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# NEWS & NOTES

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## PONDERING

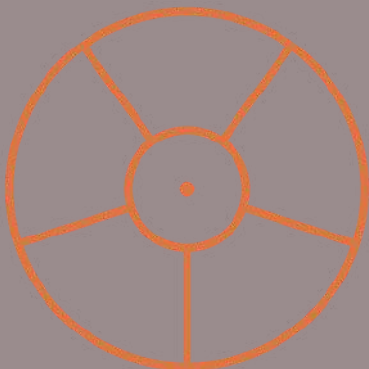
And as the formation descends in order to manifest, all oppositions arise, contradictions arise, complications arise, and within you clearly see that they don't understand. So I spend my time telling them, "Don't try to organize, don't try, you are going to fossilize the whole thing before it's begun."

For my part, I wanted it to grow like that, spontaneously, with the full play of the unexpected. But then, you are confronted with all the rules and regulations: we are in a country, India – we should do it on a desert island! But that no longer exists on earth, there isn't any island left that doesn't belong to a nation – we are caught, bogged down.

Anyway, we'll muddle along as best we can.

It's an attempt, that's all.

~ 25th October 1967



The Mother - To be a true Aurovilian  
Conditions for Living in Auroville  
<https://dream.books.prisma.haus/en/to-be-a-true-aurovilian/>



*(continued from last week)*

The gnostic being has the will of action but also the knowledge of what is to be willed and the power to effectuate its knowledge; it will not be led from ignorance to do what is not to be done. Moreover, its action is not the seeking for a fruit or result; its joy is in being and doing, in pure state of spirit, in pure act of spirit, in the pure bliss of the spirit. As its static consciousness will contain all in itself and must be, therefore, for ever self-fulfilled, so its dynamis of consciousness will find in each step and in each act a spiritual freedom and a self-fulfilment. All will be seen in its relation to the whole, so that each step will be luminous and joyous and satisfying in itself because each is in unison with a luminous totality. This consciousness, this living in the spiritual totality and acting from it, a satisfied totality in essence of being and a satisfied totality in the dynamic movement of being, the sense of the relations of that totality accompanying each step, is indeed the very mark of a supramental consciousness and distinguishes it from the disintegrated, ignorantly successive steps of our consciousness in the Ignorance. The gnostic existence and delight of existence is a universal and total being and delight, and there will be the presence of that totality and universality in each separate movement: in each there will be, not a partial experience of self or a fractional bit of its joy, but the sense of the whole movement of an integral being and the presence of its entire and integral bliss of being, Ananda. The gnostic being's knowledge self-realised in action will be, not an ideative knowledge, but the Real-Idea of the supermind, the instrumentation of an essential light of Consciousness; it will be the self-light of all the reality of being and becoming pouring itself out continually and filling every particular act and activity with the pure and whole delight of its self-existence. For an infinite consciousness with its knowledge by identity there is in each differentiation the joy and experience of the Identical, in each finite is felt the Infinite.

An evolution of gnostic consciousness brings with it a transformation of our world-consciousness and world-action: for it takes up into the new power of awareness not only the inner existence but our outer being and our world-being; there is a remaking of both, an integration of them in the sense and power of the spiritual existence. There must come upon us in the change at once a reversal and rejection of our present way of existence and a fulfilment of its inner trend and tendency. For we stand now between these two terms, an outer world of Life and Matter that has made us and a remaking of the world by ourselves in the sense of the evolving Spirit. Our present way of living is at once a subjection to Life-Force and Matter and a struggle with Life and Matter. In its first appearance an outer existence creates by our reactions to it an inner or mental existence; if we shape ourselves at all, it is in most men less by the conscious pressure of a free soul or intelligence from within than by a response to our environment and the world-Nature acting upon us: but what we move towards in the development of our conscious being is an inner existence creating by its knowledge and power its own outer form of living and self-expressive environment of living. In the gnostic nature this movement will have consummated itself; the nature of living will be an accomplished inner existence whose light and power will take perfect body in the outer life. The gnostic being will take up the world of Life and Matter, but he will turn and adapt it to his own truth and purpose of existence; he will mould life itself into his own spiritual image, and this he will be able to do because he has the secret of a spiritual creation and is in communion and oneness with the Creator within him. This will be first effective in the shaping of his own inner and outer individual existence, but the same power and principle will operate in any common gnostic life; the relations of gnostic being with gnostic being will be the expression of their one gnostic self and supernature shaping into a significant power and form of itself the whole common existence.

*(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](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/37_21_22/the_life_divine_21_22.pdf)

With love and gratitude,  
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)





**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: TUESDAY 5PM**

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

**How to submit material:**

- Max size of posters should be 1 MB, 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**

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**LIST OF ACRONYMS:**

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

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

**Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:**

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

Auroville Council (AVC)  
Entry Service (ES)

**FO selected groups:**

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

Housing Service (HS)  
Land Board (LB)



## NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

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

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 # 209 DATED: 07-12-2023**

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

#### **NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**

- **Ayse Seza ASLANBAS (Turkish)**
- **Balaji KARUNAKARAN (Indian)**
- **Dhesh M (Indian)**

#### **AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:**

- **Pranit DASWANI (Indian)** staying in Sharnaga (Aurora's place) and working at Botanical Garden & Svaram



- **Rajinikanth RATHINAPILLAI (Indian)** staying in Horizon and working at Solar Kitchen



- **Tommaso D'AVANZO (Italian)** staying in Horizon and working at Svaram



#### **AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:**

- **Meenakshi Lall (Canadian)**
- **Song Wan PARK (Korean)**

#### **YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:**

- **Chandru SANKAR (Indian)** staying in Promesse and working at Svaram



#### **NOTE:**

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

Yours,

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CLARIFICATION ON COMMUNITY CONNECT

Dear Community

It seems there is confusion circulating about the statement made by the GB Working Com about the Entry in the "Community Connect" organized by AWARE on Saturday 18th November.

In this communication we would like to address a few erroneous statements that were made at that meeting. It was said that the Entry Board is maintaining a Blacklist of Applicants / Newcomers, and that emails asking for clarification were not being answered.

**We deny both the statements.**

As the Admission Committee, also known as the Entry Board, we want to state that we are ready to address any concerns regarding our working group ethics that may have arisen.

It's important to clarify that we do not maintain a Blacklist of individuals. Our actions are guided by the policy approved by the community in 2017. Non-compliance with this policy may result in exclusion from the admission process or a request to reapply at a later time.

Every feedback is looked into and in case of conflict or disharmony, we strive to look for solutions. All candidates are requested to fulfill the criteria of working full time, living in Auroville, the motivation and understanding of the Charter and reason d'Être of Auroville.

It has been stated in that meeting that the Entry Service hasn't been answering emails.

Please note that since August 2022 the Entry Service has lost access to our Inbox and drive on '[auroville.org.in](http://auroville.org.in)'. We have reached out multiple times to the GB Working Committee and the Office of AV Foundation for the past 1.5 years, yet we have not received any official or unofficial explanation regarding the disconnection. Since then we have announced our new contact details in all our communications (see announcement in News and Notes and Auronet).

Please contact us on: [auroville.entryservice@gmail.com](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com)

Lastly, for the past three months, we have an 'Open House' timing, every Friday from 10 am to 12 pm to address any doubts or special requests from anyone.

One or two members of the Board are always there at that time (on top of members of the secretariat).

Kind Regards,  
Entry Board

## FROM THE AV COUNCIL

### CALL TO STUDY THE PARTICIPATORY WORKING GROUPS DOCUMENT (PWG)

Dear community members,

In continuation to our last announcement made on November 6th, we are inviting again those of you who are interested to study the PWG document.

Those who come forward to take part are required to dedicate some of their time to:

- study this document
- recommend to the community the areas that could help in having better participatory working group guidelines.
- Design and implement a process that involves and harvests inputs from the community
- Organise a residents' assembly meeting with the support of the Council.
- Conduct a RAD with the outcome before or by the end of July 2024.

To encourage fresh perspectives and to let new people engage in Auroville's community process, we invite people who are not in any of the working groups.

If you are interested to participate in this collaborative endeavour please write to [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services) or send a phone message to the Council secretary Sathiya on 90472 40618 by **Wednesday 22nd of December**.

Looking forward to welcoming you with joy,  
Auroville Council

## FROM THE RA WORKING COMMITTEE

### RECENT MAINTENANCE CUTS

Dear Community,

It has come to our notice that the 'FAMC' and 'BCC' appointed by the Office of the Secretary have recently sent a mail ([attached](#)) to several residents, informing them that their maintenance would be stopped the same day. This was done without stating any reason except that "it is not following (falling, sic) under approved City Service budget". There was no attempt at consultation, meeting or discussion with those who would be affected, and only one day's notice was given. We strongly denounce this new abuse of power which goes against the principles of transparency, unity and collaboration that are at the core of Auroville's ethos.

If you have been impacted by this maintenance cut and have recently received a mail from the so called 'BCC' please inform our RA BCC at [bccoffice@auroville.services](mailto:bccoffice@auroville.services), with a copy to us at [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services)

This is important so that we can have a good overview of the situation and follow up accordingly.

We hope a new movement of solidarity can emerge to support those impacted by this new maintenance cut.

With faith,

Your RA Working Committee

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



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION OF AN EXIT REVIEW GROUP (AKA 'TERMINATION COMMITTEE')

Dear Community,

The Hon'ble Madras High Court has recently re-affirmed that the Residents' Assembly (RA) is a statutory (legal) body and cannot be restricted in carrying out its functions as per the Auroville Foundation Act. One of its responsibilities is the admission and the review of the status of the Residents of Auroville. This function rests exclusively with the RA as it is specified in the Act and outlined in the Admission and Termination Regulations gazetted in 2020.

While there is an Entry Board (aka 'Admissions Committee'), there is no Exit Review Group (aka 'Termination Committee') and it is important that the Residents' Assembly takes this responsibility in hand as a collective body, in order to be in full compliance and be able to perform all its functions.

According to the 2020 Regulations, "The Residents' Assembly shall constitute a Termination Committee whose members shall be appointed directly by the Residents' Assembly or by a committee constituted by it for the purpose." In the RA Decision dated 14th August 2023

## COMMUNITY SHARING

### AURO ORCHARD

#### HOW MUCH LAND DO WE REALLY USE?

Dear community,

With the recent land exchange at AuroOrchard, there have been several arguments about how much land does AuroOrchard really use and if it is not justified to take this land because it is unutilised or under-utilised. I personally feel that this is an erroneous line of thinking. It does not contribute to the ongoing conversation of land exchange and in fact distracts and creates more confusion in a situation which is already not very clear.

Whether or not AuroOrchard uses this land or not, is not the point here. If this land has to be exchanged, does it matter what is on this land?

As someone working at AuroOrchard since 5 years, I do not agree that these lands are unutilised. They are definitely under-utilised, much like all of us, like all of Auroville and the entire humanity. The reasons for this are well known by now and are also why farming in Auroville remains a difficult task.

Sharing with you all the details of the land use in Auroville and I hope this will encourage more community members to visit us and to engage in our work and in the larger conversation of food and farming in Auroville.

#### How much land do we really use?

AuroOrchard is 44 acres.

The breakup of land use is:

Cashew Orchard/Grazing ground	14 acres
Mango Orchard	10 acres
Poly Orchards (Avocados, Ramphal, Chikoo, Papaya, Banana, Pineapple)	5 acres
Coconut Orchard	1 acre
Lemon Orchard	1 acre
Vegetable cultivation	6 acres
Poultry free range	1.5 acres
Structures / paths / dairy/ compost area / common and open spaces for work	2.5 acres
Hope	3 acres
<b>Total</b>	<b>44 acres</b>

#### What does AuroOrchard produce?

##### Fruits:

It must be considered that there are many gaps within the fruit trees as trees get old, die and need to be replaced which is also why not all trees in the orchard are of the same age and producing the same yields. The orchard is more like a family of different aged trees, some produce more, some less, and some are preparing for the future years when the trees producing today will die out.

##### Cashew Orchard (14 acres):

Since the last season, we have distributed 300 kg of cashews within Auroville. This is about half of the batch. Our harvest contractor has more cashews that he will process in the coming weeks.

([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GQv6vJgxydbOihzJa1\\_6bLGRfQoOUvYw/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GQv6vJgxydbOihzJa1_6bLGRfQoOUvYw/view?usp=drive_link)), it was resolved that the undersigned Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly be allowed "to appoint, replace, or add members or constitute groups as needed to fulfill Auroville's organizational needs and/or statutory functions as required by the Auroville Foundation Act (1988) in a speedy manner." Specifically, this RA Decision also grants the RA WCom with "the power to constitute new groups as needed (e.g. an Exit Committee)."

Therefore, in order to take this important responsibility forward, we have decided to constitute an Exit Review Group (aka 'Termination Committee'). We considered different well-known and respected community members and, as an outcome, we hereby nominate the following 9 residents as members of the Exit Review Group: Ashesh JOSHI, Auradha MARKUS, Buvanandari SUDHARSEN, Ramesh Rao ACHANTA (Bunty), Dhandapani SELLAKANNU, Ganesh KALIAPPAN, Rakhal VENET, Rakhee KANE, Tineke SMITS.

All 9 have accepted their nominations, and you may see their names, picture, and profile of each in this link: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pgwo\\_2plSUI7eW36Eg7QIDqIGZCJ8CUEW8NJExxFiys/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pgwo_2plSUI7eW36Eg7QIDqIGZCJ8CUEW8NJExxFiys/edit)

As specified in the RAD, there will be a 3-day feedback period from the time of publication of this announcement. Feedback needs to be evidenced and substantiated. If there is substantial negative feedback received about any of the above residents for this work, a substitute will be announced for feedback. After consideration of all feedback received in writing, either by email to [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services) or on paper (to our office ex-Koodam office, opposite the Auroville Library), the appointed members will be announced to the RA and we will launch an Emergency RAD to pass a resolution confirming the membership.

We would like to clarify that the constitution of an Exit Review Group is not ill-willed against any specific resident and is not intended to escalate the current disharmony. The primary reason for constituting this Group is to ensure that the Residents' Assembly's statutory functions are fulfilled in a respectful and reasonable way and are not left unattended. The Exit Review Group will function under the strict guidance of the Admission and Termination Regulations (2020) ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CoVbont2kvVP2Y4t3Mcw7dbpbbsZCMxa/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CoVbont2kvVP2Y4t3Mcw7dbpbbsZCMxa/view?usp=drive_link)).

Please reach out to us if you would like to share feedback, and if you have any questions or would like more information. Our email is [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services), landline is 0413-2623770, our open house timing is 10 am - 12 noon on Tuesday mornings (at our office in the old Koodam workspace, opposite the Auroville Library) and we will be happy to speak in person with any resident.

We remain committed to serving the best interests of the Residents' Assembly as a whole, the Auroville experiment, and the Dream of the Mother.

In community,

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly  
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli



Our cashew topes are sparse as we have lost quite a few trees in the last year to borers and other diseases. It has certainly been low in priority in management due to more attention being given to fruits and vegetables but since last year we had a renewed vision for the cashew. We have about 200 cashew saplings now in the nursery that we had planned to plant to densify the orchard. This will sadly not happen now.

#### **Mango Orchard (10 acres):**

This season we distributed a little over 8 tonnes of Mangoes in Auroville.

Several tonnes of Totapuri mango were lying on the orchard floor and were wasted since there was no demand for these mangoes in Auroville (we prefer Banganpalli, Imampasand etc.) and the market rate was not more than 10rs/kg. The cost of harvest itself is more than that.

We have decided to replace the Totapuri mangoes with the desired varieties and have started grafting these trees. This year we have grafted 7 trees as an experiment and will slowly do more in the coming years if this works. Again, this orchard has trees of several ages and there are gaps in between. This year we have planted 50 new trees to fill these gaps.

#### **Poly Orchards (Avocados, Ramphal, Chikoo, Papaya, Banana, Pineapple) (5 acres):**

This is the list of production for the last 5 years ( <http://bit.ly/ao-2017-22>) of all fruits produced over the last 5 years (excluding mango, cashew, lime, and coconut). The last couple of years have been low production. This is part of the cycle of the trees. They have their highs and lows, some years are great and some will be low even within their high production age.

#### **Coconut Orchard (1 acre):**

A good-sized coconut is about 300-400 gms, but there are also fruits of 150 gms. Let's say avg. 250 gms.

So 8000 nuts would be 2000 kg.

We have seen yields close to this. Details in the same sheet shared above.

But the data shows a steep drop in production in the last 2 years. This is because this data is from the food link and in the last years, a lot of coconut was sold outside since there was no market for the size we had.

#### **Lemon Orchard (1 acre):**

On average, the production on the farm is about 2500-3000 kg. There are about 12-15 fruits in 1 kg. So this would be about 45000 fruits/year.

#### **Vegetable Cultivation (6 acres):**

This is the most complicated one as vegetables are very vulnerable to the weather, heat shocks, sudden rains and very importantly to wildlife. We lose upwards of 30% of our production to peacocks, squirrels, rats, wild boars and some insects etc. Peacocks and wild boars in particular can finish off a field within one night. We have electric fences but sometimes they are not maintained well.

In any case, we have a long way to go, but we are progressing.

Our vegetable production of the last 5 years: <http://bit.ly/ao-2017-22>

#### **The ecological dimension**

The space of the farm is also used to grow a lot of biomass which must be returned to the soil for its health. Even in organic farming, farmers depend heavily on organic inputs bought from outside. We don't do that. Very rarely we get cow dung from a trusted source in the village. A lot of our space is used for fast-growing trees and shrubs that are shredded and used for mulching etc. (we don't use plastic mulch as is also very common on both conventional and organic farms). We have wild buffer zones in the vegetable and fruit areas for birds and bees as they facilitate pollination. All this benefits the health of the overall system.

#### **The social dimension**

This is probably one of the very few units in Auroville where the management has been successfully handed over to a newer generation of Aurovilians who are not only committed to the vision of the activity but also have the skills to take it to the next step of its realisation.

Anyone can see the improvements in the farm in the last few years- not only in terms of production (in some cases) but more in terms of collective management, worker wages, a healthy team dynamic and a clearer plan of action to realise the vision. We have been working on preparing the team to do the work that needs doing. This must count somewhere in the economy of the farm and that of Auroville.

#### **The spiritual dimension**

Food for Auroville must also mean food for a future humanity. It cannot/ will not have the same consciousness of today. And for this, farms are also a place where the farmer needs to work on their consciousness.

Of course, a farm which is productive in ecological, social and spiritual dimensions must be productive in its food. None of us in the team will claim that we have it figured out, or that we are optimum. There is a huge amount of work to be done and we are all committed to it despite being limited by several challenges which we can discuss separately.

You are welcome to write to us or visit us if you need any information on our production or how we work. Please write to us at [auroorchard@auroville.org.in](mailto:auroorchard@auroville.org.in) or call 9882685365.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Anshul

### **SUPPORT THE CLOTH PAD REVOLUTION DOUBLE THE DONATION!**

eco femme

**one donation.  
TWICE the impact**

For the month of December, any donation made to Eco Femme will be DOUBLED by Auroville International USA.

Donations go towards funding our **menstrual health education and free, sustainable cloth pad kits** for girls from low income backgrounds in India\*.

Every year we aim to reach **15,000 girls**. The demand for our Pad for Pad programme is massive and we still need funds to reach 6000 girls.

Any donation, big or small, is gratefully received. Please spread the word with your family and friends!

**WILL YOU SUPPORT the CLOTH PAD REVOLUTION?**

\*Under our Pad for Pad programme





## Fundraiser (part time)

### Roles & Responsibilities:

Developing & managing a fundraising strategy; Assisting with writing funding proposals- Conduct research on potential funding opportunities; Creating & maintaining a donor database; Process all donations and ensure timely acknowledgement; Assist with appeals, preparing mailings and donor lists. Cultivate relationships with all new base-level donors. Coordinate with Admin and Human Resources Manager and Accountant for all donations and funding; Assisting with funding related presentations and meetings; Maintaining the newsletter and other communication. Be the lead in writing and sharing the newsletter. Write articles and social media posts.

### The essential skills looking for are:

- Excellent communication (written & verbal in English) and listening skills.
- Good research and presentation skills.
- Someone who is organised, pays attention to detail and is able to manage their time effectively.
- Someone who enjoys working independently as well as part of a team.
- Fluency in Word, Excel & PowerPoint.
- Someone who is adaptable and flexible and has independent initiative.
- Someone who is trustworthy and inspires confidence from donors.

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

Previous experience in fundraising, interacting and communicating with donors. Strong connection with Auroville and committed to joining the team for 2-3 years. • Minimum education level of Bachelor's Degree.

## Looking for chef/cook/sous-chef/waiter/cashier (part and full time)

A new restaurant is looking to fill the above position on a part time or full time basis or also only on weekends and Sundays. Looking for people with previous experience in these fields.

## 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.

## Caretaker (full or part time)

Looking for someone that has experience as a caretaker for seniors. This is a position for night duty. Preferably someone with nursing skills.

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](mailto:hr.hubauroville@gmail.com).

## VOICES AND NOTES

### ASPIRING FOR THE SUPRAMENTAL

To align ourselves with the Core Ideals of Auroville, the City of Dawn, the old mental human narrative must be fully replaced by the new Supramental narrative. As evolution is progressive, what was started by our Avatar founders has intensely burst forth on the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo. This is evident from mental-obliterating headline of the visit to Auroville of Bharat Mata's current President Madam Droupadi Murmu on 8th August 2023:

### "Aspiring for Supermind (Supramental) in the City of Evolving Consciousness"

Our Avatar founders' Vision-Goal has reached national level.

For the Receptives, it is very obvious where all these **hastened** progressive exponential developments are heading...

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

Here are some revelations on what this new species will be:

*"...according to what Sri Aurobindo said, the supramental body will be immortal and sexless—that is, no procreation. So for those who live, if the earth is still there and they are to go on living, they will have to transform themselves constantly, otherwise they won't be able to last. Hence something has to replace food.*

*Food carries in itself a seed of death, of decay. So obviously, it must be replaced by something else."*

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/13/august-9-1972>

Not an easy endeavour, this Supramental evolutionary process. And so in the meantime as we are still in this transitional stage of our ongoing psychophysical transformation, it is only proper that we consciously maintain our present physical human body with its basic needs, especially concerning food, shelter, clothing, and whatever the Divine wills for the unique needs of each individual. Again, these are pragmatically outlined by the Mother in our core documents [To Be a True Aurovilian](#) and [The Auroville Charter](#).

Amidst the **intensely hastened** challenges we face individually and collectively, as willing servitors of the Divine Consciousness, we joyfully continue on in faith with this shared Great Adventure towards a Life Divine here on marvellous Earth.

Om Namo Bhagavate, Zech, 2023.12.04

### THE MOTHER AND AUROORCHARD

The Mother walking in the short video was not on AuroOrchard land and is not meant to convey that, but what it conveys is Her presence, closely following and blessing the physical activities, infusing Her divine presence into the material manifestation... Because the Mother has not physically walked on AuroOrchard (video seen as misleading), hence implying that AuroOrchard has less of Her blessings and presence, can only come from ignorance that denies the ways of Mother's working and Her spirituality ! By the same logic, would one say that She never came to Matrimandir and its gardens, or any other land of Auroville, and therefore...?

Of course we won't, because we know that She put Her energy there, planned and interacted with Roger, Satprem and Huta. Well, She also sanctioned and contributed to the purchase of AuroOrchard in 1965, including taking the responsibility of the Ganesh temple at the request of the seller.

Because we all know of Mother seeing Roger and working on Matrimandir and Auroville, we accept Her full Presence in Matrimandir and in the galaxy concept. And because Her seeing Gerard and following AuroOrchard's growth is not known to most people, can we make AuroOrchard less of Her project?! Gerard came from Switzerland, after receiving Mother's permission, at the age of 24, and joined the Ashram in 1954. A few years later he was asked to go to Mountain Paradise, an orchard of the Ashram in the Himalayas, and worked there for nearly a decade, spending winter months at the Ashram in Pondicherry. He recounts that at some point a part of that orchard which was not considered optimal for fruit trees was proposed to be changed with another more productive land. The Mother declined saying that She has put so much Force into that land that it should not be exchanged.

Gerard was actively assisting Roger and Nata in building Promesse and preparing the Amphitheatre for the inauguration in February 1968. A tall tower made with casuarina poles was erected at AuroOrchard with a large "Welcome to Auroville" sign and Roger always cherished this area to be developed and become the gateway to Auroville.

After the inauguration the Mother asked Gerard to see how this farm could be developed to feed Auroville. After spending his last summer in Mountain Paradise, he started to work and develop AuroOrchard, and has been at it till today, dedicating his time and energy at the service of the Mother, who followed closely its development, sanctioning and financing the first godown, and saw Gerard every month until March 1973. The farm grew, through various phases of socioeconomic changes of the surrounding, under the care of Gerard and Bithi who joined him in mid 70s. Both come from the Ashram, with an attitude of dedicated service, caring for the farm and managing generations of workers from nearby villages like an extended family. They have not involved themselves into other activities of Auroville, therefore are not known to many Aurovilians.

More on the current confusion about AuroOrchard to follow.

Auro Orchard, 30th November 2023

## CLEANSING AND RENEWAL MEDITATION

This Cleansing and Renewal Meditation Practice can be proactively applied to everything that we do, especially when we are cleaning ourselves and our living environment. Why is it important so? Because the unfolding evolution of Life is relentless, and does not stop for any transitional being or beingness. As the saying goes, "The only constant is change.". So we can use this as a positive progressive transformative process. However, now we also know that The One Supreme Eternal Source, That which is our Essence (you can name That whatever you feel like), the Divine Consciousness-Force, IS THE Supreme Constant that upholds all Its ever-changing manifestations. That includes us transitional humans, of course.

To That we offer everything whilst in the proactive process of this Cleansing and Renewal Meditation Practice.

We can do this individually and collectively, depending on whatever activity we are performing, i.e. washing, cleaning the house, sweeping, etc. That depends also on our unique roles in the complex multi-relational interactions of our interconnected ever-flowing lives, as each individual has a certain control and influence over, the power to change, other individuals and things, in a hierarchical structure of sorts, until we acknowledge the Supreme Individual, The One, that has the Ultimate Power. This can be easily observed and experienced in our personal, social and cosmic structure.

As the Supreme Divine Mother is the living symbol of the Supreme Consciousness-Force or Maha-Shakti, we offer everything to Her for purification and renewal towards the progress of our shared Integral Vision-Goal of a Life Divine. We can also add to that an aspiring prayer for Her guidance, blessings, protection, Grace and Divine Love.

Om Namō Bhagavate, Zech, 2023.12.01

## A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY

### AUROORCHARD UPDATE

It was noted that around a quarter of AuroOrchard has been exchanged for plots within the Masterplan area. Residents of AuroOrchard were not informed of the exchange before it was registered in the Vanur Land Office. After the registration, the residents approached the Senior Land Officer of the Auroville Foundation twice. Each time, they were reassured that no part of AuroOrchard is or will be exchanged. However, it is now confirmed that the exchange did indeed occur and includes 10 acres of AuroOrchard land facing the state road, including a vital portion of AuroOrchard's cultivated area, its entrance and access, its principal bore-well and central irrigation system, as well as the cowsheds and godowns.

It is worth it to note again that AuroOrchard was the first farmland of Auroville. It was purchased by the Mother who named it and appointed its current steward, Gérard. AuroOrchard is one of the most productive and diverse organic farms of Auroville. The current exchange will completely impair the farms productivity. The Foundation Office, the AVFO 'FAMC', 'Farm Service', or any other AVFO-affiliated group did not get in touch with the Auro Orchard team prior to the land exchange.

The land owner has already come with AVFO 'Land Board' members to mark their new land and has begun clearing it for future use. During the marking, it came to light that the land exchanged also included the house built and inhabited by Jasmin and Aravinda. The house sits on a parcel that does appear to have been exchanged, according to the land papers. However, in [a recent statement of the AVFO 'WCom'](#) they deny that any house has been exchanged.

In [an update to the community](#) on Sunday 26th November, the RA WCom noted that according to commercial land estimates, the financial loss of this exchange for Auroville is estimated at 50-90 crores.

The RA WCom sent out [a second update](#) on Tuesday 28th November to inform the community that 6.5 more acres of AuroOrchard are due to be exchanged. This was confirmed in an [email](#) from AVFO 'Land Board' member Mrs Meenakshi. Another 2.5 acres will be exchanged with the Auro Oceanic resort owners, and the rest for more parcels in the City Centre. In her letter, Mrs Meenakshi asserted that AuroOrchard is only utilising about 10 to 15 acres of the entire 46 acres, and that AVFO "will take 16 acres which are not used for any farming activities and only bushes are there and obviously it won't affect anybody." These statements were based on a survey which was only done after the land exchange was finalised, based on incorrect survey maps.

Mrs Meenakshi's other statements were clarified by Anshul, one of the managers of AuroOrchard farm who met with Mrs Meenakshi as she was conducting her post-exchange survey. He released [an overview of the land use](#) including all assets and fruit trees related to the plots, noting that "it is not true that these 10 acres are not cultivated. Meenakshi ji saw all this on her survey." He goes on to state that "we are still in conversation with Ms. Meenakshi and I have hope that our proposals will be considered and we will be able to find a solution that retains crucial infrastructure for the farm which has taken a long time, a lot of investment and energy to develop."

A [statement from the AVFO 'WCom'](#) notes that the new owner seems willing to dig a new borewell and help move the built structures, such as the cowsheds. Their claim that "the Foundation team met with people on the farm" was refuted in a [statement](#) made by AuroOrchard team member Aravinda, it is also contradicted by the statement made by Mrs Meenakshi that the decision to exchange Auro Orchard land was taken in the 64th Governing Board meeting in August 2023.



<https://youtu.be/VkEOJAr3leE?si=wmakxfVT6AsVDhy>



## FURTHER CUTS TO MAINTENANCES

On 1st December 2023, several Aurovilians received [short emails](#) from the AVFO 'BCC' informing them that their maintenance would be stopped effective immediately. The reason stated in the mail was that "it [the maintenance] is not following under approved City Service budget". No other information was shared, such as whether they would receive their maintenance that month or whether they could access any interim support. Since the AVFO groups took control of the economy of Auroville, over one hundred people have had their maintenances cut.

At the recent AVFO 'working groups' meeting (see below for more information), Torkil (AVFO 'FAMC') gave a presentation which showed a clear change in direction from when the RA FAMC and RA BCC were in charge of the economy. The RA groups previously aimed to reduce the budget deficit by increasing Auroville's income whilst at the same time providing for the needs of the community. The new AVFO 'FAMC' has instead been administering stringent and sudden cuts to maintenances and budgets without explanation.

## CROWN ROAD, A MUDDY HAZARD

Since the start of the monsoon, travelling around Auroville has become increasingly difficult due to the ongoing roadworks that started in July 2022. As the Crown Road is considerably higher than the surrounding roads in most places, coming on and off the road is particularly hazardous and slippery. Accessing places like Sante and Mahalakshmi Home can be treacherous especially for the elderly and those with health conditions who need access to these locations, as the side roads are continually flooded due to the height differential.

On 28th November 2023, school buses were unable to complete their morning journey as the exit point was too slippery, and the children had to walk to school (see [here](#) for video). Sudden level changes and other driving hazards on the crown works without safety signage has caused multiple accidents, especially at night. Neither the AVFO 'ATDC' nor the CPWD have taken appropriate action for implementing safety measures or maintaining adequate alternative routes.

## WORK BEGINS ON VIP ACCESS ROAD

Work has begun to mark out the new VIP access road. This road, which will be for the sole use of VIPs visiting Auroville, will impact Buddha Gardens, Shambala Farm and the Dog Shelter. The stewards of those areas were [recently informed](#) that they needed to be prepared to shift or remove any structures that lie in the path of the road or the parking lot that is also going to be built. Buddha Gardens and Shambala Farm have been informed that there will be no new land allocation or financial support given. The Dog Shelter has been allocated a new area to move to but there is no clarity yet about how the move will be funded.

## OBSERVATIONS ON 62ND GB MEETING MINUTES

The RA WCom shared their [observations](#) on the [62nd Meeting Minutes](#) of the Governing Board (GB). This meeting happened in December 2022, since then at least two more GB meetings have taken place, in February and August 2023. Breaking with precedent, no information about the recent GB meetings have been shared with the community, instead GB members have [shared updates](#) about the meetings on their social media accounts. The 62nd meeting minutes were made available only recently, over 10 months after the meeting took place, and the 63rd and 64th meeting minutes have not yet been made public.

## NEW CIRCULARS BY DEPUTY SECRETARY'S MEETINGS

Two circulars were released recently by the new AVFO Deputy Secretary, Mrs Swarnambika. The [first](#) was sent to SAIER urging them to organise activities in schools to celebrate Constitution Day. The [second](#) was on visas, blaming the visa hold ups on foreign Aurovilians for not giving their paperwork on time.

This is despite many Aurovilians beginning their visa application months in advance of the recommended time due to the AVFO's delay in giving out recommendation letters. In the past, recommendation letters were usually given out around 7-14 days after the paperwork was handed to the AVFO; however now they can take several months.

## VISITOR CENTRE LEAFLET CHANGE

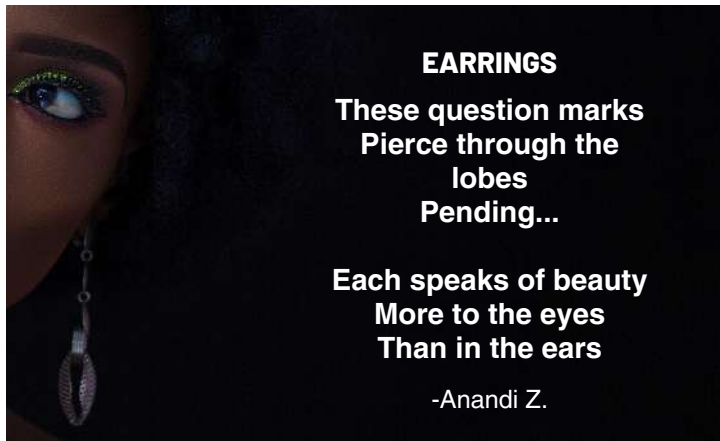
The wording on the information leaflet given out at the Visitors' Centre (VC) has been changed by the new 'executive team'. The [old leaflet](#) gave key information about Auroville, including 'A Dream', the Charter and some details about how Auroville started and how it continues today. It also mentioned the Auroville Foundation Act. The [new leaflet](#) makes assertions such as "The Mother tried to get the building of the city started as soon as possible, as the Aurovilians needed a city to live in, but due to a lack of funds, focused first on the Matrimandir". Another misleading section mentions that "The Residents' Assembly ... can give advice to the Governing Board about improvements, based on their experience 'on the ground' rather than mentioning that the Residents' Assembly have decision making powers in Auroville. This presents the hundreds of daily Auroville visitors with incomplete and misleading statements about Auroville, its history and its functioning.

## AVFO 'WORKING GROUPS' MEETINGS

On 18th November 2023, a meeting called '[Community Connect](#)' took place with presentations from the AVFO 'WCom', 'ATDC', 'FAMC' and 'RAS'. Apart from members of the AVFO 'working groups', about 25 people attended the meeting. As there was reportedly some confusion in the community about who was holding the meeting, the RA WCom sent out an [announcement](#) to clarify that "the 'groups' mentioned in [the AWARE] announcement were not the ones selected by the Residents' Assembly". An [abridged version](#) of the meeting was later released on Auronet. Here were some important points and inaccuracies brought up by members of AVFO 'working groups':

- Court Cases: AVFO group members claimed there are 22 cases pending in the courts. It is not clear which cases they are referring to, as there are currently only seven active court cases: four court cases being brought by members of the RA and three filed by the AVFO. The four cases brought by members of the RA pertain to the membership of the Working Committee, the constitution of the AVFO 'ATDC', and violations of the National Green Tribunal judgement. The three active cases filed by the AVFO include an appeal against the 12th August 2022 judgement of the Madras High Court, an appeal against the April 2022 NGT verdict, and FIR (criminal complaint) cases against 6 Aurovilians.
- Role of RA: Anu dismissed the recent affirmation by the court that the RA may not be stopped from functioning by stating that the RA had "never been stopped". This is contradicted by the AVFO's ongoing attempt to curtail the role of residents in Auroville. Some actions include ignoring working groups selected by the RA, dismissing and devaluing the role of the RA in courts and in practice, as well as undermining decisions taken directly by the Residents' Assembly through RADs.
- Visas: It was mentioned that there was a total of only 2 of people with visas "pending". This does not match with the reports of at least 20 people who are in this situation. This also ignores that approximately 30 people have received a letter with an adverse comment stating that they are "obstructing ... the Master Plan".
- Entry Board: It was claimed that the Entry Board has a "blacklist" of people who are being refused to join Auroville. This claim was [countered](#) by the Entry Board in the days following the meeting.
- Email access blocked: AVFO 'WCom' members claimed to know nothing about emails to auroville.org.in being blocked. Instead, AVFO 'FAMC' member Margarita stated that this was being managed by Dr G Seetharaman, AVFO Officer on Special Duty, and Mr Satyanarayan, AVFO Undersecretary. When asked by audience members who is currently administering Auronet, AVFO 'working group' members replied they did not know.





**EARRINGS**

These question marks  
Pierce through the  
lobes  
Pending...

Each speaks of beauty  
More to the eyes  
Than in the ears

-Anandi Z.

**O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!**

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,  
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won,  
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,  
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;  
But O heart! heart! heart!  
O the bleeding drops of red,  
Where on the deck my Captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.

O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells;  
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills,  
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths—for you the shores a-  
crowding,  
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;  
Here Captain! dear father!  
This arm beneath your head!  
It is some dream that on the deck,  
You've fallen cold and dead.

My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,  
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will,  
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,  
From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;  
Exult O shores, and ring O bells!  
But I with mournful tread,  
Walk the deck my Captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.

Walt Whitman

**IN THE EARLY DAYS OF AUROVILLE**

In the early days of Auroville  
When the pioneers came in a flow  
In caravans that kept breaking down  
With their vehicles sputtering on the way  
They came in answer to the Mother's call  
To build a township in a barren place  
In a land long devoid of enriching soil  
And canyons wide and deep and dangerous  
That washed the remaining topsoil out to sea.  
That land became afforested by those  
Valiant workers from many foreign lands  
Builders and protectors whom I bless.

Narad



**THE MOTHER ON AUROVILLE  
"IT IS A KIND OF ADAPTATION OF THE COMMUNIST  
SYSTEM"**

It's a kind of adaptation of the Communist system, but not in a spirit of leveling: according to everyone's capacity, his position (not a psychological or intellectual one), his INNER position. *In democracies and with the Communists, there's a leveling down: everyone is pulled down to the same level.*

Yes, that's just the point.

The true part is that every human being has the material right... (but it's not a "right"...). The organization should be such, arranged in such a way, that everyone's material need should be met, not according to notions of right and equality, but on the basis of the most elementary necessities; then, once that is established, everyone must be free to organize his life, not according to his monetary means, but according to his inner capacities. ...

At bottom, the problem almost boils down to this: to replace the mental government of intelligence by the government of a spiritualized consciousness.

It's an extremely interesting experience: how the same actions, the same work, the same observations, the same relationship with the people around (near or far), how they take place in the mind, through intelligence, and how they take place in the consciousness, through experience. And that's what this body is now learning – to replace the mental government of intelligence by the spiritual government of the consciousness. ...

*Mother's Agenda, VIII, 1993, 30.12.1967*



Mother's words are not utopia, THOSE Aurovillians existed, young and beautiful, living content with the minimum in basic shelters, doing hard physical work themselves! This is the Auroville I joined, in 1985, when the Dream was still alive and we were blessed, living on top of the world with no material possessions!



Submitted by Paulette

## AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

Tuesday, 12th December, 9 am - 12 noon  
Focus: Self-realisation

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



### 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!

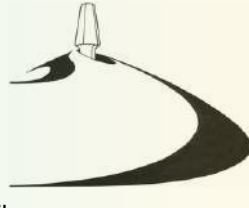
#### Reminder to all:

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



### A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

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

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

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

Facilitated by Zech Joya

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

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



[Please click this link for details](#) or scan the above QR Code

## THE ARTS

### CENTRE D'ART CITADINES EXHIBITION

OPENING ON FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2023 AT 4 PM



**Roger Anger, l'artiste**  
From 8 to 28 December 2023

Centre d'Art Citadines  
Tuesday to Saturday  
10 am - 12 pm, 2.30 - 5.30 pm

#### Roger Anger, the artist by Dominique Jacques

Roger Anger, the artist is the first ever exhibition of the work of an artist who, by the age of 40, had won several prestigious architectural prizes, but who never exhibited his paintings or sculptures during his lifetime.

The Auroville Centre d'Art presents today a collection of previously unseen drawings, collages and sculptures to mark the centenary of Roger Anger's birth.

These works convey the image of a versatile and all-embracing artist, pursuing his own ideal of beauty. An artist and a man in constant search, driven by a profound inner need.

A lover of arts from the four corners of the world, Roger was in touch with the innovative effervescence of revolutionary European movements. Following in the footsteps of artists who were at once painters, sculptors, architects, engineers and stage directors such as Calder and Tinguely, Dubuffet and Manrique, he wanted to try and explore absolutely everything.

He didn't yet know what challenge would be waiting for him in the India he loved so much, and in which he had already been travelling for several years. The project to build Auroville would shake up his life. His ideas and experiences would never be the same again.

His approach to art is joyful, humorous and tireless.

In his vision of the physical world, all phenomena are linked, and the connections between their different manifestations are boundless.

He drew everywhere, on scraps of paper and envelopes, and had his sketches cut out and pasted onto sheets of paper to make a kind of notebook that he would rework on once again. He was profoundly interested in the relationships between shapes, materials and colours, opacity and transparency, and the energy flowing from juxtapositions.

It was in Auroville in 1996, when work on the Matrimandir slowed down, that he once again had the opportunity to immerse himself in his own art.

The collages and sculptures on display today were created in his studio during this period. The collages evoke small abstract universes, landscapes that speak to the unconscious, three-dimensional dreams with Aztec reminiscences and science-fiction overtones that tell us that time does not exist.

During the same period, he was also building small-scale sculptures in polystyrene that would later be made into large-scale works in aluminium, bronze and cement.

It was then that he definitively freed himself from anthropomorphism to create these sinuous figures that are so perplexing to the eye that one might almost think that the sculpture is in the vacuum chiselled around the form, as much as in the form itself; like beings in a state of transition, whose essence allows them to exist from the visible to the invisible, caught between two worlds in their momentum towards a state yet to be defined.

We are inclined to think that it was Auroville that enabled him to achieve such a level of freedom and creation. His works take us to the brink of mystery, giving us a glimpse of the dream of a transformed future, like a promise within reach, a transcended impossibility.

Dominique Jacques - November 2023



## EXHIBITION AT PITANGA

24 NOVEMBER - 23 DECEMBER 2023



## HEALTH

### SANTÉ SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2023

#### Working Hours:

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

#### Tests and Sample collection:

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

#### For emergencies, contact:

Auroville Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: +(91) 9442224680  
Government Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: 108

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

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

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

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

## EDUCATION



### FREE MATHS CLASSES FOR GRADE 9-12 (CBSE)

I'm Ravi (spouse of newcomer Priyanka), currently residing in Grace community. I am offering **free maths nourishment classes for students in grades 9 to 12, CBSE board**. The classes will be in small groups (max 3 students per group), twice a week, for a period of 3 months from mid-Dec till mid-March.

- Interested ones may get in touch with me on WA: 9652928709 for more details.
- Please note that these sessions are NOT meant to be tuition for ongoing school activity.

Regards,  
Ravi.

### 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@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:tomatis@aurovillelanguage.org) to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations.

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

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

### Current Language Courses at ALL

#### New: 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**.

### English Conversation with Ramesh

This course is now closed to new registrations.

### 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.aurovillelanguage.org/>

You may also drop us an email at

[info@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguage.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@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguage.org)

### 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



## LEARN THOOYA TAMIL



**தாய தமிழ்**  
**Thooya Tamil**

Tamil classes for absolute Beginners

Start date: January 8th, 2024

Time: 7:15pm - 8:30 pm, every Monday

Venue: Auroville Council Room, Town Hall

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PAYILAGAM

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Spend 3 months learning to speak, read, and write Tamil quickly; get to know a bit of the language and cultural history of Tamil with Sandeep

to get a feel for the classes, listen to this podcast:

## 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](http://artduchi.com)). All are welcome to drop in.

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

[taichi.auroville.org](http://taichi.auroville.org) / [taichi@auroville.org](mailto:taichi@auroville.org)

### AI MEETS REAL PHOTOGRAPHY - GEN AI USER GROUP

The next meeting of the Generative AI User Group will be on **Saturday, December 9 from 10 am to 11 am**, at the Auroville Consulting Office in Kalpana. Ground Floor meeting room.

Alessandra Silver will be presenting a talk on "AI meets Real photography - Capturing reality: the convergence of AI and authentic photography in the digital age"

For more details and future announcements, join the meeting announcement WhatsApp group by clicking on this link : <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMeIWHRjquBATdKPEkG4PI>

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## QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

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

Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

### Baby Watsu Class with Appie & Friederike

• **Friday 8 December 2023 (9:30 - 11:00am)**

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

Please bring towels and a closing swimming pant for your baby. For babies between 2 and 12 months with their parents.

### WATA / Waterdance Fundamental with Robert

• **Sunday 10 - Friday 15 December 2023 (8:45 am - 6:00pm: 50 hours)**

A 6-day course on the surface as well as underwater. In WATA Fundamental, we'll focus on the three essential aspects of WaterDance: vertical grounding, posture (of both giver and receiver) and the breath. We also practice the beginning and end of a session and the basic movements, which form the essential core of this form of aquatic bodywork.

The second part of this training is dedicated to a playful and, at the same time, attentive introduction to bring our partner underwater; fears or apprehensions of going underwater will be given the time needed to arise and be integrated. On land, various tools like guided meditations, body & energy work, active breathing exercises, communication skills, and conscious contact with the earth, will help to balance the four elements in and around us.

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

### WOGA® (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Dariya

• **Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 December 2023 (9:00am - 5:00pm: 12 hours)**

Woga is the union of two words: water and yoga and based on classic yoga poses and stretches, modified for standing in pool water, which is waist-to-chest high. Sessions are structured like their yoga equivalents on land: breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. The difference is that you are in a warm water pool!

Focus of Woga 1&2 is Hatha Yoga in water (asanas in standing position, on the wall, in floating position), pranayama and meditation. Thanks to decrease in gravity, water allows greater ease of movement, unblocks articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, and removes negative tensions, thereby preventing stress, insomnia and anxiety.

**No previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim)! Certificate upon completion of the course.**



## VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS AND THERAPY

Pre-registration required

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



### Understanding Pranayama and its Practice in Asanas and Meditation – with Radhika Friday, December 8, 9:30am - 12:00pm

Pranayama is a system of breathing techniques that helps us to harness the power of our life energy. In this workshop we will focus our attention on pranayama and discover the effect of various techniques on our breath. We will explore different pranayama practices, using some of these in a sequence of asanas and maintain observation of our breath in a guided meditation.

### Introduction to Awareness Through the Body – with Suryamayi & Vega Saturday, December 9, 9:30am - 12:00pm

Awareness through the Body is an integral yoga practice developed in Auroville, that offers practitioners the possibility to consciously explore the embodiment of the being through which we experience our inner and outer worlds. ATB uses a wide variety of introspective, interactive, dynamic, meditative, and playful exercises and activities, relating to attention & concentration, relaxation, breath, sensory and kinesiological awareness (and more!) to discover the existing connections between the mind, emotions (vital), the physical and subtle physical (energy) planes of the being. The aim is to integrate these different parts into a more harmonious whole, organized around our inmost center. Join us for an introductory experience of this unique practice!

### Face & Eye Yoga: Face Your self – with Mamta Friday, December 15, 9:30am – 12:00pm

The physical & mental state of our inner world determines how we experience our outer world. Sense organs are the tools for each experience we have. Face Yoga involves simple self massage techniques & exercises to release tension in the facial area, stimulate blood circulation & improve efficiency of our sense organs. In an era of increased screen time, our eye health may be compromised, unless we actively exercise this area. Eye Yoga uses techniques such as palming, blinking, near & far viewing & candle gazing. You will also learn tips to prevent eye damage caused by screen time.

### Master Class: Pratyahara: Withdraw Your Attention Within through Mantra, Breathing & Asana – with Andres Saturday, December 16, 9:30am – 12:00pm (theory booklet included)

Pratyahara means withdrawing the senses within. It's an often forgotten limb of Yoga, but a valuable gateway into the practices of Concentration (Dharana), Meditation (Dhyana), and Samadhi (Contemplation). Learn the practical techniques of breathing, mantra, asana and relaxation that can liberate the mind and open the window of Pratyahara.

### Awareness Through the Body: Form Exploration – with Amir Saturday, December 16, 9:30am – 12:00pm

Exploring FORM: tuning and cultivating the observer within through being guided into various physical shapes that embody expressions of different inner qualities. Relax with the intention to approach the physical plane spontaneously, while easing into receptivity to the inner movement.

### 5 Rhythms (4 day workshop) – with Sudevi

- Saturday, December 16, 2:00pm – 04:30pm & 08:00pm – 09:00pm
- Sunday, December 17, 9:30am – 04:30pm (lunch break 12.30pm - 1.30pm)
- Monday, December 18, 9:30am – 04:30pm (lunch break 12.30pm - 1.30pm)
- Tuesday, December 19, 9:30am – 04:30pm (lunch break 12.30pm - 1.30pm)

A conscious dance practice for everyone; exploring shadow/light

## SHIATSU SEMINARS

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Seminars  
to begin or deepen  
Your Journey

Courses are part of a  
2 - 3 years/ 500 hours  
Shiatsu Practitioner  
Training to be established.

Seminar  
location:  
Budokan  
Auroville,  
Dehashakti  
Sports  
Ground,  
Dana,  
Auroville.

December 2023  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> & Sat 9<sup>th</sup>

Introduction to  
Shiatsu &  
Meridians  
- 2 days

Preparation for the 6-day courses.  
Open to anyone interested.

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>– Wed 13<sup>th</sup>  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup>– Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Shen (Spiritual) Aspects of  
Elements - 6 days

Come and experience and explore conscious and calm perception, inner sensing and Awareness of Touch, combined with the study of the 12 Classical Meridians and 5 elements, health wisdom, strengthening and harmonising exercises and ways of moving for your daily practice.

## SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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## Tea Meditation -with Jass

Sunday 10th December 11am



for more information call:

+91 73394 59425

On Donation basis

Tea is an ancient drink that has been hailed for its beneficial effects for ages. The story goes that centuries ago some monks threw these leaves in a pot of hot water and discovered that after drinking the infusion they could meditate much better! And so tea and meditation have always been intertwined. In this session we will explore the traditional Chinese way of serving tea, 'Gong Fu Cha', drinking quality Chinese tea in a silent and mindful manner.

At Serendipity Guest House, next to Center guest house





## PITANGA



### Program December 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.

**Iyengar Yoga classes with Tatiana are paused until further notice.**

##### 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.

##### Art Therapy with Gala

Thursdays, 3 – 5pm for adults

Fridays, 3 – 5pm for families

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

##### Mondays

7:30am – 9:00am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels |  
8:30am – 10:00am | **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 – 9:00am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels |  
8:30am – 10:00am | **Yoga Therapy** with Gala | All levels

##### Thursdays

4:30 – 5:30pm | **Aviva Exercise** with Suriya | For women  
4:30 – 6:00pm | **Vocal Sound Healing** with Lola | All levels  
(Not on 22 and 29 Dec. beginning again in Jan. 24)

##### Fridays

6:45am – 8:00am | **Pranayama** with François & Namrita |  
*For former "The Art of Living" course participants*  
9:00am– 10:00am | **Lola's ATB special** for seniors, all levels  
(Not in December)  
7:30am – 9:00am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels |  
8:30am – 10:00am | **Yoga Therapy** with Gala | All levels

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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  
(not in December)

#### Saturdays

11:00am – 12:00pm | **Iyengar Yoga** with Tatiana| Mixed Level,  
open to beginners (*on pause*)  
11:00am -12:15pm | **ATB explorations**  
with Isora, Rosario and Teresa | All are welcome to join. *Not on 30 December*  
4:30pm – 5:30pm | **Body Musik** with Anandi Z. | All are  
welcome to join

#### 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

#### HEALING SPACE - BY APPOINTMENT

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

#### NEW ACTIVITIES

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Savitri". The signature is fluid and cursive.

##### New Class on Fridays: Reading Savitri

##### Starting on 8 December

Life has "*cast the spirit into physical form*" - Savitri, Book II, Canto VI

In joyful anticipation, we propose to explore Savitri for clarity about our physical body and for assuring our embodiment of "*the bliss for which all forms were created*". - Savitri, Book II, Canto IX

A Savitri circle will make a start at Pitanga on **Friday, December 8, from 3 to 4pm**, promptly. Patricia (native English speaker) will facilitate. Bring your book or e-book. If you request in advance, extra books may become available.

No prior knowledge is necessary and all are welcome to enjoy the beauty of Savitri.

**Every Friday from 3- 4pm with Patricia**

## "Born Free"

A Five Hour  
Transformative Workshop

**Monday 11 to Friday 15  
December 2023**

1 hour daily:  
12.45 - 1.45pm

by Ange Blanchflower



### Ange is inviting you:

"Ange Sabine Blanchflower is a Consultant with the Proctor Gallagher Consultants Division. Her mentor Bob Proctor is to this day the leading Teacher of Self Development and Human Potential. And the approach is a wholistic one-Spiritual, Mental and Physical.

Ange works with 'Worldpats', who are in a place in life, where they feel stuck and unsatisfied. Using the 'Thinking Into Results' and Bob Proctors mentorship millions of people have broken through the Glass Ceiling that has kept them in place regardless of various attempts...

In this 5 day Challenge, she offers the opportunity to get a taste of real transformation.

If your Answer to 3 or more of the Following Questions is a **YES**

Then it would be my absolute pleasure to Invite you to the 5 Sessions, in person Workshop 'BORN FREE'

1. Do you feel dissatisfied in any area in your life? Perhaps you're thinking of making changes in your life but you have already tried many times without success.
2. Do you have dreams, great goals and ideas on how you would like to live your life but you don't know how to do it?
3. Perhaps you have achieved a lot in life, you have done great things but you feel like you would like to experience more. This feeling makes you unsatisfied and you don't understand how to get rid of it.
4. Maybe you are completely lost in life, you feel stuck in the same place and you start to lose hope that you can change anything.
5. Maybe you study self development and the power of the subconscious. Maybe you have watched 'The Secret', you feel that you know a lot about it, but your results in life are unsatisfactory. You don't know how to apply the knowledge you study so thoroughly.

These Five Days could be Transformational to your Life.  
Ange Sabine Blanchflower"

Registrations are done through Pitanga.

**Monday 11 Dec. to Friday 15 Dec., 12:45 to 1:45pm**



New class

### 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.

### Drop-in class

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



New class

### 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).

### Drop in class

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



New class

### ATB explorations

(Awareness through the body)

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

*"Whatever you may want to do in life, one thing is absolutely indispensable and at the basis of everything, the capacity of concentrating attention."* The Mother

All are welcome - **Drop-in session.**

**Every Saturday from 11am to 12:15pm.**

*Not on 30th December*

With love and gratitude, Isora, Rosario and Teresa

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

*See you at Pitanga, with a smile !*

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## I JUST WANNA WRITE

If you want to write on any level, from personal to narrative or theater and short movies scripts, just check the blog at <https://gatedreams.com/> and click on I Just Wanna Write. Or go to the Auroville Radio website and enjoy the many episodes uploaded there. I'm uploading a series on the Hero's Journey that you might find useful. To enter the Blog on the website, you'll have to sign up. It's free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers. And if you feel like stuck in your writing exploration, or if you need some encouragement or fresh ideas to unblock your journaling practice (or if you want to start one) or if you feel that writing is part of your creative self educational path, I will happily share my real presence and time for an enjoyable writing session with you.

Contact me here: [avgateofdreams@gmail.com](mailto:avgateofdreams@gmail.com)

Let's keep up with the writing!

Francesca





## CONSCIOUS NATURE IMMERSION AT MAHAKALI PARK

### Introduction to MahaKali Park with Arun:

**Sunday – 10th of December, 7 am to 8 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.

**Free. No registration required.** Contributions accepted for the management of the site. Be adequately clad to prevent mosquito bites. You may also carry mosquito repellents.

**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)

**CONSCIOUS NATURE IMMERSION**  
At MahaKali Park

FOREST BATH. EDUCATIONAL WALKS.  
NATURE BASED MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES.

Every Sunday 7am to 9am  
Custom programs on prior demand

📍 Révélation Forest, Auroville  
☎ +919500183706  
👐 Free / contributions accepted for the forest management

**Monday to Friday Dec 2023**

**Morning 7 30 to 9 30 am**  
Vinyasa flow Asanas,  
Pranayama, Meditation  
**11 30 am to 12 30 pm**  
Mobility with Karalakattai

Tuesday-Bollywood Dance kids - 5 to 6 pm  
Tuesday-Bollywood Dance Adults - 6 to 7 pm  
Friday -Vinyasa flow Yoga- 5 30 to 7 pm  
Saturday-Karma Yoga- 7 to 9 am  
Satsang -10 30 to 11 30 am  
Yogic Tamil food -12 30 to 2 pm  
Vinyasa Yoga- 5 30 to 7 pm  
Sunday-Tamil culture & temple visit -10 to 1pm-Yogic tamil food -12 30 to 2 pm  
Vinyasa flow Yoga-5 30 to 7 pm

Registration must -WhatsApp for fees & other details  
**Auromode Yoga Space**  
Email - balaganesh.siva@gmail.com WA + 91 98926 99804

## BODY IN LIGHT: ENERGY HEALING WORKSHOP

DEC 16-17, 9AM-5PM

In this 2-day workshop, learn:

- Fundamentals, Principles and Universal Laws of energy healing
- Dive into powerful techniques for self-healing.
- Realign to the Blueprint of your Soul, your Divine Essence—through Divine Spine Alignment.
- Step into the frequency of the four powers of the Divine Mother: Wisdom, Harmony, Strength & Creation.
- Facilitator: Sandhya, Energy Healer & Teacher since 25 years. Limited seats. Register now: [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), or WhatsApp: +91 98333 84580
- The workshop will be offered also again on Jan 5-7.

Awaken to the  
Light of Your Soul

**BODY IN LIGHT**  
2-Day Energy Healing  
Workshop

Dec 16-17, 9am-5pm  
Harmony Hall

## 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

WA +917639761930



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### CUTTING DOWN A TREE IS A MATTER THAT MUST BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED

Whether it's to build a highway or because the leaves are dirtying the terrace and clogging the gutter.

For what ?  
Because a tree:

- absorbs "problematic" CO<sub>2</sub> to produce "vital" O<sub>2</sub> and store carbon C
- fills groundwater with its vertical roots serving as a guide
- reflects and absorbs part of the solar radiation
- maintains a local freshness and contributes to the creation of clouds with the phenomenon of evapotranspiration: the rain falls from the ground!
- produces leaves: food for the soil and for itself, its horizontal roots serving to recover nutrients
- gives sugar to the mycelium in exchange for nutrients
- absorbs gaseous pollutants through stomata
- provides habitat and food for birds, insects and rodents
- can be used as a sound and visual barrier
- shades even the one who shoots it down...

If we summarize, in addition to capturing CO<sub>2</sub>, a tree produces:

- cold!
- water!
- oxygen!

The one and only technology that can save us already exists...

**Plant trees, plant hedges, let your land grow wild!!!**

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

**YOUTH CENTER FAIR - COM'IN'UNITY**  
16TH DECEMBER 2023

**YC Fair**  
COM'IN'UNITY

**16 th**  
**December**  
**2023**  
10 am - 10 pm  
Youth Center Auroville

**Food**  
**Performances**  
**Games**

Join YC Fair  
Volunteers Whatsapp group

youthcenterinternational@gmail.com youthcenterauroville

## AUROVILLE: ONE DAY & HALF DAY TOURS

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



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

Pre - Registration is required.

Contact us to know more details:

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

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

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

please scan this code to know more:



## ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE



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

## ART AND NATURE ACTIVITY

### Co-creating with the Spirit of Nature


Are you interested in deepening your communication with Nature and co-create in its Spirit?  
Drawing, painting, dancing, video, poetry... whatever field you are called for. Bring your own materials or use what nature is offering. Let's meet on Wednesdays afternoon from 2.30 p.m to 5 p.m. We will work out doors.

Register:  
Bel: +91 7598892065 WA





**SOMATIC EXPLORATIONS**  
CREATIVITY HALL OF LIGHT



*Somatic Explorations*  
through sensations

We all share a common need for connection.

Let's begin a journey of curiosity together within our bodies

through movement, dance, observation, and moments of stillness.


every tuesday  
17:30 - 18:40  
Hall of Light

Could this be the pathway to deeper connections with others and the world around us?

Artist: Alyssa De Asis

**THEATRE CLASS**

# Theatre Class



Weekly theatre practice for aspiring actors

Improve your acting skills through collective and individual theatre games and a regular and comprehensive acting practice, including work on body, voice and text.

**WEEKLY THEATRE PRACTICE FOR ADULTS**

**FRIDAYS**  
2:00PM to 3:30PM  
@CRIPA

**Info & Registration:**

**Celine**  
(Celine Barbara)  
**+918098846079**  
(WhatsApp/Telegram)

**FOOD FOREST TOUR**

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



## FOOD FOREST TOUR

I welcome you to a tour through my permaculture garden! We will take a look at local foods and you will get an idea on how to start growing your own food.

Come and connect with nature and learn about healthy and sustainable food options

This tour includes a **MINI-RAW-FOOD-WORKSHOP** where we will harvest herbs, fruits and flowers to prepare some delicious

**VEGAN ICE CREAMS** and more...

**EVERY SUNDAY from 9:30 to 11:30**  
at La Ferme Community (5min from AV Bakery)

Sign up and infos whats app Sarah 9047421044

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

**VOLUNTEER AND LEARN - FARMING HANDS ON AUROORCHARD**

EMAIL: [auroorchard@auroville.org.in](mailto: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](mailto:auroorchard@auroville.org.in)  
WHATSPAPP: 9566631079 (Nidhin)

**CHANTING CLASS - SERENDIPITY**




## Traditional Mantras & Stotras Chanting Classes

at Serendipity Community

Thursday 9:00 AM (drop-in class)  
Friday 5:00 PM (regular class)

with Sonia Novaes



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

**BANSURI FLUTE CLASSES**



## The Sound of Bamboo

Various Styles of the Indian Flute

**Bansuri (Flute) Group Classes With Michael Kalabhumi Music Studio**

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

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

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

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

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

Learn More About Divine Arts:  
<https://auroville.org/page/divine-arts>

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



# SOLITUDE FARM

LUYE ECO MUSIC FESTIVAL- 10TH FEB 2024




**'LIVELY UP YOUR EARTH'  
ECO-MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**SOLITUDE FARM AUROVILLE**

**THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL IS**

**• LOCAL FOODS •**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN MINI-WORKSHOPS ON LOCAL FOODS SUCH AS BANANA STEM, PLANTAIN, MILLETS ETC.

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE IS HELPFUL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL, ENTHUSIASM AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS ARE A MUST!

REACH OUT TO US WITH YOUR INTEREST IN JOINING @ SOLITUDEPERMACULTURE@GMAIL.COM , SUBJECT: 'LUYE LOCAL FOOD STALLS'

## KIRTAN FOR PEACE WITH UPAHAR & FRIENDS

Welcome to the circle for call & response singing from our hearts.



**Thursday 14. December, 5-6.30pm**  
Butterfly Barn, Svedame

Thank you for coming on time, to co-create a strong group voice

## RUPHAVATI JOY ACTIVITIES

### BIO-REGION TEMPLE TOUR

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



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

Starting point from Solar Kitchen.  
Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week.  
Please contact in advance for more information and booking:  
8098845200

### SOUTH-INDIAN CUISINE - COOKING CLASS

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



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

Please book sessions in advance.

### THAI MASSAGE

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

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

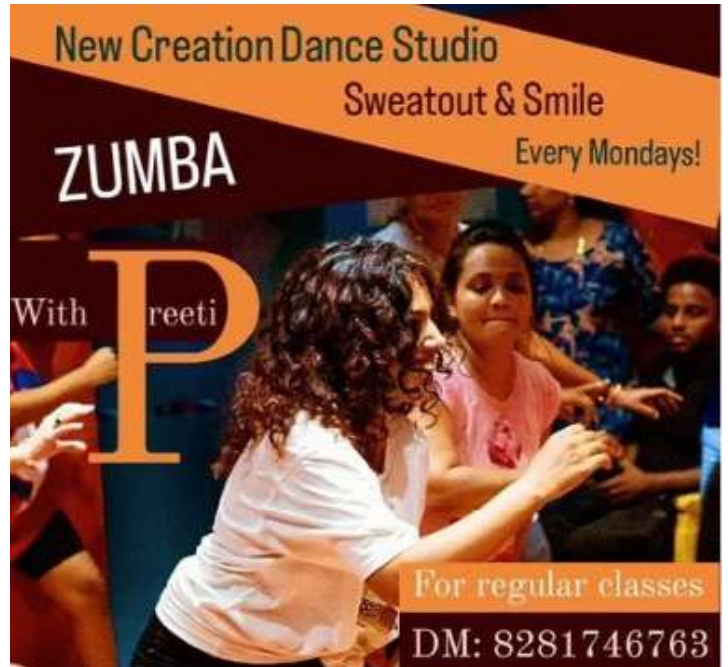
### TAILORING

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

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

## NEW CREATION DANCE STUDIO

ZUMBA WITH PREETI

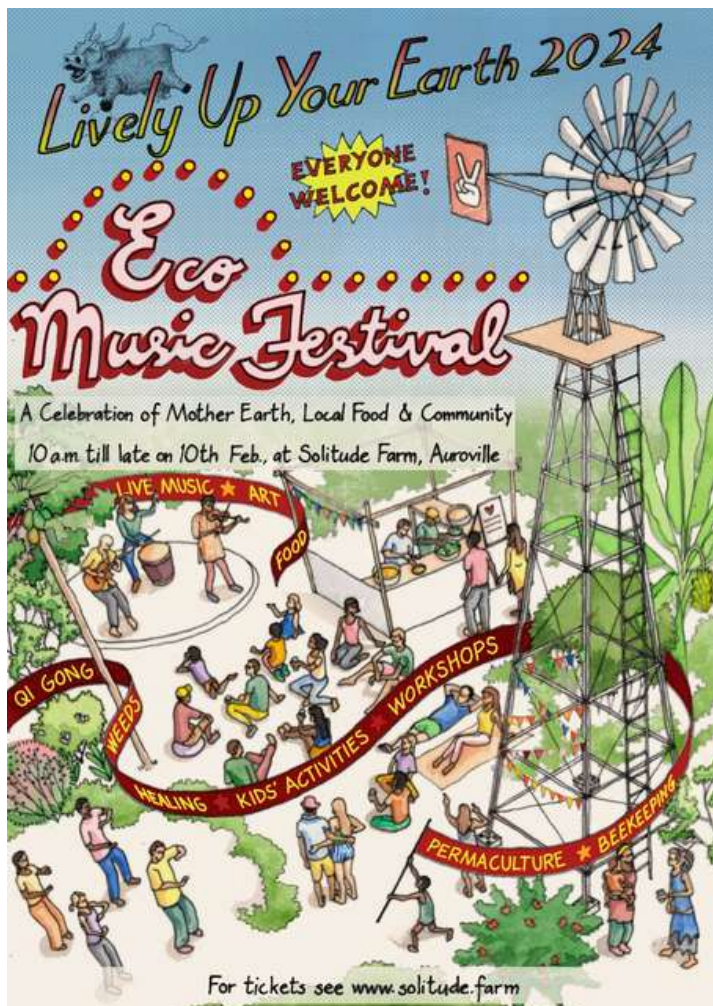


**New Creation Dance Studio**  
**Sweatout & Smile**  
**Every Mondays!**

**ZUMBA**

With Preeti

For regular classes  
DM: 8281746763



**Lively Up Your Earth 2024**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Eco Music Festival**

A Celebration of Mother Earth, Local Food & Community  
10am till late on 10th Feb, at Solitude Farm, Auroville

LIVE MUSIC \* ART  
FOOD  
QI GONG  
HEALING  
KIDS' ACTIVITIES  
WORKSHOPS  
PERMACULTURE \* BEEKEEPING

For tickets see [www.solitude.farm](http://www.solitude.farm)



## TLC FRIDAY OPEN SPACES



**TLC welcomes  
all kids every Friday**

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

**12:30-13:30**  
potluck lunch  
At TLC  
Base Camp

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

For more info contact 9442180610

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

For more info and details:

WhatsApp: + 91-8608473385 / 9843195290

## FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

### FURNITURE DECEMBER SALE



**Furniture  
Sale**  
*(including some previous exhibition pieces)*

@Woodscapes\_Auroville  
5th Dec – 15th Dec' 2023  
Mon - Sat; 9am - 4pm

Sunlit Future Campus  
Auroshilpam, Auroville  
Ph / Whatsapp No : +91-9442255007

## YOUTH CENTER PIZZARIA

FRIDAY & SATURDAY: OPEN TO ALL

SUNDAY: AUROVILIANS, NEWCOMERS, VOLUNTEERS



**Come join our  
Pizzeria**

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

**STAY TUNED**

**FRI - SAT - SUN** **START AT** 07:00 am - 09:00pm **YOUTH CENTER** Auroville  
Friday-Saturday Open to all Sunday Aurovilians, Newcomers and volunteers

8428061801 Youth Center International @youthcenterauroville

## SURABHI SUPPLIES

Dear Auroville Community,

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,

Surabhi Supplies

## 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





**PIZZAWALE IS BACK WITH OUR 4TH POP-UP!**  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH FROM 6 TO 8:30PM

**#Pizzawale**  
 Gluten-free, vegan, locally sourced, artisanal pizzas  
 At Dosa Corner, above Right path Cafe  
 Visitor's Center



**DECEMBER 9 FROM 6-8:30pm**

Join us for an evening of healthy, guilt-free, goodness. Meet and mingle in the warm vibe of our pop-up. FS, Aurocard and Mobile pay accepted.

Chetana, Darren & team

**STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING**  
[tialovesart@gmail.com](mailto:tialovesart@gmail.com) / [www.createandtransform.org](http://www.createandtransform.org)

**CREATE AND TRANSFORM**  
**STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING**  
 individual \* group \* family



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

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trauma
- Life Issues

Trauma Informed Art Therapy & Counseling:

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



**Tia Pleiman, MA, ATR, NCC, LPC**  
 tialovesart@gmail.com  
 www.createandtransform.org  
 WA 7094007610  
 Aurelec, Kulilapalayam, Auroville

**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!**



**SOLITUDE FARM - 2023**

**Farm**

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

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

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

**Cafe**

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

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

The cafe runs a lunch scheme.

**Education**

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

**Tour**

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

**Volunteers**

Solitude Farm is happy to welcome volunteers.

Timings 8:00 am -12:30 pm

We offer breakfast, tea and lunch.

**Opportunities**

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

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

To find out more:

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

whatsapp: 9843319260



Solitude farm & café  
 Auroville

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



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

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

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

Contact **AIRCON CLEAN** now at 9786809518 or email us at [airconclean.av@gmail.com](mailto:airconclean.av@gmail.com)

Regards, Julien.



## RAPID CARE SERVICES RCS

Dear Residents,

We are happy to announce that **Rapid Care Services** have successfully completed one year. We began operations in December 2022.

It has now been one year since we began serving the community. We take this opportunity to thank all the people who believed in us.

The support offered and shown by our customers played a big role in our growth.

For celebrating our anniversary, we would like to work on a discount basis in our service charges than we usually do for the entire month of December.

To avail this offer kindly take a look at all the work that we offer. Please reach out to us for any enquiries that need our assistance to fix your home or any infrastructure.

Look forward to your continued use of our services in the future.

### Our Services:

- Carpentry
- Masonry - renovations and remodeling
- Plumbing
- Aluminum channel work
- Electrical
- Steel Fabrication work
- Painting - Interior, Exterior, Floor Waxing, Powder coating,
- Insect Treatment
- Fencing
- Washing machine repair & installation,
- A/c repair and installation,
- Inverter repair and installation,
- Dth repair and installation and
- Furniture purchase assistance

Our Works - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y-nz\\_nyWpX9\\_3NU--wgwcZcgS0bRqEBa](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Y-nz_nyWpX9_3NU--wgwcZcgS0bRqEBa)

Best regards,  
Balaji & Arun for Rapid Care

**Contact:** + 91 8270071581 / +91 7639810621

**Email :** [rapidcare@auroville.org.in](mailto:rapidcare@auroville.org.in) ,  
[rctrapidcareservice@gmail.com](mailto:rctrapidcareservice@gmail.com)

**Instagram** - <https://instagram.com/rapidcare1?igshid=MmVIMjlkMTBhMg==>



## DROPZY IS 2 MONTHS AND A NOTE OF THANKS!



Its 2 months since Dropzy was launched. We've successfully delivered numerous orders in this 2 months time period in collaboration with Integrated Transport Service (ITS), Auroville.

I take this opportunity to thank the **ITS team** for their efficient and professional service coordinating and fulfilling the deliveries, also agreeing to collaborate and help Dropzy initiative.

**Talam** for their assistance and support with Talam Pay accounts setup and other technical support.

**Aurinoco** for their acceptance to help spread the word of Dropzy digitally upon request.

**Tanto** for their acceptance to mention Dropzy in their digital menu card.

**Kattida Kalai Trustees** for their support and guidance.

All those who have directly and indirectly contributed/supported this initiative and pushed for its launch while it was under the making for about 3 years.

Last but not least, all of you started using Dropzy app, its service, your trust and continued support.

For suggestions and feedback, please reach out at [sathish@auroville.org.in](mailto:sathish@auroville.org.in) or by Whatsapp in the below number.

Mobile/Whatsapp: 8098144686

Best regards, Sathish Arumugam, For Dropzy

## 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](mailto:newwaves@auroville.org.in)



## HEMPLANET

### Discover the Magic of Hemp at Hemplanet!

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

#### Hemp Food Selection:

#### Hemp Body Care Treasures:

- Hemp Hearts
- Hemp Seed Oil
- Hemp Protein Powder
- Hemp Granola Bars
- Hemp Pasta & more!
- Hemp Seasonings
- Hemp Soaps
- Hemp Shampoos
- Hemp Balms
- Hemp Body Butter
- Hemp Seed Oil

**Visit Us:** Mon-Sat, 10am - 4:20pm

**Location:** Reve Area, 1st Floor, Building 1, Auroville

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



## TAXI SHARE



## FROM CHENNAI TO AUROVILLE 16TH DECEMBER

To stay ECO ;) friendly am very willing to share a taxi from **Chennai Airport to Auroville on Saturday 16th of December 2023.**

**Departure from Chennai Airport at about 11:00pm (23:00).**

Please contact via Whatsapp on +34685673777 or only sms on: +917289907792. Thanksss sunny :)

## IN NEED OF A LOVING HOME

### CUTE CAT LOOKING FOR A HOME

There's a beautiful young male cat in Transition at my place looking for a home with a friendly caretaker. His name at the moment is Rousset because he is fully red haired and so cute!!!! Also he has beautiful golden eyes!

Anyone interested, please SMS me @ 9791278577 or mail me @ [claudineauroville@gmail.com](mailto:claudineauroville@gmail.com)  
Thank you, Claudine



### PUPPY NEEDS A HOME

This puppy was rescued on 9.11.23. She is of mixed breed, about 11 weeks old now, and urgently needs a new home, as I can't keep her. She is smart, friendly and healthy.

Dewormed, and vaccination ongoing. Please contact Kathrin 8903941382



## LOOKING FOR

### HOUSE SITTING

Hi dear Community,

I am a long-term SAVI VOLUNTEER, a mature woman who is Responsible, Resourceful, and Reliable.

I am ready to accept a House Sitting opportunity, **from January onwards**. Preferable is a long-term situation.

Thank You for all Assistance in this Search ☀️

Chandra, the elder

WApp : +91 85310 33318

[chandrag108@gmail.com](mailto:chandrag108@gmail.com)



### LADIES BICYCLE

We are looking to buy a **used ladies bicycle** for one of Svaram employees.

Please contact 9443309312 (Jan)



## 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:

- [Soul Tracks Se. 5 Ep. 15 – Politics!](#) (Music)
- [Marlenka's weekly Offering – Ep.110](#)(Literature)
- [LA VITA DIVINA Ep 38. LIBRO II CAP III PARTE II- L'ETERNO E L'INDIVIDUO](#)(Sri Aurobindo)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making – Ep. 25 "What Makes A Good Composition In Art"](#) (Cinema)
- [I Just Wanna Write Ep. 21 – The Suspense Enigma – Crafting the Art of Reader Engagement](#)(Creative Writing)
- [I Just Wanna Write Ep. 20 The Power of Crises in Plot](#)(Creative Writing)

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

Thanks for your help!

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

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

Peace and love

Regards, AvRadio team



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS



### Ambulance (24/7):

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

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

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

Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

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



## ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

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

### Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

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

### Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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Reminder: **FRIDAY 8th "MEEK'S CUTOFF"** by Kelly Reichardt, US, 2011

and **FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER, 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. A case is opened and she is charged despite doubt. A year later, the son, Daniel follows the court case, wanting to understand. He is suddenly confronted to the fights of his parents and the court case happenings. 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 in May 2023.

Original French version with English Subtitles. Duration 2h32'



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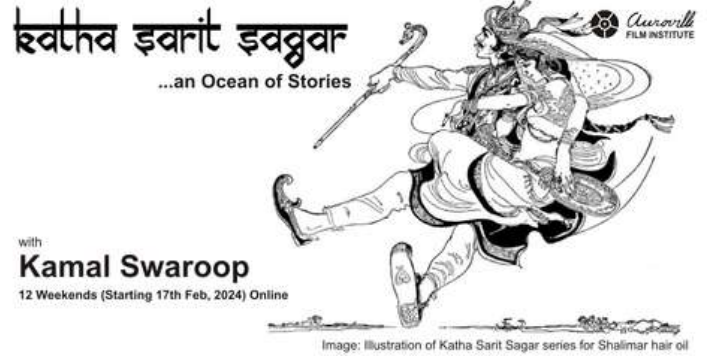


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**FROM THE FO OFFICE - FO N&N 1003**

**CIRCULAR**

Many of the Visa Extension request applications comes to this office at the neck of the moment. As directed, it is to inform that the visa extension request applications should reach this office minimum three months before the expiry of the Visa to enable the office to do due diligence before sending the recommendation. An Indian visa can be extended at least sixty days before its expiry date. Hence the FRROs requests the visa extension applications should reach their office sixty days prior to the expiry. Overstaying in India is a punishable act. Aside from fees, it is possible for the person to be imprisoned for up to 5 years and then be expelled from the country. By keeping the liabilities in mind, visa extension request applications are expected to reach this office three months prior to the expiry.

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023  
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 WC: Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 11 December 2023 to 17 December 2023

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## Indian and diaspora – Monday 11 December, 8:00 pm:

### • UYARE

India, 2019, Dir. Manu Ashokan w/Tovino Thomas, Samyuktha Menon, Parvathy Thiruvothu, and others, Drama-Thriller, 125mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: A (R)

Pallavi Raveendran is an aspiring pilot and is in love with Govind, who is highly possessive about her. She gets into an aviation academy with dreams to fly high. This enrages Govind who gets more possessive, abusive, and controlling. To stop her from pursuing her dreams, to cut off her wings he attacks her in the most heinous way. Can it curb a flying spirit? It is a highly acclaimed, well-acted, women centric film.

## Potpourri – Tuesday 12 December, 8:00 pm:

### • LE PAPIILLION (The butterfly)

France, 2002, Writer-Dir. Philippe Muyl w/Michel Serrault, Claire Bouanich, Nade Dieu, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 85mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A girl child Elsa is often left on her own due to the work schedule of her single mother, Isabelle. Elsa ends up spending time with Julien, a surly old butterfly collector, the two set out on a journey through the countryside. A beautiful classic film to catch more than once.

## Interesting – Wednesday 13 December, 8:00 pm:

### • THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

USA, 2008, Dir. Martin Doblmeier w/Thích Nhất Hạnh, Elie Wiesel, James A. Forbes, and others, Documentary, 78mins, Narration and Conversation in English w/English subtitle when other language used, Rated:NR (PG)

Over last few decades, the study of forgiveness has come into its own, where researchers are examining the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness under a wide variety of conditions. Clinicians now help guide people to forgive transgressions and get on with their lives. This award-winning film is the kind one needs to watch from time to time because, to forgive someone can be simple. But this simple act can have powerful consequences – and may lead to a personal and spiritual transformation.

## Selection – Thursday 14 December, 8:00 pm:

### • THE STATION AGENT

USA, 2003, Writer-Dir. Tom McCarthy w/ Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson, Bobby Cannavale, and others, Drama-Comedy, 89mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

When his only friend and co-worker dies, a young man born with dwarfism moves to an abandoned train depot in rural New Jersey. Though he tried to maintain a life of solitude, he is soon entangled with an artist who is struggling with a personal tragedy and an overly friendly Cuban hot-dog vendor. A delightful humane film. A must see!

## International – Saturday 16 December, 8:00 pm:

### • RESCUED BY RUBY

USA, 2022, Dir. Katt Shea w/ Grant Gustin, Scott Wolf, Kaylah Zander, and others, Biography-Drama, 90mins, English-German w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

In this much acclaimed film, Ruby is an energetic pup. Her original owner gives her up to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for her "unmanageable" personality. She is cute and gets quickly adopted and then returned. This happens five times. Things were looking pretty grim and she was scheduled to be euthanized. Hours from it officer Daniel O'Neil took a chance on her. He thought she had potential and decided to pursue his dream of being a canine officer. Could this be his new partner? This is the true story of how these two underdogs found their dream together .

## Children's Matinee – Sunday 17 December, 4:00 pm:

### • WHALE RIDER

New Zealand-Germany, 2002, Writer-Dir. Niki Caro w/ Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene, Vicky Haughton, and others, Drama-Family, English-Maori w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

A perfect follow up reminder of last week's ALT EFF film. A delightful story of triumph of one young girl who is discriminated in her tradition. On the east coast of New Zealand, the Whangara people believe their presence there dates back thousands of years to a single ancestor, Paikea, who escaped death by riding to shore on the back of a whale. From then on, Whangara chiefs, always the first-born, always male, have been considered Paikea's direct descendants. Pai, an 11yrs old girl believes she is destined to be the new chief. But her grandfather Koro is bound by tradition to pick a male leader. Pai loves Koro more than anyone in the world, but she must fight him and a thousand years of tradition to fulfil her destiny.

## KUROSAWA'S SAMURAI MOVIES @ Ciné-Club:

### Ciné-Club Sunday 17 December, 8:00 pm:

### • KUMONOSU-JÔ (Throne of blood)

Japan, 1957, Dir . Akira Kurosawa, w/ T oshirô Mifune, Minoru Chiacki, and others, Drama, 110 mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Washizu is a brave samurai who helps his lord to fight off a violent rebellion. He and his friend Miki are riding through Cobweb Forest when a spirit appears to them and makes predictions which fire their ambitions. When Washizu explains this vision to his wife Asaji, she urges him to murder his lord and rule. Thus, the tragedy begins.

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

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