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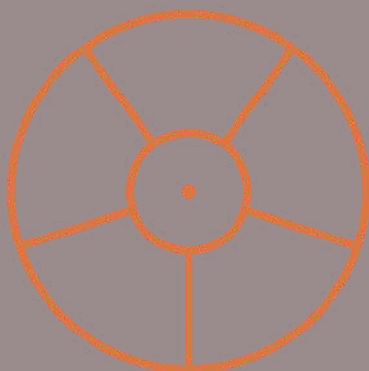
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RA EDITION



Solitude Farm Festival, 2016



PONDERING

Q. Can I remove the branches of shrubs which are overhanging and causing inconvenience to the inmates?

I cannot say yes or no, as all depends on the way it is done. It is not only the welfare of the inmates that must be taken in consideration but also the welfare of the shrubs.

The Mother ,
In book - Flowers and their messages.



(continued from last week)

CHAPTER XXVII - THE GNOSTIC BEING

These are the first major results of the spiritual transformation that follow as a necessary consequence of the nature of Supermind. But if there is to be not only a perfection of the inner existence, of the consciousness, of an inner delight of existence, but a perfection of the life and action, two other questions present themselves from our mental view-point which have to our human thought about our life and its dynamisms a considerable, even a premier importance. First, there is the place of personality in the gnostic being, — whether the status, the building of the being will be quite other than what we experience as the form and life of the person or similar. If there is a personality and it is in any way responsible for its actions, there intervenes, next, the question of the place of the ethical element and its perfection and fulfilment in the gnostic nature. Ordinarily, in the common notion, the separative ego is our self and, if ego has to disappear in a transcendental or universal Consciousness, personal life and action must cease; for, the individual disappearing, there can only be an impersonal consciousness, a cosmic self: but if the individual is altogether extinguished, no further question of personality or responsibility or ethical perfection can arise. According to another line of ideas the spiritual person remains, but liberated, purified, perfected in nature in a celestial existence. But here we are still on earth, and yet it is supposed that the ego personality is extinguished and replaced by a universalised spiritual individual who is a centre and power of the transcendent Being. It might be deduced that this gnostic or supramental individual is a self without personality, an impersonal Purusha. There could be many gnostic individuals but there would be no personality, all would be the same in being and nature. This, again, would create the idea of a void or blank of pure being from which an action and function of experiencing consciousness would arise, but without a construction of differentiated personality such as that which we now observe and regard as ourselves on our surface. But this would be a mental rather than a supramental solution of the problem of a spiritual individuality surviving ego and persisting in experience. In the supermind consciousness personality and impersonality are not opposite principles; they are inseparable aspects of one and the same reality. This reality is not the ego but the being, who is impersonal and universal in his stuff of nature, but forms out of it an expressive personality which is his form of self in the changes of Nature.

Impersonality is in its source something fundamental and universal; it is an existence, a force, a consciousness that takes on various shapes of its being and energy; each such shape of energy, quality, power or force, though still in itself general, impersonal and universal, is taken by the individual being as material for the building of his personality. Thus impersonality is in the original undifferentiated truth of things the pure substance of nature of the Being, the Person; in the dynamic truth of things it differentiates its powers and lends them to constitute by their variations the manifestation of personality. Love is the nature of the lover, courage the nature of the warrior; love and courage are impersonal and universal forces or formulations of the cosmic Force, they are the spirit's powers of its universal being and nature. The Person is the Being supporting what is thus impersonal, holding it in himself as his, his nature of self; he is that which is the lover and warrior. What we call the personality of the Person is his expression in nature-status and nature-action, — he himself being in his self-existence, originally and ultimately, much more than that; it is the form of himself that he puts forth as his manifested already developed natural being or self in nature. In the formed limited individual it is his personal expression of what is impersonal, his personal appropriation of it, we may say, so as to have a material with which he can build a significant figure of himself in manifestation. In his formless unlimited self, his real being, the true Person or Purusha, he is not that, but contains in himself boundless and universal possibilities; but he gives to them, as the divine Individual, his own turn in the manifestation so that each among the Many is a unique self of the one Divine. The Divine, the Eternal, expresses himself as existence, consciousness, bliss, wisdom, knowledge, love, beauty, and we can think of him as these impersonal and universal powers of himself, regard them as the nature of the Divine and Eternal; we can say that God is Love, God is Wisdom, God is Truth or Righteousness: but he is not himself an impersonal state or abstract of states or qualities; he is the Being, at once absolute, universal and individual. If we look at it from this basis, there is, very clearly, no opposition, no incompatibility, no impossibility of a coexistence or one-existence of the Impersonal and the Person; they are each other, live in one another, melt into each other, and yet in a way can appear as if different ends, sides, obverse and reverse of the same Reality. The gnostic being is of the nature of the Divine and therefore repeats in himself this natural mystery of existence.

(to be continued next week)



— Sri Aurobindo, THE LIFE DIVINE, Pages 1027-1029
https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/37_21_22/the_life_divine_21_22.pdf
With love and gratitude,
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)

NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
TUESDAY 5PM

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

How to submit material:

- Max size of posters should be 1 MB, JPEG format. Bigger posters will be reduced or cropped to fit.
- Please AVOID CAPS letters
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to **newsandnotes@auroville.services**
- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before **Tuesday 5pm**.

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

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

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

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

Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

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

Auroville Council (AVC)
Entry Service (ES)

FO selected groups:

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

Housing Service (HS)
Land Board (LB)

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

Here is 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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 217 DATED: 08-02-2024

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
We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Anita KAMALI (Iranian)

NOTE:

- 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.

Yours,

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

Email: entryservice@auroville.services

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

FROM THE RA WORKING COMMITTEE

REQUEST TO INFORM RA WCOM OF ANY VISA ISSUES

Dear Community,

We are sending out this friendly reminder to all those who have had or are having difficulties getting a letter of recommendation for new visas or for extensions of existing visas.

Please inform us if you are a Newcomer or Aurovilian who:

- requested a letter but have not received it and your visa has expired;
- received a letter with a negative remark;
- received a letter for less duration than what you are eligible for (ie, one year instead of 5 years);
- any other issues you have faced in the application process for a visa recommendation letter or for the visa application process itself.

It is very important for us to have a record of this information so if you have not done so already, please write to workingcom@auroville.services or visit us during our open house time on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 12 at the old Koodam office (entrance and parking opposite the Auroville Library). Names and personal information will be held in confidence.

In service,

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



LEGAL UPDATE

Dear community,

On 23rd January, the Madras High Court admitted three new cases, two of which were filed by us, and one of which was filed by an individual resident (who is a member of the Exit Review Group aka Termination Committee). These three cases challenge the recently gazetted Regulations about Admissions & Terminations and about the Selection of the Working Committee. The matter was heard briefly on 1st February and was adjourned for **a second hearing, scheduled on 9th February.**

In an open letter to a resident on 26th January, we clarified many misconceptions that exist about these court cases. You can read it [here](#).

Additionally, cases challenging the membership and legitimacy of the Secretary-appointed 'TDC' and those illegally impersonating the Working Committee were heard and debated at length on 29th and 30th January respectively. Follow-up hearings are scheduled on the **8th of February for the TDC case**, and on the **22nd of February for the Working Committee quo-warranto case.**

We will keep you updated on new information as and when available.

For now, we invite everyone to concentrate within so that these cases may bear a favourable outcome for Auroville.

In community,

Your RA Working Committee

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



OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends and members of the Auroville family,

We are very aware that these last weeks and months have been particularly heavy on most, shaking to the core many residents and Auroville well-wishers.

Attacks on the heart of Auroville have intensified, with callous land exchanges, rushed massive clearing and tree cutting, and new regulations which aim to indirectly change the Act by nullifying the role of the Residents' Assembly.

Plans to exchange over 900 acres of Auroville's outlying lands, moves to take full control over who is allowed to be an Aurovilian and who should be removed, more maintenance cuts, the planned installation of a barbed-wire fence around all of Auroville's city center area, and the allocation of land and buildings to external institutions are all changing the original purpose and scope of Auroville as it was envisioned in the Dream of the Mother, and will unfortunately be cutting Auroville off from the local bioregion.

We have reached out many times to the Governing Board across the last two years, repeatedly proposing our active support and involvement in manifesting a truly collaborative approach for developing Auroville. Sadly, all these attempts have simply been ignored - never has the Governing Board even taken the time to answer or acknowledge a single one of our emails. Instead, the authoritarian and regimented takeover of Auroville has only intensified, making it utterly clear that for the Governing Board and its Secretary, collaboration and mutuality - in the spirit set forth by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo - were never an intended venture. To face such a brute force of coercion, censorship and falsehood has been increasingly distressing for many, including ourselves.

However, even if the times we are going through are tough and distressing, we have not lost hope. Sometimes, it takes a very little sparkle of light to change the tides. And, undoubtedly, Auroville is a land of miracles. Its very existence would seem to many to be an impossibility; yet, with the Mother's force pouring through the hard work of residents and all those who belong to the extended Auroville family, Auroville has taken off and has grown tremendously in the past 50 years. Nothing in Auroville has ever been perfect, but in retrospect one must acknowledge that Auroville has already achieved an impressive number of milestones. Nowhere else in the world has a small township of Auroville's scale realized so much, with people of goodwill from all across India and the globe.

Auroville is a unique place in the world, an unprecedented experiment in human unity, a gem for all of humanity. The path forward is still long, but much distance has already been traveled and Auroville will not fail.

We invite everyone to aspire and act with us for a truer and even more luminous Auroville to manifest, with the goodwill, participation and collaboration of all. This goes hand in hand with protecting the beautiful achievements that Auroville has manifested so far. Let us continue to stand for our truths in the face of forces which seek to appropriate, twist and repurpose Auroville for hidden agendas and private interests.

May Auroville continue to shine as a beacon of hope in the sea of transformational struggles that humankind is facing today, all over the planet. The bigger the challenges, the bigger the faith and aspiration we must collectively live up to and embody. Let us continue to dare the Dream - this is also Auroville's true purpose.

And may we always remember Mother's clear, unshakable and powerful words: "**Auroville WILL be.**"



In Faith,

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



OBITUARY

SYLVIA ZIMMERMAN PASSED AWAY

Sylvia, after a long worldwide search and experiences in different spiritual places and communities, joined Auroville in 1999 and has stayed here since.



She always mentioned that in Auroville she finally found a community with a sensible lifestyle where the community had improved and cared for nature as well as for their residents. She also mentioned that she found Auroville had never stopped trying to find improved ways of living together.

She involved herself by teaching English and Meditation in the Life Education Center, and Transition School. She provided individual tuition too. In the last two years especially she was also involved in caring for and entertaining Auroville's elderly residents.

Her smiling presence, the ability to talk in 5 different languages and her lively interest in innumerable things made her a wonderful companion for many. She was known to reveal a sense of gratitude, often for nothing in particular, for Life as a whole - "It's something". She expressed though living daily with the possibility to pass away she felt calm, and rather curious. She had a trust, always a trust "It's all consciousness, probably one dissolves in consciousness..."

We will miss her presence deeply. Thank you Sylvia for having been with us for so many years. We are sure you will carry the light on.

POETRY

**A light-hearted smile
Weighs more than
A solemn speech.**

-Anandi Z.



COMMUNITY SHARING



BABY GIRL: WELCOME AMBAR

Dear Auroville family,

On 3rd of February, at midnight Ambar was peacefully born into this world surrounded by love and light.

We are eternally grateful for your care and love we have and continue to receive.

Towards a new adventure for her (and us),
Anshul & Angelica

CALL FOR ORGANISATION GROUP

**DO WE STILL
HAVE A FUTURE
TO DREAM
ABOUT?**



**We need a radical shift for this
unprecedented situation**

Let us call for it together

**Saturday 17 Feb, 5pm
at Tibetan Pavilion.**

Open to all

"Call for Organisation" Group — Ann, Dan, Eric, Fabienne, Henrik, Laurence, Olivier, Pablo, Rakhal and Sandhya.

MATRIMANDIR NEWS - FEBRUARY 2024

Matrimandir

February 2024



You can read the Matrimandir Newsletter [HERE](#)



RESIDENTS OPEN LETTER TO THE AUROVILLE FOUNDATION OFFICE

OUTCOME OF THE EMERGENCY RA DECISION-MAKING REGARDING SELECTION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE

27TH JANUARY - 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

Here are the results of the Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision-making process, which has been initiated through a petition signed by more than 300 members of the Residents' Assembly (RA) (3.3 [RAD policy, 2023](https://shorturl.at/tAI34) - <https://shorturl.at/tAI34>), to approve or disapprove the following resolution:

The Residents' Assembly resolves that the Working Committee shall be selected by the Residents' Assembly in the manner it chooses, as stated in [the Foundation Act, 1988](https://rb.gy/tflcgd) - <https://rb.gy/tflcgd>.

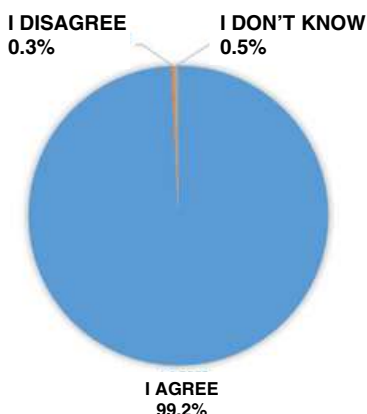
Further, we state that [the Notification](https://shorturl.at/eklmV) - <https://shorturl.at/eklmV> - published in the Gazette of India on the 12th of January, 2024, by the Secretary of the Governing Board concerning the selection of the Working Committee members, does not follow the letter of the Foundation Act nor its spirit.

In addition, this Notification violates the whole spirit of [Auroville's Charter](https://shorturl.at/cgij0) - <https://shorturl.at/cgij0> - which the Auroville Foundation Act set out to protect and promote (Ref. AVC/03/2024).

A total of 647 valid votes have been submitted online and in-person.

The number of participants exceeded the 10 per cent quorum required to validate the decision (240 votes) - according to the Master List data, the total adult population of our community eligible to participate in RADs (age - above 18, confirmed Aurovilians) is **2400** (as of the month of January 2024).

Kindly note that as per the RAD policy (<https://shorturl.at/tAI34>) "Only confirmed Aurovilians can participate in decision-making. Those who have been announced as confirmed Aurovilians by the Entry Board are eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes along with those who have been entered into the Register of Residents maintained by the Secretary's Office. It does not include under 18-year-olds, newcomers and any other Auroville statuses".



99,2% (642) participants voted in favour of the above resolution.

0,3% (2) participants rejected it.

0,5% (3) participants didn't know.

Therefore, the Residents' Assembly approved the above resolution.

We would like to remind you that, according to the [RAD Policy](#), "8. Responsibility for implementing decisions made through this RAD process lies with the concerned working group/s or resident/s" (<https://shorturl.at/tAI34>).

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

~ Warmly,
For the Residents' Assembly Service
Manas, Tatiana

Dear Mr. Srinivasaragavan and members of the Auroville Foundation Office,

Thank you for inviting us to the planned meetings at the Sri Aurobindo auditorium.

We appreciate the intention of offering a 'platform for Residents of the Auroville Community to participate, to express their wish to work in any area of activity, any concerns, inputs, and suggestions, etc.', and for the Foundation office's working groups to 'share recent developments, and information with the Residents and respond to their doubts and questions.'

A number of us have been attending previous similar meetings, and the experience has been predominantly of a one-way communication from the Foundation office and its working groups with residents' questions being bypassed or inadequately answered.

A true fraternal exchange between the pillars of the Auroville Foundation involves giving the Resident's Assembly its rightful place and function, as envisaged by the Mother for Auroville and enshrined in the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988.

Drastic and far-reaching decisions, that ideally includes mutual collaboration and joint planning between pillars of the Foundation, have been taken by the Office of the Secretary in many domains (including areas that are the explicit responsibility of the Residents' Assembly.)

Informing the residents after such steps have been taken (and in some cases even gazetted) obviously does not replace the participatory process and consultation that was supposed to have preceded them.

It is this serious over-reach by the Foundation Office, and numerous actions going against Auroville's very principles, ethos and ideals, that has regrettably forced Aurovilians to seek justice by approaching the Indian Courts.

And since a number of matters are now sub judice, it does not seem appropriate to discuss these in the proposed format, unless the talks are based on a genuine openness of the Foundation Office to listen, incorporate residents' inputs and modify or retract its decisions, which may allow the cases to be settled out of court.

We look forward to the time when respect and mutuality between the pillars of Auroville will be duly restored, and a truthful and trusting collaboration becomes possible once again.

We all owe this to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on whose vision Auroville is based, and whose Presence, Protection and living guidance we invoke for the future of this unique experiment which 'no nation could claim as its own, where all human beings of goodwill who have a sincere aspiration could live freely as citizens of the world', working together to manifest 'the city the Earth needs', also called by Mother 'the city at the service of Truth'.

In sincere dedication

Concerned residents of Auroville
7.2.2024

A collaborative process would include the Auroville Foundation office issuing pending visas in a timely manner without the many conditions attached, dropping criminal charges placed on Aurovilians, halting and reversing non-consensual land exchanges, ceasing the takeover of city services, restoring the maintenances of farm and forest workers and other people in services, paying the employees' gratuity, and refraining from selling our health care system to the highest bidders.

A show of good faith would be acknowledging and addressing these concerns and would be seen as a meaningful step from the AVFO to attempt to heal and restore the peace and harmony that it insists as the agenda for the upcoming meetings.

May Mother's Light and Grace guide us all.

VOICES AND NOTES

A NEW VERSION OF HUMAN UNITY IN AUROVILLE

Socrates says, "An unexamined life is not worth living." Contemplating this statement alone is enough to examine life within this seemingly "Human Unity."

In the interviews, what do newcomers emphasize? An accurate and proper understanding of Human Unity! But what kind of Human Unity?

Auroville is divided into two groups. The first group, driven by the fear of deportation, remains silent and is deeply dissatisfied. The second group, driven by their interests, not only turns a blind eye to all the challenges in this community but also easily approves of the death of Auroville and its natural surroundings.

Have you ever paid attention to your fingerprint? Pay attention. You see the brain of the tree right there.

The approval seal of the second group comes with silence, perpetual encouragement, and closing their eyes to the truth. But what is the truth?

Have you ever seen someone who destroys a tree in their spiritual journey? Have you witnessed someone who, in their spiritual quest, tries to harm or distress others? Where in the spiritual books have you read, they say, "Don't listen to people's words, and silence those who disagree with you!"?

Isn't this complete stagnation that you observe in Auroville?

If Auroville's slogan is a life without politics, then what exactly is happening in Auroville? What is your goal in this duality?

You are stopping the path of a new generation that can contribute to the development here. You don't reward those who put their heart and soul into it. Is money the only thing other than energy? You cut down trees. Those who agree with you have the best conditions. In essence, you are drying up the spirit of Auroville. Where do you see a picture of spirituality in the current situation of Auroville? Or helping each other. Stern and rude faces versus faces of despair, dull and frozen. Those who don't dare to speak the truth.

War is not just bloodshed and massacre. Auroville is practically in a war. They execute it oppositely—with a smile, displaying kindness, spirituality, and helping the human spirit. Show respect to the creators of Auroville, from whom you have only learned to memorize phrases and put their images on the wall. If they weren't there, none of you would exist.

When we talk about our problems to those affiliated with the second group, they say, "Go to Matrimandir, meditate, and ask Mother and Aurobindo for help." So why did you establish administrative sections in Auroville!

Instead of making things difficult for the new generation, give them importance and provide opportunities to implement their ideas. It's no longer necessary to cut down trees to attract tourists. Ask the new generation for economic development, not to dry up their roots or cut down their stems.

Reduce the theatrics, and stop playing games with the members of this community. Have the courage to listen to criticisms and speak up. The approach adopted by Auroville's second team is a sign of weakness and fear. You cannot block the truth, and the truth lies in the hearts of those who live the real Auroville, not in the memorized words of its creators.

This writing will continue.

- A Resident

AN ASSURANCE

6 April 1963:

"So everything, all the sensations, the movements of consciousness, the battles, all of it is everywhere. ...

I start waging the battle. ...

After... something arose... in the general body consciousness... something like an entreaty that Truth and Light may at last be manifested here, in this. Not "here in this" (Mother touches her own body): it was everywhere. ...

...an Assurance.

... Mon petit, you are the only person to whom I can say all this—there is not one, not one! Not one able to simply understand. Which makes things more difficult, because I am constantly weighed down by the stupidity of people's thoughts (stupidity in the sense of incomprehension)..."

— The Mother

Please carefully read it all here and understand:

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/04/april-6-1963>

4 February 2024:

Here we are after more than 60 years, in Her City of Dawn, where obviously the inner and outer battles are still continuing, and everywhere all over Earth...

Hopefully more can now understand, who can fully appreciate and apply the Sunlit Path of Surrender to the Supreme Divine Mother Shakti, the easiest and most joyful path of Bhakti, that our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother have lovegifted us for the manifestation of our shared Vision-Goal:

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

We continue on with courage and faith, with a straightforward simplified assurance from our Avatar Guides themselves:

"If man could once consent to be spiritualised."

"If only the individual could consent to be spiritualised... could consent."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/09/27-march-1957>

"To be a Yogi, a Sannyasi, a Tapaswi is not the object here. The object is transformation, and the transformation can only be done by a force infinitely greater than your own, it can only be done by being truly like a child in the hands of the Divine Mother."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/36/to-barindra-kumar-ghose>

Om Namō Bhagavate 🙏

Zech, 2024.02.05

"The world is not an unhappy accident, it is a marvel moving towards its expression."

— Sri Aurobindo



IT IS EVERYWHERE

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

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

A clarification for anyone still too hypnotised by superficial mental appearances:

When we speak of The Mother's body, it is not anymore the individual body of her human vessel named Mirra Alfassa.

Here's an open secret:

"You see, it's not a question of just these cells here: it's a question of cells in, well, quite a lot of people, hundreds, maybe thousands—all that clings anywhere and in any way to the higher Consciousness. And since my mind is silent (I deliberately keep the mind absolutely still, trying not to react to all that constantly comes to it from "outside," or trying to react almost subconsciously), nothing is there to think, "Oh, it's this one's body, it's that one's body"—it's THE Body! That's what is so difficult for people to understand. It is THE body—this (Mother touches her body) is not my body any more than other bodies (a bit more, in the sense that it is more directly the object of the concentration of the Force). So everything, all the sensations, the movements of consciousness, the battles, all of it is everywhere."

Carefully read it all and understand...

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/04/april-6-1963>

This Integral/Supramental Knowledge and the simplified transformative psychophysical practices associated with it is what makes Auroville this City of Dawn of the eternal and deathless Avatars Sri Aurobindo and the Mother a most special playing field in the ongoing terrestrial evolution.

In total surrender, in the Sunlit Path of Bhakti to the Supreme Divine Mother Shakti, we continue on...



Zech, 2024.02.03

FUTILE RUMOURS OR PLAUSIBLE SCENARIOS?

(A PERSONAL REFLECTION)

Over the past three years, the government of India, Auroville's host country, which had been a rather discreet and benevolent partner in previous decades, has decided to precipitate the course of events and intervene vigorously in the Town's construction. We don't really know what motivates them, or what their precise aims are for The City of Dawn. Auroville is undoubtedly seen as a potential "window on modern India", justifying draconian authoritarianism and massive investment to complete it as soon as possible.

However, we can't help thinking that Mother, invisibly presiding over the materialization of Her City, of Her Dream, is somehow authorizing this new stage in its growth. It's a fact that, since 1968, gestation has been slow and administration often casual and erratic. This observation has been made by Aurovilians and outside observers alike. In short, the government's current determination to turn things around could well be the instrument Mother is using to regain order and speed up the movement.

Apart from those Aurovilians who applauded and encouraged this rather robust external intervention, a good number of residents felt shaken, hurt and betrayed by methods they felt were arbitrary, opaque and sometimes brutal. When it feels like a blind bulldozer is coming to indiscriminately raze forests, homes and even individuals to the ground, there's no choice but to save oneself, let oneself be crushed or fight back. posal, regardless of the consequences, in order to preserve their gains and above all what they consider to be the spirit of Auroville.

These residents have therefore decided to resist and battle with determination, using every means at their disposal

It has to be said, however, that most Aurovilians are not very young any more, and are growing tired of this never-ending trench warfare. Some are wondering whether it isn't time to acknowledge the government's strong will to build the town at high speed, and to initiate a reconciliation between them all, in order to preserve, in all this tumult and upheaval, the Auroville values on which they have worked for so long. Perhaps the time has come to go back to fundamentals, "to plan A", as one Aurovilian wrote recently, to the aspiration and inner flame of Auroville's beginnings, revived in the midst of circumstances perceived as hostile, in spite of them and perhaps due to them, like a painful but salutary wake-up call.

To stay or to go? Some are asking themselves the question. Some have not had the choice, and the outcome of a forced expulsion – or one provoked by the absence of a visa renewal – may await others. Some, too affected by the current heavy atmosphere, have chosen to leave on their own, perhaps thinking they would bring with them the spirit of Auroville, but which would inevitably be diluted elsewhere, in an environment not as spiritually favorable as the soil of India. The most convinced, the most courageous, the most sincere and persistent too, have already decided to stay, come what may, and to concentrate above all on their work, inner and outer, in consciousness as well as in matter, as Mother had asked of them.

In the meantime, rumours are circulating among these poor Aurovilians who have been tearing themselves apart for three years, feeling bullied, mishandled and harassed, as in the recent sad episode of the brutal felling of trees on the Crown Road, on the already-built stretch from the solar kitchen to Mahalakshmi Home. This massive and hasty assault was felt by many, and not only in one of the two opposing camps, as an ultimate and unnecessary provocation - as if the animosity towards the "foresters", responsible according to their detractors for all Auroville's problems, had been transposed into a destructive rage against the trees themselves.

The rumor machine has always been very active in Auroville, but in the current climate of fear and uncertainty, it's easy to see how it can literally run out of control. Most of the rumours we've been able to pick up may just be fantasies without any serious basis. But, as there's no smoke without fire, these rumours could just as well be theories conceived in certain brains, and therefore as likely hypotheses to consider, as nebulous potential roadmaps. Let's take a look at a few of these scenarios, from a non-exhaustive list, in an attempt to analyze their validity and relevance to the Auroville vision as defined by Mother.

1. Temporary trusteeship. Some on the Foundation's side argue that the Governing Board would have been given a five-year mandate (more or less) to complete the road infrastructure, according to the galaxy plan, as well as an unspecified number of buildings, and that at the end of this term the keys of power would be handed over to the residents. Balance would then be restored between Auroville's three governing bodies as defined in the 1988 Auroville Foundation Act: the Governing Board, the Residents' Assembly and the International Advisory Council. In many countries around the world, such trusteeships exist for towns whose mismanagement the central government wishes to rectify. This temporary trusteeship would enable Auroville, sleepy and lost in its green shrine, to be put back on track for irreversible urban development. If this were really the case, we'd have to bear this self-proclaimed salutary and restorative intervention for a few more years. We should then hope that Aurovilians will re-appropriate a genuine spirit of fraternity, start working together for the development of the Town, finally convinced of the urgency of the inevitable construction to be carried out, and that they will manage to reconcile on a new roadmap synthesizing current oppositions, such as for example accepting without rear thought the concept of the galaxy but adjusting it to 21st century advances in standards, methods, and even building materials. It would also be essential to avoid falling into the old trap of vindictive purge campaigns, such as "hunting down collabos", which would be a regrettable step backwards, into the old world that we need to forget and move beyond. Under this scenario, the damage could be circumscribed, and Auroville's derailment avoided.

2. AuroUniversity, AuroSmartCity, AuroDisneyland? The previous rumour, however, could be the result of a concerted plan to get the message across to any recalcitrant members of the community, and to put any resistance to sleep. And the governmental authority, through the members of the Secretariat and the Governing Board chosen by it, would remain in a position of absolute power indefinitely. The temporary would then become the permanent, and the government, eager to recover its stake, would become the administrator of either a profitably managed mega-university campus, or another SmartCity ruled by artificial intelligence and algorithms, or - the worst solution - that of a lucrative tourist complex, a kind of spiritual mega-Disneyland, of which Aurovilians would perhaps become mere figurants. The gigantic fence surrounding the city, which has just been enigmatically decided by the Governing Board, would serve to protect and secure the area from any unwanted intrusion. Such a wall would mark clearly a break with Auroville's environment, annihilating all natural links and exchanges with the Green Belt, the villages and the bio-region, literally suffocating the town's breathing and energy flow. These scenarios or hypotheses, which many fear and anticipate for Auroville, clearly do not correspond to the Dream of Her founder, and would mean a deviation, a misdirection from its vocation, which Mother so clearly defined in 1972: "a center of transformation, a small nucleus of men who transform themselves and set an example to the world."

3. The Great Replacement. According to this scenario, Auroville would be emptied of all its current residents, sooner rather than later, and replaced by younger, more plastic and less reluctant residents. The status of Aurovillian, as defined by Mother, would be effectively abolished. Residents would be made up mainly of volunteers for ephemeral, interchangeable use, deprived of any decision-making power, as well as visitors constituting a significant source of income. Construction would proceed unhindered, under government supervision. The international character of the project could be maintained, and the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and Mother made compulsory for all. This could keep up appearances for distant or superficial observers, making them believe that Auroville still really exists. What this short-sighted vision fails to grasp is that Auroville would then be nothing more than an empty shell, devoid of any interest, and deprived of the power of attraction that has made it so appealing up to now. Aurovilians are not ashram sadhaks, nor spiritual soldiers capable of reciting Savitri in one breath. They are representatives – specimens – of real humanity, with all its imperfections and shortcomings. Every Aurovillian, Mother rightly said, represents an impossibility to be solved, for such is the material on which Consciousness must work in order to transform it. Many Aurovilians arrived without ever having read a line on yoga, but willingly adhering to the statements of the Auroville Charter, and joyfully advancing along the path of the Great Adventure, invoked by Mother, they gradually imbibed the atmosphere of Auroville and Mother's consciousness, and became for many "Warriors of Light". Of course, the new residents could also eventually absorb and embody the spirit of Auroville, but in the best of the cases, this roadmap of the Great Replacement would set us back several decades. Without necessarily implying total failure, this scenario would be harmful, both for Auroville and for the world

4. Tabula rasa: "Clean slate" or "clean house", this is the most dizzying (or delirious) of perspectives, no longer the Dream, but pure nightmare. All residents are evicted, the forest is razed to the ground, and all buildings are demolished within the perimeter of the town, with the exception, presumably, of the Matrimandir. Sheltered by the famous and mysterious fence, all infrastructure and buildings could then be built, freely and without constraint, in an accelerated manner, according to the Master plan in hand. In many countries around the world, and even in India (Lavasa) and Malaysia (Forest City), there are brand-new cities, some of them sumptuous, but completely uninhabited, ghost towns, veritable urban deserts. And yet, according to some inspired thinkers, more or less versed in occultism, all it would take is to build the city according to an immutable sacred geometry, a "magic yantra", for the supramental to naturally invest these brand-new, immaculate buildings. As human beings are not worthy of the Dream, the long and chaotic phase of transformation would be dispensed with.

The very structure of the radiant galaxy, playing the role of a gigantic, well-protected heliport, would be destined to receive the descent of the new species of supermen from the subtle planes. This unlikely hypothesis is not quite what Mother had in mind when she created Auroville. Worse still, our sorcerers' apprentices may well be in for the surprise of their lives and end up with an unforeseen result. When you stir the cauldron of occult forces, you don't always know what might come out, and the presumptuous magician can sometimes unleash harmful forces of which they may become a slave. In any case, the scenario of an implementation built with brute force alone, even if spiritually tinged, devoid of the aspiration of the human heart and soul, could only result in a flagrant disaster for Auroville.

To avoid the foreseeable downfall of Auroville, to which all these more or less catastrophic roadmaps are leading us, there is only one solution - and one that more and more supporters of both sides of the debate are embracing, for there can be no winners in a fratricidal fight:

at last, come together and work together, with faith and determination, avoiding as far as possible ill-considered, hasty and clumsy decisions. This is the only way to correct the potential deviations, or betrayals, indicated by the scenarios described above, and put Auroville back on the path to its destiny. This outcome is only possible, however, if the large group of moderates succeeds in neutralizing the extremists – those who, on the one hand, don't want the town and are determined to preserve the status quo ad vitam aeternam by systematically blocking all construction projects, and, on the other, those who refuse the slightest dialogue, are closed to compromise and intend to make a clean sweep of all those who don't fully share their same perspectives. So we need to adopt a cruising pace, rejecting both the spirit of systematic blocking that has slowed Auroville's development and the spirit of absolute authoritarianism that would like to speed it up in a hectic and careless way. Perhaps this gathering will not take place in words, too often inspired by the ego and the short-sighted, divisive mind, but in an immaterial, subtle way, in the silence of the depths of the heart. The method remains to be discovered, but this is part of the journey of the Adventure that is Auroville.

In order to save Auroville from all the perils, real or virtual, that threaten it, may Mother's Grace protect and guide Aurovilians by uniting them in Auroville's cardinal virtues:

Fraternity, Resilience, Comprehension, Patience, and above all, surrender to the will of the Divine.

May it be according to Mother's Will and Grace above and beyond any personal preference,

OM NAMO BHAGAVATE

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A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY

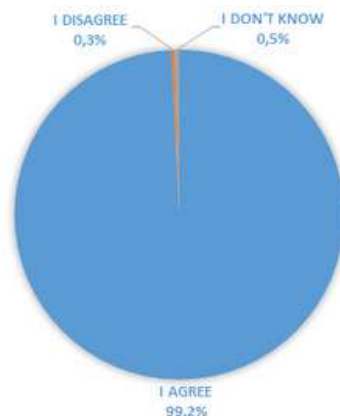
LEGAL UPDATE & NEW CASES ADMITTED AT THE MADRAS HIGH COURT

On 23rd January, the Madras High Court [admitted](#) three new cases, two of which were filed by the RA WCom, and one of which was filed by an individual resident. These three cases challenge the recently gazetted AVFO Regulations about Admissions & Terminations, and about the Selection of the Working Committee (see below). As [reported](#) by the RA WCom on 2nd February, the matter was heard on 1st February, following which a second hearing is scheduled on 9th February.

In an [Auronet posting](#) dated 24th January, a resident aligned with the AVFO addressed the members of the RA WCom, questioning and challenging these new cases. The RA WCom replied with [an open letter](#) on 26th January, to clarify some of their misleading statements. The RA Wcom emphasised that the cases were not against the Government because "Officers of the Auroville Foundation are not equated to the Government of India".

They stated that the purpose of the cases is to uphold a law voted by the Parliament of India. Among other points, the RA WCom also stated that they “are acting under the authority of the Residents' Assembly as the Working Committee selected by it, and ... have been striving to uphold its decisions and its functions”. The full letter is available [here](#).

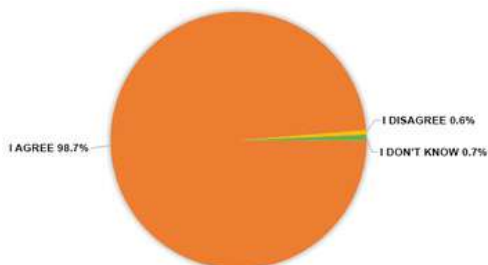
In parallel, cases challenging the membership and legitimacy of the AVFO ‘TDC’ and AVFO ‘WCom’ were heard on 29th and 30th January. Follow-up hearings are scheduled on 8th February for the TDC case, and 22nd February for the WCom ‘quo warranto’ case. As for the Evergreen/Abri/Ami land grab by PKS, court-appointed surveyors visited the site recently and the next hearing is scheduled for 12th February.



ENTRY SERVICE TAKEOVER AND RAD RESULTS REGARDING AVFO ADMISSION & TERMINATION REGULATIONS

On 4th January 2024, the AVFO published new [Admission and Termination Regulations](#) for Auroville in the Gazette of India. These regulations state that the Governing Board (GB) has the sole power to nominate a committee to decide who can become Aurovilian as well as the power to expel any Aurovilian from the community. These regulations are in direct contradiction to the Auroville Foundation Act, which states that admission and termination is a matter to be decided by the Residents Assembly (RA), see [here](#). In response, the RA WCom launched an Emergency RAD on 14th January stating that these new regulations are an overreach by the GB. The RA WCom also organised a General Meeting followed by questions at Kalabhumi on 18th January, attended by approximately 300 residents. Their [presentation](#) illustrated the key differences between the new Regulations and the previous ones, showing how the new Regulations contradict the Auroville Foundation Act and other relevant documents.

After a voting period of 7 days, the [results of this Emergency RAD](#) were published by the RAS on 23rd January. 710 residents participated in the emergency RAD with 98.7% (701 participants) voting in favour of the resolution.



Despite the RAD Results, the Entry Service and Board received [a mail](#) from the AVFO ‘FAMC’ on 1st February at 9pm, ordering that “the Entry Board & Entry Service operations are to be stopped immediately.” In an [Auronet post](#), the AVFO ‘WCom’ also mentioned that “Once the ATSC [Admission and Termination Scrutinising Committee] is formed, it will start scrutinizing the applications for Volunteer/ Newcomer/ Resident both for admission and also for termination.”

RAD RESULTS ON THE NEW AVFO WORKING COMMITTEE REGULATIONS

Through a petition signed by over 300 residents, the community called for an Emergency RAD (E-RAD) on the new [“Auroville Foundation \(Framework for Selection of Working Committee\) Regulations”](#) gazetted by the AVFO on 12th January 2024. This E-RAD challenged the new Regulations, affirming the role of the RA in appointing representatives for its Working Committee. You can read the RAD Resolution in [English](#), as well as in [Tamil](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Italian](#), [Korean](#) and [Russian](#).

After a voting period of 7 days, the [results of this Emergency RAD](#) were published by the RAS on 5th February. 647 residents participated in the emergency RAD with 99.2% (642 participants) voting in favour of the resolution.

PRIVATIZATION OF AUROVILLE’S HEALTH SECTOR

ThOn 30th January, the AVFO published on its website (and then in The Hindu) [a notice](#) inviting private hospitals to share their “expression of interest” in operating and managing “the hospital in Auroville”. The notice stated that a pre-selection would be made, after which the shortlisted hospitals would be required “to submit their technical and financial bid” to the AVFO. The proposal is “to set up a fully functional Allopathic clinic inside Auroville”. The plans mention expected clinic facilities with an exact number of doctors, workers, pharmacists, lab technicians, and watchmen. The notice adds that “Auroville will provide a building to run the hospital”, and that “the health facility will be set up in the existing building of Auroville and there will be no requirement for construction of any new building for this purpose”.

It is not mentioned which assets would be repurposed for the occasion, however sources indicate that some members of Sante and Arka have already been approached, and that Mahalakshmi Home and the Health Center could also be earmarked.

This move is the first of its kind in privatizing the health sector in Auroville and outsourcing activities related to the health of Aurovilians to a private clinic. It is also a move away from integrated health care as is currently offered to Aurovilians seeking a balance between allopathic medicine and holistic approaches.

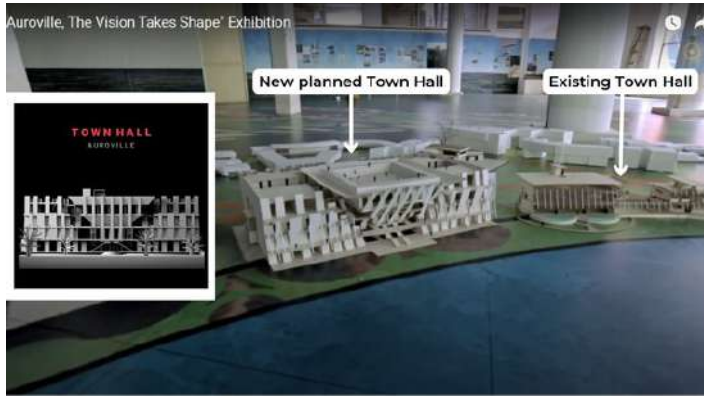
INTENSE TREE CLEARING CONTINUES FOR NEW TOWN HALL BUILDING, OUTER RING ROAD AND OTHER AREAS

Tree cutting in the Town Hall area



63RD, 64TH AND 65TH GB MEETING MINUTES

Tree clearing around the Town Hall parking lot took place last week, on 26th January, a national holiday. Many mature trees, including Neem and other endemic species, were felled in order to make way for a new and larger Town Hall. A [picture](#) and a [3D model](#) of the planned building were published by AVFO appointees, with our current Town Hall seen to the right of the 3D model. This new building is estimated to be more than triple the size of the existing Town Hall building. The RA was not informed or consulted prior to planning this new construction, and there is no clarity as to where its funding is coming from.



Tree cutting for the Outer Ring Road near Sharnga

On 2nd February, tree cutting started for the planned Outer Ring Road at the back of Sharnga on the Sukhavati side. As with other instances of recent tree clearing, there are no markings, no surveyors, and there were no warnings that the work would begin.

Tree cutting in other areas

Tree cutting has also continued in other areas of Auroville, such as in the Southern service node, in Bliss forest behind the Youth Centre, on the planned radials, and in the location of the planned 'Line of Goodwill'. Help with documenting tree cutting is still needed, and if you can participate, even occasionally, please reach out to tdc@auroville.services.

AUROVILLE SAFETY & SECURITY SUSPENDED BY AVFO

In an ongoing move by the AVFO to suspend and takeover Auroville community-initiated services and administration, the AVFO have suspended the Auroville Safety and Security team (AVSST). On the 19th of January, 5 out of the 6 Aurovilian members of AVSST received a mail from the AVFO 'BCC' informing them that they will no longer receive maintenances for their work, based on their policy for "Realignment of Work for Aurovilians". In a [message](#) addressed to the community, the team stated that their emergency telephone number (9443090107) will no longer be available and have shared a list of [relevant emergency numbers](#). Aurovilians have no community emergency first responders or security service for the time being, meaning that any dispute needing intervention would require police presence, a contravention to the Mother's wishes for Auroville.

39TH GB FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The [39th Meeting Minutes](#) of the GB's Finance Committee were recently made public. Although these minutes are not dated, their contents indicate that the meeting took place sometime between August and December 2023. These minutes include many elements that concern Auroville as a whole without consulting the residents. In item 39.06, an approval is included to take a loan of 132.1 crores (15.8 million USD) for housing development in Auroville, which would need to be refunded "by future residents of Auroville through their monthly maintenance scheme". There is no clarity as to the possible consequences of this loan if future residents are unable to repay it.

A compilation of extracts from these 39th FC Meeting Minutes, together with a summary of the key points and some additional observations, is available [here](#).

On 29th January, the RA WCom published via [massbulletin](#) the Minutes of the [63rd](#), [64th](#) and [65th](#) GB Meetings. These Minutes had been kept in secrecy for months. As noted by the RA WCom, "there are a number of topics and decisions made in these meetings that are deeply disturbing". One decision mentioned is the approval for the budget for a barbed-wire fencing "boundary wall" to be erected around the Auroville city center area, which would effectively cut it from the Greenbelt and neighbourhood. Additional observations on the 63rd, 64th and 65th Minutes will be shared shortly, and included in an upcoming issue of the Bulletin. In the meantime, the RA WCom has invited anyone who "would like to share their own thoughts and observations to do so by writing to workingcom@auroville.services".

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- **Meetings called by AVFO and their appointees:** The AVFO 'groups' organised a meeting of their "community coordinators" on 26th January, for which they invited many individuals through emails and personal phone calls. It was attended by about 60 people. Reportedly, false information was given in this meeting, such as a claim that no maintenances had been cut - which is factually untrue as about 160 individuals have been affected by maintenance cuts.
- Another meeting has also been called by the AVFO only for "the Residents entered in the RoR" on three consecutive days, between 7th and 9th February.
- **RA WCom about Visas:** In a [massbulletin](#) on 1st February, the RA WCom reminded "all those who have had or are having difficulties getting a letter of recommendation for new visas or for extensions of existing visas" to contact them at workingcom@auroville.services.
- **Over 100 students from across India in Auroville for "week-long exposure tours":** On 29th January, a [Press Release](#) posted by the Indian Government's Press Information Bureau revealed that Auroville was hosting a one-week programme under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, an official educational curriculum of the Government of India. The Press Release mentioned that "the emphasis of the initiative [was] on exposing the youth to spirituality and Sri Aurobindo's philosophy". The same day, the news was relayed by [The Hindu](#). Residents of Auroville were not informed of this initiative and programme, nor invited to participate in it.
- **Ayodhya Sri Ram temple replica in Bharat Nivas:** On 5th February, Bharat Nivas team [announced](#) that a "miniature replica of the Sri Ram temple, Ayodhya which is made from pure silver" will be displayed at Kalakendra in the Bharat Nivas compound.
- **More closures at Visitors Centre:** On 20th January, the AVFO-appointed Visitors Center 'executives' closed two venues with a two-hour notice and dismissed their managers. You can read more in the [message](#) sent out by the Visitors Center cafeteria team.
- **Meeting of the AVFO 'Farm Service':** On 23rd January, the AVFO 'Farm Service' [called for](#) a meeting of all farm managers to discuss "desired changes in Management/Procurement/Sales Procedure" of farms. The meeting was headed by Mr Balagandhi, a retired agricultural director from Pondicherry. Among other points, payments for Auroville food produce would soon be paid to the Auroville Foundation rather than to the farms and Auroville farms are now advised to grow produce that has a higher market rate in order to be profitable. The AVFO appointees also insisted that Auroville farms should not do experiments in farming because any information needed can be found on the internet. Following the meeting, the AVFO 'Farm Service' requested the farmers to send them detailed information on their farms, such as assets details, soil test reports, etc.


MEDIA & MORE

- ["Open letter to the community"](#), a massbulletin published by the RA WCom on 6th February 2024.
- Nouveau Monde, 25th January 2024, [Mille français persécutés en Inde à Auroville, mais Macron s'en fout](#): A short video in French by Aurovillian and ex-journalist François Gautier, about Auroville and the current situation.
- VoiceofPondicherry on YouTube, 20th January 2024, ["More than 100 of trees deforested for the road development project, Auroville"](#) (video, 48 seconds)
- [The Destruction of Auroville \(4\)](#) by Rod Hemsell, 17th January 2024: A blog article about the new AVFO Regulations regarding the Selection of the Working Committee, and the ongoing takeover of Auroville by the Governing Board.
- The Hindu, 16th January 2024, [Auroville Foundation to form panel for selection of members for its working committee](#)

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

BOOK RELEASE OF KIREET JOSHI

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In his own words, and with contributions from
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BOOK RELEASE (IN FRENCH)

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L'ouvrage ne comporte ni violence, ni sexualité, ni cupidité, ingrédients qui en général aident à bien vendre. Par contre, l'humour n'en étant pas absent, on ne s'y ennue pas une seconde. Le Scribe s'est attelé à écrire une suite, à la demande de ses plus jeunes lecteurs. Il espère que vous aimerez comme eux le premier volume Nous vous souhaitons une agréable lecture.

Le Scribe :

C. Mabilat (Cristo) né en France, vit à Auroville en Inde depuis 1974. Ingénieur B.T.P., il consacre sa vie à travailler à la réalisation du Rêve de Sri Aurobindo et Mère, l'établissement sur la Terre d'une société basée sur l'Unité Humaine.



Available at Visitor's Center book store Freeland Book Store

THE PAVILLON DE FRANCE PRESENTS :

A series of three conferences to think about the relationship between spiritual and social life, a question which is at the heart of the Auroville experience. This will be explored through the lens of French academics who work in French research or teaching establishments, and who are regularly staying in Auroville or Pondicherry. Second time, in English language this time:

"Divine Anarchy"

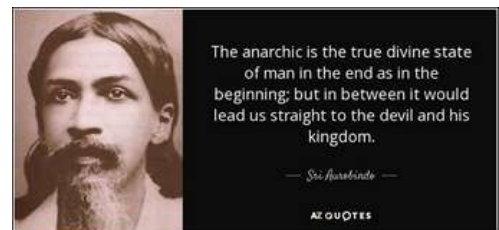
and social organization in Auroville:

An Exploration

by Rémi Astruc

Wednesday 14th February, 5PM

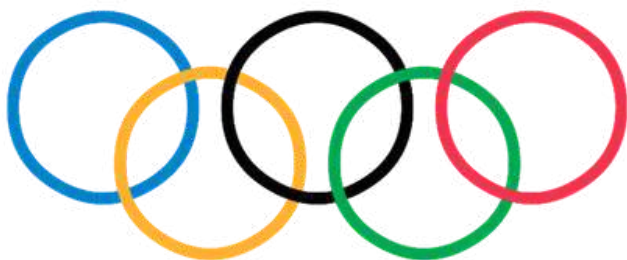
Pavillon de France (opposite Visitor Centre)



Divine Anarchy is what Mother said she wanted for Auroville. But people surely wouldn't understand, she added... Even if it's a fairly misleading formula, can we try to understand a little better what she meant? What kind of "anarchy" did she associate with Auroville? What does it have in common with the word anarchy as understood in political philosophy? Finally, how can the 55 years collective experience in the city of Dawn inform us on these points?

Rémi Astruc is a French researcher - Paris-Cergy University, UMR Héritages (CY/CNRS/Ministry of Culture) - who has carried out research on different aspects of Auroville. Last year, during a conference at the French Pavilion, He had shared his research on the aesthetics and beauty of the city ("Eco-poetics of Concrete Human Unity", 2022).

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The four great games of ancient Greece were not intended to celebrate remarkable athletes but spiritual seekers. They marked four major stages on the spiritual journey, the keys to which are given in mythology.

With the decline of the mystery schools and the loss of the deeper meaning of the myths from the 5th century BC onwards, the sporting games took over from the initiation ceremonies to become what they are today, a celebration of man rather than the Divine.

A lecture by Claude de Warren

IN FRENCH: SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024 – PAVILLON DE FRANCE – 5 PM

IN ENGLISH: THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2024 - CINEMA PARADISO – 4:30 PM 1h+Q&A

ART AND CULTURE

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Improvisations: exercises to build confidence, work on the imagination and letting go, exercises to develop the emotional state, work on listening (learning to be in the moment, looking for the solution in the other and in the group), individual and collective improvisations (free, thematic, with constraints).

Collective writing of scenes: discovery of some techniques of dramaturgical writing (situation, characters, trigger, reversal of situation,

beginning, end. . .), creative brainstorming and script writing, improvisation from scripts and dialogues writing. Rehearsal and staging of the created scenes.

Presentation at the end of the course:

Presentation in front of the guests of your choice.

COACH:

Aubert has been staging several plays in Auroville (The King Stag, Black Comedy, and some improvisation shows). Last year, he gave a workshop for ten days in Pitanga. He is currently working on a short play about Upcycling with Orev and Veronese who will also participate in the workshop.



in 10 days !

Create and perform a short play of few scenes, from situations you will invent and characters you will build up to a final show.

DETAILS:

29th February to 9th March, except Sunday 2:30 to 6:30 pm
Sharnga Yoga Hall

Adults any level

8 participants minimum, 15 maximum Motivation and good mood required

Tel : **(+33)644224664** (Whatsapp only) Email :

aubertdefoy@yahoo.com

ART EXHIBITION AT PITANGA



Art Exhibition
by Crystal

What's in a speck of dust...
3 February to 4 March 2024
at Pitanga

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: 33AAAT00078Y1N

AWAKENING SPIRIT

DARSHAN TOKENS



21st February 2024
The Mother's Birthday
and
29th February 2024
The 'Golden Day'
The Sri Aurobindo Ashram
Room Darshan Token Service
for residents of Auroville

Dear friends,
As announced last week, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram is preparing for two Room Darshans in February.
On 21 February and 29 February, the Mother's Room and Sri Aurobindo's Room will be open for Darshan to the general queue on both days from 4:30am to 6:00pm.
Room Darshans are available to all who have a token for the visit. Tokens will be available to the general public on the day at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. There will be a booth near the main gate of the Ashram where you can collect your token.

By a kind arrangement made by the Ashram, Aurovilians and Newcomers will be able to pre-book their tokens. Time slots available for Auroville is from 12 noon to 3:30 pm on both Darshan days.

Registration Dates for Aurovilians and Newcomers: **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February 9am - 12noon and 3pm - 5.30pm at Pitanga.**

Please come in person to Pitanga to register your name for a token and to help us identify you as an Aurovillian or Newcomer if you are not known to us.

Please do not send your request by email or WhatsApp. Thank you!

With love,
Your Pitanga team

PONDY SAIER BUS ON DARSHAN DAYS

21st FEBRUARY - MOTHER'S BIRTHDAY and
29th FEBRUARY – Golden Day

For those using the SAIER bus to have darshan on these two days, the bus will leave from Matrimandir at 3 pm and return from **Pondy at 6 pm.**

This service is reserved for Aurovilians and newcomers only. Tokens are required; the reservation is done in Pitanga, as announced, on **13 and 14 February.**

Paulette

AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Every THURSDAY at sunset
5.30 to 6 pm
(weather permitting)

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

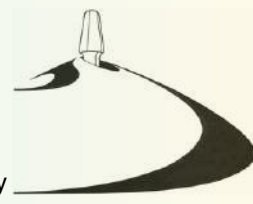
Let's gather under the beautiful open space, with heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work, and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos. Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.

Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.15 pm and for the meditation time.

Thank you,
Surya and Amphitheatre Team



INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 13th February, 9 am - 12 noon
Focus: Practice – the Sunlit Path

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



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 FEBRUARY 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: As Per Availability
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



Aurokiya Integral Eye Centre
(An Auroville Activity)

EYE WELLNESS CENTRE



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

HEALTH: ENERGY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM

Anyone interested to go for the **Energy Enhancement System**, shortly EES, near Tirupati?

For more information contact Samata on WhatsApp 9443797601

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!

Something New: Evening Programs!

From **1st February 2024**, we are launched a new experiment. The Language Lab has extended its opening hours from 5pm -7:00pm, Monday to Friday. We are offering special evening programs which include conversational practice with native language speakers, talks, as well as self-learning and guided study in different languages with our mediatheque. Our regular day-time students are welcome to take advantage of these sessions as well for some additional practise. This is to revive an old idea of "language exchange" and "sharing languages". This program is free of cost to everyone: Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Guests and people from around the Auroville area. The Language Lab has always been open to all and this program will be as well. Ever learnt a language but feel a bit rusty now? Come and revive it! All, including Guests are welcome to join. Come share your language with others!

Conversation Practice sessions would be Mondays for Tamil, Tuesdays for Italian, Wednesdays for French & Chinese, Thursdays for English (On the Auroville Charter and The Dream) and Fridays for German. Please come forward for other languages, especially Sanskrit and Hindi! All are welcome for these sessions.

Do let us know if you would like to be part of this experiment and what you would like to receive and offer, either as a participant or a facilitator, by sending an email to info@aurovillelanguagelab.org or a whatsapp message to +91 98430 30355.

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. Order through our website : <https://books.aurovillelanguagelab.org/>

You can access the detailed Table of Contents, as well as 2.5 chapters of the actual book for free here, before decided to order through Amazon.

We are looking for sponsors to cover costs of the first print run, so that it can be available as a paperback. For now, in India, it is only available as a Kindle e-book. You can use a free kindle e-reader to access it.

Open Houses: Like last year, we will have two Open Houses to introduce our different activities. Tentative dates are two consecutive Saturday mornings : on 17th and 24th February.

Looking for: Volunteer (s) capable of reading & writing Telugu, for proof-reading a couple of short documents (that have been translated from English). The work requires 2-3 hours of commitment. We are also looking for volunteer language teachers, someone to help with fundraising, a Computer support person for the mediathèque, an administrative/executive assistant as well as assistants in the Tomatis research centre.



Volunteering opportunities!

An illustration showing a group of diverse people holding a banner that says "VOLUNTEER". One person is holding a red heart, and another is holding a green plant. The background is a light blue sky with a sun and clouds.

Do You wish to enhance your Auroville experience? Volunteering at the Language Lab can be profoundly enriching.

We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Language Teachers, Fundraiser
- Event Coordinator, IT Assistant
- Executive Assistant
- Tomatis Children's Assistant
- Tomatis Research Assistant

Contact or visit us to find out more and... get started!

We are open Monday to Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyyWZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

Current Language Courses at ALL

We are very happy to welcome Aurotaranti has joined our English teaching team!

Aurotaranti has nine years classroom teaching experience. Besides receiving Teacher Training and incorporating Integral Education at Transition School (SAIER) and the Shanghai Livingston American School in China, she holds a BA in Anthropology and a certificate from TESOL Canada to Teach English to Speakers of Other Languages, Beginners to Advanced. Aurotaranti is also available for one-on-one classes in Conversational French.

• Aurotaranti will anchor a new program called "HIP" : Help Integrate People!

This is a vocational English program where special attention will be given to beginner and pre-intermediate English language learners in different fields of work in Auroville, so that they may develop the vocabulary, concepts and conversational skills to help them excel in their work places. We would like to invite Aurovilians, Newcomers, SAVI Volunteers and employees of Auroville Units to participate. Auroville units can share their specific requirements and sponsor their staff for these classes, which will take place at the Language Lab premises.

Those interested in participating or enrolling their staff in these vocational English acquisition courses are requested to contact info@aurovillelanguagelab.org with the subject line "HIP programme," so that we may assess and schedule private or group sessions as required.

• New Courses Offered:

English Conversation pre-intermediate and intermediate level - See below

English as a Second Language Group Classes for different levels – to be scheduled as per demand.

Private English Classes and French Conversational Classes may be scheduled (Mon-Fri 9-12 and 2-4)

English Through Movement & Theatre with Rupam!

Bored trying to memorise the grammar? Learning English can be extremely fun with movements and theatre. Let's explore learning a new language using theatre as a tool!! It's a new concept so let's find out together!!

Days & time: Saturdays, 10.30 am to 12 noon

Starting day: 3 February 2024 (if we have a least 4-5 participants)

Duration: 18 hours (over three months)

By donation

Beginner Spanish with Mila

This course is now closed to registrations!

Started date January 24 Classes are on **Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm.**

New Beginner Italian with Karuna

If you are a beginner with little or no knowledge of the Italian language, you are welcome to join this 24-hour (3 months) compact course, [with Karuna](#).

The course will take students through the Italian alphabet and phonetics, spoken grammar, main verbs, pronouns, sentence structure, etc. By the end of the course, learners will be able to introduce themselves & others in a simple way, exchange information about family, work, holidays, home, etc., and speak about everyday activities, hobbies, etc. A range of different topics can be explored based on the interests of the students.

Start date: Wednesday 7 February 2024

Days and Timings: Wednesdays and Fridays, **from 4 pm to 5 pm**

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 24-hour (over 3 months) 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 started on **February 5**. Classes take place **Mondays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm**.

New: German with Ben

Ben will resume his courses from early 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, from 5th February 2024**

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

Classes will take place **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 to 5pm, from 6th February 2024**

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

English Conversation Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate with Aurotaranti

From 6th February 2024. Aurotaranti will address student needs and interests to guide the conversations accordingly.

Classes will take place **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4 to 5pm, from 6th February 2024**

Intermediate Spoken Tamil with Saravanan

We are pleased to announce a new Intermediate Spoken Tamil course, that will run Tuesday and Fridays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, starting as soon as we have at least 5 students.

Our experienced Tamil teacher of many years - Saravanan - will lead students to the next level of Tamil proficiency in conversational skills.

This course will be of most use to students who already have a basic knowledge of Tamil.

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, 2:30 to 4:00pm**.

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, 11:00 to 12:00pm**. 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	11:00am - 12:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Conversation Intermediate To start 6 February 2024	4 - 5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Movements & Theater To start 3 February 2024	10:30am - 12noon	Saturday
French	Beginner To start 10 February 2024	2:30- 4:30pm	Saturday
	Conversation Post-Beginner To start 10 February 2024	10:30am - 12noon	
	Conversation Intermediate	2:30 -3:30pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner Start date 23 January 2024	9:30 - 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Spoken Intermediate	5:30 - 6:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner To start March 2024	TBA	TBA
Hindi	Beginner February 2024	10:30am - 11:30am	Monday & Wednesday
German	A1.1 Beginner	9:30 - 11am	Monday & Wednesday
	German Elementary S&W Start date 6th February 2024	4 - 5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Spanish	Beginner Start date 24 January 2024	2:30 - 3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate	2:30 - 4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner To start March 2024	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner	4 - 5pm	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate	3 - 4pm	Monday
	Started 14 December 2023	2:30 - 3:30pm	Thursday

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

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

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

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

MARTIAL ARTS - AUROVILLE AIKIDO NEWS



Auroville Aikido at AV Budokan (Dehashakti) is happy to share again their **Adults regular schedule for Beginners and others** (with N. Murugan and Surya) for interested people to join this beautiful and complete practice in the form of a Japanese martial art: every **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday early morning from 6 to 7.30 am + Wednesday 5.15 to 6,30 pm**.

For **children classes** (with Surya, Philippe G. and Cristo) and **other info**, please contact us: budokan@auroville.org.in and 83001 89062 (Surya) - 99528 12843 (Murugan/WA) - 83006 43963 (Philippe/WA). Reasonable contributions required.

PITANGA



Program February 2024

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
5:00pm 6:30m | **Restorative Yoga** | with Rachel | All levels
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
5:15pm - 6.45pm | **FOR GIVING LOVE** with Marie-Claire | A weekly inner dialog to foster your own healing.

Saturdays

9:00am to 10:30am Intermediate level Asana class, with Rachel
Only intermediate students who are able to maintain a stable Sirsasana and Sirvanganasa
11:00am -12:15pm | **ATB explorations** | with Isora, Rosario & 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 by signing up (with Pitanga reception with your details & contact no.

HEALING SPACE — BY APPOINTMENT

- *Acupuncture by Heidi* (not from Mon. 5th Feb. to Frid. 1st March)
- *Bio-Resonance (with Bi-Com machine) by Afsaneh*
- *Cranio Sacral by Anne H.*
- *Chiropractic by Afsaneh*
- *Thai Yoga Massage by Juan*

NEW ACTIVITIES

CHINESE TEA CEREMONY (GONGFU CHA)

offered by Chun



"Experience tea the way Chinese do"

Tea has been grown, drunk and cherished in China for thousands of years.

In the Chinese tradition, drinking tea is more than just a beverage. Chun offers you an experience into the world of Chinese tea culture. This session is about experiencing a tea ceremony and learning about tea and the deeper meaning of its tradition and culture.

Places are limited for each session and can only be booked in advance.

Drop-ins are not possible.

To experience the fragrance of tea it is essential that you do not wear body perfume on the day.

Please register at Pitanga.

Every Saturday, 3:00-4:00pm

HARMONIZATION OF BODY & SPIRIT

by Nadia Labiod

Any physical or mental unwellness begins in an instant, usually after a shock that we can call a triggering conflict.

Nadia's sessions are aimed at restoring the harmony of body and mind by creating a personalised, nutritional diet and accompanying the process by decoding the symptoms of physical, vital, emotional, mental and spiritual imbalance.

Nadia is a certified Naturopath (Lyon, France), which includes nutrition and psychology (among other fields).

Please register at Pitanga



BORN FREE TO LIVE FREE

by Ange Sabine Blanchflower

Monday, 12th – Friday 16th February 2024
Daily from 12:45 – 1:45pm



Ange Sabine Blanchflower invites you to this workshop.

"If you have great dreams, Ideas and goals for how you want like to live your life – but don't know how to make them happen, then this workshop is for you."

Limited places available and prior registration required. Please contact Pitanga registration office

YOGA WITH RACHEL

Rachel invites you on Tuesdays and Saturdays to new classes.



Restorative Yoga on Tuesdays 5:00pm to 6:30pm

"Restorative poses and breath work help to calm and soothe the nervous system, improving sleep, reducing stress and anxiety while we open the body in a supported yoga practice. For new and continuing practitioners of all ages."

Starting on Tuesday, 13th February at 5:00am

Intermediate Asana Class, Saturdays 9am-10.30am.

"For regular practitioners who want to go deeper into their practice.

For those with a good understanding of the fundamental yoga poses with a steady practice, who are able to maintain a stable Sirsasana and Sarvangasana, or their variations, for at least 5 minutes."

Starting on Saturday, 17th February at 9:00am

Asana class mixed level like before on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30am 9:00am

"Rachel offers a detailed verbal guidance and instruction along with extended practical experience to drive you into the posture with focus on the alignment of body, mind and essence. This practice helps to improve all the physical and mental capabilities, helping us to live in the present with stability and joy."


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

ATB INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Intro Awareness Through the Body



with Suryamayi & Natascha

All are welcome!

Saturday, February 17th, 9.15am - 12.15pm

advance registration required:
suryamayiy@auroville.org.in

with Suryamayi & Natascha
Sat, Feb 17th 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 inmost center.

Advance registration required:

Email suryamayiy@auroville.org.in

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

We look forward to sharing the ATB practice with you !
Suryamayi & Natascha

THE EMBODIED VOICE AT TIBETAN PAVILION

Weekend voice immersion
10th and 11th February at the
Tibetan Pavilion

Timings:

10am - 12.30pm

2pm - 4.30pm

Expect deep listening, intuitive
sound-making, movement, and

nuanced bodywork to soften physical constrictions. Free your breath from your own control. Let curiosity take you through solo play and partner/group explorations, until you feel safe and alive enough to express yourself through song.

This is open to everyone, and is designed to be equally meaningful for the seasoned and for the uninitiated. You will be invited to relax into a deeply honest place of allowing and enoughness, to witness the magic that then unfolds

To register and for more information, email
shalini.voicework@gmail.com



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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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



QUIET HEALING CENTER



Quiet Healing Center, Auroville 605 104, Tamil Nadu, India
www.quiethealingcenter.info / quiet@auroville.org.in
Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

Baby Watsu Class with Appie & Friederike **Thursday 15 February 2024 (9:30 - 11:00am)**

A special opportunity to connect with your baby!
You'll be guided on how to hold, feel and move your baby, using the qualities of warm water, so that you and your baby can feel safe, at ease, and enjoy this quality time together. You'll learn and practice the basics in the group, while you stay focused on your baby's needs in the moment. In the end, there is free play time. Please bring towels and a closing swimming pant for your baby.
For babies between 2 and 12 months.

Watsu® & OBA® Basic with Dariya & Daniel **Friday 16 - Wednesday 21 February 2024 (8:30am - 1:30pm: 31 hours)**

Watsu & **OBA** are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). Watsu, the part where the client's face stays always on the surface, introduces the qualities and body mechanics required to work with someone in water in order to create a profound state of both physical and mental relaxation. During the **OBA** part the receiver is also brought under water (with nose clip), which offers a unique experience.

In this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) of being and moving another body in water. You will experience floating other people and being floated, on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. Participants in this course often appreciate the group space, which fosters deep, meaningful and nurturing connections.

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

Shiatsu for Watsu® with Petra **Friday 16 - Wednesday 21 February 2024 (8:45am - 6:30pm: 50 hours)**

Watsu, the abbreviation of WATer ShiatSU, originates from Masunaga's Zen Shiatsu, which was transferred and adapted to warm water by the Californian Shiatsu practitioner Harold Dull. Therefore a deeper knowledge of Shiatsu is highly recommended. Shiatsu is a modality, which originated within the oldest healing system known to humanity. It restores and maintains health by adjusting and balancing the body's primary communication network – the energy system.

About 60% of this course is on land, during which we will offer a simple Shiatsu protocol for applying pressure along the 12 main meridians (energy pathways) and some basic theory of Chinese Medicine (yin yang, 5 elements system, organ-clock). Practical exercises on land and in water will let you discover your own energy system and become more sensitive to your partner's energy body.

To become a certified Watsu practitioner, you need to have at least 50 hours of Shiatsu and 50 hours of Tantsu, another method of land-based bodywork.

Prerequisites: Watsu 1. **Certificate upon completion of the course.**

Pregnant Couples Class with Appie & Friederike **Thursday 22 February 2024 (9:30 - 11:00am)**

Experience the relaxing and connecting benefits of floating in warm water. You are invited to come with or without your partner or birth-attendant.

Birenda Massage Course with Jean-Louis & Kumar **Friday 23 - Sunday 25 February & 11-13 March 2024 (9:00am - 5:00pm: 36 hours)**

Birenda Massage is a unique Indian massage therapy, which was developed by Birenda, an accomplished therapist from Bengal with 50 years of experience. To facilitate the learning process, the course material consists of three sections: the first part is dedicated to back massage; during the two other sections, you'll learn how to massage the legs, arms and front of the body. You'll also learn how to prepare yourself before massaging a person, create a trusting relationship with your client, and offer relevant information afterwards.

This massage training consists of six days, divided into two times 3 days.

Prerequisites: no previous experience required. **Manual and certificate upon completion of the course.**

CREATIVE WRITING SESSIONS ARE BACK



Hello everyone,
this is to inform you I resumed the creative writing sessions. I spent a lot of time increasing my knowledge on the subject in the last few years and now I'm ready to come back to those of you who want to develop their creative writing skills.

If you want to know what I do, please check my new brand YouTube channel I Just Wanna Write at <https://www.youtube.com/@IJustWannaWrite-ht9qI/videos> I'm using it to promote my cultural activity, following the path of never ending education.

Also I am publishing the results of some of the writing practices I do on YT in my blog <https://ijustwannawrite.com>

If you want to explore the infinite potential of writing with me, please contact me at ijustwannawrite.email@gmail.com to get info and book a session. Individual or collective.

Free contribution from Aurovillians, Newcomers and Volunteers. The sessions will take place at the European Pavilion every Wednesday from 9am to 10.30am. If the timing is not suited to you, we can find another solution.

Please notice these are not meant to be classes but sessions, meaning that you are not compelled to follow a regular class.

I'm also available to give sessions in the schools.

Francesca

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 in the third talk in this series, as he explores how Obsidian and AI can work together to create a powerful 'second brain' for organizing thoughts and enhancing productivity. Learn practical ways to integrate these tools into your daily life for smarter and more efficient information management.

To learn about Future events

Gen AI User Group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMeiWHRjquBATdKPEkG4PI>

HEALTH FOR EVERYONE

Shiatsu Practising Hours -

Time to deepen your learning of meridians, give and receive SHIATSU. An Art of Touch for Health and Happiness! During these regular Shiatsu training hours in the month of February and more to come, we will mainly focus on the practical aspects of the Shiatsu Art of Touch. According to the need of the participants, we will include a brief look into the extensive theory of Shiatsu as well.

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

We are looking forward to hearing about your coming as well as hearing your questions, wishes, aspirations. Contributions required for ensuring future seminars. Kindly give whatever your heart tells you to.

Wednesdays, 7 - 9 am during the month of February at Budokan, Aikido Hall, Dehashakti

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

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

INNER WAY TAI CHI SCHOOL

TAI CHI HALL in Sharnga
Presents

THE ART OF CHI - Stevanovitch's method



TAI CHI CHUAN INTENSIVE

FEB 12 to March 2

Monday to Saturday, 7.30 -10.30 am

Beginners: Chi and Tai Chi basics

Three weeks, three steps through the discovery of the Chi work and the 24 posture form.

Lead by Krishna, the work is essentially directed towards:

Concentration techniques to stay focused

Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation;

Improvement of movement through balance and coordination;

Learning to mobilize Chi. First perceiving it, then guiding it in one's body with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

This is a recreational activity

For information and booking contact Krishna at 0413 - 2623187
taichi@auroville.org.in / taichi.auroville.org / www.artduchi.com

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY BY HONOR & LOLA



We are offering a 1.5 hour ATB (Awareness Through the Body) exploration to anyone who might be interested. ATB is a practice that helps us to better know the complexity of our own being and find ways to manage this complexity more effectively, so as to become a more self-directed beings. If you are invested to explore with us you are welcome! Saturday 10th at 4pm at Deepanam school ATB hall. Please contact **Honor & Lola (whatsapp: 9159856148)**.

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

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



Yoga Therapy for Back Pain – with Bijou Friday, February 9, 9:15am – 12:00pm

Stretches, holds and strengthening asanas for the back with crucial attention to right posture, breath, and individual attention to body type to rejuvenate the muscles and alignment of the back muscles and spine. Helps relieve back pain and condition the back against future injuries.

Safe Yoga Asana Practice: Do's & Don'ts – with Rebeca Saturday, February 10, 9:15am – 12:00pm

Although yoga offers many health benefits, if practiced incorrectly, it may cause muscle strain, torn ligaments, or other serious injuries. Rebeca will present a detailed breakdown of some challenging asanas, to both understand the risks and develop the necessary skills for safe practice. Session open to all; especially designed for yoga teachers or yoga practitioners.

Conscious Relating with Ananda

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 16, 17, & 18 February, 9:15am – 4.45pm

Explore, learn, practice, and heal through this experiential process of self-awareness, love, conscious communication, and growth. Learn effective exercises, meditation practices, and healing processes involving the body-mind-energy and spirit connection that can be integrated in daily life. Understand patterns, beliefs, projections, and behaviors in relation to oneself and others, and recognize attachment styles, relationship stages and childhood influences to promote healing from unconscious, unloving or unhealthy entanglement.

Master Class: Calm Your Nervous System & Your Mind through Yogic Techniques – with Andres Saturday, February 17, 9:15am – 12:00pm (theory booklet included)

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

Face & Eye Yoga: Face your Self – Mamta Saturday, February 17, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Explore self-massage techniques & exercises for the face; revitalize the sense organs & enhance vision through candle gazing.

AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

FEBRUARY 2024 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	10 00 am to 11 00 am	Mobility with Karlakattai
Every Friday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas
Every Saturday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas
February 15 to 19	10 30 am to 12 30 pm	5 day Yoga Nidra workshop
Sunday February 11 & 24	10 00 am to 01 00 pm	Tamil culture tour & temple visit
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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 - 10 00 am to 11 00 am:

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.

5 day Yoga Nidra Intensive

February 15 to 19

Time- 10 30 am to 12 30 am

Yoga Nidra, also known as Yogic Sleep, is a state of consciousness between waking and sleeping, where profound relaxation and rejuvenation occur. Through guided meditation and deep relaxation techniques, you will explore inner tranquility and unlock your innate potential for healing and self-discovery.

What to Expect:

- Daily guided Yoga Nidra sessions
- Philosophy of Yoga Nidra practices
- Techniques for stress reduction and deep relaxation
- Personalized guidance and support
- Tools to integrate Yoga Nidra into your daily life

Rukmini - Dancer, Kalaripayatu practitioner completed her Yoga Nidra TTC from Bihar school of Yoga and taught this practice for many years in India & abroad. YACEP Yoga Alliance Certified.

Tamil culture and temple visit: February 11 & February 24 - 10 am to 1 00 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.

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Yoga Alliance YACEP certificate included

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SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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THERAPIES

SHIATSU MASSAGE

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EXPRESSIVE ARTS SESSION

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TAROT READING

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PRANIC HEALING

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ACTIVITIES

HATHA YOGA

Ramesh
 Wednesdays - 5:30 - 6:30pm
 Saturdays - 7:30 to 8:30am
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MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Gijs
 Thursdays - 7 - 8pm
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SANSKRIT TRADITIONAL CHANTING

Sonia
 Thursdays - 9- 10am (drop in class)
 Fridays - 5 to 6pm (Regular Students)
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BUILDING OUR OWN GPT: AN EXPLORATORY WORKSHOP

Join AI and Vikram for an engaging session on creating our own Generative Pre-trained Transformers (GPT). We don't have all the answers, but rather questions to uncover the mysteries of GPT together. Whether you're a coder or simply fascinated by artificial intelligence and machine learning, your insights and feedback are all that we need. Let's learn, brainstorm and get started towards building our very own GPT. Saturday, 17th Feb, 10-11am in Auroville Consulting, Kalpana Community.



To get regular updates and stay in touch, join our WhatsApp group by clicking on this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMeiWHRjquBATdKPEkG4PI>

CONSCIOUS NATURE IMMERSION AT MAHAKALI PARK

About the Park: MahaKali Park is one of the 4 parks of Auroville, which is developed as a place for holistic awareness and self-development through nature. We guide you into an educational and meditative walk in the forest. The historical experience of green spaces in the specific context of Auroville have led to a unique understanding of holistic ecology. Providing a space for a direct connection with the organic "web of life" brings, in turn, insights for our self-study and yoga of work.



When: Every Wednesday and Sunday

Contributions: Accepted for the management of the site.

Clothing: Be adequately clad to prevent mosquito bites. You may also carry mosquito repellents.

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

Contact: Vignesh +91 9620493716

Please note: The park is not yet accessible without our supervision, Thank you for your understanding!

Gmap link: [Revelation forest Auroville](#)

AUTHENTIC RELATING WORKSHOPS

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Every week different theme



Do you desire to go beyond the surface & connect deeply & authentically with others in a safe, heart-centered environment?

JOIN US IN THE HALL OF LIGHT, CREATIVITY EVERY THURSDAY FROM JAN 11TH TO MARCH 14TH 9:15AM-12:15PM

Open to all



Guests ₹500

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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

Youth Center International
Youth Center Auroville

Come join our
Pizzeria

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

FRI - SAT - SUN **START AT 07:00 pm - 09:00pm** **YOUTH CENTER Auroville**

Friday-Saturday Open to all Sunday exclusive only for pre-register groups

STAY TUNED

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Youth Center International



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NEW EVENT!

Youth Center Sunday Express

from 5:30 - 9:00PM



Book your group slot with us and come with your friends and family for an unforgettable evening of fun, food, music. Enjoy a guided tour around YC, learn to make your own pizza & enjoy it!

Let's Sunday together!!

Call: 9152275335

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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:


https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tGQN BGItSxZKGulnpwhQTPNaUIAJomDU?usp=drive_link or

please scan this code to know more:



YOUTH CENTER: CALL FOR COMMUNITY




"The Youth Center wishes to organize Auroville's birthday on February 28th at the Youth Center. In order to celebrate it together we would like to offer pizzas with other dishes, but to make that possible and in view of the current situation, we need financial support and food products such as veggies, Maida, cheese, syrup, sweets, etc. Please pass by Youth Center in any weekdays morning and give us a call 7598581908 Aurore (Fertile)"

youthcenterauroville

RUPHAVATI JOY ACTIVITIES

BIO-REGION TEMPLE TOUR

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



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

Starting point from Solar Kitchen.

Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week.

Please contact in advance for more information and booking: 8098845200

SOUTH-INDIAN CUISINE - COOKING CLASS

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

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

Please book sessions in advance.



THAI MASSAGE

Monday - Saturday between 9AM and 5PM

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

TAILORING

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

For any of the above services, contact information below:
Phone/WhatsApp - 8098845200
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CHILDREN'S STORY PERFORMANCE AND NEW BOOK RELEASE

SATURDAY, FEB. 10TH 3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
SOLITUDE FARM FESTIVAL - SECRET GARDEN STAGE



Noel will be releasing his new children's book *The Legend of the Flute Player* with a reading and musical performance of the story, featuring Yunsung Cho playing the flute and Simran Shah doing performance acting for the story. This is an inspiring story about a boy's dream to discover and play the most beautiful music, exploring sound through a long journey into nature where he ultimately discovers the deeper music within himself in the silence of the Soul. Following the story we will have an activity for children to explore sound and expressing music using instruments and voice. For children and adults!

The book contains the artistic and beautiful illustrations by Marina Minina and is published by HarperCollins India. Books will be available, including Noel's previous book *Yaroslava's Flowers*.

Noel Parent

[My new children's book is out now! The Legend of the Flute Player by HarperCollinsIndia](#)

[Visit the StoryYoga for Children Website](#)

[Visit Noel's Blog](#)

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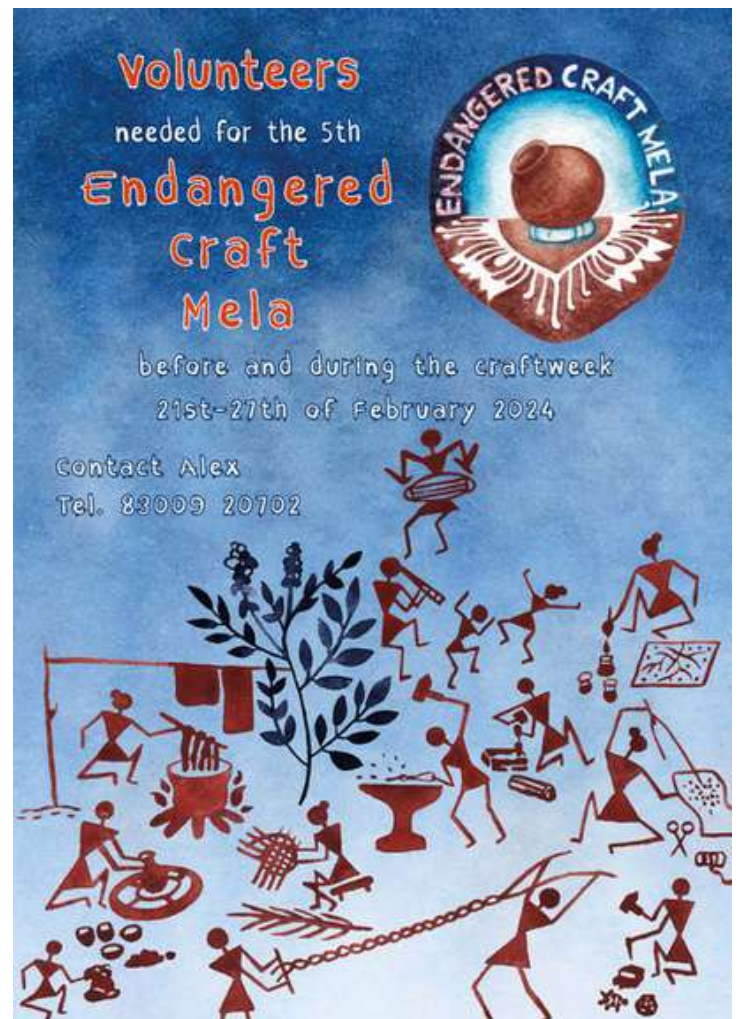
[Be inspired by my children's book Yaroslava's Flowers](#)

[Be inspired by my poetry book Transcendent Sky](#)

"All Life is Yoga" Sri Aurobindo

ENDANGERED CRAFT MELA

21ST-27TH OF FEBRUARY 2024



Volunteers
needed for the 5th
Endangered Craft Mela
before and during the craftweek
21st-27th of February 2024
contact Alex
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Contact Alex: 8300920702

SOLITUDE FARM

LIVELY UP YOUR EARTH 2024



Lively Up Your Earth Eco-Music festival

A Celebration of our community, Mother Earth, local food and Music

This Saturday the **10th February 2024 LUYE** is happening.
The festival starts at **10:30am to 10:30 pm**

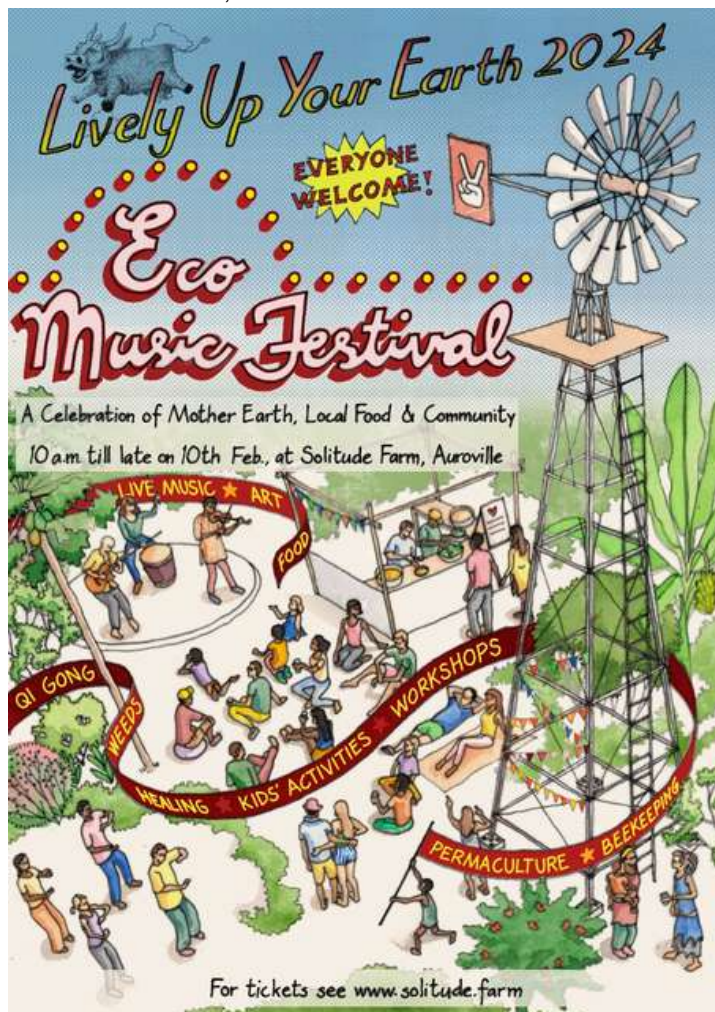
There is a very creative kids' space with bead work, henna, face painting, clay and more!

There are loads of stalls and mini workshops on mushroom growing, vedic astrology, tarot, seed bank, eco-femme, Tamarai, Village Action Group, Eco-handicrafts, local food stalls, authentic relating, Johnny's tea shop, upcycling, hemplanet...

The Solitude Farm cafe will be serving farm fresh localicious food throughout the day and into the night.

There are 2 stages, 9 bands on the main stage and an acoustic stage with various performances such as bellydance, capoeira, handpan, shamanic drumming and more!

At sundown there will be a collective circle with qi gong, singing, meditation and prayer. After which, the last 3 bands will invite us to dance together and lively up our Earth! Come and celebrate with us the creative spirit of our Auroville community. See you at Solitude farm & cafe, Auroville



THE AUROVILLE CHOIR SINGS AT CRIPA

Celebrating 30 years of singing together-Part 2

The Auroville Choir sings
POPULAR FAVOURITES

Saturday 10 th - Sunday 11 th February

8 PM at CRIPA

Everyone is most welcome!

We would appreciate that no motorized vehicles use the access between Kalabhumi and Gaia (via CRIPA) during the concerts.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



TLC FRIDAY OPEN SPACES



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>

Learn More About Divine Arts:

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

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செயல்பாடு ACTIVITY	நாள் DAY	நேரம் TIMING	வயது வரம்பு 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 TAILOING 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 9PM	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
மீன் சுழற்சி UPCYCLING	SATURDAY	2 PM TO 3PM	FREE ABOVE 8 years
விற்ப-ஊராப HIP-HOP	SATURDAY	3:00 PM TO 4:0 PM	FREE ABOVE 8 years
பரத நாட்டின் BHARAT NATYAM	SATURDAY	4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM	FREE ABOVE 8 years
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NEXT TO AUROVILLE BAKERY, PROTECTION COMMUNITY, AUROVILLE
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பெரியவர்கள் மற்றும் குழந்தைகள்
 FOR CHILDREN & ADULT



Please click [HERE](#) to see the program in full or scan QR code:

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kulaicreativecentre.auroville@gmail.com

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

www.myfoodforest.info
myfoodforestgarden@gmail.com

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: avbgtours@gmail.com to book your walk

THEATRE CLASS

Theatre Class



Weekly theatre practice for aspiring actors

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

WEEKLY THEATRE PRACTICE FOR ADULTS

FRIDAYS @CRIPA

2:00PM TO 3:30PM
for Adults

4:00PM TO 5:30PM
for Kids above 9yrs & Adults

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. Only a few are left now, just one in January, and one for February, and for all Saturdays in March before we will close for the year. 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.

Dates for the upcoming walks are 17 February, and 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 March 2024. You can register for any Saturdays listed.

Pre-registration and a contribution are required. WhatsApp (preferred) or Email.

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

Let's walk on Saturdays

EDIBLE WEED WALKS ON FEW SATURDAYS

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

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE EDIBLE WEED WALK ON 27 JAN, 17 FEB, & ON ALL SATURDAYS IN MARCH

To purchase the book

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

Edible Weeds and Naturally Growing Plants in Auroville
 Punarnabha/Rejuvenation

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

EUROPEAN PAVILIONS PRESENT:

European Pavilions

Sunday 18th February from 4 to 9 pm

At **European House**

(International Zone) Opposite Tibetan Pavilion

Present a Joyful event

- Games
- Story-telling
- Live music, Folk
- Jam session, bring your instrument
- Dancing
- European snacks
- Planning of EU zone will be presented

In the spirit of community All are welcome

european.house.auroville@gmail.com

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

ANITYA COMMUNITY PRESENTS

WELL-BEING - HATHA YOGA CLASS

SATURDAY Feb 10 - 10 to 11:30 am

SUNDAY Feb 11 - 4:30 to 6 pm

LAST CLASSES

STRAIGHTEN YOUR SPINE,
BALANCE YOUR MIND & EMOTIONS




Wali, yoga teacher, is offering a few last classes in Anitya (Maloka hall). With Asanas, Pranayamas & Yoga Nidra, you will come out more relaxed, refreshed and energized!

For all levels. Donation based.
Contact Wali for info: 7042565206

Anitya is a community project registered under LEAD, Auroville.
Location: Center Field, continue straight for 500m after center gh


FRIDAY FEB 9
6:00 PM



Brenda McMorrow



Adam Bauer



Matthew Andrews

KIRTAN SACRED SONGS

*Join us for an evening of
meditative music and
chanting featuring 3
great artists and
musicians from Auroville*

MORE INFO:
+91-7094058699 (Mathilde)

Free donation event

ANITYA COMMUNITY - MALOKA HALL
500 M AFTER CENTRE GH, AUROVILLE

CONCERT BREEZE OF INDIA


SATURDAY FEB 10 5:30 - 7PM

Maloka Hall, Anitya Community

*A mix of classical Indian songs, Bhajans,
devotional songs and Dhrupad. Just
listen and enjoy or come to sing along.*

Free donation event

Contact Wali for info: +91-7042565206
*Wali is an Austrian singer, songwriter and yogini, loving
devotional music to enliven the divine in all of us*


ANITYA COMMUNITY
500 M AFTER CENTRE GH, AUROVILLE

FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR VOICE

FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR VOICE
WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2024 - 10 AM/1PM



With **SABINA ELSA ASTOLFI**
Singer, Voice Coach & Voice Healing practitioner
www.powerful-voices.com



JOIN ME TO CONNECT YOUR VOICE TO YOUR SOUL, BREAK THROUGH FEAR AND SHAME, AND LIBERATE YOUR UNIQUE SONG.

BY HEALING YOUR SACRED INSTRUMENT, YOUR VOICE, YOU GAIN ACCESS TO A POWERFUL TOOL FOR FEARLESS SELF-EXPRESSION.

"With Sabina, every lesson is an exciting journey to yourself and your voice. With her, you can accomplish with ease what you previously thought impossible" Christina

This Event will be filmed; we kindly request your consent

LOCATION: MALOKA HALL, ANITYA COMMUNITY, AUROVILLE

DONATIONS START AT 500 RPS. THE AMOUNT GATHERED WILL BE DONATED TO THE DOG SHELTER

FOR INFO & REGISTRATION: CONTACT MATHILDE: WA: +917094058699

Anitya is a community project registered under LEAD, Auroville
 Location: Center Field, follow the ANITYA signs after Center GH

FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR VOICE
FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2024 - 10 AM - 1 PM
ANITYA COMMUNITY, AUROVILLE

READY TO BE YOUR VOICE? JOIN US NOW!

Through liberating VOICE COACHING, you tap into the inherent wisdom and alchemical power of your VOICE, and keep breaking the barrier of fear and shame.

We will sing and chant ancient MANTRAS to access the divine gifts and essence of your SOUL.

This allows you to heal step by step and experience the POWER and GRACE of your VOICE.

In this WORKSHOP you will learn:

- To develop your voice and reawaken to the divine instrument that you are through technical and energetic exercises.
- To free the expression of your emotions and experience how they enrich your voice.
- To open and deepen your breath so that your singing is supported by the flow of PRANA.

I'm looking forward to meeting YOU and your Voice!
 With Love, Sabina

This Event will be filmed; we kindly request your consent

Workshop fee: free donation starting at 500 inr - Choose your donation! So happy to donate the whole amount to the dog shelter!

Please register in advance by WA: +917094058699

AUROORCHARD

 **AuroOrchard**

Volunteer and learn farming hands-on!

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

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

TO JOIN US, PLEASE CONTACT US
EMAIL: auroorchard@auroville.org.in
WHATSAPP: 9566631079 (Nidhin)

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

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING
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STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING
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 a service under MAATRAM



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

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trauma
- Life Issues

Trauma Informed Art Therapy & Counseling:

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- Solution Focused,
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Tia Pleiman, MA, ATR, NCC, LPC
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 WA 7094007610
 Aurelec, Kulpalayam, Auroville

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".



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

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

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

Contact **AIRCON CLEAN** now at 9786809518 or email us at airconclean.av@gmail.com

Regards, Julien.

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



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!**

ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday morning
from 10:30 AM



Dear friends,

Join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every **Thursday morning at 10:30 AM till 12 AM.**

Come and learn about:

- Sustainable menstrual products (cloth pads, cups and period panties),
- Menstrual cycle awareness and,
- Our not-for-profit work.

You can also pick up discounted cloth pads, cups, period panties and cloth nappies.


See you soon!

The Eco Femme Team

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Product Photography
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Architectural Photography

phone: 8279300821
sales@light-fish.com

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--wgwcZcgS0bRqEBa

Best regards,
Balaji & Arun for Rapid Care

Contact: + 91 8270071581 / +91 7639810621

Email : rapidcare@auroville.org.in ,
rcsrapidcareservice@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

HAIRCUTS BY AHANA



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

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

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

REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIGDES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

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

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



DROPSY



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

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

Android

<https://rb.gy/32zcix>

iPhone

<https://rb.gy/visp4c>

Desktop

<https://rb.gy/bpnud5>



Stay tuned in to our announcements and the app regularly, for more updates.

Best regards,
Sathish Arumugam
For Dropzy

Mobile: +91 8098144686

www.dropzy.in

LOOKING FOR



LOOKING FOR A CAR?

We have one for you! If the car receives the currently needed upkeep by you - this would be the balance for your use for now. Please contact us. For call: 10am to 1pm is best. WA fine, too. Drupad **9626561256**

LOOKING FOR HALF-DAY COOK

Aurelec Restaurant is looking for a half-a-day Cook (Timing: 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.) who is familiar with cooking South Indian, North Indian and Western food including preparation of salads and juices. Interested may contact Mr. Siva of Aurelec in person or by phone to **2622293/2622294** or e-mail your resume to adps@auroville.org.in

AVAILABLE

ITEMS TO SELL

- **3-sections dividing panel** (each section: cm. 185x48) made by Shradanjali (wood+parchment paper decorated with leaves), like new. Photo available on whatsapp.
- **"The Mahabharata"** translated by K.M. Ganguli, 12 volumes

Contact: Paola +39 3388349491; +91 9486422138; 2622138

OFFERED FOR SALE

From Klara's house there are still **2 wooden trunks, buffet/shelf (made by Kenji), a small desk, AC and dishwasher** for sale, preferably given to Aurovilians. If you are interested please contact Arumugam, Puncture Service, +91 94423 00346 (also whatsapp).

TAMIL & FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

ஆரோவில் தமிழ்ச் செய்திகள்



Click [here](#) to read the **Tamil News&Notes** or scan the code:

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE
Auro - Traductions



Click [here](#) to read the **French News&Notes** or Scan the QR code:

FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1012

- **FO WC: Community coordinators**

Please click [HERE](#) to read the FO Groups News

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



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

AV RADIO



AurovilleRadio
The voices of Auroville

Dear Aurovilians,

Your favourite radio is always working for you. Stay tuned!
[Here](#) you can listen to the stream channel (playing 24/7).
[Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.

Last published podcasts:

- [8th Auroville Film Festival: Interviews with the judges, part 3.](#) (Auroville Film Festival)
- [8th Auroville Film Festival: Interviews with the judges, part 2.](#) (Auroville Film Festival)
- [8th Auroville Film Festival: Interviews with the judges, part 1.](#) (Auroville Film Festival)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 457](#)(Integral Yoga)
- [Seeking Our Inner Being Se. 1, Ep. 6](#)(Spirituality)
- [I Just Wanna Write Ep. 23 – Navigating the Depths – The Power of Crises in Plot](#)(Creative Writing)

Last Youtube Live Video:

- [Nate Hagens - Energy, Technology, Money and the Human Ecosystem - Part 2/5](#)
- [Nate Hagens - Systems Ecology and the Environment - Part 3/5](#)
- [Auroville 8th Film Festival 2024 Concerts! DAY 1 - The Trio & Jazztified](#)
- [Auroville 8th Film Festival 2024 Concerts! DAY 2 - Deep Dawn](#)
- [Auroville 8th Film Festival 2024 Concerts! DAY 3 - Noize Gate](#)
- [Auroville 8th Film Festival 2024 Concerts! DAY 4 - Auocats](#)

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

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

Peace and love
Regards, AvRadio team



CINEMA



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

Reminder: FRIDAY 9th, "GRAVES OF FIREFLIES" (animated film) by: Isao Takahata, Japan, 1988

and **FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY**

"ARTHUR RAMBO" – France, 2021

Directed by **Laurent Cantet**

With: Rabah Nait Oufella, Antoine Reinartz

Overview: Laurent Cantet, best known for "The Class," (Entre les murs) his Cannes 2008's Palme d'Or-winning film and others based on real society topics, highlights here the cracks within French society and the easy use of social media.

Synopsis: Karim D. is a young writer riding success with a new novel. A rare Arab rising star in Paris' intellectual hothouse, his social life shunts between glittering literary cocktails and hanging with his old friends from the banlieues. But Karim's teen online identity is revealed -under the alias Arthur Rambo, a nickname in which a poet (Arthur Rimbaud) and a rejected veteran (Rambo) coexist, and the two worlds collide. Where Karim is now a nuanced author, "Arthur Rambo" was profane and blindly provocative...
Original French version with English Subtitles, Duration: 1h27'

AVFI STUDY CIRCLE

The **Auroville Film Institute** invites you to the screenings of curated films and readings.

Contact via WhatsApp (+91 9769976898).

Voluntary contributions are welcomed.

*Screening of Macbeth Adaptations is part of the 'Theatre & Cinema series' **Macbeth in Spotlight** event.

Thu, 08th Feb. 2024 (17:00 IST)

Macbeth

Orson Welles | United States | 1948 | English | 107 mins

A film adaptation of William Shakespeare's tragedy of the same name, it tells the story of the Scottish general who becomes the King of Scotland through treachery and murder.

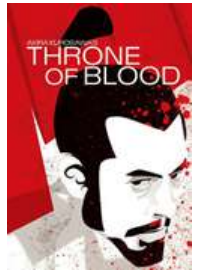


Fri, 09th Feb 2024 (17:00 IST)

Throne of Blood

Akira Kurosawa | Japan | 1957 | Japanese | 110 mins

In Kurosawa's Noh inspired adaptation of Shakespeare's Macbeth, set in feudal Japan, a spirit tells Washizu, a war-hardened general, that he will remain undefeated unless the spider's web forest rises against the castle. However, Washizu is betrayed by his own troops.



Sat, 10th Feb 2024 (17:00 IST)

Matter = I

Writings by Sri Aurobindo, The Mother, and Others



Sun, 11th Feb 2024 (17:00 IST)

Workers Leaving the Factory in Eleven Decades (2006)

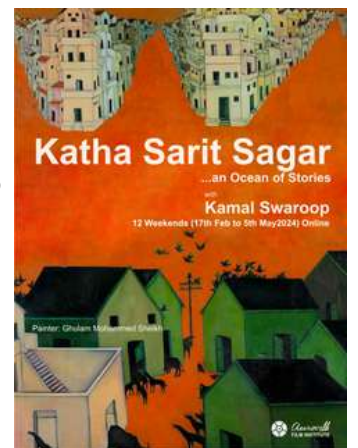
Harun Farocki | Germany | 1995 | German | 36 mins

This film stems from the fact that the first camera in the history of cinema was pointed at a factory, but a century later it can be said that film is hardly drawn to the factory and is even repelled by it. Films about work or workers have not become one of the main genres. Most narrative films take place in that part of life where work has been left behind.



CONTEMPORISING – KATHA SARIT SAGARA

A Creative
Reading and Writing Workshop
With Kamal Swaroop
12 Weekends, Online.
Starting 17th February
14:30 to 18:30 IST.



To know more, please visit:

<https://filmnstitute.auroville.org/2023/11/18/contemporising-katha-sarit-sagara/>

Or call +919969879319 (whatsapp & telegram)



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 12 February 2023 18 February 2023

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 12 February, 8:00 pm:

- **PATHAAN**

India, 2023, Writer-Dir. Shridhar Raghavan w/ Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone, John Abraham and others, Action-Thriller, 146mins, Hindi-English-Russian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

The Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) is the foreign intelligence agency of India. A RAW agent "Pathaan" gets to know of a major impending attack against India, mounted by a mercenary group led by the ruthless enigma Jim, who has a history of his own.

With the doomsday clock ticking away and an agent Rubai his only possible ally, Pathaan must fight countless betrayals and deal with destruction as he takes on Jim.

Potpourri - Tuesday 13 February, 8:00 pm:

- **RAINMAN**

USA, 1988, Writer-Dir Barry Levinson w/ Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise, Valeria Golino, and others, Drama, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

After a selfish L.A. yuppie learns his estranged father left a fortune to an autistic-savant brother in Ohio that he didn't know existed, he absconds with his brother and sets out across the country, hoping to gain a larger inheritance.

Interesting - Wednesday 14 February, 8:00 pm:

- **CHIMP EMPIRE 1 - EPISODE 1: PARADISE**

UK, 2023, Dir. James Reed w/Mahershala Ali (Narrator), Documentary-Series, 53mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Exploring the fascinating world of the largest chimpanzee society ever discovered as they navigate complex social politics, family dynamics and dangerous territory disputes. In this episode - an alpha male Jackson faces possible threats to his leadership. Meanwhile, mother-of-two Christine educates her new baby.

Spanish - Thursday 15 February, 8:00 pm:

- **CRIA CUERVOS(Raise Ravens)**

Spain, 1976, Dir. Carlos Saura, w/ Ana Torrent, Geraldine Chaplin, Monica Randall and others, Drama, 109 mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Shot while General Franco was on his deathbed, the film melds the personal and the political in a portrait of the legacy of fascism and its effects on a middle-class family. It portrays the disturbed eight-year-old Ana, living in Madrid with her two sisters and mourning the death of her mother, whom she conjures as a ghost (an ethereal Geraldine Chaplin). Seamlessly shifting between fantasy and reality, the film subtly evokes both the complex feelings of childhood and the struggles of a nation emerging from the shadows. This is part of a series of films offered by the Spanish Pavilion as a tribute to the director.

International - Saturday, 17 February, 8:00 pm:

- **EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE**

USA, 2022, Writer-Dir. Daniewl Kwan & Daniel Scheinert w/ Michelle Yeoh, Stephanie Hsu, Jamie Lee Curtis, and others, Action-Comedy, 139mins, English-Mandarin-Cantonese w/English subtitles, Rated: R

With her laundromat teetering on the brink of failure and her marriage to wimpy husband Waymond on the rocks, overworked Evelyn Wang struggles to cope with everything and everybody. She must also brace herself for an unpleasant meeting with an impersonal bureaucrat: Deirdre, the shabbily dressed IRS auditor. However, as the stern agent loses patience, an inexplicable multiverse rift becomes an eye-opening exploration of parallel realities. Will Evelyn jump down the rabbit hole? How many stars are in the universe? Can weary Evelyn fathom the irrepressible force of possibilities, tap into newfound powers, and prevent an evil entity from destroying the thin, countless layers of the unseen world?

Children's Matinee - Sunday, 18 February, 4:00 pm:

- **HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS - PART 1**

UK-USA, 2010, Dir. David Yates w/ Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and others, Action-Adventure, 146mins, English-Latin w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

As Harry, Ron and Hermione race against time and evil to destroy the Horcruxes, they uncover the existence of the three most powerful objects in the wizarding world: the Deathly Hallows. Please note the rating; it is for older children and followers of the book.

RIDLEY SCOTT FILM FESTIVAL @ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 18 February, 8:00 pm:

- **BLADE RUNNER**

USA-UK, 1982, Dir. Ridley Scott w/ Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer and others, Drama - Sci-fi, 117mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

In the early twenty-first century, the Tyrell Corporation, during what was called the Nexus phase, developed robots, called "replicants", that were supposed to aid society, the replicants which looked and acted like humans. When the superhuman generation Nexus 6 replicants, used for dangerous off-Earth endeavors, began a mutiny on an off-Earth colony, replicants became illegal on Earth.

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