

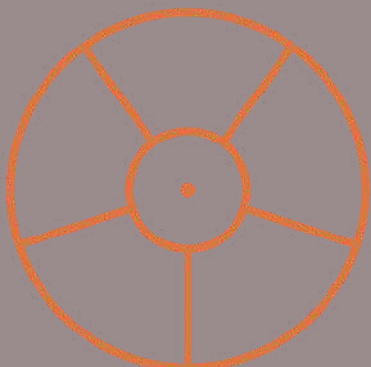
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NEWS & NOTES

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PONDERING

A tree beside the sandy river-beach
Holds up its topmost boughs
Like fingers towards the skies they cannot reach,
Earth-bound, heaven-amorous.
This is the soul of man. Body and brain
Hungry for earth our heavenly flight detain.

-Sri Aurobindo

Part III : Baroda and Bengal (Circa 1900-1909) > Poems from Ahana and Other Poems
<https://motherandsriaurobindo.in/Sri-Aurobindo/poems/a-tree/>



(continued from last week)

And what do you think the Divine is?

I don't know, I never ask myself that sort of question.

Neither do I! I've never asked myself that question. Because, spontaneously, as soon as there was a need to know, there was an answer. And not an answer with words that can be argued, an answer ... like that, a something: a vibration that's something almost constant now.

Naturally, men create difficulties (I think they must love them, because ...), for everything, the SLIGHTEST thing, there's always a world of difficulties. So you spend your time saying, "Quiet, quiet, quiet—be quiet." Even the body lives in difficulties (it too seems to love them!), but all of a sudden the cells chant their OM ... spontaneously. Then there is a sort of childlike joy in all those cells, which say (Mother says in a tone of wonder), "Oh, really, we can do that? We are allowed to do that?" It's touching.

And the result is immediate: that great, peaceful, all-powerful Vibration.

As for me, if I weren't under the constant pressure of all the wills around me, I would say, "But why do you want to know what the Divine is? What does it matter to you!—Just become the Divine!" But they don't know how to take a joke. "I want to know what the Divine is."

"But no! It's perfectly useless."

"Oh!"

They answer with a shocked look, "Oh, it's not interesting?!"

"You don't need to know what the Divine is: you must BECOME it."

For them, I mean the vast intellectual majority, they cannot conceive of doing or being something without knowing what it is.

We could also say this, if we enjoyed a joke: "It is when you don't know it, that you are the most Divine."

(to be continued next week)

— The Mother . Agenda . May 24, 1967

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/8/may-24-1967>

With love and gratitude,
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)



NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
TUESDAY 5PM

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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**.

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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)

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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)

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

Here are some important information:

- You can read past issues and subscribe [HERE](#).
- If you wish to support the N&N community Edition, you can done at this account Nr: **FS #252150**.
- You now find the Tamil and French versions of the N&N to download in every weeks issue.
- Content sent through @auroville.org.in mail ID, will only reach us if you use this [FORM](#) to submit your content.
- The mail ID to submit content is: newsandnotes@auroville.services.

Thank you for your continued support!

In community,
The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

WORKING GROUPS NEWS

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 213 DATED: 11-01-2024

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

auroville.entryboard@gmail.com or
auroville.entryservice@gmail.com.

We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- **Girija Puthampuri Muralidharan (Indian)** staying in Petite Ferme and working at Matrimandir



NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- **Anne Adeline DESCHAMPS (French)**
- **Riccardo BUCCIROSSI (Italian)**
- **Kalaierasi DHAYALAN (Indian)**
- **Lize DE LA ROUVIERE (South African)**
- **Vithya PANNEER SELVAM (Indian)**

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- **Franclin MARK (Indian)** staying in Kriya and working at Auro Orchard



- **Sonia SALMON (French)** staying in Kalpana and working at Auroville Media interface



- **Veeramani VISHWAKETHU (Indian)** staying in Mitra Youth Hostel and working at Auroville Consulting



AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- **Niyati THAKKAR (Indian)**
- **Pranit DASWANI (Indian)**
- **Rajinikanth RATHINAPILLAI (Indian)**
- **Tommaso D'AVANZO (Italian)**

RETURNING AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

Sandra Jane JACOBS aka Naradi (USA)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

Chandru SANKAR (Indian)

LEFT ON THEIR OWN:

Sabrina JECKER (French)

NOTE:

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

Yours,

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

Entry Service Timings:

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

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

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

FROM THE RA WORKING COMMITTEE

REBUTTAL TO PRESS RELEASE BY AVFO SPOKESPERSONS RE TREE FELLING

Dear Community,

Please take a moment to read the [attached](#) point-by-point rebuttal of the press release sent out by spokespersons of the Auroville Foundation Office relating to the recent unnecessary and violent tree felling that took place along the already built areas of the Crown Road on the 4th of January.

Sincerely,

Your Working Committee (Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Sauro, Valli) and Other Concerned Residents



LETTER TO THE GB AND IAC RE SENSELESS FELLING OF SERVICE TREES ALONG BUILT CROWN ROAD

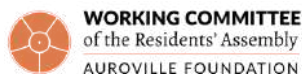
Dear Community,

It is with deep sadness that we share with you a letter that was sent yesterday to the Governing Board and International Advisory Council while the senseless and violent tree felling was ongoing along built areas of the Crown Road between the Solar Kitchen and Mahalakshmi Home. There has been no response from the Governing Board or from the International Advisory Council as a body.

All the beautiful Service Trees that were planted by Aurofuture, Roger Anger's planning office, with the conscious intention to provide shade for the future Crown Road have been brutally cut down and will no longer share their beautiful flowers and cooling protection with us all.

In sorrow,

The Working Committee of the RA
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Sauro, Valli



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**To the Chairman and members of the Governing Board
To the Chairperson and members of the International
Advisory Council**

Respected Chairpersons and members,

We must urgently bring to your notice the unfortunate and unnecessary cutting of Service Trees that is happening today, as we write, along a section of the Crown Road in front of Kalpana and the Library.

It is difficult to understand the rationale of this decision since the road is already constructed and has been functioning since 2009.

Whoever has made this decision perhaps is missing some important information. The Service Trees were planted in the year 2002 by Aurofuture, the planning office of Roger Anger, the Chief Architect of Auroville, and in accordance with the indications in the Master Plan. The plantation and the alignment were decided in anticipation of the construction of the Crown Road so that it could already be shaded with avenue trees at the time of its construction.

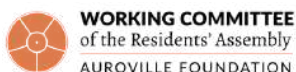
The European Commission, recognizing that this was an innovative way of planning, contributed to the cost of their plantation with a partial grant-in-aid through the Asia Urbs project, IND-015.

The road in this area has already been completed and the street lights and other infrastructure has already been installed so why is it necessary to cut these trees that provide shade and beautify the area, and have been funded by a specified grant from the EC?

We respectfully request that this operation of tree cutting along the existing built portions of the Crown Road is halted and reconsidered in view of the above considerations.

Sincerely,

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation
Aravinda Maheshwari, Chali Grinnell, Hemant Lamba, Ilayabharathy Somasundaram, Sauro Mezzetti, Valli Senthilkumar



ATTACK ON ADMISSION AND TERMINATION PROCESSES FOR AUROVILLE

Dear community,

We are sharing with you a new set of [Admission and Termination Regulations](#) for Auroville, which were published by the Secretary in the Gazette of India on the 4th of January, 2024. (Go to page 10 for the English section.)

In effect, this puts all the power of Admission and Termination in the hands of the GB and the Secretary, with a few token residents who have to be proposed to and approved by the GB.

We have been advised by our lawyers that at first reading this seems to be in direct contradiction to provisions in the Auroville Foundation Act that are related to this responsibility.

We are exploring immediate steps that can be taken and will keep you informed.

In community,

The Working Committee of the RA
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Sauro, Valli



FROM THE RA TDC



TDC UPDATE - JANUARY 2024

As this text is being drafted, the sounds of JCBs, road rollers and chainsaws echo from all over Auroville. Indeed, the NGT ruling had been preventing this from happening since April 2022, and this consequence was to be expected since the ruling was stayed in December 2023. On January 4th, a particularly devastating 'walk' took place along the Crown, with the noise of falling trees paving the way along this path of destruction. Thank you to everyone who was there, in prayer and in person; a special thank you to all that helped document and ensure people's safety.

Following our last update, the RA TDC has continued reporting, documenting and sending letters around several areas of concern with regards to tree clearing, pruning and transplantation work happening despite the NGT ruling that was still applicable then.

You can these find below for your perusal:

1. Outer ring and radials:

- Deviation of the Master Plan (Perspective: 2025): [report](#) on Anitya area and [letter](#) to AVFO + FO ATDC (30/09/23)
- Tree cover affected: [report](#) and [map](#), and [letter](#) to CPWD (16/11/23)

2. Matrimandir lake: [report](#) (14/10/23)

- Tourist/VIP access road** through Buddha Garden and Siddhartha Farm: [letter](#) to LB Special Officer (07/11/23) and [report](#) (17/12/23)

4. Crown work:

- Pruning and transplantation: [letter](#) to AVFO + CPWD (12/12/23) and [report](#)
- Continued tree cutting despite NGT ruling: [report](#) (18/12/23)
- Kalabhumi borewell: AWS [email](#) (26/12/23), [letter](#) to CPWD (27/12/23) and [legal notice](#) (13/06/23)

All help is more than welcome and highly encouraged in these trying times. Indeed, unity is a journey, not a destination, and its essence lies in company, not the path itself. Let us keep nurturing the bonds that unite us, for in our collective efforts lies the transformative force that brings humanity closer together.

in Service,

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



OBITUARY

FRANCA CROCETTI LEFT HER BODY

Our dear friend and community member Franca Crocetti from Auromodele passed away in Pims this evening around 6 pm. Her son Padmanabhan was at her side. She was 87 years old and was admitted recently in the hospital with respiratory disorder.

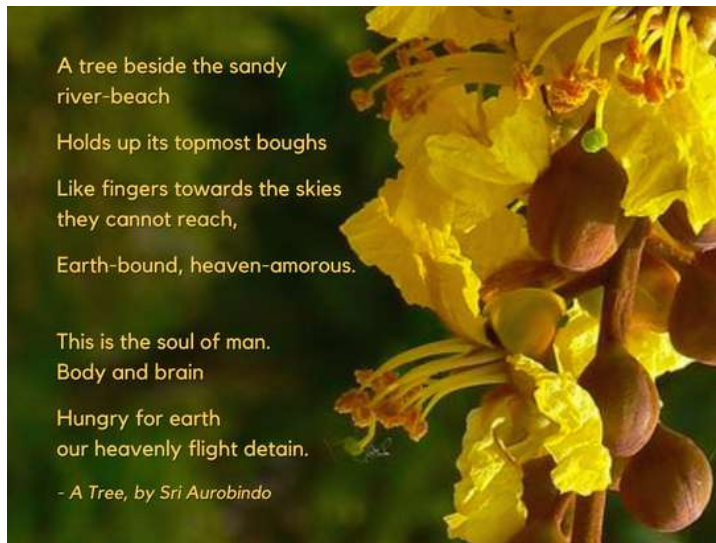


Franca visited Auroville for the first time in 1979 and joined for good in 1983. She was a senior school principal in Italy and got actively involved in Auroville's outreach education. She also made donations to purchase land for this purpose.

We will miss her and our sympathy and togetherness goes to Padmanabam, Jayanthi and Yeshika and Yeshitha and her close friends.

COMMUNITY SHARING

A TREE BY SRI AUROBINDO



LETTER FROM AVI BOARD TO THE AUROVILLE GOVERNING BOARD CONCERNING THE CUTTING OF TREES ON THE CROWN ROAD

Respected Chairperson and respected members of the Governing Board,

It is with a deep feeling of shock and dismay that we have received the news of the recent unjustified massive tree felling in Auroville on a built section of the Crown Road between the Solar Kitchen and Mahalakshmi Home in the Center of the City.

We have learnt that those beautiful adult trees now cut down had been planted in 2002 as part of the Asia-Urbs project, partly funded by the European Commission, which had considered the planning and design of the Crown Road as innovative. The planning was then carried out by the office of Mr. Roger Anger, Auroville's Chief Architect appointed by the Mother, taking into account all infrastructure requirements and other indications of the Master Plan. If assets which are created with funding from sources such as the EC are not protected and are wantonly destroyed, it could make it impossible to access funds for future projects.

We, the Board of Auroville International (AVI), have always considered it one of our crucial tasks to follow the Mother's expressed wish to connect Auroville with the nations of the world and their governments, because "it will do them good – it can do them a lot of good, a good that can be out of proportion to the appearance of their actions." (Mother's Agenda, September 21, 1966)

Actions such as the current one, however, directly counteract this honourable task. Auroville's good international reputation, which has been built up over decades and is based in particular on its unique achievements in the restoration and reforestation of a formerly barren stretch of land, is being damaged to the utmost by this act of violence against nature. These actions are particularly incomprehensible at a time when green city centres are seen as one of the most effective countermeasures against the overheating and drying out of cities and their surroundings as a result of climate change.

It is especially painful to learn about this situation as the trees that are now falling victim to the chainsaws were all offsprings of the one big Service Tree standing at a sacred place, the Samadhi of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo in the Pondicherry ashram, as they were planted with seeds from this very tree. These wonderful trees were already used to provide welcome shade for the users of this major road. In addition to being the children or grandchildren of the ashram Service Tree, they were intended to reduce global warming by providing oxygen, providing shade to cool the planet, and absorbing carbon dioxide.

When we read in The Hindu's article dated Jan 04.24 on this subject that according to the Foundation spokesperson: "Only trees that were planted in the right of way, either for timber or by residents as a mean of obstructing city development, are the only ones being cut, the Foundation reiterated", we can only state that the actual acts of the Foundation on-site do not in the least correspond with its words.

We believe that this is one action too far against which all Aurovillians, friends of Auroville and also Ecology's and Nature's friends must speak out. That's why we urge you to put a stop to any further useless tree felling and to work towards developing plans that avoid unnecessarily harsh interventions in Auroville's natural environment.

Let's not kill the beauty of Auroville! Let's not kill the beauty of the world!

Christian Feuillette - AVI Board Chairman
Friederike Muelhans - AVI Board Secretary

INNER BEING, FOLLOW-UP TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear community,

We would like to update you on how our initiative is unfolding, what will be its next developments and how you could participate and support it.

Following our first [call](#) to the Community, we had the great pleasure to receive more than 60 positive replies, Aurovillians and related, who are willing to participate. Thus, we are very much encouraged to move forward in this endeavour aiming at bringing our collective Psychic Being at the front in our Community.

For 2 months now we have started our audio-recordings related to how people are living their relationships with their Psychic Being, and we have achieved a first series of 14 interviews, out of which 5 are already available on [Auroville Radio website](#). One additional interview is released every week depending on the programs of the Radio and, by mid-February, we will start a new series of audio-recordings.

We are also starting some videos, for which we have requested the skills of different film-makers, and we will very soon release the 2 first films. These two wonderful personal sharings will, we hope, demonstrate the value of this film project to the community, and provide the first examples of many to come.

In 2024, we are thinking of creating several new aspects to this work, such as audio-interviews of multiple participants who interact with one another, sharings with the audience and enabling them to ask questions, etc. Your suggestions are welcome to make this topic as much alive as possible for the benefit of the Community.

Since we are developing the concept, expanding our scope of work and soliciting more professionals to help us carry out the technical tasks, your financial support would also be very helpful. **Please kindly contribute to FS account: Inner Being 251939**

You can send requests, ideas, concerns or whatever you feel would be helpful to us, by writing to the email being@auroville.org.in or innerbeing.auroville@gmail.com

As we are still in the period of wishes for 2024, our deep wish is that our individual and collective Psychic Being comes definitely forward at the front of our life, reshaping our behaviours accordingly, and that our whole community is driven by It, for the benefit of the world.

Thank you from our hearts,

The Inner Being team Carla, Dan, Iris

AS HAPPENED TO AN AUROVILIAN ON JANUARY 9TH AT THE VIKAS RADIAL

On the road this morning, driving slowly through the mess of cut trees left and right of me, trying to sort my heart and head about this slaughter, an autorickshaw pulls up next to me. The driver almost shouts at me (*in English, with the few words he has, so I paraphrase here...*): "Why did you let them cut these trees? Why didn't you fight more? Fight! These trees are everything we have! The small animals need the trees, what are they going to do now? Look, I am crying! I am going to write a letter! Tell me who to write a letter to! We have to fight! Let me help you fight!" We both had stopped our vehicles by the second loop of his tirade, and I (*in Tamil, with the few words I have, so I summarise here...*) attempt to justify (*myself*), empathise (*with him*) and explain (*to both of us*) why we stand here, amidst massacred trees, having this conversation. I fail. It makes no sense. And then we just look at each other for a moment and we both cry, and somehow that was enough because what else can you do when your heart is broken. Thank you, brother.



VOICES AND NOTES

TO THE COLLABOS

What do they want?

They wanted "the city of the Mother". They will get a soulless city of concrete and lanterns made in China.

They wanted a more disciplined Auroville. They will get dictatorship and corruption.

They wanted 4.7000 more Aurovilians. They will get 47.000 government employees.

They wanted a purer and more spiritual Auroville. They will get tourism and religion.

They wanted power. They will be dictated to by an iron fist.

One day they will cry tears of blood, but it will be too late.

Submitted by an Aurovilian

TO THE PEOPLE WHO DRAFTED THAT MASTER-PIECE CALLED DONATION CHANNELING PROCESS (WHAT A NAME!)

Auroville should be the place where one is encouraged to give, to give at all times, and in all kinds of manners. Giving should be a way of life for Aurovilians. But in your paper, giving is suspect; giving is highly suspicious; its motives have to be thoroughly vetted; and on the condition that you furnish all kinds of personal information, all kinds of guarantees, provided you fill the correct forms, provided that your project is considered to "align with the ideals of Auroville" (and who is to judge that, Torkil?), you may be finally allowed to give. Don't you see the irony of it all?

What you bureaucrats don't realize, what probably you don't even know, is that there is joy in the act of giving. With your heavy bureaucratic "process", you kill that joy. Yes, you are true killjoys. I bet that not many people will fill your forms. Go to hell. We will give outside of your channels and your "channeling process"!

THE VISION-GOAL OF AUROVILLE

To all who wish to consciously participate, here is the *raison d'être* of Auroville, this City of Dawn envisioned and founded by the Avatars Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

The Vision-Goal is the Divine Manifestation of the new apex species the Supramental being.

Read very carefully the following with all the inoflinks so you may fully understand the integral requirements of being in Auroville as it has evolved at this point in ever-unfolding time under the legislated management and supervision of the Ministry of Education of the Government of Bharat:

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

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

To anyone who is still too attached to the old ways of nature:

"It is, in fact, a revolt against the whole universal Nature."

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/12/december-11-1971>

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

[https://incarnateword.in/search?](https://incarnateword.in/search?query=Man+is+a+transitional+being&page=1&phrase=true)

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Auroville as a cradle for this hastened and intensified evolutionary Vision-Goal must be fully and integrally prepared as a modern, future-oriented Gurukul within Bharat Mata, the Guru of the World, that can support all the psycho-spiritual-physical needs of the new generation of transitional beings whom are the ever-awaking and conscious bridges, willing servitors, Hero Warriors and torchbearers of the Divine Consciousness-Force towards the Divine Manifestation.

The term "City of Dawn", with the Matrimandir Gardens as a beautiful well-tended example, implies a Garden City, the management, upkeep and sustainability of which is a conscious psycho-spiritual-physical collective endeavour supported by the Rule of Law of Bharat Mata which is a necessity in this transitional human stage of evolution prior to the advent of the new apex species the Supramental being.

Our three Core Ideals are very clear on this:

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

Our Avatar founders have given us more than enough guidance, as Sri Aurobindo reminds us pragmatically, applicable in the widest evolutionary context and dynamics of progressive Auroville within Bharat Mata:

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

And adds that in the meantime:

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

The Mother reiterates:

"One is free only when it is the Divine who makes decisions in each of us, otherwise men are the slaves of their desires, their habits, of all conventions, all laws, all rules.... And the more they think themselves free, the more bound they are!"

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

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

With all the individual uniques in varying levels of consciousnesses and capacities congregating here from all over the world, the central unifying glue of Auroville must be the Real-Idea Vision-Goal and guidance coming from our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. These Integral Yogic Knowledge and Practices must be a conscious, consenting lived experience, otherwise it will be imposed by the Divine Consciousness-Force by crashing circumstances via the dynamic hierarchical power play of cosmic forces working through the human individuals themselves. This has always been so throughout human history and evolving life itself.

Thus we continue on as when the Mother opened Her arms and declares:

"I invite you to the Great Adventure..."

https://youtu.be/sl411_IDMF4?si=1NV_AU-MO3LzG625

"Come what may!"

<https://incarnateword.in/search?query=come+what+may&page=1&auth=m&phrase=true>

Zech, 2024.01.07

THE MAXIMUM

There is a maximum as well as a minimum, and that is to rise beyond this life into a higher existence, not necessarily for oneself alone or in order to leave the world and vanish into the Universal, but as the highest have done, as God Himself habitually does, to bring down the bliss, illumination and greatness of that higher existence into the material world of creatures. All that rises beyond the minimum to the maximum, even though it may not attain it, is the Para Dharma; the minimum is the apara. To be a good, unselfish and religious man is the apara or lower dharma; to reach God revealed and bring Him down to earth where He hides Himself, is the higher. This is the Secret Wisdom, which defeats itself if it remains for ever secret. For this the great Avatars, Teachers and Lovers come, to reveal Him in divine knowledge, to reveal Him in mighty action, to reveal Him in utter delight and love.

Sri Aurobindo

<https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/01/passing-thoughts-i>

Zech, 2024.01.03

A REQUEST TO INCLINE THE CROWN

By Aurosatire

Before making our request we want to express profound gratitude to Auroville and its citizens.

Our grandfather's generation helped build the Matrimandir. While we are aware of its beauty, to be honest, it holds very little attraction to us. We are also aware of your efforts that raised water table levels and have reforested your area, which helped bring in rains for both of us, and may have helped cool our neighbourhood. But we are not really interested in water, climate, plastic, waste, and other ecological issues. We do use your forests for our dates (when we tire of the Pondy scene).

Our fathers are grateful to Auroville for livelihoods and development.

The first big thing our generation is grateful to Auroville is for the cricket ground. We revere Jürgen-anna and many of us benefit from it.

But now, all of us are overjoyed that you are building the Crown Road and cannot express our excitement enough.

A Request for an Incline

We have one particular request though. We know many have requested the road to be smoother, but what we want really is a greater incline.

There has been a request for a greater incline to collect stormwater. We do not really understand the technical details, but under that request, if you could incline the road 12 to 15 degrees, it would make for a wonderful race track.

You see, we plan to make the Crown into a race circuit. Maybe not world-class, but at least India-class.

We have organized ourselves into many racing groups and each group has been taken responsibility for an evening. Evenings when Auroville becomes The City That Roars.

The Roar Of A Two-Stroke Engine

Don't we all love speed?

We wish to thank the folks who introduced the ring in the galaxy, a completely anomalous astronomical feature—a first in the universe. A galaxy does not invite speed. But a ringed one, with a wide ring, invites the fast and furious. Breaking the 3 minute barrier for one round of the Crown should be easy. Will we ever break the 2 minute barrier? Come and watch!

We are so happy you removed the Solar Circle. Those annoying circles just slow things down. And frankly, that type of modern junk art does not belong in India.

We are also happy that you are putting in so many lights. That is a welcome departure from old Aurovillians who preferred darkness. We have enough videos of owls and night creatures to look at on our phone, good closeups. Now it is our time. Zooming on a brightly lit race track is a dream our fathers never had.

We noticed you are clearing the road area, removing trees and making the width extra wide for possible economic activity. We look forward to pizza shops and snack bars. We are sure in the future there will be lots of hoardings and billboards. The live screen ones (will not they be more environmentally friendly than your pvc banners?). You can make money on advertising, and everyone can enjoy the entertainment. This will help bring in crowds to watch and cheer. Today we do not dare say the word "b@rs", but still it will be one big party.

Reaching Critical Mass

If a cricket stadium can seat 30,000, the Crown can easily stand 50,000. Even much more. We can invite all the youth of the entire district. Yes, we will have a big party until whatever divine event you think will happen happens. You must have realized that this divine event cannot happen because of the Matrimandir only, which cannot hold that number. You needed to be crown-sized and we will help you fill it up. We assume that the thought of a Crown Mall is being discussed in your rooms. Pretty stores, not work areas. Motorcycle maintenance can happen in the back.

In the front should be fashion and glamour (they stand for beauty today, no?). Then a few car and motorcycle showrooms, and air-conditioner stores.

In the heat of the day we will not use the Crown road (just like you do not use your amphitheatre) and leave it for your VIPs convoys of air-conditioned cars. But in the evenings, after it cools down somewhat, it will belong to us.

Oh, the full-throttle roar of a 1000cc engine between your legs! It is an amazing dream.

A Few Amenities

We realize that some Aurovillians want a village-like place. While we always thought it was a city—a very foreign one, not Indian at all, with lots of auditoriums, museums, yoga studios, and walking space. A pedestrian city has appeal in the west, but not in India. Walking is definitely in our future, but definitely not in the present. Since you appear unhappy with your city, we suggest its now time for an Indian city (we thank the city lovers in you). Cities that do not sleep, and cities that have a buzz. And Auroville will buzz.

We also request to create more public toilets and put many garbage bins. Honestly, we seem to like living in trash, despite all the waste education you have given us. Our mothers and aunties who do your cleaning and segregation are happy to work on our trash, so just plain single bins will do.

We are also grateful for Auroville city services such as the ambulance (our villages do not have any). Nobody wants accidents to happen, but there are risks, and we accept them.

At least the super-hot roads with no shade will keep cows away, one danger averted. Very smart, whoever thought of that.

You Are Invited

We have invited our brothers, the police force, to form a team and join us, as police presence always is good support, even if its our land only. They have indicated their interest in speed and learning how to catch us makes for good training.

For those who are aware of the environment or have big budgets, we will also have one quieter evening for electric motorcycles races.

We invite Aurovillians who want to ride fast to join us. You will need to unite and come together as one team or, of course, you can enter as many teams. Will you call yourselves The Integral Yogis? And in the spirit of Auroville, we have kept Sunday mornings for a women's league – we have some ladies who have expressed a desire to ride fast but do not want to race with men – we will approach Alisha Abdullah (one of our heroes who seems to be both loved in Delhi and TN). We know many Aurovillian women also like speed and power. Will they call themselves The Mothers Gang?

So, as you complete the final sections, the land deals for which have helped procure fancy motorcycles for some of us, we again request you to slope the road a bit more. As it is now, we believe we will achieve speeds nearing 120 kmph. Can you hear the roar? With a greater incline, we hope to reach 150 clicks—can you imagine the roar?!

When you rebuild your radials, please make them wide too. We will be able to create longer, complex routes and new formats of races, ones along force lines!

And when the Ring Road comes, Auroville will be the first spiral galaxy in the universe with a double ring. We will be inspired to produce more world class racers. Tamilians have recently produced so many chess masters. Together we can aspire to have more speeders like Narain Karthikeyan, Rajini Krishnan, and Sarath Kumar.

Looking forward to Crowning the City that Roars. And speeding together integrally to higher consciousness into the supramental (we know how much you love those terms).

Our eternal thanks to Auroville, *now* the city of *our* dreams.

The Kuyila Kites, Edya Wheelers, Coot Hooters, Bomya Bombers, Alan Copters, Kota Kats, and Morata Masters

Find the French version [HERE](#)

Find the Tamil version [HERE](#)

AWAKENING SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 16th January, 9 am - 12 noon

Focus: The Divine Mother

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!

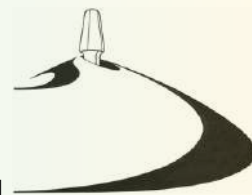
Reminder to all:

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

HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN JANUARY 2024

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

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

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.

AUROKIYA INTEGRAL EYE CENTRE @ ARKA



Working Hours:

Monday - Saturday
(9.00 am -5.30 pm)

Services Provided:

- Emergency eye care services with primary-level care
- Complete eye testing facilities for eye problems
- Follow-up services for surgeries and consultation from Aravind
- Spectacles and contact lenses
- Eye medicines (Homeopathy, allopathy, and Ayurvedic Drops)
- Personal guided support to visit Aravind Eye Hospital for surgeries and procedures
- Personalized eye exercise training, eye yoga sessions, and vision therapy sessions. Both morning and evening slots are available

Contact: aurokiya@auroville.org.in; aurokiya@gmail.com
WA/ Mobile: 8012305151: www.aurokiya.com

VISIT OF THE TIBETAN DOCTOR IN JANUARY

Dear All,

This is to inform the community that the Tibetan Doctor and his team are visiting us on **19th and 20th of January 2024.**

To get an appointment we request you to call our office at 0413 2622401 or watsapp to 8489067332.

The consultation is held at Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International zone.

Submitted by Kalsang.

On behalf of Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International zone Auroville.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

HR HUB

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

Animal Caretaker (Full time)

Commitment to long-term work (1 year). One month of voluntary trial month to learn about the work in a dog shelter as the position of animal caretaker is challenging and not for everyone. The person has to be a dog lover and also understand that our dogs are carnivores and are getting fed meat daily. We have a variety of tasks and responsibilities which an interested person can choose to take according to everyone's preferences and talents. For full-time time we require a work commitment of 5 days per week (we are flexible but if possible we also need persons who can work (sometimes) on a Saturday or Sunday as dogs need love and care every day. Working hours are from 9 am to 5 pm with 1 hour lunch break and two 15-minute tea breaks. The work is sometimes physically and emotionally challenging even though we respect everyone's limits. We are looking for animal lovers who share with us our vision to build up a model shelter for all India and are committed to helping realise it this year.

Administration Job (Part time)

Looking for someone to manage administration at the office. Someone senior who has work experience - good with people and communication - knows computer. Need is immediate.

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.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES AT QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

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

Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

We are looking for experienced massage therapists (Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers) who feel inspired to work in Quiet's dynamic and beautiful environment. If interested, please send an email with background details (age, gender, qualifications, work experience, etc.) to quiet@auroville.org.in after which we'll invite you for an interview.

ART AND CULTURE

CENTRE D'ART CITADINES EXHIBITION



ENDLESS GAME

by Dominique Jacques

Until 20 January at Centre d'Art

Tuesday to Friday 2.30 to 5.30pm

Saturday 10am to 12.30pm, 2.30 to 5.30pm

PITANGA EXHIBITION - CERAMICS - V BY PRIYA S.



Exhibition timings: Daily, except Sundays 8.00 - 12.30pm & 2.00 - 5.30pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville 605 101 | info@pitanga.in | 0413 - 262403, 9443902403
A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch | GSTIN: 33AAATA0037BY3N

EDUCATION

SPOKEN ENGLISH AND HINDI

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

TUTION GRADE 1-12

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



NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

Our first full-length publication: We are delighted to share that our first full-length publication, "From Resonance to Bonding" by Dirk Beckedorf & Franz Müller is now available on Amazon! The book gives an in-depth explanation of the Alfred Tomatis method, its scientific bases, how and why it works, along with detailed case studies. Links below:

- Amazon India: <https://amzn.eu/d/e4jhPpI>
- Amazon.com: <https://a.co/d/cwpVBlj>

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 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-sBMlywZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

Current Language Courses at ALL

New: Beginner Spanish with Mila

Great news for Spanish learners!

Our long-time Spanish teacher, Mila is ready to start a new batch for Beginner Spanish. This three-month (24-hour) course is structured on the highly-acclaimed book, "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish: A Creative & Proven Approach." Mila has been running this course since many years. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the Spanish alphabet, phonetics, & vocabulary. The course will also delve into verb conjugations, formation of sentences, use of adverbs & adjectives, and work on the student's listening & reading skills. You are welcome to attend an introductory session on **January 22** to know more about the course outline and learning outcomes. We hope to start **January 24**. We do need to have 6-7 confirmed registrations.

- Classes will be held **Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm.**

New: Beginner Hindi with Rupam

A native Hindi speaker, Rupam has a passion for teaching which she has keenly pursued over the last several years here at the Lab. Her approach is to make learning easy through games, songs, poems, & other interactive activities. This three-month (24 hr) beginner course is a great introduction to the Hindi language, and intends to make learners comfortable with basic Hindi vocabulary, grammar, and everyday sentences. The course will be paced to align with each student's comfort! The course will start as soon as we have 4-5 confirmations.

- Classes will take place **Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:30am.**

New: French with Jean-François

Jean-François offers three 2-month courses:

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 **February 10**. 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 **February 10**. 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 **February 5**. Classes take place **Mondays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm**.

German with Ben

Ben will resume his courses from February. A native German speaker, Ben has been an online teacher for three years now, giving integration classes and language courses to immigrants from various backgrounds. His first in-person course at the Language Lab was a resounding success! classroom. Ben is a language enthusiast and takes interest in poetry, integral yoga and philosophy. Ben is offering two courses:

Beginner German: This 3-month (36-hour) course is structured around the Goethe Institute material and will employ a variety of audiovisual tools and interactive elements.

Classes will take place **Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11am**.

German Conversation: This 2-month (16-hour) course is for those who already know a bit of German and would like to further polish their speaking skills.

Classes will take place **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 to 5pm**.

Both courses are open for registrations and will begin as soon as we have 4-5 registrations.

English Conversation with Ramesh

Ramesh's next batch will begin February. Registrations open!

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 **January 23** comprising 24 hours of teaching over three months.

Intermediate Spanish with Susana

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

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

Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam

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

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

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

To join or enquire:

Please fill out our form at <http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.org/>
You may also drop us an email at info@aurovillelanguagelab.org, call us at **2623661** or **come visit us!**

Please Note:

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

Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate	10:30 - 11:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Conversation February 2024	4-5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
French	Beginner To start 10 February 2024	2:30- 4:30pm	Saturday
	Conversation 1 To start 10 February 2024	10:30am – 12noon	
	Conversation 2 To start 5 February 2024	2:30 -3:30pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner To start January 2024	9:30 – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner To start January 2024	TBA	TBA
Hindi	Beginner January 2024	10:30am – 11:30am	Monday & Wednesday
	A1.1 Beginner February 2024	9:30 – 11am	Monday & Wednesday
German	German Conversation February 2024	4 – 5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner To start January 2024	2:30 – 3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
Spanish	Intermediate	2:30 – 4pm	Tuesday
	Beginner To start December 2023	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner TBA	TBA	TBA
	Intermediate Started 14 December 2023	3 – 4pm 2:30 – 3:30pm	Monday Thursday
Persian	Beginner To start January 2023	TBA	TBA

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

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

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

POETRY

Humans fall in love
And out of it.

The Spirit rises in Love.
It never falls
Nor does it ever fail.

Rise, O Spirit!
Raise us
To Thy soaring heights.
Sculpture us
In Thy infinite images.

-Anandi Z.



CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

ATB INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

with Suryamayi & Vega

Sat, January 13th 9:15AM - 12:15PM

Join us for an introductory experience of Awareness through the Body, an integral yoga practice developed in Auroville. Through a wide variety of introspective, interactive, dynamic, meditative and playful exercises and activities, ATB offers opportunities to explore the different planes of our being, and to integrate these around our innermost center.

Rs. 750 for guests

Rs. 500 for Savi registered Volunteers

Free Contribution for Aurovilians & Newcomers

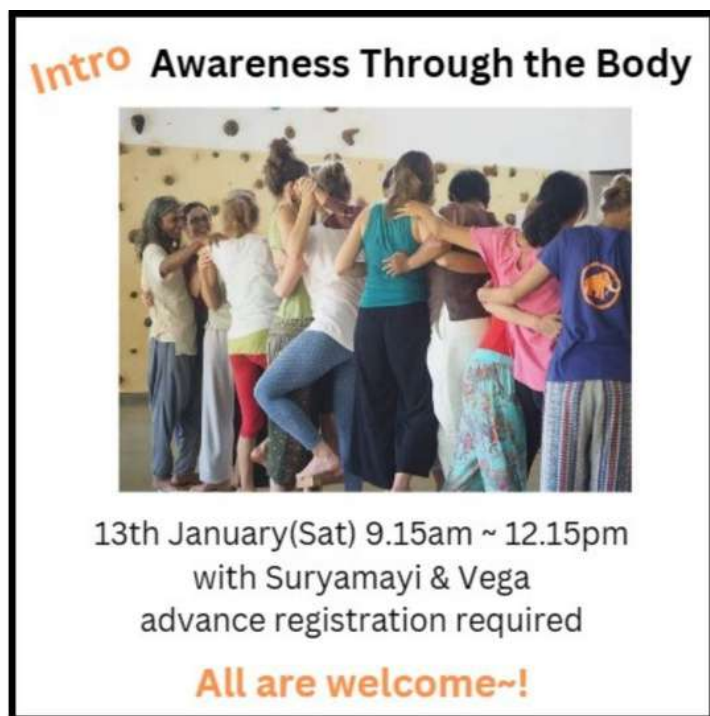
Advance registration required:

Email suryamayi@auroville.org.in


Vega +91 8531012459

For more information on Awareness Through the Body, see: www.awarenessthroughthebody.org

With best wishes for 2024,
Suryamayi & Vega



Intro Awareness Through the Body



13th January (Sat) 9.15am ~ 12.15pm
with Suryamayi & Vega
advance registration required

All are welcome~!

INTENSIVE WORKSHOP WITH VEGA AND STEFAN AT CRIPA,

4TH TO 8TH FEB 2024, 9AM TO 1PM

Letting go, letting be, letting come.
A journey with and through our emotions

Embark on a transformative self-exploration workshop, delving into emotions and distinguishing current from past baggage. Through powerful exercises like breathing, movement, inner parts work and others, participants will experience a mix of intensities, fostering heightened self-awareness for conscious, authentic choices over impulsive reactions to fleeting emotions.

Inquiry : dancingtree.smile@gmail.com

Registration form:

[Letting go, Letting be, Letting come - Google Forms](#)



VIPASSANA MEDITATION

Date: Every Sunday

Timings: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM but you can also drop in and join as long as you wish.

No registration is required.

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

Vipassana

As taught by S.N. Goenka



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



LETTING LOVE SPEAK: ACTIVATE YOUR CONNECTION WITH THE DIVINE SHAKTI WITHIN JAN 21, 9AM-5PM IN AUROVILLE

Is your heart yearning to anchor into the Universal Love of the Great Mother? Do you find yourself sometimes stuck in fear, and long to shift into the frequency of love? By connecting with the aspects in which the Divine Shakti makes herself known: as Wisdom, Strength, Harmony and Creation; we aspire in this workshop to activate and access our gateways into her infinite field of Love. We will use writing, art, meditation, mythical storytelling, and embodied practices to unlock our heart's capacity to unfold.

Location: Bhumika Hall, Auroville.

Facilitators: Sandhya & Niharika.

Register now: contact@auroville-jiva.com,

WhatsApp: +91 94436 19403.



Letting Love Speak
Activate your connection with the Divine Shakti within
Jan 21, 9am-5pm. Bhumika Hall, Auroville.

THE FUTURE CLASSROOM: INTEGRATING GENERATIVE AI IN LEARNING

GenAI User Group meeting on Saturday, January 20 from 10 am to 11 am, at the Auroville Consulting Office in Kalpana. Ground Floor meeting room.

Join Lucas from Last School as he unveils the dynamic role of Generative AI in reshaping education. In this talk, he'll explore how AI is revolutionizing teaching and learning, fostering creative thinking, and personalizing educational experiences or a more effective and engaging journey into knowledge.

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




I JUST WANNA WRITE



Writing from Within - An exploration of our Inner Worlds through inspiring writing techniques.

For a session (individual or collective) contact Francesca at ijustwannawrite.email@gmail.com.

The sessions will take place at the European Pavilion.

Follow me on my new YouTube Channel  I Just Wanna Write

A Gate Of Dreams Initiative



CREATIVE WRITING SESSIONS ARE BACK

Dear Aurovilians and Newcomers,

After a few years I am finally available again to do creative writing sessions with you. The path of Never Ending Education can be fun when coming from within. If you want to explore the writing world with me, if you are planning to write an autobiographical book or a fictional one and need some help to reignite the flame of Inspiration, if you want to delve into the deep world of archetypes or other, you can book an individual or group session by writing me at avgatedreams@gmail.com. I'm also available for Auroville's schools. If you first want to get an idea of what I do, you can visit the site dedicated only to Aurovilians and Newcomers at gatedreams.com and sign up for the "I Just Wanna Write" section. Or you can visit the brand new YouTube channel I Just Wanna Write, where I undertake a writing challenge that will run throughout 2024.

For you, dear Aurovilians and Newcomers, the session is for free.

Dear Guest, don't worry I haven't forgotten you! If you want to have a session with me, please write to me at ijustwannawrite.email@gmail.com.

Happy New Writing Year.

Francesca

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

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

Mondays & Saturdays:

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

Tuesdays - Fridays:

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

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

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

taichi.auroville.org / taichi@auroville.org

MEDICINE WALK AT MAHAKALI PARK (REVELATION)

SUNDAY JAN 14, 7AM-10AM

Is there a question that is alive in your heart? A medicine walk is an ancient earth-based practice for soulful inquiry. The Earth Mother, along with our collective wisdom council, conspire to guide you so that you may discover the soul-level 'medicine' needed to discern your next most aligned steps in life.

Location: Revelation (Mahakali Park), Auroville.

Facilitator: Niharika Sanyal.

Register now: contact@auroville-jiva.com,

WhatsApp: +91 9833384580.

Medicine Walk

At Mahakali Park (Revelation)

7:00 - 10:00am

Sunday, Jan 14



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

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PITANGA



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

Program in January 2024

Pitanga is closed on
Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 January
Happy Pongal



DROP-IN CLASSES *Join without prior registration!*

Mondays

7:30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels |
8:30am – 10am | **Yoga Therapy** with Gala | All levels
4:00pm – 5:00pm | **Deep Presence** with Mike S. | *All are welcome to join.*

Tuesdays

9 am – 10:30 am | **Iyengar Yoga for the Spine** | with Chloe | All levels
4:45pm – 5:30pm | **Odissi Dance** with Rekha | Beginners
3:30pm – 4:30pm | **Body-Music** with Anandi Z. | *All are welcome to join.*

Wednesdays

7:30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels |
8:30am – 10am | **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

Fridays

6:45am – 8am | **Pranayama** with François & Namrita | *For former "The Art of Living" course participants*
7:30am – 9am | **Asanas** with Rachel | All levels |
8:30am – 10am | **Yoga Therapy** with Gala | All levels
3:00pm – 4pm | **Reading of Savitri** with Patricia | *All are welcome to join*
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 *starting on 12th January*
5:15pm - 6-15pm | **FOR GIVING LOVE** with Marie-Claire | A weekly inner dialog to foster your own healing.

Saturdays

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

Teen Yoga | with Lisbeth |
Mondays, Wednesdays | 4pm – 5:15pm |
New Auroville school students, 5th grade onwards can join (sign up with Pitanga reception with your details & contact no.)

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
No classes with Gala on Saturday 13th and Monday 15th

Art Therapy with Gala (with registration)

Saturdays, 11am – 12pm
Thursdays, 3pm – 5pm for adults
Friday 3pm – 5pm for families. (children 5 years and older)
No classes with Gala on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th Jan.

HEALING SPACE - BY APPOINTMENT

- Acupuncture by Heidi (not from 27. January to 27. Feb.)
- Bio-Resonance (with Bi-Com machine) by Afsaneh
- Chiropractic by Afsaneh
- Thai Yoga Massage by Juan

NEW ACTIVITIES



Vocal Sound Healing

Restarts on Thursday 11th
January 2024

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

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

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

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

Every Thursday from 4:30 - 6pm with Lola



For Giving Love

Transmuting heavy emotions with
Dr Laskow's tools

On Fridays, Marie-Claire invites you to an inner dialogue with yourself that helps you to let go of all heavy emotions and release energy patterns that could otherwise drain your energies.

Dr Laskow's tools guide you through a process of forgiveness to complete your own healing. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting or accepting what has been done. It does not mean loving others, which may or may not happen in the process. It's simply taking back the energy that you have bound up with your feelings about certain people, releasing energy patterns that might otherwise contribute to illness.

Weekly a session is offered on Fridays from 5:15 – 6:15pm

This is a drop-in event. No prior registration is necessary. Please arrive on time. Late arrivals cannot be accommodated in the 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.

With love and gratitude, Teresa

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

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

SELF EDUCATION PROGRAM, 2ND WAVE

Location: Anitya Community Hall

Dates: **Friday 2nd Feb to Sunday 4th Feb**

Registration Link <https://forms.gle/3UH8cGhBYb8auzHS7>, please register by 27th January!

Contact information: selfeducationauroville@gmail.com learn more: <http://tinyurl.com/2chvmmab>


Self Education Program - Wave 2
A Dreamweaving Initiative

Details

Location
Anitya Community Hall

Dates
Friday 2nd Feb to Sunday 4th Feb

Registration Link
[Wave 2 Registration Form](https://forms.gle/3UH8cGhBYb8auzHS7)
please register by 27th January!

Contact information
selfeducationauroville@gmail.com

Come join us for an intensive weekend to explore the concepts of 'city' and 'urban life'

We will dive into diverse topics of urban design and planning through games, site visits, art and discussions

To know more, read our [Wave 1 Report!](#)

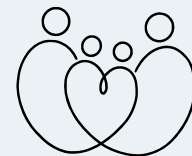
FAMILY AND SYSTEMIC CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP

Saturday 20th of January - 9am to 6pm

Creativity - Hall of Light

Please contact Moghan: 9751110486.

mehlemmoghan@gmail.com



VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS AND THERAPY

Pre-registration required

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



Prana Yoga: Tuning Life Energy with Ananda

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 12, 13 & 14 January, 9:15am – 4.45pm

Prana is the universal life energy. Yoga is tuning body-mind-spirit to wholeness. Prana Yoga is based on Hatha yoga, Pranayama, Meditations & Siddha. Through conscious postures, breathing, movement & stillness open the self-enhancing, transforming, healing, grounding & tuning the energy flow to detox, rejuvenate the body-mind-energy, build immunity, enhance sensitivity, perception, expand awareness, enrich self-healing, and open to higher states of consciousness.

Understanding Pranayama and its Practice in Asanas and Meditation – with Radhika

Tuesday, January 16, 9:15am – 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.

Self-Awareness & Love with Ananda

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 19, 20 & 21 January, 9:15am – 4.45pm

Love and Awareness are two wings of the bird to fly in the open sky of life".

Simple, practical daily life tools for clarity, flow, health, happiness, peace, & conscious relating.

- Experiential Inner journey retreat for Self discovery & Healing with Awareness Exercises, Meditations, Psychology & Inner Science
- Deepen Body connection, Mind observation, Emotion Exploration & Energy tuning
- Explore needs, assumptions, beliefs, projections & triggers
- Rejuvenate Inner Child, Enhance flow, Enrich presence and Reaction to Response
- Express what is unexpressed, change what is changeable, accept what is not changeable, transform, transcend & evolve with loving awareness
- Simple and practical tools to integrate in daily life for clarity, flow, health, happiness, peace, conscious relating & growth

Face & Eye Yoga: Face your Self – Mamta

Saturday, January 20, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

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.

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

Watsu® Basic with Petra

Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 January 2024 (8:45am - 6:30pm: 16 hours)

Watsu is an aquatic bodywork modality given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). This basic course introduces the necessary qualities and body mechanics required to work with someone in water in order to create a profound state of both physical and mental relaxation.

In this course, you'll practice basic techniques and essential qualities such as grounding, presence, stillness, movement, and attention, while holding and moving another person in water. You'll experience floating other people and being floated, thereby opening new pathways for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

Prerequisites: no previous experience required. Certificate upon completion of the course.

Holistic Hand & Foot Reflexology Training with Ananda

Wednesday 24 - Sunday 28 January 2024 (9:30am – 6:00pm: 30 hours)

Holistic Reflexology is a deeply relaxing, healing & balancing tool for body-mind-energy. With meditative presence, loving energy & by activating and relaxing nerve endpoints, lymphatic nodes and energy points in hands and feet, we support harmonizing internal organs, blood circulation, nervous, hormonal, lymphatic systems and boost immunity.

In this training, you'll learn and practice: anatomy of physical & energy bodies and hand & foot reflexology maps; hand & foot reflexology techniques and sequences for organs, nervous, lymphatic, hormonal and energy balancing; lymphatic flush drainage sequence for detoxification; warm-up, self-healing, theory, practice, exchange sessions and integration; meditations to be open channel of presence and loving energy; effective ways to give deep healing sessions effortlessly; client reading and connection, flow, and after session support.

This training is for anyone, who wants to heal oneself, is an intuitive healer and wants to learn an effective art and science of healing, wants to work professionally with Reflexology, wants to share love and healing touch with family and friends, wants to learn the mysteries of body, energy and right tools to heal or is already into healing and wants to make it more effective and effortless.

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

Watsu® & Meditation with Dariya

Thursday 25 & Friday 26 January 2024 (8:45am – 6:00pm: 15 hours)

Meditation is an important tool to listen, accept and know ourselves, and to become more intuitive towards ourselves and others. In our understanding, the purpose of meditation is to cultivate presence and peace of mind, which foster possibilities to connect to our unique essence and the world around us. It also encourages development of our intuition and perception through the heart, while allowing a sharper awareness through the rational mind. This might at times support making choices from a deeper and more authentic place.

Meditation essentially helps to develop our capacity for personal expansion and is the basis for our ability to deeply listen to and be fully present with the person we float during a Watsu session.

Prerequisites: Watsu® Basic. Certificate upon completion of the course.

Watsu® for Babies with Dariya

Tuesday 1 February 2024 (8:45am – 6:00pm: 8 hours)

Watsu for Babies is a beautiful and spontaneous way of experiencing the first childhood years and is open to all those, who would like to feel the joy of being in water with babies.

In this course, you'll discover that emotions arising from spontaneous movements in water open up extraordinary borders; they allow us to be in the present moment, simply listening to the breathing of the baby, while being supported by the healing powers of water.

Through some Tantsu and Ai-Chi exercises on land, you'll start listening to yourself and to the baby you hold in your arms. You'll also learn possible transitions of the Watsu sequence in order to expand it in creative ways for babies. Thanks to the collaboration with Gianni De Stefani, a senior WABA instructor, Dr. Riccardo Palumbo has been able to develop a new massage, which is introduced in this course to bring Watsu into the world of babies.

Prerequisite: Watsu® Basic or a degree to work with babies in water. Certificate upon completion of the course.

Holistic Rebalancing Massage Training with Ananda

Friday 2 - Sunday 11 February 2024 (9:30am – 6:00pm: 50 hours)

This 10-day training offers an intense, effective and powerful rebalancing tool for body-mind-energy through massage and healing touch.

During Module 1, you'll learn techniques from joint release, deep tissue massage, myofascial & cranio-sacral therapy work, Tibetan pulsing, Reflexology, vital Varma points, breath work, and tools for body awareness, in addition to the anatomy of the physical & energy bodies and the five ways of touch to balance the five elements: water, fire, air, earth, and space. You'll also learn how to prepare yourself through yoga practices & meditation and offer effective, deep and professional healing sessions by applying a unique combination of tools with the right intelligence and intuition. Module 2 builds upon the foundation of Module 1, which focused on developing expertise with spine, sacrum and neck, and teaches how to work on the front of the body with sensitivity and care: chest, belly, pelvis, and specific vital internal organs. You'll also learn how to support the body for pregnant woman and physically challenged, get acquainted with more Tibetan pulsing circuits and Varma points to open and heal the energetic & nervous system, with reading various body types according to Ayurveda and choosing the flow of a session and techniques accordingly, thereby offering a nurturing space for deep healing and inner transformation.

This training is for anyone, who wants to heal oneself, learn an effective art & science of healing and work professionally with Holistic Rebalancing massage, share love and healing touch with family and friends, or is already into healing and aims to make the work more effective and effortless.

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

BIO.DECODAGE WITH NADIA

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EXPERIENCE HARMONY OF SPIRIT AND BODY



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AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

JANUARY 2024 REVISED SCHEDULE



Registrations are a must for all the program.

Email or WA us, to know about the fees structure and other details.

Contact – email – balaganesh.siva@gmail.com & WA(only) +91 98926 99804

Day	Time	Description
Monday to Friday	11 00 am to 12 00 pm	Mobility with Karlakattai
Every Tuesday	5 00 pm to 6 00 pm	Bollywood Dance for Kids
Every Tuesday	6 00 pm to 7 00 pm	Bollywood Dance for Adults
Every Friday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas
Every Saturday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas
Every Sunday	10 00 am to 12 30 pm	Tamil culture tour & temple visit
Every Sunday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas

Vinyasa flow with Bala :

Vinyasa Flow yoga is a style of yoga that emphasizes the coordination of breath and movement. It is a dynamic and fluid practice that links various yoga poses together in a sequence, creating a continuous flow of postures. Vinyasa Flow classes can vary in intensity and pace, making them accessible to practitioners of different levels.

Date and Time :

Every Friday - 5 30 pm to 7 00 pm
Every Saturday - 5 30 pm to 7 00 pm
Every Sunday - 5 30 pm to 7 00 pm



Mobility with Karlakattai:

Monday to Friday - 11 00 am to 12 00 Noon

Ready to enhance your flexibility and mobility? Karlakattai, a traditional Indian wooden tool, might just be the key! Used for centuries in Tamil Nadu, Karlakattai is a simple yet effective aid for improving joint mobility and overall flexibility. Join us every day to improve your overall posture correction.

Bollywood dance with Pranati :

Every Tuesday: Kids - 5 pm to 6 pm & Adults - 6 pm to 7 pm

Join us every Tuesday for an energetic dance session featuring choreography to Kollywood and Bollywood songs by Pranati, a versatile Bharatanatyam and contemporary dancer. Pranati believes that dance is for everyone, and with the added element of fun, it's incredibly easy for you to pick up the steps and start moving to the rhythm. Dance provides a fantastic outlet for you to sweat, let go of stress, and enjoy a good workout. No prior experience is necessary.

Yogic Tamil food:

Every Sunday - 1 00 to 2 00 pm

Explore the world of Yogic Tamil food with us! Did you know that chillies were introduced to India by the Portuguese, and traditional Tamil cuisine did not include them? Did you know that we don't eat raw salad as it was not offered to the Divine first through fire(heat) offering ? Join us for a limited-seat Tamil culinary experience to discover authentic Tamil food that is not served in restaurants.

We prepare the food fresh, local, seasonal and in yogic way. It will be a taster menu of different food served on a banana leaf.

Tamil culture and temple visit:

Every Sunday - 10 am to 12 30 pm

Embark on a captivating journey through the rich history of Tamils and Tamil Nadu!

The Auroville region boasts temples dating back 1300 years, each with its own story of history and culture. Uncover the legends that foretold the arrival of Auroville some 600 years ago, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Tamil Nadu's heritage. Join us and discover the timeless tales that have shaped the essence of Tamil culture & delve into the diverse facets of Tamil religion, culture, and local traditions.

YTTC:

AUROVILLE YOGA 200 HR TTC SCHEDULE: 200 HOURS- 22 DAYS- FEBRUARY 1 TO 22, 2024 TIMING - 6 30 AM TO 9 30 AM - 3 30 PM TO 7 00 PM

Daily Hatha & Vinyasa flow yoga sessions along with Pranayama, Meditation, Kriyas.

Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali and other texts.

Sequencing skills, subtle anatomy, mantra chanting

Not just Asanas, but a complete lifestyle experience in the International town of Auroville.

Discover the joy of a disciplined, sustainable & injury free self practise and gain tools to teach others.

Introduction to Kalaripayatu, Animal flow,

Sound healing, Karma Yoga and more.

Internationally recognised Yoga Alliance,USA accredited Certification.

Advanced 300 hr Yoga TTC, Auroville

300 hours-29 days- March 1 to 29, 2024

Timing - 6 30 am to 9 30 am - 3 30 pm to 7 00 pm

Advanced Hatha, Ashtanga Vinyasa & Vinyasa flow yoga sessions Internationally recognised Yoga Alliance,USA accredited Certification.

Auroville Yoga 200 hr TTC schedule

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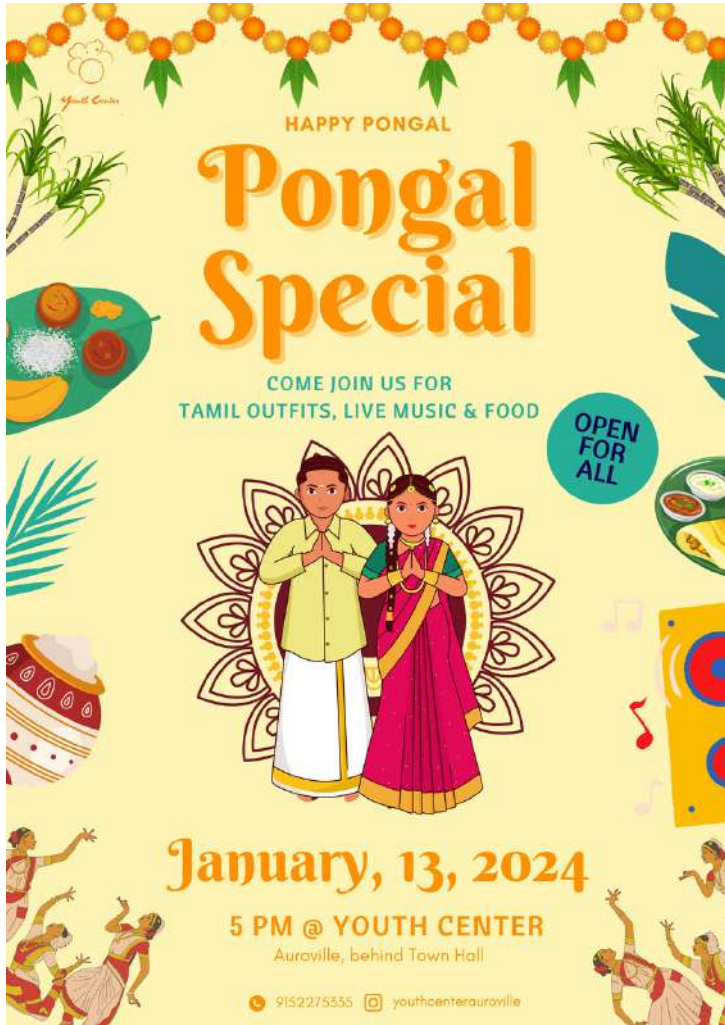
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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

YOUTH CENTER INVITES TO CELEBRATE PONGAL!



AUROVILLE CYCLE RIDE - 8

Dear All,

We invite everyone to join us on 13th January 2023 at 06.15am In Town hall Main Parking for the Monthly Cycle ride for 20kms in and around Auroville.

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



Bring your own cycle and a water bottle.

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

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

Ride's Schedule:

06.15am : Reporting at Town Hall Main Parking.

06.30am - 07.30am : Cycling around Auroville

07.30am - 08.30am : Breakfast at Town Hall campus

Contact: Raju - 9443074825 / Saranraj - 9787095511

email: avvehicle@auroville.org.in for fees structure and other details.

TLC FRIDAY OPEN SPACES

The Learning Community (TLC) invites all Aurovillians', New comers' and volunteers' children, age 6-14 to join Open Spaces activities, **every Friday, 13:30-15:00 at TLC Base Camp.**

For more information, contact WhatsApp number: 9442180610 Sashka for TLC open spaces team.



COME ENJOY PIZZA AT THE YOUTH CENTER! FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS!



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Youth Center International

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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 or WA: +91 85248 25120

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

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ART EXHIBITION BY HELENA HUTTE

Welcome to
Art Exhibition
 By HELENA HUTTE
Tibetan Pavilion
 Until January 25th

Art shown is a combination of Textile Mandala's and Acrylic/Aquarel paintings

opening hours 9.30-12 and 2-5, sundays closed

ART AND NATURE ACTIVITY

Are you interested in deepening your communication with Natura and co-create in its Spirit?
 Co-creating in the spirit of Nature is an invitation to embrace a slower pace and reconnect with our inner selves.
 Picture the scenario where nature speaks, and this dialogue transforms into a beautiful song.
 Envision a tree no longer green but adorned in hues of pink and gold.
 Nature unfolds, opening up our senses and allowing a rediscovery of our individual creative flow.
 Drawing, painting, dancing, video, poetry...
 Let your soul speak in connection with nature's spirit.
 Bring your own materials or use whatever natura is offering.
 On Wednesdays afternoon from 2.30 p.m to 4.30p.m.
 please register: Bel +9175988920



Co-creating with the Spirit of Nature
 Wednesdays afternoon
 from 2.30p.m to 4.30
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AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN

From the 20th of December to the 20th of March 2024

Come walk with us!
 Guided Garden Tour

Auroville Botanical Gardens
 Wednesdays and Fridays - 9.30 am (about 1 1/2 hour walk)
 Be on time - Bring your water bottle and a hat - Meeting point at BG Kitchen
 Please send us an email to: avbg tours@gmail.com to book your walk

KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE

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 WhatsApp: + 91-8608473385 / 9843195290

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செயல்பாடு ACTIVITY	நாள் DAY	நேரம் TIMING	குழந்தைகள் குழுக்களை FOR CHILDREN & ADULT	வயது வரம்பு குழுக்கள் மட்டும் AGE GROUP: ONLY 10 TO 20 STUDENTS PER GROUP
ஆங்கில வகுப்பு ENGLISH CLASS	MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	10 AM TO 12 PM	FREE	ABOVE 18 years
தையல் செயல்பாடு TAILORING ACTIVITY	WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY AND MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	11 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 4PM	FREE	ABOVE 18 years
மாலை நேர வகுப்பு EVENING TUITION CLASSES	MONDAY TO SATURDAY	6 PM TO 8PM	FREE	From 1 st Grade to 10 th Grade
உடற்பயிற்சி PHYSICAL FITNESS	SATURDAY	9AM TO 10 AM	FREE	ABOVE 8 years
ஓவியம் PAINTING	SATURDAY	11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM	FREE	ABOVE 8 years
மீள் சுழற்சி UPCYCLING	SATURDAY	2 PM TO 3PM	FREE	ABOVE 8 years
விற்ப-திரைப் HIP-HOP	SATURDAY	3:00 PM TO 4:0 PM	FREE	ABOVE 8 years
பந்த நாடாட்டம் BHARAT NAATTIYAM	SATURDAY	4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	FREE	ABOVE 8 years
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Please click [HERE](#) to see the program in full or scan QR code:

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FOOD FOREST TOUR

www.myfoodforest.info / 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

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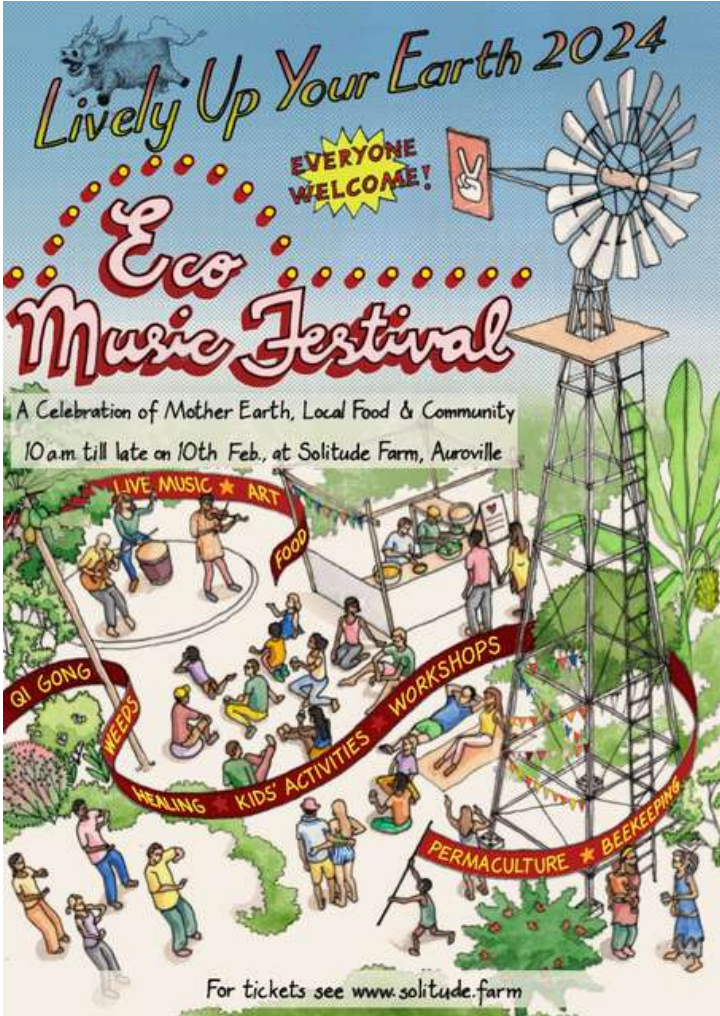
SOLITUDE FARM

LUYE ECO MUSIC FESTIVAL- 10TH FEB 2024



LUYE 2024 is well underway!

We are looking for a stage manager, volunteers for cleaning, arranging, helping run the festival, running local food workshops, ticketing at the entrance, serving food and so much more. We are excited to welcome your ideas for stalls to have during the festival, anything that touches on ecology, culture, art etc. The festival is just around the corner so contact us as soon as possible and let's lively up OUR Earth! @ solitudepermaculture@gmail.com # +91 8072053484



INVITATION TO AUROVILLE'S MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

AV Improv Lab is a long term project of co-creation, experimentation and learning around performance and improvisation. It was first formed in April 2022.

Together we explore the different aspects of a performance and how we approach and respond to each aspect. This is a project for people who are willing to step out of labels and expertise, and are open to redefine their art while exploring new ones.

AV Improv Lab is open to Auroville residents, long-term volunteers and anyone else who can commit to attending at least one session every week. No fees are involved. The fee is your commitment. Our aim is to provide a safe space for growth and storytelling in the process of creating for performance.


WHERE: **Cripa Small Room**

WHEN: **Every Thursday from 5pm to 7pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Team AV Improv Lab


CHANTING CLASS - SERENDIPITY



Traditional Mantras & Stotras Chanting Classes
at Serendipity Community

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

with Sonia Novaes



Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com / WA: +91 8940288090

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
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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.

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Info & Registration:

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

EDIBLE WEED WALKS

It's that time of the year again. Here's the announcement for 12 guided weekly Edible Weed Walks. You can join one or more. For that please plan and register early. The walk will be guided along with the Edible Weed Walk book. If you don't have a copy, you will be able to borrow one during the walk.

Pre-registration and a contribution are required.

The walk for 13th January is now fully booked. But you can register for other Saturdays listed.

RSVP: WhatsApp (only): +91 98409 36907
or edibleweedwalk@gmail.com to register

Registration (max 10 people) is open until Fridays 4 pm

The location will be decided after registration closes. Just so you know, registered participants will be informed and given directions and other necessary details.

Edible Weed Walk @ NinaS
edibleweedwalk@gmail.com



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Let's walk

EDIBLE WEED WALKS ON FEW SATURDAYS

From 7:30am to 8:30am (max 8:45am)
at a location in Auroville

Weed walk for 13 January is now full.

Available Dates:
January 2024: 20, 27
February 2024: 18
March 2024: 2, 9, 16, 24, 30

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For Edible Weed Project

Contribution:
Rs. 500/person (for all).
Rs. 350/person for Aurovilian and SAVI-registered volunteer

Scan to purchase the Edible Weeds Coloring Book.

Contact, Contribute, and Register (max 10 people) anytime, latest by 4pm on Fridays by
WhatsApp +91 98409 36907 or
Email: edibleweedwalk@gmail.com

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

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

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

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RECONNECTING WITH YOUR INNER CYCLE

11 JANUARY, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Understanding the world of menstruation as a gateway to connect more deeply with your body, your inner power, and to healing the Earth:



Eco Femme invites you to explore...

- Women as cyclical beings
- The empowering world of menstruation
- Learn menstrual cycle tracking to nurture the power of the womb
- Embodied practices to connect with and learn from your body's wisdom (including belly dance steps)
- Eco-Sisterhood through sharing authentically.

Date: Jan 11th (Thursday)

Venue: Our office in Auroshilpam (*Google map us!*)

Time: 4 to 7 PM

Cost: On contribution basis, contact us to know more

Prior registration required: (Please email us at info@ecofemme.org or message us at 9487179556 to register/ask questions)

P.S. Everyone has a woman in their life - men, please don't shy away from joining!

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.



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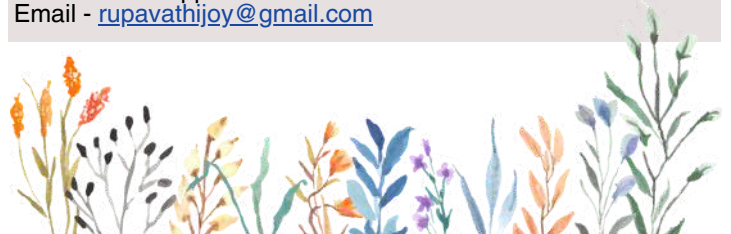
Monday - Saturday between 9AM and 5PM

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.

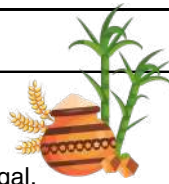
For any of the above services, contact information below:
Phone/WhatsApp - 8098845200
Email - rupavathijoy@gmail.com



FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

AV LIBRARY CLOSED FOR PONGAL

Auroville Library will be closed on
Mon 15th, Tues 16th and Wed 17th Jan for Pongal.



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!**



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OFFERING IT SERVICES

I am Ramakrishnan Aurovillian experienced in the fibre internet field (Ftth) for 8+ years and gained more knowledge in creating-on new fibre internet infrastructure and IT troubleshooting work for our Auroville community Since 2015. And I am happy to provide the below services to our Auroville community:

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

For any internet-related issues/complaints, please feel free to contact me: Ramakrishnan, 9943919899, krish651@gmail.com

REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

Loganathan working at Mahasaraswati Shop (near PTPS, Aspiration area) is a long term Aurovillian 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



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from in and around
Auroville.



Developed by 

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

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

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

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Register your Unit/Activity

Click on this link: www.dropzy.in/join-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



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



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Contact **AIRCON CLEAN** now at 9786809518 or email us at 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 remodulation
- 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--wgcZcgS0bRqEBa

Best regards,
Balaji & Arun for Rapid Care

Contact: + 91 8270071581 / +91 7639810621

Email : rapidcare@auroville.org.in ,
rcsrapiidcareservice@gmail.com

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

SURABHI SUPPLIES

Dear Auroville Community,

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

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

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

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

Email: surabhisupplies@auroville.org.in
Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,
Surabhi Supplies



SOLITUDE FARM - 2024 Farm



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

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

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

Cafe

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

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

The cafe runs a lunch scheme.

Education

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

Tour

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

Volunteers

Solitude Farm is happy to welcome volunteers.

Timings 8:00 am -12:30 pm

We offer breakfast, tea and lunch.

Opportunities

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

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

To find out more:

email: solitudepermaculture@gmail.com

whatsapp: 9843319260

Solitude farm & café
Auroville



TAMIL & FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

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NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE



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TAXI SHARE



TAXI SHARE 20TH JANUARY TO CHENNAI AIRPORT

To stay ECO ;) friendly am very willing to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai airport on Saturday 20th January 2024.

Departure from Auroville Town hall at 7:45 PM (19:45).

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

LOOKING FOR

SECONDHAND E-READER

My beloved e-reader has given up on me and despite trying to replace the battery it seems planned obsolescence prevails. So, I'm looking for a secondhand one. Maybe you have one at home that you never really use? Happy to contribute. Honor: 9159856148

AVAILABLE



ROSELLA FRUITS AVAILABLE

Our garden is a field of ready to be plucked Rosella fruits.

If you'd like any to make jam or syrups, please do pass by and collect them yourself, anytime between 9:00am and 4:00 pm.

If you would like them plucked and prepared for you, this can be done against contribution.

At Samata's vegetable garden in Transformation, please call Samata to organise: +91 94437 97601

CINEMA



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

Reminder: FRIDAY 12th "TURN YOUR BODY TO THE SUN" by ALIONA VAN DER HORST, Netherlands, 2021 and FRIDAY 19th JANUARY - 8:00 pm

"HOME"

Director: Franka Potente, Germany, France, Netherlands, 2020

With: Jake McLaughlin, Kathy Bates, Aisling Franciosi

Overview: Home is a film written and directed by German actress Franka Potente -who sprang to success with *Run Lola Run*, followed by Hollywood roles in *The Bourne Identity* and *The Bourne Supremacy*. An international co-production shot in California, the film is her feature directorial debut. It tells the story of Marvin, a 40-year-old felon who returns to his Californian home town after serving a nearly twenty year sentence for murder. Receiving a cold reception from the community, he's forced to confront his past as he tries to reconnect with his terminally ill mother, Bernadette... But the question is: can a repentant law-breaker find forgiveness in the blind prejudice of provincial America? A profoundly human and simple film about violence, mistakes, regrets, forgiveness but also the joys that life offers, even when things aren't going so well...

Original English version with English Subtitles, Duration: 1h40'

AUROVILLE 2024 8TH FILM FESTIVAL

AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL 22-28 JANUARY 2024: A REFLECTIVE GATHERING IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Addressing the Essence of Our Gathering

In the midst of the challenges we currently face, the Auroville Film Festival 2024 stands not as a conventional celebration but as a contemplative and reflective gathering. We come together not to celebrate in the traditional sense, but to engage in a collective introspection, exploring through cinema the deeper meanings of what Auroville stands for, especially in turbulent times.

Films as Mediums of Reflection and Understanding

International Films: Reflecting on Global Unity and Resilience

- The festival's international film selection, including "All That Breathes," "Apnea," and "Aware: Glimpses of Consciousness," serves as a mirror to the world's current state, prompting us to ponder our role in fostering global unity and addressing pressing issues.

Auroville's Cinematic Contributions: Expressions of Inner Quest

- Locally produced films like "A MAATTRAM (A Change)" and "ADITHALAM (Basic Education)" are not just creative outputs but reflections of our inner quests. They provoke thought about our values and actions in the face of adversity and our pursuit of human unity.

Why This 'Festival' Now?

This gathering, which we call a 'festival' in the broadest sense, is an opportunity to pause and look within, to question and understand. It's a platform for us to explore what human unity truly means amid global unrest and violence. It's a time to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of Auroville and to actively engage in dialogues that challenge and inspire us.

A Call for Thoughtful Participation

We invite the community to join this introspective journey, to engage with the films not just as spectators but as participants in a larger conversation about our collective future. This is a time for us to gather, not in festivity, but in solidarity and thoughtful contemplation.

For more information on our program and the deeper themes we will be exploring, we encourage you to visit our website and join us in this meaningful engagement. We will be screening films and hosting discussions at the Town Hall and online. Make your own film statement at the Kino Kabaret. There will be an opportunity to relax before the screenings over a meal at the concurrent Auroville Food Festival, listening to the best of Auroville musicians.

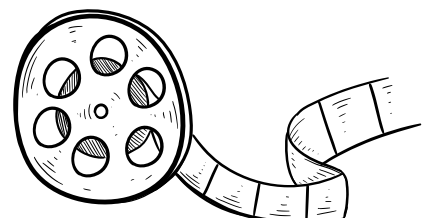
Together, let's embark on this reflective journey, reaffirming our dedication to the ideals of Auroville and exploring our role in shaping a world grounded in unity and understanding.

filmfestival.auroville.org

<https://app.entertainmentoxygen.com/festivals/aurovillefilmfestival>

Find us on FB and Instagram

[@aurovillefilmfestival](https://www.instagram.com/aurovillefilmfestival)





Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 15 January 2024 to 21 January 2024

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is operating at 100% seating capacity.

Seating starts about 15mins before screening and stops as the film starts. Kindly arrive in time.



A reminder not to use cell phone for any reason while the program is on, and no food/beverage to be taken inside the hall.

Indian – Monday 15 January, 8:00 pm:

• LAKADBAGGHA-1 (The Hyena-Part1)

India, 2023, Dir. Victor Mukherjee w/Anshuman Jha, Ridhi Dogra, Milind Soman, and others, Action-Thriller, 111mins, Hindi- Bengali-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

Street dogs across Kolkata are disappearing. An antagonist runs a wicked agency using the port to sell animals, rare turtles, birds and more. He also takes illegal contracts from Bengali bhadralok (gentlefolk) to eliminate "disturbing" street dogs. Based deep inside Chinatown the agency runs a biryani racket using dog meat and has an iconic restaurant/ Pet Shop as facades. The kingpin has the local municipality in his pocket. His men lose a Hyena that was kidnapped from Corbett for trade. In the process they involved with the wrong simpleton, a 27yrs old who fights for the Safety of Stray dogs in Kolkata. *The screening is made possible by generous sharing by First Ray Films. The lead actor Anshuman Jha will be present for a brief Q&A at the end of the screening.*

Potpourri – Tuesday 16 January, 8:00 pm:

• THE RED SHOES

UK, 1948, Dir. Michael Powell & Emeric Pressburger w/Anton Walbrook, Marius Goring, and others, Drama-Music, 135mins, English-French-Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG) Under the authoritarian rule of charismatic ballet impresario Boris Lermontov, his proteges excel, but at a price: utter devotion to their art and complete loyalty to Lermontov himself. His student, ballerina Victoria is poised for superstardom, but she falls in love with Julian, composer. As Lermontov is staging to showcase her talents, Vicky leaves the company and marries Julian, but still finds herself torn in her decision.

Interesting – Wednesday 17 January, 8:00 pm:

• TWO HORSES OF GENGHIS KHAN (Das Lied von den zwei Pferden)

Germany-Mongolia, 2009, Writer-Dir. Byambasuren Davaa w/Urna Chahar-Tugchi, Hicheengui Sambuu, Chimed Dolgor, and others, Documentary, 90mins, Mongolian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR A promise, a broken horse-head violin and a song believed lost lead the singer Urna to Outer Mongolia. Her grandmother had to destroy her beloved violin during the Chinese Cultural Revolution that had the ancient song of the Mongols engraved its neck. Only the neck and the head of the violin survived. To fulfill a promise to her grandma, Urna brings these parts to Hicheengui, a renowned horse-head violin maker in Ulan Bator, to re-build its body. She then goes interior to find the song's missing verses. But no one seem to remember the old melody of the Mongols.

Selection – Thursday 18 January, 8:00 pm:

• THE TIME THAT REMAINS

France-Belgium-Italy-UK-UAE-Occupied Palestinian Territory-Israel, 2009, Writer-Dir. Elia Suleiman w/Menashe Noy, Elia Suleiman, Baher Agbariya, and others, Drama-History, 109mins, Arabic-Hebrew-English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

A deeply personal film for the director, as he uses his own family as a microcosm of a greater Palestinian plight, from 1948 to the present day when the film was made.

International – Saturday 20 January, 8:00 pm:

• PAST LIVES

USA-S.Korea, 2023, Writer-Dir. Celine Song w/Greta Lee, Teo Yoo, John Magaro, and others, Drama, 105mins, Korean- English-Mandarin-French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In Korea, Na Young(girl) and Hae Sung(boy) are school mates and good friends. Na Young moves to Canada and then to New York with her parents. She becomes a playwright and takes the name Nora. Hae Sung continues living in Korea, becomes an engineer, and eventually takes up a job. They still keep in touch. Nora is happily married to Arthur, an American and Hae visits them in New York. Is there any future for Nora and Hae's relation?

Children's Matinee – Sunday 21 January, 4:00 pm:

• MARS NEEDS MOMS

USA-UK, 2011, Writer-Dir. Simon Wells w/Seth Green,Joan Cusack,Dan Fogler, and others, Animation-Ad venture, 88mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

On Mars, the female babies are nursed by robots and the male babies are dumped in the junkyard under the command of Supervisor. Martians research Earth and finds a boy Milo who is raised by his Mom with love and discipline. The Martians abducts Mom, to use her brain to train the robots how to raise children. Milo sneaks into the spaceship, makes new friends, and tries to rescue his Mom. But the task is not easy.

FRENCH CLASSICS @ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 21 January, 8:00 pm:

• JEANNE LA PUCELLE 2: LES PRISONS (Joan the Maid 2: The Prisons)

France, 1994, Dir. Jaques Rivette w/ Sandrine Bonnaire, André Marcon and others, Biography – History, 175mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Sequel of the film screened last week, this one continues with Joan and the Dauphin of France embarking on a series of victories. But Joan is eventually captured and imprisoned. She is tried for sorcery, impurity, wearing men's clothing, and refusing to submit to English rule, then condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake.

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.

To organize a seminar/program at MMC kindly email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. Our projector is crawling towards the end of its life, compelling us to look for a new one. You could financially support through a one-time or recurring donations to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution.

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

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DONATION CHANNELING GROUP (DCG)

Dear Friends, the establishment of the Donation Channeling Group (DCG) has been approved by the Governing Board in their 65th meeting held on 12 December 2023. Guidelines for the channeling of donations (dated 5th July 2023), have been finalized and circulated earlier by the FAMC (attached). The DCG team will roll out the donation channeling process from 1 April 2024, the start of the new financial year.

In preparation for this, all units/projects presently receiving donations (domestic, either from Auroville units or other Indian sources; or foreign sources) and those new projects / units which intend to receive them, are to immediately start to fill up a 'Project Registration Form' (PRF) and this needs to be completed latest by 15 February '24. The checkpoints attached to the PRF are based on the Donation Channeling Guidelines. They will also need to fill up a 'Donor Information Form' (DIF) for every donor from whom they will receive funds, or plan to receive a donation from one in near future. The link to the PRF & DIF forms are given below. Only those units who register themselves with the DCG will be able to receive donations through Unity Fund or via the donation portals. For larger donations, funds will be released to projects in tranches..

For every request for withdrawal of funds from the Unity Fund, a 'Funds Release Form' (FRF) needs to be filled in. All statutory rules and regulations and guidelines will have to be followed by the Projects / Units, including the maintenance of separate accounts for Foreign Donations. A letter of acknowledgement is to go to the donor for every donation with a copy to the DCG. A quarterly report will have to be sent to all donors (within the first month of the next quarter) with a copy to the DCG. Filing of Utilization Certificate (UC), 10BD and FC-4 will continue as earlier.

Some of the salient points of the process are:

1. Those seeking donations for the first time have to register before starting the process of fund-raising.
2. Approval of PRF will normally be done within seven working days of its submission. Rejection will be done only after discussion with the project holder(s) and the FAMC.
3. Non-compliance with the Guidelines and DCG process will lead to a pause in the release of funds and even a recommendation to the FAMC to replace project holders.
4. There will be no need to fill FRF if the request is lower than Rs 20,000 . SAIER units will get funds released through SAIER.
5. The privacy of donors will be protected and information will be divulged only for the purpose of compliance with the statutory requirements.
6. As per rule 8 of FCRA, only 20% of foreign donations can be used for administrative expenses (except for cases like salaries of teachers of a school or medical staff of a hospital).
7. For CSR donations, CSR Rule No. 7 permits admin overheads of less than 5% of the total donor's contributions during a financial year.
8. Prior permission of the FAMC is needed for donations towards a corpus fund.
9. The donation funds cannot be transferred to any personal Financial Service or bank account.

With this process we aspire to bring transparency and accountability to the area of donations in Auroville.

Naren & Sandeep, Donation Channeling Group

- **Enclosures:** [Guidelines](#), [PRF](#), [DIF](#), [FRF](#) (Forms appeared in Auronet and Mass Bulletin)

Guidelines for fundraising

Version 2 January, 2024

1. Background and Context

1. Auroville has been conceived as a universal township for the manifestation of the Auroville ideals and vision as given by the Mother. Auroville Foundation has been established as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India by an Act of Parliament 'for the purpose with a view to making long-term arrangements for the better management and further development of Auroville in accordance with its original charter and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto'.
2. The development of Auroville as a township requires significant funding, of which a major part will come from donations, grants and contributions while the recurring expenditure of Auroville will increasingly be met from Auroville's own income generating activities as part of the vision of Auroville being a self-supporting township.
3. These guidelines have been prepared for the purpose of having transparent and effective processes relating to fundraising and the expenditure of funds raised.
4. This version of the guidelines for fundraising supersedes earlier versions.

2. Alignment with the Auroville ideals

1. Projects for which fundraising is undertaken must align with the ideals of Auroville.
2. Funds for Auroville township development shall be raised and spent only for development in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan as prepared and approved under section 17[e] of the Auroville Foundation Act.
3. Fundraising proposals need to outline clearly how Auroville's development will benefit from the funds proposed to be raised.
4. The inclusion of a road map for environmental, social and financial sustainability in project proposals is recommended.

3. Reporting

1. Donors and grantors will need to be given regular updates on the utilisation and impact of their contributions.
2. Auroville units, activities and projects that make use of donated funds should have a robust donor relationship program in place to ensure that donors and grantors are regularly informed about project progress.

4. Transparency

1. A high degree of trustworthiness and transparency shall be maintained in project operations, including financial management, governance, and impact reporting.
2. Donors, grantors and other contributors must be able to see evidence of their contributions making the impact as envisaged in the project proposals.
3. Auroville units, activities and projects should be equipped to provide transparent and reliable accounts of the expenditure incurred with the contributions received.
4. Upon completion of a project, a comprehensive completion report with details of project implementation and impact shall be prepared.

5. Administrative costs

1. Administrative costs shall be kept as low as possible while ensuring that project accounting, monitoring and reporting are undertaken correctly.
2. In the case of certain grants and donations a maximum percentage of total project cost which is permitted as administration and other overhead costs may be provided for in the donation or grant agreement / letter or may be determined by statutory provisions. Such caps on administrative and overhead costs shall be strictly complied with.

6. Utilisation

1. When fundraising is done for a specific project or project component, funds received shall be used only for such project or component.

2. When unspecified donations are received, utilisation thereof shall be in accordance with Auroville budgets and priorities as may be set by the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) from time to time.

3. Donations and grants received shall be utilised in full for the Auroville projects for which the donations and grants have been raised and there shall be no retention of any part of the funds received by any of the Auroville entities through which such funds are channelled for administrative, accounting or other purposes.

7. Accounting and Audits

1. All Auroville donations and grants shall be received only through the official channels of Auroville Foundation.

2. Assets created with donations and grants shall be accounted for as Auroville Foundation assets in the relevant books of account of the concerned unit, activity or project.

3. No donations or contributions shall be received by Auroville Foundation or its units, activities and projects for the benefit of an individual.

4. Financial accounting and audits of projects funded with donations and grants shall be undertaken as per guidelines and manuals as issued by the FAMC from time to time.

5. If a donation or grant agreement or proposal provides for a project audit, such audit shall be conducted in addition to regular internal and statutory audits.

8. Income Tax relief

1. Auroville Foundation is authorised to issue donation receipts with income tax relief to donors who are taxable in India under sections 80G, 35(1)(ii) and 35(1)(iii) of the Income Tax Act.

2. The applicability of each type of income tax relief will depend on the nature of the project for which funds are being raised.

9. Fundraising and expenditure process

1. For each project, program or activity for which donations, grants or contributions are sought, the process fundraising and project implementation trajectory will include, but may not be limited to the following steps:

a. Check the eligibility of the project proposal in the context of Auroville, its objectives and values;

b. Evaluate the project proposal in terms of costs and sustainability;

c. Determine under which section of the Income Tax Act, tax relief can be offered to the prospective donor(s) (80G, 35(1)(ii), 35(1)(iii)) for donations from within India and / or whether the project qualifies as a CSR project with reference to Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013;

d. Approve the fundraising documentation and the prospective donor / contributor target group;

e. Raise the funds;

f. In the case of foreign contributions, ensure receipt of funds through the dedicated State Bank of India bank account to be used for this purpose;

g. Receive the funds and issue the donation / contribution receipt with tax relief where applicable;

h. Allocate / disburse as already determined earlier in the process;

i. Undertake the project and monitor progress;

j. Send periodic progress reports to the donor / contributor;

k. Prepare the completion report;

l. Undertake a project audit, where applicable;

m. Do a project completion review (actual vs. plan review; lessons learned etc.; feedback from donor/ contributor etc.)

10. Miscellaneous

1. FAMC may establish committees, subgroups or service units to implement or monitor implementation of these guidelines or parts thereof.

2. The FAMC will send periodical donation and grant summary reports to the committee which was formed by the Governing Board for the monitoring of donation channeling processes in its' 65th meeting held on 12th December 2023.

3. These guidelines may be updated or amended by the FAMC from time to time under intimation to the Governing Board.

Donation Channeling Group

Project Registration Form (PRF)

(format from online form)

If you are a registered unit or activity in Auroville that wants to raise donation funds from India or abroad, registration with the Donation Channeling Group of the FAMC is mandatory. Unity Fund will continue to process donations for entities not yet registered using this form until 31st March Sept, 2024. After this period, donations can be accepted only by/for registered projects/entities .

Email: This form is automatically collecting emails from all respondents.

1. Name of the registered Auroville unit, project or other entity

2. How will the donation be used?

If donations are proposed to be raised for a specific activity or project of the entity, please mention this in the 'Other' option. Otherwise select 'General operations of the Auroville entity'

◦ General operations of the Auroville entity

◦ Other

◦ Add Option

3. How does the project for which donations are sought to be raised align with the vision of Auroville?

4. What is the total amount proposed to be raised?

5. Have you read the guidelines for fundraising?

FAMC has published the guidelines for fundraising. Please read it before submitting the registration form.
Yes

6. Have you ticked the checklist? Yes.

7. Contact Name

If we have questions regarding your submission, we will reach out to the person mentioned here.

8. Are the project holders registered in ROR?

9. Contact Phone

Checklist for fundraising proposals

S. No.	Description
1	Confirmation that the project / proposal (a) Aligns with the ideals of Auroville; (b) Benefits and supports the development of Auroville.
2	Does the project / proposal promote environmental, social and financial sustainability?
3	Does the project / proposal have clear tangible outcomes?
4	Confirmation that land use, if any, will be in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan and ATDC (Auroville Town Development Council)-approved plans.
5	Confirmation that there will be adherence to transparency in project operations, accounting and reporting.
6	Confirmation that the project / proposal will not engage in or support any unethical or illegal activity.

7	Confirmation that there will be clear communication with (prospective) donors about the purpose(s) of the project / proposal and the related fundraising.
8	Confirmation that donors will receive the required donation acknowledgement communications and donation receipts issued by Auroville Foundation in a timely manner.
9	Confirmations as follows: (a) Donations or contributions will be received only through the Auroville Foundation donation and contribution channels. (b) Foreign donations will be routed only through the designated Auroville Foundation bank account for foreign donations and donors will be informed accordingly; (c) The donation will be used only for the stated purpose; (d) Separate accounts (or sub-accounts) will be maintained for the project / donations; (e) Administration and overhead expenses will be kept as low as possible and will in any case not exceed statutory limits as applicable; (f) Assets created with the donations will be recorded in the accounts as Auroville Foundation Assets; (g) Financial accounting and audits will be undertaken as per guidelines issued by FAMC from time-to-time; (h) If the donation or grant agreement provides for a project audit, such audit will be conducted;
10	Confirmations as follows: (a) Donors will receive periodical project progress reports; (b) The Donation Channelling Group will receive quarterly project reports with financial statements. (c) Completion and impact report will be given to the donors and DCG on completion of the project

Donor Information Form (DIF)

Donors										
Your Project / Entity Name:										
Your Donors Details:										
(except for large known donors like AVIs, Quaker, Espor, Matagiri, FWE, Quilt, Stichting, I.Compressors, Knieps, Kriti & Ramco)										
Donor's Name	Email	Phone	Country	State	Postal code	Address	Tax ID Type	Tax ID No.	Remarks	

Funds Release Form (FRF)

- Date:
- Project name:
- DCG registration number:
- Name(s) of project holder(s):
- Total project budget:
- Proposed funding from donations:
- Proposed funding from other sources:
- Total of donation amounts received as on date:
- Total of donation amounts disbursed to the project as on date:
- Donation amount spent as on date:
- Donation disbursement requested:
- Project status report prepared and sent to DCG and donor?
- Is the project execution on schedule?
- Any other information which is relevant for the disbursement of donation funds to the project:

Name(s) of project holder(s):
Signature(s) of project holder(s):
Date:

Naren & Sandeep,
Donation Channelling Group

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 / +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

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

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

