

Auroville

NEWS & NOTES

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RA EDITION

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
NEWS AND NOTES



PONDERING

5. The whole earth must prepare itself for the advent of the new species, and Auroville wants to work consciously to hasten this advent.

~ 13th June 1970

The Mother - To be a true Aurovilian
Words of the Mother

<https://dream.books.prisma.haus/en/to-be-a-true-aurovilian/>



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



(continued from last week)

The creation of a supramental being, nature, life on earth, will not be the sole result of this evolution; it will also carry with it the consummation of the steps that have led up to it: for it will confirm in possession of terrestrial birth the overmind, the intuition and the other gradations of the spiritual natureforce and establish a race of gnostic beings and a hierarchy, a shining ladder of ascending degrees and successive constituent formations of the gnostic light and power in earth-nature. For the description of gnosis applies to all consciousness that is based upon Truth of being and not upon the Ignorance or Nescience. All life and living beings ready to rise beyond the mental ignorance, but not ready yet for the supramental height, would find in a sort of echelon or a scale with overlapping degrees their assured basis, their intermediate steps of self-formation, their expression of realised capacity of spiritual existence on the way to the supreme Reality. But also the presence of the liberated and now sovereign supramental light and force at the head of evolutionary Nature might be expected to have its consequences in the whole evolution. An incidence, a decisive stress would affect the life of the lower evolutionary stages; something of the light, something of the force would penetrate downwards and awaken into a greater action the hidden TruthPower everywhere in Nature. A dominant principle of harmony would impose itself on the life of the Ignorance; the discord, the blind seeking, the clash of struggle, the abnormal vicissitudes of exaggeration and depression and unsteady balance of the unseeing forces at work in their mixture and conflict, would feel the influence and yield place to a more orderly pace and harmonic steps of the development of being, a more revealing arrangement of progressing life and consciousness, a better lifeorder. A freer play of intuition and sympathy and understanding would enter into human life, a clearer sense of the truth of self and things and a more enlightened dealing with the opportunities and difficulties of existence. Instead of a constant intermixed and confused struggle between the growth of Consciousness and the power of the Inconscience, between the forces of light and the forces of darkness, the evolution would become a graded progression from lesser light to greater light; in each stage of it the conscious beings belonging to that stage would respond to the inner Consciousness-Force and expand their own law of cosmic Nature towards the possibility of a higher degree of that Nature. This is at least a strong possibility and might be envisaged as the natural consequence of the direct action of supermind on the evolution. This intervention would not annul the evolutionary principle, for supermind has the power of withholding or keeping in reserve its force of knowledge as well as the power of bringing it into full or partial action; but it would harmonise, steady, facilitate, tranquillise and to a great extent hedonise the difficult and afflicted process of the evolutionary emergence.

There is something in the nature of supermind itself that would make this great result inevitable. It is in its foundation a unitarian and integralising and harmonic consciousness, and in its descent and evolutionary working out of the diversity of the Infinite it would not lose its unitarian trend, its push towards integralisation or its harmonic influence. The Overmind follows out diversities and divergent possibilities on their own lines of divergence: it can allow contradictions and discords, but it makes them elements of a cosmic whole so that they are forced, however unwittingly and in spite of themselves, to contribute their share to its wholeness. Or we may say that it accepts and even encourages contradictions, but obliges them to support each other's existence so that there may be divergent roads of being and consciousness and experience that lead away from the One and from each other but still maintain themselves on the Oneness and can lead back again each on its own path to the Oneness. That is the secret sense even of our own world of Ignorance which works from the Inconscience but with the underlying cosmicity of the overmind principle. But the individual being in such a creation does not possess this secret principle in knowledge and does not base upon it his action. An overmind being here would perceive this secret; but he might still work on his own lines of Nature and law of action, Swabhava, Swadharma, according to the inspiration, the dynamic control or the inner governance of the Spirit or the Divine within him and leave the rest to their own line in the whole: an overmind creation of knowledge in the Ignorance might therefore be something separate from the surrounding world of Ignorance and guarded from it by the luminous encircling and separating wall of its own principle. The supramental gnostic being, on the contrary, would not only found all his living on an intimate sense and effective realisation of harmonic unity in his own inner and outer life or group life, but would create a harmonic unity also with the still surviving mental world, even if that world remained altogether a world of Ignorance. For the gnostic consciousness in him would perceive and bring out the evolving truth and principle of harmony hidden in the formations of the Ignorance; it would be natural to his sense of integrality and it would be within his power to link them in a true order with his own gnostic principle and the evolved truth and harmony of his own greater life-creation. That might be impossible without a considerable change in the life of the world, but such a change would be a natural consequence of the appearance of a new Power in Nature and its universal influence. In the emergence of the gnostic being would be the hope of a more harmonious evolutionary order in terrestrial Nature.

(to be continued next week)

— Sri Aurobindo . THE LIFE DIVINE

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/37_21_22/the_life_divine_21_22.pdf

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,

Tamil and French N&N:

You can now download the Tamil and French Editions of the N&N.

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

Read past issues and subscribe [HERE](#).

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 # 205 DATED: 09-11-2023

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovillian in writing to auroville.entryboard@gmail.com OR auroville.entryservice@gmail.com.

We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- **Gustavo Adolfo ESPARZA (Mexican)** staying in Aurodam (Limei's house) and working at Inlight



- **Prashast GAUTAM (Indian)** staying in Maison des jeunes (MDJ) and working at Youth Link



- **Punitha THIRUMAL (Indian)** staying in Acceptance and working at Earth Weavers



NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- **Shabbar ALI (Indian)**

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Bharathiraja KASINATHAN (Indian)** staying in Promesse and working at Mira Computers



- **Sumi Moon (Korean)** staying in Serenity (Bebe's house) and working at Shradhanjali & Korean Pavilion



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

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



FROM THE AV COUNCIL

CALL TO STUDY THE PWG

Dear Community members,

The Council is inviting a study group to look into the Participatory Working Group (PWG) document.

Please note that as this study requires a certain clarity and depth of understanding of our self-governance and policies, those who step forward will meet the Council to share their background experience, vision and interest.

If you would like to join, please write to avcouncil@auroville.services or send a phone message to the Council secretary Sathiya on 90472 40618 by Wednesday 22nd of November.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
Auroville Council

COMMUNITY NEWS

OBITUARY

TARA NAYAK PASSED AWAY

It is with great sadness, that we inform the community of Tara's passing on Tuesday 7th November.

Tara slipped and fell from the roof of Sunship. She was 12 years old.



Born in Delhi, Tara came in 2019 at the age of 8 with her mother Fakeera to Auroville, where she made many friends and was very loved.

Tara's body was cremated on Thursday, 9th November at the Auroville cremation grounds.

Farewell beautiful young soul, may you shine on forever.

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TO OUR TARA - WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH



Dearest Tara,

you were the sunshine of our hearts...

Thank you for being part of our lives and making it more luminous with that big smile and huge heart of yours. The gap you will leave in our lives, will never be filled. No words can describe how much we love you and miss you.

Farewell our little Star, you will shine on in our hearts forever.

Your AV second family,

Sitara, Mira, Aurore, Yann and Ben



COMMUNITY SHARING

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN VARANASI:

From 30th October to 1st November 2023 an international colloquium was held at the prestigious Banaras Hindu University. The subject was French Indology through intercultural approaches. It was inaugurated on that particular date because the organizers wanted to pay homage to the French writer, lover of India and the Mother's disciple, Satprem, on his 100th birth anniversary. Michel Danino, member of the Auroville International Advisory Council, gave a brief keynote address on the beginnings of French Indology in the 18th century and the different misunderstandings that arose at that time. Nicole Elfi, Aurovilian of the early years, spoke on Satprem and Auroville, including a few parallels with the present situation. Claude Arpi, Aurovilian and Tibetologist, made a presentation on Alexandra David-Néel, that French adventurous lady who explored not only Benares, but Tibet and Tibetan culture and religion. Christine Devin, Aurovilian and lover of Hindi and Sanskrit, spoke of the great French statesman Clemenceau and how he was fascinated by India and its metaphysics.

We can say without exaggeration that the contribution of those people was much appreciated and gave rise to lively debates.



MONTHLY FARM GROUP REPORT FOR OCTOBER

1. FUND RAISING FOR FARMS; since maintenances have been cut farmers are having to devise different ways to be financially self sufficient. As this withdrawal of funds was made with no discussion or prior warning, many farmers need bridging support until they have time to restructure the farms to become financially sustainable again. At the same time Farm Group lost control of all the farm accounts and so is unable to channel money where it is needed. In discussion with AVI centres and others, various ways of both raising the money and channeling it to farms are being considered. An Aurovilian video maker is in the process of making videos about the situation of each of the farms and what each plans to do to become financially sustainable.

2. FOODLINK; various topics have had to be addressed:

a. Milk; farmers were very disappointed that the results of milk test were sent to a wide range of groups, including the Secretary before even contacting them. After years of rumours it is good to have regular milk tests using the new Foodlink milk testing machine provided it is calibrated and working properly. This episode has shown farmers that they need to get their act together to create and maintain proper standards. The whole affair has shaken and diminished the trust between farmers as well as between Foodlink and dairy farmers. There is now a feeling that not all dairies can be trusted. This atmosphere has also affected those dairies upholding good standards and doing the right thing. Now, as presently the Dairy Sub Group no longer exists, there is no forum for dairy farmers to decide what standards to uphold or to create a process for what happens if a farmer falls below them. Foodlink is communicating directly with individual farmers in an environment where trust between Foodlink and dairy farmers has been greatly reduced.

b. Vegetables; as with milk, there have for years been rumours about farmers who buy vegetables in Pondy and then pass them off as their own in Foodlink. Standards for vegetables are normally maintained by each farmer keeping careful data about the vegetable growing process and collating this with details of harvests; together with peer review from other farmers. The problem has been that farmers are unable or unwilling to keep this data so it has been impossible to prove anything about the conditions under which vegetables are grown. After a recent meeting with the research team Foodlink is going to come up with some sort of standardization grades for different qualities of fruit and vegetables. In the end, however, it is consumers who will decide about this and the quality of food they want to eat. Vegetable group had a meeting to discuss pricing and possible frameworks to facilitate transparency and arrive at self-standardisation norms and practices.

c. Relationship of farmers and Foodlink; now that Foodlink is independent with a new team with no farming experience, the relationship between farmers and Foodlink will have to be rebuilt. The new Foodlink team has been working with farmers in a top down way, making promises they couldn't possibly fulfil. A meeting called by Foodlink during the last month allowed farmers and Foodlink people to talk to each other but it was obvious that the relationship between the two groups will need a lot of effort if it is to work. Foodlink will also have to work hard at creating positive connections both within and outside Auroville if they are to become the distribution centre that the community needs. As a result of this lack of trust and difficult communications some farmers feel that dependency on Foodlink ought to be minimised and farms do their own distribution. This could, however, lead to farms competing with each other to the detriment of everyone.

3. FARMING STANDARDS; in the light of these issues there were discussions about how farmers could create and maintain standards through the grain, dairy and vegetable sub groups. This will require that group members create a standard that everyone adheres to and that there are processes in place to work with farmers who fall below those standards. There is a need to push for voluntary standards, transparency and collaboration so farmers can stand together.

4. FARM ASSESSMENT; some data collection has been completed but no assessments have yet been made. There is a small team under Farm Service conducting assessments on farms. They have visited many farms including Annapurna and agreed with the Steward to include his response to their assessment in their report. It is very important that all farmers have a voice in this process and that her/his views on the data are included.

5. FARM ASSETS;

i. **ANNAPURNA LAND EXCHANGE;** Annapurna was visited by members of the AVFO-WC and Land Board wanting to exchange 22 acres of roadside land for Peramboke land. The 22 acres includes a pond producing 40% of Annapurna's water supply. It was explained that exchanging this land will have large consequences for the farm and its production. An alternative plot of about 5 acres on the other side of the road was suggested. Everything is very unclear.

ii. **BUDDHA GARDEN ROAD;** everything is still very unclear. Without finance the farm will be unable to move.

iii. **HOUSING ON FARMS;** the farms were recently sent a list of housing on their farms compiled by Housing Service. All farmers were recommended to check carefully as mistakes have been found.

6. GRATITUDE FARM REPORT; the report clearly showed the project fell short of its projected goals. With a first year budget of Rs2.79 lakhs on a 0.6 acre plot, they produced 20% of their projected yield and earned 7.5% of their projected income. In response a factual report has been created addressing the shortcomings which the Core Group will share with FAMC copying Farm Service. These groups will be requested to reflect on the projects obvious limitations.

7. FARM LABOUR; with no overall Auroville support for payment of things like gratuities all farmers need to be aware of their legal financial responsibilities towards their workers. Tomas will meet with SEWA for clarification about this. Core Group recommends that all farmers be clear and are able to follow the proper legal and financial process regarding this. (SEWA welcomes anyone, farmer or worker, to contact them if they have questions about this).

8. NEW ORGANISATIONAL HELP; a new person wants to help with Farm Group admin and has been welcomed with open arms to help with meeting notes. Core Group meetings are now held on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. In the future both admin people will explore what is needed by the group and how to organise it to fit in with their existing schedules.

If you have feedback or would like more information please contact farmgroup@auroville.org.in or aurovillefarmgroup@gmail.com

VOICES AND NOTES

TRIBUTE TO PASHIJI BY PROF. SACHIDANANDA MOHANTI

Prof. Sachidananda Mohanti, looking after Culture and Education in Auroville as a member of the previous GB, has invited me to share his beautiful remembrance of Pashiji:

Sachidananda Mohanty

November 6, 2023 at 9:14 am

This tribute to Pashiji could not have been better composed. Congratulations dear Paulette !

Heart-felt, personalized, full of insights and revelations, the offering to the memory of Pashi ji illuminates our understanding of dedicated souls in the path of inner life.

Pashiji was always full of energy, ideas and forthrightness when he interacted with me during the years I served Auroville as a member of the Governing Board. I treated him with great respect for the qualities of his head and the heart. He was generous to a fault and answered mails without fail. He was knowledgeable, articulate and respected the viewpoints of the correspondents. I saw with my own eyes his complete dedication to his ailing wife. Self-respecting, he carried himself with dignity till the very end. RIP Pashi ji. Yours was a life well lived!

Sachidananda Mohanty

This is in reply to an article I posted in a major aurobindonian forum, [A Tribute to Aurovillian Pashi alias Prakash Chandra Kapur by Paulette Hadnagy – Overman Foundation](#)



May CIRHU, dedicated to researchers of all ages, with his grand cascade on the Matrimandir lake, manifest: a tribute to both, Roger and Pashi, dedicating to this magnum opus the last years of their life-long commitment to the Mother.

Submitted by Paulette

COMPETENCE AND ABILITY (MERIT)

From its inauguration in 1968, Auroville has now reached its 55th year of development as the City of Dawn, an intentional community of highly conscious individuals that would act as living embodiment of an actual human unity, the Cradle of the transitional human beings preparing for and hastening the advent of the new apex species the Supramental being. These are clearly and courageously stated in our [Three Core Ideals and Vision-Goals](#)[1] supported by peoples and governments, from its host Mother India and more than 120 countries all over the world, including UNESCO.

Through all the intensely difficult challenges, Auroville as a community has come a long way, with our group soul the Matrimandir standing elegant with its divine beauty, watching over all the other ongoing city developments. However, 55 years is not anymore the early stages of community building. With the advancement humans in other parts of the world have reached in city building, the City of Auroville as it has been envisioned is actually lagging. Competence and Ability (Merit) are now much needed to concentrate the action to move on to the next phase of Auroville's development as a modern Gurukul to cater to the exponentially increasing many who are ready, yearning for the New Supramental World as pragmatically envisioned by its Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, what we as this intended Gnostic Community, this intended Deva Sangha, collectively expound and practice that is their Integral Yoga.

Based on ongoing developments, its host country Bharat Mata, Mother India whom Herself is in a renaissance, is clearly here to help in this development. Competence and Ability (Merit) are what will drive, is actually, driving us forward... the opposites as well, acting as contrasting elements for the shared experiential learning.

Remember, we are all in this [One Ever-Unfolding](#)[2] progressive complementary evolutionary cosmic movement... unstoppable.

Ride the Supramental Wave, or be wiped out...

Zech, writing from Hong Kong, 2023.11.06



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

[2] <https://incarnateword.in/search?query=unfolding&page=1&phrase=true> (in the main website type "unfolding" in the Search function, i.e. at <https://incarnateword.in>)

BUILDING A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE(-IST) FRIENDLY CITY:

Auroville is intended to be a city without motorised traffic. However, building a cycle friendly city is not as much about building cycle paths as it is about making paths cyclable, and having some baseline respect for cyclists. To make way for the Crown to be constructed, certain cycle paths were opened to motorised traffic. Today, only one remains open. However, the rest were never closed, and motorcyclists run amuck through all the cycle paths of Bliss, and the cycle path behind Surrender. They are all a "shortcut", and justified by the (Aurovilian) motorcyclists on them by "driving slowly" or being "in a rush". Please find some reflections from a cyclist below:

1. I have to breathe your fumes as I sweat to move while you zoom past with a turn of your wrist.
2. Often, you say - there is plenty of space for you to pass. Yes. You are creating that space. You are widening all the cycle paths by simply existing and allowing your motorised vehicle to compress the soil below, refusing to allow anything to grow. That tree whose root is your speedbump is critical for all cyclists from April-June if we ever hope to leave the house.
3. I am no longer afforded the luxury to be in a rush, or cycle fast for pleasure. I will hear your motor but no matter how much I ring my bell and how slowly you drive, you cannot hear me.
4. The community ought to know that with the increased usage of cycle paths by motorised traffic, complete creeps are driving through our cycle paths because they all now know it is possible. Not just through Bliss and the one behind Surrender - ALL the cycle paths that don't have proper gates. They all actually see them, and it doesn't help that they keep getting wider and more visible. There have been several incidents in the last year of children being chased and having to duck into cycle paths that have proper gates to protect themselves. It is abhorrent. If you don't believe me, speak to a random sampling of 5 kids aged 9-15 years old and you will hear at least one of them has a friend who has had such an experience.
5. People drive on high-beam through the cycle paths, which is unsafe even on regular roads but extremely so on cycle paths because the path is intended to be narrow. In the monsoon, I have to stop, squishing my feet into mud and wait for you to pass, because I am literally blind from your light. A few days ago, I was told off by a motorcyclist on the cycle path for not having a torch at 6pm when I'm perfectly capable of seeing.

I find it disrespectful to apprehend you 'in the act' since most of those of you doing it have been here over 20 years, and I can't say much to people from our bioregion either because they point at you, asking me why I don't stop you. So please, I beg of you - **STOP**.

The roads for motorised traffic are currently difficult for all and extremely unsafe. There are rarely any signs when roads get blocked, and people are having accidents all the time. There is no defence nor excuse for these realities, especially for our elderly or our children. But please bear in mind - children and elderly people also cycle. Please **stop** passing on your misery to the guys below you in the chain of hierarchy. When you drive your bike on the cycle path, note everyone you see and know - they will do it too, and you are why. Please walk and cycle on these paths afforded to us under beautiful canopies, fill your lungs with clean air and blessing your ears with only the music of birds. But please - stop stealing our paths from us.

A resident

FROM NAMES TO THE NAMELESS

“What is your name? What does it mean?” This is not just a starter of a social conversation. It is an invitation to explore where your name stems from, what it means to you, and how you live and relish it, or not. Hopefully it opens a door to contact the Person that is Nameless.

You can explain what your name means and share your experience of it; you can express it in creative art forms—a poem, a song, a painting, calligraphy, sculpture, handicrafts...

This is a one-year-long project that can last longer, till we all go from names to the Nameless.

Are you open for it? Well, let's see what emerges...

Share it when we meet spontaneously, or send something to Anandi Zhang by email: anandizhang@gmail.com

POETRY

Water in cup
Contained.

Water over edge
Spilled.

Water falls.
Splash!

Water winds
Down the stream.
A tortuous journey.

Water rises and falls
In waves and fountains.
Endless variations.

Wherever it flows
It follows its inner law
While following paths
Natural or man-made.

-Anandi Z.



THERE IS NO OTHER

Everything that was and is happening
From no-beginning towards no-ending
Is none other than us
This Eternal Oneness.

So now be conscious of your choices,
In this Grand Paradox of the opposites
We each co-create our own experiences.

Each act itself is either suffering or bliss:
Eternal suffering for the self still forgetting,
Eternal bliss for the Self that remembers
That the One is the non-other.

The beauty of this Self-realisation?

Divine Love's Manifestation.



"There is always a bitter taste behind the human love—it is only the Divine Love which never disappoints."

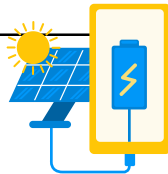
Here to better understand, feel and be this Divine Love:

[https://incarnateword.in/search?
query=Divine+Love&page=1&auth=m&phrase=true](https://incarnateword.in/search?query=Divine+Love&page=1&auth=m&phrase=true)

ॐ Zech, 2023.11.03

SUPPORT 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.

UPDATE FROM INDUJA ON FUNDRAISING FOR MASTERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Dear Auroville family,

I am grateful to all of you who have poured in so much love, wonderful words of encouragement and support for having been accepted into the University of Wisconsin, Madison for MS in Environmental Conservation.

I am happy to share with you that I have launched my crowdfunding campaign on [GoFundMe](#) (for international currencies) and [Milaap](#) (mainly for Indian currency) with a target of **USD 17000 (INR 14,00,000/-)**.

You can donate via one of these platforms in your preferred currency. Contributions are also welcome via FS account 252960 - Induja Education Support fund.

I have raised 4% of my target so far and am positive that I will reach my full target on time. I need your help in spreading the word as wide as possible in your networks too.

Please donate and share my story. Every donation and form of support matters to me!

For more information: Please write to me at ginduja397@gmail.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

HR HUB

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

Office assistant (full time)

A pottery studio is looking for someone that can handle invoicing/billing, filing, stock checking, taking the orders and maintaining the orders.

Keeping the stock room clean and sometimes packing. The applicants should be optimistic and should be involved in all kinds of work.

Waitressing (part time)

A restaurant is looking for a person to help with waitressing, especially in the evenings 5-8pm and also weekends.

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

ANIMAL CARETAKER FOR THE DOG SHELTER



The Auroville Dog Shelter is offering a job position for a dog lover as animal caretaker.

Please contact Coco on WhatsApp: +33 6 72 04 60 70

JOB VACANCY AT QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@auroville.org.in

Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

We are urgently looking for a female receptionist to join our existing office team.

An open, friendly nature, patient attitude, full-time commitment, and ability to work effectively within a team are essential. Basic computer knowledge is necessary for responding to inquiries and bookings via email and WhatsApp. Proficiency in English, both spoken and written, is essential.

If you feel interested to join a welcoming team and work in a vibrant Auroville place located on the beach, please send your CV to quiet@auroville.org.in.

AWAKENING SPIRIT



THE OM CHOIR CONTINUES

We wish to inform everyone that despite the absence of Narad who is unavailable to lead the Choir for a while, we will continue to meet and chant OM during the usual time at Savitri Bhavan, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Tuesdays. All are welcome. Come join us to explore the sound of OM in an aspiration for collective harmony and transformation for ourselves, humanity and the Earth.

Thank you... Noel

DARSHAN TIMINGS



17th November 2023
The Mother's Mahasamadhi



The Sri Aurobindo Ashram has announced that The Mother's Room will open on 17th November for general Darshan from 5:00am to 12noon.

The Mother's Room Darshan is available to all. No tokens are required for a Room Darshan. You may join the general Darshan queue from 5am onward, at your convenience.

With love,
Andrea

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Every THURSDAY at sunset
5.30 to 6 pm
(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!

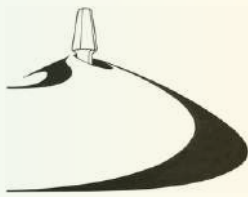
Reminder to all:

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



INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 14th November, 9 am - 12 noon

Focus: The Vision and the Way

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/Whatsapp: 9489147202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



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!

Looking for: Volunteer (s) capable of reading & writing **Kannada & Telugu**, for proofreading a couple of short documents (that have been translated from English). The work requires 2-3 hours of commitment.

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

Please contact 0413-3509932 or 04132622467 or email us at tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations.

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlywZNdZcAng/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. We have two spots left.

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

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 **November 4**. 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 **November 4**. 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 **November 6**. Classes take place **Mondays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm**.

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.**

Intermediate Spanish with Susana

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

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

Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam

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

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

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

To join or enquire:

Please fill out our form at

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

You may also drop us an email at

info@aurovillelanguagelab.org,

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

Please Note:

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

Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate	10:30 - 11:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Conversation Started 17 October 2023	4-5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
French	Beginner Started 4 November 2023	2:30- 4:30pm	Saturday
	Conversation 1 Started 4 November 2023	10:30am – 12noon	
	Conversation 2 Started 6 November 2023	2:30 -3:30pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner Started 12 September 2023	9:30 – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner To start January 2024	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 January 2024	2:30 – 3:30pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Intermediate	2:30 – 4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner To start December 2023	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner TBA	2:30 – 3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Conversation TBA	2:30 – 3:30pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Persian	Beginner To start January 2023	TBA	TBA

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

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

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

**A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING
IN AUROVILLE TODAY**

**FOREST WORKERS GRATUITY STILL UNPAID BY AVFO
'BCC'**

In June 2023, Chandresh and Torkil of the AVFO 'FAMC' [cut all budgets](#) and maintenances for the Forest Group. This left 40 Aurovilians without a maintenance from one day to the next and 60 plus local forest workers without pay, many of whom have been working with Auroville for years, some for decades. Effectively, they were fired en-masse by the AVFO 'FAMC' from one day to the next.

In India, there is a legal obligation to pay 'gratuity' after employment is terminated, which corresponds to a portion of salary for each year of employment. While gratuity was, until recently, always paid by the BCC through a dedicated account, the AVFO groups have since decided that it is up to the individual employer or unit to provide gratuity. This has created an untenable situation for foresters, who had not foreseen the need to set aside money for this purpose. They are now suddenly expected by the AVFO 'BCC' to come up with a large sum for these gratuities while their own maintenance is also cut. In an update, the Forest Group noted that "Continued non-payment of gratuity by the GB-appointed BCC is untenable legally and morally... the forest group asked the GB BCC and FAMC (including the Secretary of the AVFO) to pay the gratuity and 1 month compensatory wage to the workers. In spite of repeated reminders, this has not yet been honoured."

It appears that the AVFO 'BCC' has now decided to apply this sudden change in policy to all Auroville units (whether income generating or not) and their employees. [A recent email from SAIER](#) to all schools outlines the change in policy and notes that "We are aware that this is quite challenging and not even possible for many units." SAIER plans to set up and fundraise for a central account that can help schools cover the gratuity costs, though the scheme is voluntary and the responsibility for funding gratuity is mainly left with the schools. Their email also notes that due to the current situation, there is a concern that workers might be tempted to quit their jobs in hopes of getting gratuity while there is still some funding available.

SATPREM HAS LEFT INDIA

Satprem Maini left India on 31st October 2023, after the Secretary rescinded her recommendation for his Auroville visa. He was subsequently given an Exit Permit by the FRRO. The day before he left, friends of Satprem organised an open house at the Auroville Earth Institute which was attended by around 200 people. This was followed by an evening at the Tibetan Pavilion, the first building in Auroville built by Satprem. Please see [here](#) for the presentation given by Satprem during the open house event. Satprem has now arrived safely in France.



RAD RESULT

The AVFO recently removed at least two Aurovilians, Maël of the RA WCom and Satprem of the Earth Institute, from the Register of Residents (RoR), after they were asked to leave India. Ayyappan from the Earth Institute also had his name removed for not updating his RoR details, according to an email signed jointly by the AVFO 'WCom' and the AVFO 'FAMC'. As a result, the Residents' Assembly recently voted on a [resolution](#) questioning the AVFO's authority to remove people from the RoR. This RA Decision has yielded the following results:

Total number of valid votes: 741.

98% participants voted in favour of the above resolution.

0.81% participants rejected it.

1.3% participants didn't know.

The number of valid votes represents about one third of the adult population of Auroville, which is thrice the required quorum. As such, the resolution was approved. This vote was considered necessary by the RA WCom, who called for this emergency RAD, as the Auroville Foundation Act reserves the right to determine who is and who is not an Aurovilian solely to the Residents' Assembly.

5TH TAMIL NADU YOUNG THINKERS MEET HOSTED IN SAVITRI BHAVAN

The 5th Tamil Nadu Young Thinkers Meet was organised between 3rd and 5th November in Auroville's Savitri Bhavan. The community was not informed of this closed event.

According to [the program](#) of the meeting, speakers from Auroville included the Secretary, Dr Jayanti Ravi; the recently appointed Deputy Secretary, Smt K Swarnambika; and Dr Mollika Ganguly, a recently appointed staff member of the AVFO. Other notable speakers included a spiritual teacher, Swami Mitrananda, as well as active political figures, such as the Chief Minister of Puducherry, Thiru N Rangaswamy. According to testimonies, about 50 young people from [ABVP](#) (a student organisation affiliated with the RSS) attended the meeting. Reportedly, some of these attendees were hosted in Atithi Griha guesthouse. The program included a visit to AuroOrchard, one of Auroville's largest farms, attended by many participants.

A NEW WEBSITE FOR STAND FOR AUROVILLE UNITY

Stand For Auroville Unity, the community-aligned campaign that was launched in December 2021 after the forceful events at the Youth Center, Bliss Forest and Darkali, had faced technical issues with its website over the last few months. On 31st October, the Stand For Auroville Unity team published a new website containing information about the current situation, as well as useful resources to understand the crisis. You can access the new website here: <https://standforauroville.org/>

AUROVILLE REDEFINED BY AVFO IN LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The AVFO recently changed the wording on visa Letters of Recommendation (LoR). The previous wording stated that "Auroville was founded by 'The Mother' of Sri Aurobindo Ashram on 28th February 1968" [\[see picture here\]](#). Now, it reads that Auroville is "functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Education, Government of India" [\[see picture here\]](#). This fails to acknowledge that the Auroville Foundation is an autonomous body, which functions under three statutory bodies (the Residents' Assembly, the Governing Board and the International Advisory Council) as per the Auroville Foundation Act. Mentions of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo have also been removed.

MM LAKE UPDATE

New aerial images show the extent of the tree cutting at the Matrimandir (MM) to make way for the second phase of the MM lake. This tree cutting is in direct contravention of the April 2022 verdict of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The verdict stated that proper township planning, in the form of Environmental Clearance and Detailed Development Plans, should be in place before any further construction. Although the AVFO appealed the verdict to the Supreme Court, no stay was put on the verdict by the court, and therefore the verdict still stands.



Recently, several *Atalantia* trees were uprooted in the MM gardens, to be transplanted elsewhere. The root ball that was left on the transplanted trees was far smaller than the recommended standard, usually 8-10 times the stem diameter. *Atalantias* are a slow-growing species with an unusual bark pattern. They are native to the Tamil Nadu region and can live up to 300 years.



AVFO 'WCOM' HOLDS "PRIVATE INVITATION ONLY" MEETING AT UNITY PAVILION

On 2nd November 2023, the AVFO 'WCom' held a closed meeting at Unity Pavilion. The invitation was sent only to selected "friends", however it circulated widely. Other Aurovilians who were interested in attending were turned away at the door. The invitation indicated the reason for the meeting as follows: "in the recent months, people have become confused by some of the stories and fears that have been spread ... we want to take the opportunity to hear your views and questions and try to answer them as best we can."

Around 20 attended the meeting. Topics reportedly discussed were the 'problem of democracy', the 'problem' of the Residents' Assembly, housing issues, the Prosperity proposal, and the issues with implementing the Crown Road, such as missing plots of land on the planned Crown road, that have not yet been bought and are causing delays in construction.

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

In June 2023, the RA WCom shared their [response](#) to the AVFO 'WCom' [Annual Report](#) August 2021 - August 2022 [via massbulletin](#). 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, annual report. One such error is addressed below.

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

The Galaxy concept is not the same as a city plan

"Auroville was founded on 28th February, 1968 on a wind-swept plateau with degraded hard red soil without a water source... A panel of the galaxy model, Mother's city plan worked out together with her Chief Architect Roger Anger, was on display. It was the beginning of a new era. The Adventure of Consciousness had started in Auroville."

"The AVFO appointed Working Committee continuously and wrongly confuses the "Galaxy" and Auroville's city plan. Expert town planners, architects, and Roger Anger himself have expressed that The Galaxy is an architectural concept that needs to be translated into proper plans. Calling the Galaxy a "plan" is false and is at the root of the long-standing confusion and conflict related to development. City plans should take shape through inspiration from the Galaxy concept. They should result from a truly collaborative process, as stipulated in the Perspective Plan 2025. Any attempt to translate the Galaxy model into concrete city plans have been dismissed and ignored by the AVFO appointed Working Committee due to this obstinate misunderstanding of the city planning process."

HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 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.

Doctor consults with Dr.Senthil & Dr.Sana: Monday to Saturday	Nursing Care: Ezhil, Thilagam, Archana & Sandhya: Daily No appointment necessary
Ayurveda with Dr.Be & Dr.Sonia: Mon/Tue/Wed/Thurs/Fri	Pregnancy Care & Women's Wellness with Paula: Tuesday & Wednesday
Acupuncture with Andres: Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat	Homeopathy with Michael: Mon / Wed / Sat
Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: TOS	Physiotherapy with Arun: Monday to Saturday
Functional Medicine with Lize: Monday to Saturday	Physiotherapy with Rebeca: Mon /Wed /Fri
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena: Inquiry through email (adminsante@auroville.org.in)	Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday

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

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.

THE ARTS

EXHIBITION OPEN CALL

Centre d'Art is pleased to accept submissions of cohesive art projects.

All artists are welcome to submit their projects for an exhibition in the season 2024-2025.

If you are interested please send your submission before 31/01/24 to centredart@auroville.org.in and write "Exhibition Submission" as the subject of the email.

The email should contain:

- Contact details
- A short biography of the artist
- The title of the art project and its explanatory text
- Images of some work in jpg or pdf (max 20 images) in low definition

The use of the space is free of cost but transportation of the work and presence in the gallery during the exhibition time are the artist's responsibility.

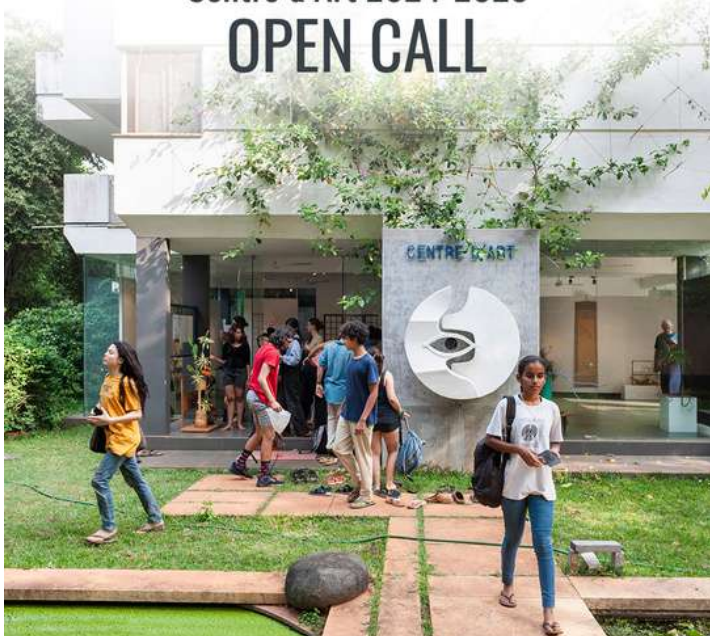
Submissions are open until 31/01/24.

The selection will be made in February and the decision will be communicated within a few weeks. All submissions will get an answer.

Looking forward to receiving your application.

Centre d'Art Team

Centre d'Art 2024-2025 OPEN CALL



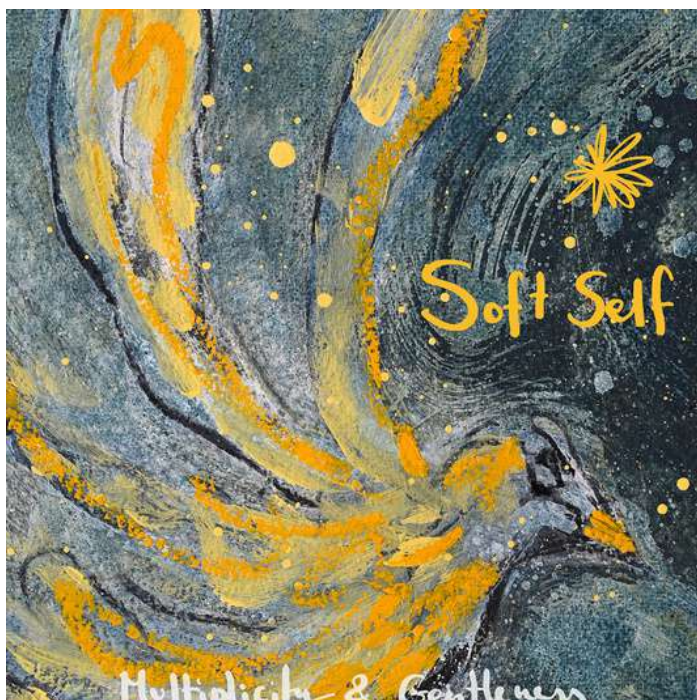
SOFT SELF, AN EXHIBITION BY LISA SUCHANEK.

From 17 November to 2 December 2023

Monday to Saturday 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Opening on Friday 17 November 2023 at 4.30 pm at Centre d'Art Citadines.

Please park at Town Hall



Multiplicity & Gentleness

*Paintings and Writings
by Lisa Suchanek*

OPENING 17 NOVEMBER, 4.30 PM

17 November to
2 December 2023

10.30 AM - 12.30 PM
03.30 PM - 5.00 PM



Centre d'Art
Citadines, Auroville

Sunday Closed
Please park at Town Hall

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

The Tai Chi Hall in Sharnga community offers daily classes, six days a week.

Mondays & Saturdays:

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

Tuesdays - Fridays:

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

We practice three forms (24, 108 and 127) in the Yang style, as taught by the Inner Way School - Stevanovitch Method (artduchi.com). All are welcome to drop in.

Our next beginner's intensive is from February 12 to March 2, 2024.

taichi.auroville.org / taichi@auroville.org

FAMILY CONSTELLATIONS WORKSHOP WITH MOGHAN

FAMILY AND SYSTEMIC CONSTELLATIONS WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 18th of NOVEMBER

Time: 9am to 6pm

CREATIVITY Hall of Light



Contact: Moghan 9751110486, mehlemmoghan@gmail.com

AUROVILLE EARTH INSTITUTE

TRAINING COURSE



The Auroville Earth Institute is pleased to announce the commencement of its **CSEB Design Training Course** on **November 20th**. This **6-day program** offers comprehensive instruction on the art of design utilising Compressed Stabilised Earth Blocks. Classes will convene from **9 am to 5 pm** each day.

Registration for this course is now open for architects, engineers or students. Admission will be granted on a First Come, First Serve basis, seats are limited. You can register at <https://registration.earth-auroville.com/> or register directly at the Auroville Earth Institute. Trainees should bring their laptop and be proficient with Auto Cad.

We invite you to embark on an enlightening journey into the realm of Earthen Architecture with us.

Join the Clan of Earth Builders!

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@auroville.org.in

Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

Hawaiian Massage Course: Lomi Lomi Basic with Sang

. Thursday 23 - Sunday 26 November (8:00am - 6:00pm: 34 hours)

Lomi Lomi is an ancient Hawaiian massage style which uses long fluid rhythmic strokes to treat the whole body. The practitioner uses the hands as instrument of the heart.

Energetic, emotional and muscular blockages are released allowing oxygen, blood circulation and life to flow more freely. This massage brings balance and a heart-opening peace to body, mind and spirit.

During this course, you'll learn an ancient Hawaiian massage technique; connect to your heart through meditation; give and receive a series of healing massages.

No previous experience required. Certificate upon completion of the course.

Hawaiian Hot Stones Massage Course with Sang

. Friday 1 - Sunday 3 December (8:00am - 6:00pm: 30 hours)

Hot stones massage is used to help relax and ease tense muscles and damaged soft tissues throughout the body. During a hot stone massage, smooth, flat, heated stones are massaged directly on the body and placed on specific parts of the body. The stones are usually basalt, a type of volcanic rock that retains heat.

In this 3-day course, you'll learn how to use the stones and hands as an extension of the heart. The course also includes body brushing, balancing, sacred rituals, and Hawaiian chanting.

No previous experience required. Certificate upon completion of the course.

Sang was trained at the Mettes Institute in Australia and has been a facilitator at the Institute from 2003-2006. She introduced Hawaiian massage courses in Auroville in 2006 and has been teaching Lomi Heartwork and KaHuna bodywork ever since.

AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

Monday to Friday November 2023 schedule
6 30 am to 9 30 am
Vinyasa flow Asanas
Pranayama,
Meditation.

Saturday Karma Yoga
6 30 to 9 00 am
Satsang -5 to 6 30 pm
Sunday Morning - Special
program every week
Daily drop in possible ,On contribution.
Bring your own yoga mat



Auromode Yoga Space -Near CSR / Upassana
balaganesh.siva@gmail.com - WA + 91 98926 99804

AUROVILLE HEALTH CARE KINESIOLOGY NOVEMBER PROGRAM

New: Kinesiology courses beginning in New Creation, Auroville.

Touch For Health

Inspired by Chinese medicine, Touch for Health (T.F.H.) or health through touch allows for the assessment and correction of the energetic system, organs, and acupuncture meridians through the muscular system. John THIE, one of the leaders in kinesiology, developed this technique by reflexively influencing the lymphatic system and blood circulation, enabling the body to self-regulate. With its balancing capabilities, Touch for Health serves beneficial functions.

Level 1 : 2 days, 20-21 November

Level 2 : 2 days, 22-23 November

Brain Gym

Kinaesthetic education or Brain Gym is an approach that enhances skills and stimulates capabilities. It offers an experiential learning based on movement and observation through playful and creative activities. Brain Gym courses aim to teach how to assist others and oneself in managing stress, releasing muscle tension, and rediscovering the joy of moving, learning, evolving, and succeeding.

Level 1: 2 days, 27-28 November

Level 2: 2 days, 29-30 November

For more information on kinesiology courses and classes go to www.kinesiology-auroville.in

The teacher

Yehovind (Ricardo Martinez) was director and teacher of the ASTM kinesiology school in Paris for 13 years. He has more than 20 years of experience in this field. Courses are in French and translated in English.

Place:

New Creation, Auroville (Near Kuyilappalayam)

Contact:

Whatsapp message only: +33686928426

yehovind@gmail.com

contact@kinesiology-auroville.in

CONSCIOUS NATURE IMMERSION AT MAHAKALI PARK

MahaKali Park is one of the 4 parks of Auroville, which is developed as a place for holistic awareness and self-development through nature.

Introduction to MahaKali Park with Arun:

Sunday - 12th of November, 6 am to 7 am - Major Arun invites you for a peaceful discovery and understanding of MahaKali Park and an introduction to the history and context of green spaces within Auroville. The background of the cradle land and the current state of the vegetation's evolution through a holistic understanding of ecology is shared during the outdoor walk.

Meditation with the Feminine

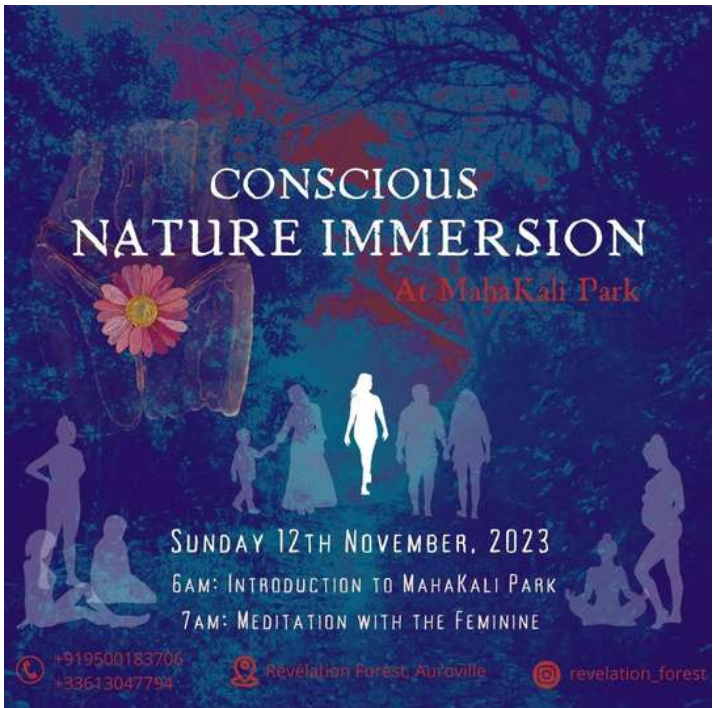
Sunday – 12th of November, 7 am to 8.30 am - **This meditation is open to all**, with the specific aim to cultivate a feminine approach of spirituality : first of all, we meditate through the presence of Nature, considered a divine womb to contain our evolution. Nature is contacted through the doors of our own higher mind, sensibility and generosity of heart. Meditation is subtly guided within the sacred space of non-duality and multidimensionality. Intimacy of contact with the feminine polarity is progressive, attentive and humble. Session may triggered some release and activation of energy in regard to the feminine wounds carried by our specie, for the highest good of all. Personal follow up is possible. By Mukhande, holistically trained by First Nations and Kriya Yoga lineage for 20 years.

Free. No registration required. Contributions accepted for the management of the site.

Be adequately clad to prevent mosquito bites. You may also carry mosquito repellants.

Venue: Meeting point at Révélation's main gate 5/10 min before the time of the session (Search for "Revelation Forest" on Google Maps)

Contact: +919500183706 (Arun) / +33613047794 (Mukhande)



MONEY, WEALTH & FREEDOM WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER



We are happy to inform you that YouthLink is offering you a workshop on the subject of **Money, Wealth and Freedom, happening at Pitanga!**

Taking place on **Saturday 11th of November** and facilitated by Deven.

If you would like to reflect on wealth, money, and freedom in the context of our life and work in Auroville, you are welcome to join. In the workshop, we will also facilitate a process through which you will be able to make a personal wealth tracker for yourself (covering income, expense, saving, investments, insurance, emergency fund, goal-based planning etc.) which will allow you take better decisions related to your work, career, relationships, dreams and aspirations.

This workshop specifically caters to Aurovilians, newcomers, and long term volunteers ONLY, for one must have some context on life in Auroville.

This workshop starts at **2:30pm and ends at 5:30pm.**

To register, scan the QR code on the poster, email us at youthlink@auroville.org.in or come to our office in Town hall between 9.30am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm to sign up!

MONEY, WEALTH, & FREEDOM
By DEVEN

Scan to register!

11th Nov
2:30 - 5:30 pm
@ Pitanga

What are the principles for consciously engaging with money and different forms of wealth?
How is my relationship with money/wealth affecting my freedom to truly live and express myself?
What are experiments in collective wealth and freedom that I'd like to explore in Auroville?

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 / WA: +91 8940288090

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS AND THERAPY

Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @
0413 2622045, 2622606, 9363624083 or
programming@verite.in, www.verite.in



Master Class: Calm Your Nervous System & Your Mind through Yogic Techniques – with Andres Saturday, November 11, 9:30am – 12:00pm (theory booklet included)

Modern life often seems designed to bring strain to our nervous systems, contraction to our bodies, and imbalance to our minds. But there are ancient tools from Yoga that are designed to free us from the restraints that keep us from experiencing well-being, inner peace, and contentment. Learn the practical techniques of breathing, mantra, asana, and relaxation that calm the mind, relax the nervous system, and awaken the balance that already dwells within the memory of our bodies.

FORGIVENESS & RECONCILIATION

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Exploring Roots of Hurt, Anger & Alienation

With

Dr. Sehdev Kumar

Author of *7000 Million Degrees of Freedom: One Earth, Seven Billion Worlds*



Hurt is inevitable; Suffering is a Choice

An Introductory Session for Weekly Workshops
Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
Friday, November 17
5:00 – 6:45 pm

The Sound of Bamboo

Various Styles of the Indian Flute



Bansuri (Flute) Group Classes With Michael

Kalabhumi Music Studio

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

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

Contribution:

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

More Info: www.the-sound-of-bamboo.com

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

Learn More About Divine Arts:

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

Warm Regards, Dave

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

PITANGA



Program November 2023

CLASSES - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Iyengar Yoga with Tatiana and Chloé

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

Mondays 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.

Tuesdays 9am – 10:30am with Chloé | Yoga for the Spine | All levels

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

Wednesdays 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.

Art Therapy with Gala

Thursdays, 3 – 5pm for adults

Fridays, 3 – 5pm for families

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

These are ongoing educational programs and not intended for drop-in students. If a child is interested, parents need to talk to the teacher before bringing the child.

Asanas for Teenagers with Lisbeth

Mondays, Wednesdays | 4pm – 5:15pm

Yoga for children, 5 – 8 yrs., with Gala

Saturdays | 9am – 10am

Yoga for children, 7 – 9 yrs., with Gala

Saturdays | 10am – 11am

Energy games for children, 9 yrs. +, with Gala

Saturdays | 11am – 12pm

DROP-IN CLASSES *Join without prior registration!*

Mondays

7.30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels | (*not on 20 and 27 Nov.*)

8.30am – 10am | **Yoga Therapy** with Gala | All levels

4:00pm – 5:00pm | **Deep Presence** with Mike S.

Tuesdays

4.45pm – 5.30pm | **Odissi Dance** with Rekha | Beginners

3:30pm – 4:30pm | **Body Musik** with Anandi Z. | All levels

Wednesdays

7.30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels | (*not on 22 and 29 Nov.*)

8.30am – 10am | **Yoga Therapy** with Gala | All levels

Thursdays

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

4:30 – 6pm | **Vocal Sound Healing** with Lola | All levels

Fridays

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

7.30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels | (*Not on 17 and 24 Nov.*)

8.30am – 10am | **Yoga Therapy** with Gala | All levels

3.45pm – 4.30pm | **Odissi Dance** with Rekha | Beginners

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

5:15 – 6:15pm | **Feldenkrais class** with Shari | All levels

Saturdays

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

11:00am -12:15pm | **ATB explorations** with Isora, Rosario and Teresa | All are welcome to join.

4:30pm – 5:30pm | **Body Musik** with Anandi Z. | All levels

HEALING SPACE - BY APPOINTMENT

- Acupuncture by Heidi
- Bio-Resonance (with Bi-Com machine) by Afsaneh
- Chiropractic by Afsaneh

NEW ACTIVITIES



Vocal Sound Healing

Practice and embody the power of the voice, your most potent healing instrument.

The voice is the only tool more powerful than the gong, especially your own voice, because you are self-generating the healing vibrations to shift energetic blocks.

The practice is about opening yourself up to a new way of exploring your voice.

Immerse yourself in this session, discover your own voice, take a step to experiment through sound, music and movement. No experience is needed.

Every Thursday from 4:30 - 6pm with Lola



Deep Presence - Inner Exploration

A guided exploration by
Mikhail S.

Following the facilitator's guidance, we will travel with our attention deep within (and without) ourselves, where we will listen deeply... By becoming still, we'll aim to tune into the living presence that is always present, to align with Truth, in other words with that which isn't transient and perishable but Eternal and Infinite.

The intention is to leave behind all effort, tension and desire, to bypass our mind and emotions in order to experience this always available Presence.

The exploration lasts 45 minutes and ends with a small sharing of approximately 10-15 minutes. Preparation for class: If possible, please take a 15 minutes nap (or silent quiet rest lying down) at home, before class or in the afternoon (to try and prevent dosing off and falling asleep).

Every Monday from 4pm – 5pm with Mikhail S.



**New class starting on
Saturday 11th. November**

ATB explorations

A joyful space for discovering oneself and developing attention and relaxation.

Every Saturday from 11am to 12:15pm.

All are welcome - Drop-in session.

With love and gratitude, Isora, Rosario and Teresa



**New class starting on
Tuesday 14th November**

Body music

Tapping with hands on acupressure points of the body and in a certain sequence stimulates the body to improve the flow of energy. It is an easy to learn self-help technique to relieve stress. In this class body tapping will be done on oneself, for each other and as a group and integrated with guided Qi movement, conscious touch, and simple massage to discover and align with the universal music.

Every Tuesday, from 3:30-4:30pm and Saturdays 4:30-5:30pm from With Anandi Z.

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

*Pitanga Cultural Centre
2622403 / WA 9443902403
info@pitanga.in*

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) 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

Vipassana
As taught by S.N. Goenka



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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@aurville.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:



ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

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

KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE

Dear friends,

We are looking for volunteers who could help in Teaching English/Hindi/French lessons to Beginners and Inter-mediate (Children and Adults) 1 or 2 hours per day.



You are also welcome to visit and explore our Creative Tailoring Sessions from Monday to Friday.

Kindly contact: kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in Or kulaicreativecentre.auroville@gmail.com

For more info and details:

WhatsApp: + 91-8608473385 / 9843195290

SONGS OF PEACE

PAVILION OF TIBETAN CULTURE



PEACE FLAG AT TIBETAN PAVILION



Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture, invites you to a collective creation of **PEACE Flag** to hold the peace around the world with Meike.

The created PEACE flag is to keep in Tibetan Pavilion, as a reminder for all of us about the PEACE.

No require of previous experience, all information is given on the day of the event.

Most important, come in within peace and compassionate heart along.

You are kindly requested to get registered as we have a limited space available.

Any contribution is welcome to continue PEACE related event.

Venue #

Pavilion of Tibetan Culture,

On Wednesday 15th November

At 2.30 to 4 pm.

We kindly request to be on time as we will begin with a Meditation.

Submitted by #

Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International zone Auroville.

AI + HEART INTELLIGENCE

What is the role of Artificial Intelligence in the Supramental Transformation? This was one of the questions that was explored in a recent Dreamcatching session, along with the reference to The Divine Mother as the Absolute Intelligence, the Supreme AI :)

In December 2023, Nipun Mehta will be visiting Auroville and amongst other things will be sharing his insights on AI + Heart Intelligence. He was recently invited to share about ServiceSpace's work and vision in this area to several thousand changemakers at a global Inner Development Goals Summit in Sweden. To know more and see the recording of the presentations, you can visit the following links:

- <https://pod.servicespace.org/story/78734/view>
- <https://ai.servicespace.org>

Here is a recording of one of the talks Nipun gave during his previous visit to Auroville:

The Laws of Unconditional Love

aurovilleradio.org/laws-of-unconditional-love-a-talk-by-nipun-metha/

Here are the details of a couple of events we will be hosting with Nipun in Auroville in December 2023:

Thursday, December 7th - Awakin Circle

@ Unity Pavilion, 5 pm to 8:30 pm

More on: pod.servicespace.org/circle/15427/join

Friday, December 8th - Startup Service Retreat

@ Auroville Botanical Gardens, 10 am to 5 pm



More on: movedbylove.org/join/startup

Inviting entrepreneurs to a 1-day **startup service retreat** that supports in turning service intentions into actions. The invitation is also to lead the social change work with Love and Inner Transformation.

More on: movedbylove.org/join/startup

Contact: flourish@auroville.org.in

Friday - 8th Dec | 10 am to 5 pm
@ Auroville Botanical Gardens



We may organize a couple more formal/informal gatherings too. Feel free to connect on deven@auroville.org.in / connectdeven@gmail.com for Awakin Circle and flourish@auroville.org.in / helen@flourish-av.org for Startup Service retreat.

"For the mind—knowledge.
For the heart—love and joy.
For the life—power.
For the matter—beauty."

- The Mother
(CWM-14, p. 336)

May we all connect with each other at the Psychic level, embody love and joy and spread the light 🌸🌻🌺🌼

Warmly,

Deven

On behalf of many, aspiring for harmony

DEEP SOUND BATH IN CREATIVITY

TIBETAN BOWLS

Hall of Light
CREATIVITY community

**Every Friday
from 5 to 6'30 pm**

Starting from 17th November



There will be a LIGHT massage by the Tibetan Bowls.

Lie down, relax, simply allow yourself to experience the ancient sound from the Tibetans bowls.

The practise produce a soothing sound believed to have a powerful effect in the body's energy system, helping to balance the chakras and promote healing.

"If we accept that sound is vibration and we know that vibration touches every part of our physical being, then we understand that sound is heard not only through our ears but through every cell in our bodies. One reason sound heals on a physical level is because it so deeply touches and transforms us on the emotional and spiritual planes."

Drop in the Hall, no reservation needed.

Please arrive 10 minutes before.

Guest 600 rs

Volunteer 300 rs

Aurovilians and Newcomers, conscious contribution

Sathyayuga

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AUROVILLE CYCLE RIDE

11TH NOVEMBER 6:15AM - TOWN HALL MAIN PARKING

AUROVILLE CYCLE RIDE - 6



Dear All,

We invite everyone to join us on 11th November 2023 at 06.15am
In Town hall Main Parking for the Monthly Cycle ride for 20kms in and
around Auroville.

Let's pedal together to create the awareness on sustainable mobility and the
importance of cycling to our beloved ones and Let's save the nature and the mother
earth for the next generation.

Bring your own cycle and a water bottle.

Note: People who don't have a cycle could pick one from us and return it back
after the ride

(depends on the availability / First come gets priority).

Ride Schedule

06.15am : Reporting at Town Hall Main Parking.
06.30am – 07.30am : Cycling around Auroville
07.30am – 08.30am : Breakfast at Town Hall campus

Contact: Raju – 9443074825 / Saranraj - 9787095511email:
avvehicle@auroville.org.in

TLC FRIDAY OPEN SPACES

**TLC welcomes
all Auroville kids every
Friday**

**11:00-12:30
Nursery
Open Spaces
(2-5 yrs)**

**12:30-13:30
potluck lunch**

**13:30-15:00 Open
Spaces for kids
(6-14 yrs)**

**At TLC
Base Camp**

For more info contact 9442180610

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

SACRED SOUND JOURNEY



Come to join this Sacred Sound Healing Experience

We will explore the powerful vibrations through an Healing Sacred Mantra and dive deep into the magical Sound of Tibetan Bowls

Friday, 10th
5pm - 6pm

@ Joy of impermanence,
Anitya community, center field
an activity under LEAD

Limited space

Reserve your place at: +91 84 89 76 46 02

Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com



THE EUROPEAN HOUSE, PAVILLON DE FRANCE, & ILION AUROVILLE PRESENT:

The Myth of Europa

A Conference
By Claude de Warren

Saturday 18th November 2023 at 5pm

Town Hall - Cinema Paradiso

in French with English instantaneous translation,
duration: 1h + Q&A



How can this foundational myth of European culture, in light of Sri Aurobindo's writings, help us understand Europe and some of its present-day challenges ?

This lecture will look at the evolution of Europe from a completely new angle, namely that of Greek mythology, deciphered by the lecturer over a period of almost 30 years. This mythology describes the spiritual quest, its challenges, its obstacles and the forces that intervene to support the seeker or force him or her to undergo greater purification on the path to freedom.

But it also describes the evolution of humankind, because both move forward in concert.

While the myth of Europa describes a particular stage in the seeker's progress, it also presents the evolution of the dominant spirituality in the West from Egypt to Greece, via Crete. Developed over more than 3,000 years, this myth has provided a general orientation and indicated certain errors that should be avoided.

We will look at whether and how the countries of Europe have fulfilled the general task assigned to them, avoiding the pitfalls so that new paths can now emerge.

KARAOKE PIZZA NIGHT

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Dear Community,

YouthLink & Youth Centre are thrilled to extend its warm invitation to you for an exciting **KARAOKE PIZZA NIGHT**.

Join us for an unforgettable evening where you can sing your heart out while relishing on delicious pizza.

Whether you believe you have the voice of a professional or you're just a shower singer, this event is tailor-made for everyone to come together, have a blast, and foster a sense of togetherness within our community. Don't forget to bring your favorite song to share with us!


Looking forward to seeing you there!



KARAOKE PIZZA NIGHT

7:00 - 10:00 PM

 **Youth Center**

 **Friday 17th Nov**

Pick your slice
Sing your heart out
& share the joy of music & pizza

*Youth Center now has pizza nights also on Saturdays & Sundays



Timings : 7 - 10pm
Where : Youth Center
When : Friday, 17th of November

***Youth center now has pizza nights also on Saturdays and Sundays**

VOLUNTEER AND LEARN - FARMING HANDS ON AUROORCHARD

EMAIL: auroorchard@auroville.org.in / WHATSAPP: +91 9566631079 (Nidhin)



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.

TO JOIN US, PLEASE CONTACT US

EMAIL: auroorchard@auroville.org.in
WHATSAPP: 9566631079 (Nidhin)

GATE OF DREAMS UPDATES



Gate of Dreams

At present I offer:

- the *I Just Wanna Write* podcast, every Thursday on Auroville Radio. Currently with a series on the Hero's Journey.
- the *I Just Wanna Write* blog, where I weekly upload exercises, reflections, writing games, journaling prompts and a bit of writing theories from professional writers.
- the *I Just Wanna Write* individual or collective writing sessions that you can book with me, by writing to avgateofdreams@gmail.com
- La Vita Divina readings in Italian. You can find them both on AvRadio every Monday or posted on my website [Gate Of Dreams](http://GateOfDreams.com).
- coaching on acting for preparing for a role or audition

All the activities are for free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers.

For contacting me please write to avgateofdreams@gmail.com

Francesca

INTRODUCTION TO MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING FOR UNIT EXECUTIVES NOVEMBER 18TH, 9:15AM - 12:30PM



Flourish (a unit under Service Trust) is organizing a series of training sessions to help those running units in Auroville understand the fundamental aspects of utilizing financial data to make operational decisions.

This series of training sessions will begin with a taster session to explain the importance of understanding this critical information, with exploration of an Auroville based case study. We welcome unit executives and any others who make critical business decisions for the unit to attend this session.

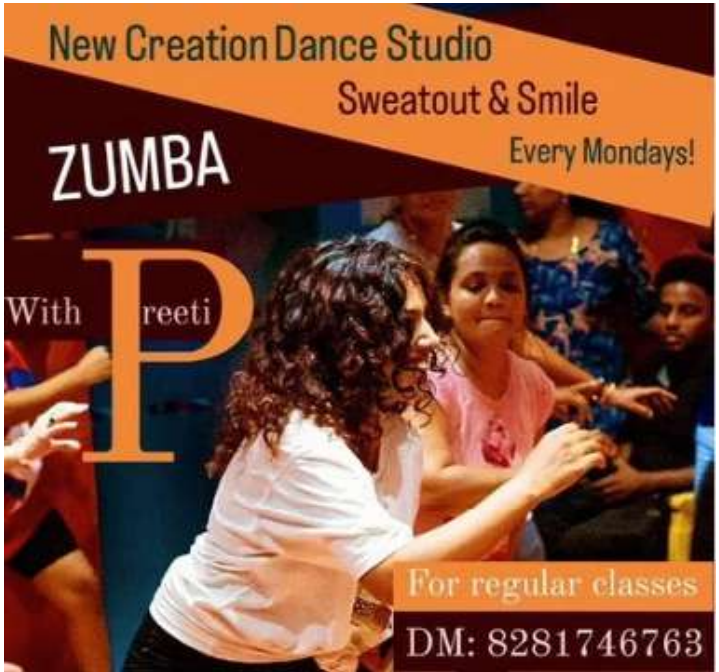
In the near future, this introduction will be followed by a series of awareness sessions to further deep dive into this subject.

The training will be held on **Saturday 18th November** from **9.15am -12.30pm** including breaks.

If you are interested to attend, please email: flourish@auroville.org.in

NEW CREATION DANCE STUDIO

ZUMBA WITH PREETI



New Creation Dance Studio
Sweatout & Smile
Every Mondays!

ZUMBA

With Preeti

For regular classes
DM: 8281746763

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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.



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HIVE OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear All,

Join us at Hive's **Open House on Friday, 17th November 2023**, from **10 am to 5 pm!**

Embark on a journey of boundless productivity and endless opportunities with Super-fast Internet and Unlimited data - All for free.

Visit our website at www.auromode.in/hive-coworking for more details on the plans and facilities.

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

See you on Friday!



AuroMode

**FREE
OPEN HOUSE
November 17th**

Hive
A CO-WORKING SPACE



Auromode HIVE, Auroville.



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YOUTH CENTER PIZZARIA

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY: AUROVILIANS, NEWCOMERS, VOLUNTEERS

Youth Center Auroville

Come join our
Pizzeria

Savor the best pizza at Youth Center! We craft delectable Italian inspired flavours right here in Auroville.

FRI - SAT - SUN

START AT
07:00 am - 09:00pm

YOUTH CENTER
Auroville

Friday-Saturday Open to all Sunday Aurovillians, Newcomers and volunteers

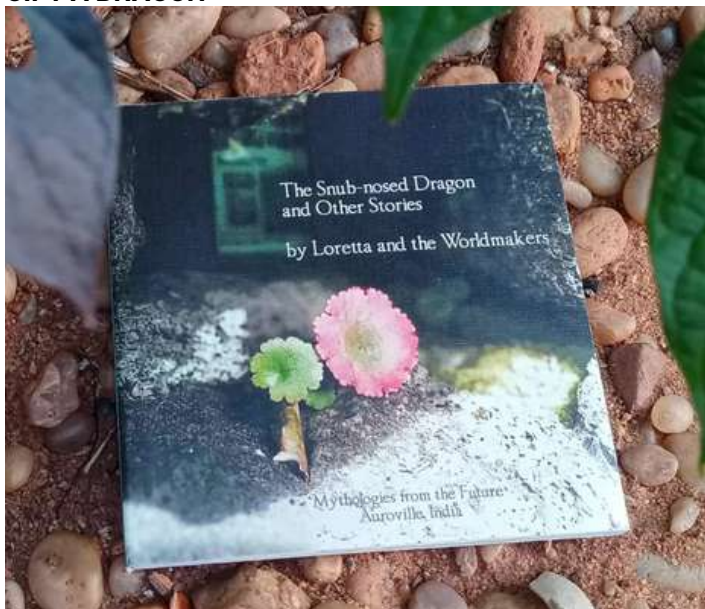
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@youthcenterauroville

GIFT A DRAGON



In the past year, the team at PRISMA have created [PRISMA DREAMS](#) as a focal point of our work related to children. Workshops were conducted to support the editorial team of the children's magazine at The Learning Community of Auroville. The series, *Mythologies from the Future*, was developed to publish stories at the meeting point of the past and the future. *The Snub-Nosed Dragon and Other Stories* is the first in this series, to help fund our second publication, *Tales from Auroville*, which will be put together by a young editorial team from Auroville. This could be your gift idea for Christmas or the New Year, perhaps? ***The Snub-Nosed Dragon and Other Stories*** are now available for purchase at the PRISMA office in Aurelec and Gelato Factory in Kuilapalayam or by writing to totoroagain@protonmail.com. Readers can also find the book at the Auroville Library and the library of Mother's House at Pondicherry beach.

The PRISMA team
Aurelec

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED SUDHA'S KITCHEN?

I was thrilled to discover Sudha's Kitchen because Sudha is a wizard at making delicious food!

The menu is mostly Middle Eastern: falafel plate with pita bread, mediterranean plate with hummus or labane and cooked and raw salads, shakshuka, sabich sandwich, salads including Japanese and Greek, with soups, hot and cold drinks, and wonderful desserts including amazing chocolate truffles (plain, vegan coconut, and orange). On Wednesdays and Saturdays the special is Vietnamese spring rolls in rice paper wraps with peanut sauce. Sudha also offers breakfast with omelettes, dosa, and fruit salad.

Sudha's Kitchen (in Svedame, where WELL cafe used to be) is **open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, Monday through Saturday. Groups are welcome to book in advance. Landline: 0413 350 9884. In case of rain, there is an indoor space. Deliveries are also possible.

Come and eat delicious food with your friends!
love,
Shanti
Samasti



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Step into the Hemp Haven and embrace nature's gift!



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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

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

whatsapp: 9843319260



Solitude Farm

Solitude farm & café

Auroville

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Regards, Julien.

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!**

WE CAN HELP TO FIX ALL YOUR BROKEN ITEMS

New Waves, a unit registered under Kattidakali Trust located in Aurelec Premises, Prayogashala, Auroville is offering the services of **PCB Assembly, SMD soldering, de-soldering and minor repair of appliances.**

The unit can also undertake sub-contract of your production work on job work basis.

If you have any requirements, please contact Dhandapani, Executive at 0413-2622295,

Mobile 9443090082 / 8098193820 or via e-mail to newwaves@auroville.org.in



REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

Loganathan working at Mahasaraswati Shop (near PTPS, Aspiration area) is a long term Aurovilian that has gained a lot of knowhow through looking after and repairing all kinds of machines. He happily repairs your machines and appliances.

You may contact him via phone

/ SMS or whatsapp

+91 94434 93025



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

Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,
Surabhi Supplies

THE SPROUT IS OPEN!



We're thrilled to announce that our doors are officially open! Join us from **7 am to 4 pm Monday though Saturday** to enjoy our food at **The Sprout Cafe in UTSAV** (on the Verite radial).

Dive into our delicious breakfast menu from 7 am to 11 am, and enjoy a casual and yummy lunch from 12 pm to 3 pm. We aim to offer at least three different dishes daily.

Or just come and try our coffee, hot chocolate, creamy ice cream, cakes and scrumptious cookies available all day long.

We are closed for Diwali on Monday 13 November

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Kindly do download the mobile app to register yourself to place orders supporting the outlets in and around Auroville and to find out relevant information to your needs.

Download link as shown below:

Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.auroville.dropzy>

iPhone

Coming soon.

We will be adding new categories to service our user base in the upcoming weeks. Dropzy is a multi-purpose mobile app platform and it isn't merely only a delivery service solution. Stay tuned in to our announcements and the app regularly, for more updates.

Best regards,
Sathish Arumugam
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Mobile: +91 8098144686

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Emma is smart, stubborn and spoiled.
She has a fence in yard and walks on a leash.
Current dates: **Dec 7 - 27th**
(and a trial weekend prior to these dates).
Interview and relationship building
(with Emma) required.

Tia WA 7094007610
tialovesart@gmail.com

TAXI SHARE



FROM CHENNAI TO AUROVILLE 28TH DECEMBER

If you would like to share a Taxi on **28th December at 1:00PM**, from **Chennai airport to Auroville**, please contact: butterflyambre@gmail.com

AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI AIRPORT 15TH NOVEMBER

Auroville to Chennai airport. Sharing both ways possible. Leaving AV at around 8pm on Wednesday, November 15 to catch a flight at 1:50 am on Thursday, November 16. Contact: Angela, shaktipower@web.de, 7418660246

AV RADIO



AurovilleRadio

The voices of Auroville

Dear Aurovilians,

Your favourite radio is always working for you. Stay tuned!

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

[Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

Last published podcasts:

- [LA VITA DIVINA EP. 37](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Teens Connect Ep. 8](#) (Integral Education)
- [I Just Wanna Write Ep. 17](#) (Creative Writing)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 21 “The silent years – Pre-World War I European cinema – Contd...”](#) (Cinema)

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

Thanks for your help!

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

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

Peace and love

Regards, AvRadio team



CINEMA



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

Reminder: FRIDAY 10th “MEMORIES OF MY FATHER” – (EL OLVIDO QUE SEREMOS) by Fernando Trueba, Colombia, 2020

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 8:00 pm

“ANATOMY OF A FALL” - Original title: ANATOMIE D'UNE CHUTE

Directed by Justine Triet, France, 2023

With: Sandra Hüller, Swann Arlaud, Milo Machado Graner

Synopsis: Sandra Voyter, her husband Samuel and their visually impaired son Daniel, aged 11, live in the mountains, not far from Grenoble, France. One day, Samuel is found dead at the foot of their chalet. Suicide or homicide? Investigators suspect his wife Sandra. An investigation is opened and she is charged despite doubt. A year later, the son, Daniel is caught in the middle: between the trial and their home life, doubts take their toll on the mother-son relationship... "A thriller of real psychological and emotional depth, breathtakingly intelligent" Won the Palme d'Or at the 76th Cannes Film Festival on May 2023.

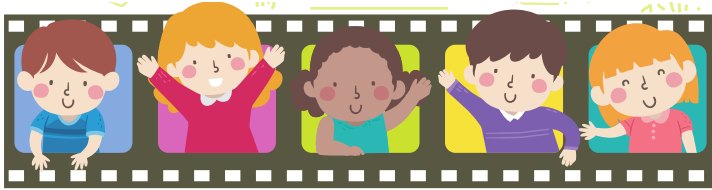
Original French version with English Subtitles. Duration 2h32'

SERIES OF CHILDREN FILMS AT CINEMA PARADISO

Dear Community,

Cinema Paradiso will run a **series of wonderful films for the children**: including Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Indiana Jones. Since these films are longer than the usual films screened during the matinee, we will **start our Children's Matinee @ 4pm** (instead of 4:30pm) starting November 2023. Come and enjoy the wonderful films along with the children.

Thank you and see you,
The Cinema Paradiso Team.




ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS
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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

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

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



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film Program 13 November 2023 to 19 November 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 13 November, 8:00 pm:

- **AAMI**

India, 2018, Writer-Dir. Kamal w/ Manju Warriar, Murali Gopy, Tovino Thomas, and others, Biography-Drama, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

This film is a cinematic adaption of the life of Kamala Das a.k.a Madhavikutty, an acclaimed poet, a fascinating character with an unapologetic approach to her writing, her approach, depicting her innermost feelings. The biopic is more like a visual summary of her life, focusing on the two relationships she had - with the husband, 20yrs her senior, and after his demise – her relationship with her suitor, who she never married. An interesting film follows an amazing character.

Potpourri – Tuesday 14 November, 8:00 pm:

- **PROMISING YOUNG WOMEN**

UK-USA, 2020, Dir. Emerald Fennell w/ Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham, Alison Brie and others, Crime-Mystery, English w/English subtitles, 117 mins, Rated: R

A young woman, traumatized by a tragic event in her past, seeks out vengeance against those who crossed her path.

Interesting – Wednesday 15 November, 8:00 pm:

- **OUR FATHER**

USA, 2022, Dir. Lucie Jourdan w/ Jacoba Ballard, Julie Harmon, Matt White, and others, Documentary-Crime, 97mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Jacoba Ballard decided to take a DNA test one day, in hopes of finding one or two half-siblings with the same sperm donor. "Growing up, I felt different," she says in the documentary's trailer. But when she found seven matches, she realized that she had stumbled across a major discovery: a shocking scheme involving donor sperm and a popular fertility doctor.

German – Thursday 16 November, 8:00 pm:

- **ALBTRÄUMER (Dark dreamers)**

Germany, 2020, Dir. Philipp Klingler w/ Sarah Mahita, Béla Gabor Lenz, Stephan Szász and others, Drama, 93 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan. A coming-of-age story with mystery elements, told in intoxicating images and sensitively acted. 17yrs old Rebecca's painful search for answers about the suicide of her brother Dennis collides with the mental and emotional confinements of her surroundings.

Through Dennis' friend Vincent, Rebecca delves deeper and deeper into her brother's secrets – and comes to realize that there was more than just a "friendship" between the two youths.

International – Saturday 18 November, 8:00 pm:

• **AIR**

USA, 2023, Dir. Ben Affleck, w/ Mat Dammon, Jason Bateman, Ben Affleck and others, Drama-Sport, English w/ English subtitles, 111 mins, Rated: R

Nike's basketball shoe division was struggling in 1984 due to low sales, the company's Marketing VP and the CEO tasked basketball talent scout Sonny Vaccaro to find a new spokesperson for their shoes. Although they considered third draft pick Michael Jordan off limits due to his preference for other brands, Vaccaro convinced them that Jordan was a generational talent, and that Nike should pursue sign him in.

Children's Matinee – Sunday 19 November, 4:00 pm:

• **HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS**

UK, 2002, Dir. Chris Columbus w/ Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint Emma Watson and others, Adventure-Family-Fantasy, 161mins, English-Latin, Rated: PG

An ancient prophecy seems to be coming true when a mysterious presence begins stalking the corridors of a school of magic and leaving its victims paralyzed. *NOTICE: The new starting time for the matinee films.*

ROBERT ALTMAN FILM FESTIVAL@ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 19 November, 8:00 pm:

• **THE PLAYER**

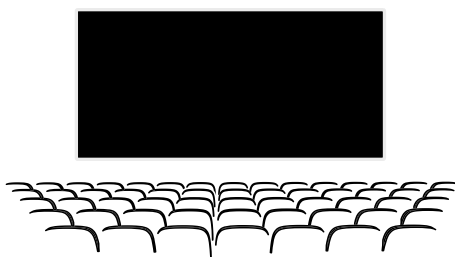
USA, 1977, Dir, Robert Altman, w/ Shelly Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Janice Rule, and others, Drama – Thriller, 124 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

A film that was imagined in a dream, tells the story of three women whose identities blur, shift, and merge until finally, in an enigmatic last scene, they have formed a family, or perhaps have become one person.

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

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

Thanking You,
MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in



TAMIL & FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE
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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance (24/7):

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

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

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

Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Most of the trouble in the
world is caused by people
wanting to be important**

- T.S Eliot

FO GROUPS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM FO ATDC - FO N&N 999

L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE / ATDC

The following applications has received Site Approval (feedback requested by L'avenir d'Auroville before 26 October 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

AUROYALI—Site Application

- Applicant/s: Mohan Jayaraman, Rena, Subbulakshmi
- Location/area: Outside Master Plan
- Area for which approval is sought: 15,478 sq.m
- Project brief: Auroyali is a construction unit in Auroville under Kattida Kalai Trust. The unit had a site and workshop in the International Zone, which was temporary and was always intended to be moved to another location.

Plot no. TH 165/8 (behind Grand Serena Hotel) is now being allocated to this unit, and the adjacent plot no. TH 164/3 is being given temporary approval (no construction on this will be permitted, only as a stockyard for material).

SURABHI SUPPLIES—Site Application

- Applicant/s: Angelo & Iyyappan
- Location/area: Southern Service Node
- Area for which approval is sought: 1700 Sq.m
- Project brief: Surabhi Supplies is a registered procurement service under the Service Trust which handles procurement of materials and equipment for all kinds of Auroville projects, units and individuals. As a steadily growing service, it requires a small office/ storage/ yard area for the work.

A site in the Southern Service Node, next to Re-center, is being allocated to this service. This is being allocated on a temporary basis, as the service may have to be shifted to the Industrial Zone at a later stage. Therefore only temporary structures will be allowed to be built on this site.

Constructive feedback guidelines:

Till 2022, while giving permissions, we have asked the project team to include approval from the neighbours. This has no resonance with the ideals of Auroville where we committed to a life guided by no desire, no preferences and no sense of ownership. This 'approval from the neighbours' is no longer part of the application process as this has no place in Auroville.

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

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

Please see attachments related to the above projects on Auronet.

Sindhuja
for L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC