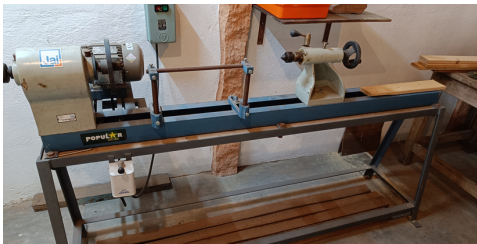
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## CINEMA

### AUROFILM

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*Reminder:* **FRIDAY 6th OCT. "FULL TIME" by Éric Gravel, France, 2021**

and

**FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER, 8:00 pm**  
**"FANTASTIC MR. FOX"**

*Directed by Wes Anderson, US, 2009*

*Overview:* Fantastic Mr. Fox is a stop-motion animated film based on the 1970 children's novel of the same name by Roald Dahl. The cast voices include very famous actors: George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray, Willem Dafoe, and Owen Wilson.

*Synopsis:* Mr and Mrs Fox steal together everything they can; but they decide to stop all this to lead an idyllic family life with their son, Ash. After twelve years of peaceful family life, the bucolic existence is too heavy for Foxy's animal instincts. And one day, their nephew Kristofferson comes to visit.

Very quickly, Mr. Fox returns to his old life as a thief and, in doing so, endangers not only his beloved family, but the entire animal community...!

*Original English version with English Subtitles. Duration 1h.27'*

**Auroville TO PONDICHERRY**

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

**Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE**

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dining 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 (Ex Round About)	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town Hall - Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Vérité Guest House - Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

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- Student Pass Rs. 1200 per month/ 24 days round trip
- Rs. 150 Round trip for Aurovilians & Newcomers
- Rs. 200 Round trip for guests

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Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302



**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**



**Ambulance (24/7):**

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

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

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

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

# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 02 October 2023 to 08 October 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 9 October, 8:00 pm:

### • TAANAKKARAN (CircleInspector)

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Tamizh w/ Vikaram Prabhu, Anburasan, MS Bhaskar, and others, Drama-Sports, 141mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: UA (PG-13)

Based on real life incidents from 1997, in the story Arivu is a young cop who just got selected into Tamil Nadu Police and is sent to the Police Recruit School (PRS) for training. He is joined by a few of his friends and soon befriends other trainees of his batch. Amongst them are much older trainees, who cleared their interviews in 1982, but could not get placed until now. Most trainers see them as unfit men and mock them constantly.

However, Arivu motivates them. In doing so he and his entire batch faces the wrath of a ruthless trainer, Eshwaramurthy. Can Arivu manage to win against all these odds?

## Potpourri – Tuesday 10 October, 8:00 pm:

### • THE MAN FROM THE EARTH

USA, 2007, Dir. Richard Schenkman w/ David Lee Smith, Tony Todd, John Billingsley, and others, Fantasy-Mystery, 87mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

From one of the acclaimed writers of Star Trek and The Twilight Zone comes a story that transcends both time and space. In this film, an impromptu goodbye party for Professor John Oldman becomes a mysterious interrogation after the retiring scholar reveals to his colleagues, he is more than a thousand years old and has a stranger past than they can imagine.

## Interesting – Wednesday 11 October, 8:00 pm:

### • SOME KIND OF HEAVEN

USA, 2020, Dir. Lance Oppenheim w/ Dennis Dean, Lynn Henry, Anne Kincer, Documentary, 81 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Behind the gates of a palm tree-lined fantasyland, four residents of America's largest retirement community, The Villages, FL, strive to find solace and meaning.

## Selection – Thursday 12 October, 8:00 pm:

### • RELATOS SALVAJES (Wildtales)

Argentina-Spain-France-UK, 2014, Writer-Dir. Damián Szifron w/ Darío Grandinetti, María Marull, Mónica Villa, and others, Comedy-Thriller, 122mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

This is a funny film that explores some of the darker parts of humanity, but it does so with a lot of wit and intelligence. The film is composed of six short segments: "Pasternak", "Las ratas" ("The Rats"), "El más fuerte" ("The Strongest"), "Bombita" ("Little Bomb"), "La propuesta" ("The Proposal"), and "Hasta que la muerte nos separe" ("Till Death Do Us Part").. Each one tells a unique story.

**International – Saturday 14 October, 8:00 pm:**

• **TO LESLIE**

USA, 2022, Dir. Michael Morris w/ Andrea Riseborough, Drew Youngblood, Tom Virtue and others, Drama, English w/English subtitles, 119 mins, Rated: R

Inspired by true events. A West Texas single mother wins the lottery and squanders it just as fast, leaving behind a world of heartbreak. Years later, with her charm running out and nowhere to go, she fights to rebuild her life and find redemption.

**Children's Matinee - Sunday 15 October, 4:30 pm:**

• **THE BOXTROLLS**

USA-Canada, 2014, Dir. Graham Annabla, Anthony Stacchi w/ voices Ben Kingsley, Jared Harris, Nick Frost and others, Animations-Adventure-Comedy, 96 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A young, orphaned boy raised by underground cave-dwelling trash collectors tries to save his friends from an evil exterminator.

**ROBERT ALTMAN FILM FESTIVAL@ Ciné-Club:**

**Ciné-Club Sunday 15 October, 8:00 pm:**

• **MCCABIE & MRS MILLER**

USA, 1971, Dir. Robert Altman w/ Warren Beatty, Julie Christie, and others, Drama - Western, 116 mins, English w English subtitles, Rated: R

Charismatic gambler John McCabe arrives in a mining community and decides to open a brothel. The local residents are impressed by his confident demeanor and fast talk, but crafty prostitute Constance Miller sees through McCabe's words and realizes he isn't as sharp as he seems. For a share in his profits, Mrs. Miller agrees to help plan and run McCabe's establishment, but soon a powerful company threatens to destroy what they have built up.

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

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