

Auroville

NEWS & NOTES

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RA EDITION



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.



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

continued from two weeks ago)

CHAPTER XXVII - THE GNOSTIC BEING

In the gnostic being this self-determining knowledge freely obedient to self-truth and the total truth of Being would be the very law of his existence. In him Knowledge and Will become one and cannot be in conflict; Truth of spirit and life become one and cannot be at variance: in the self-effectuation of his being there can be no strife or disparity or divergence between the spirit and the members. The two principles of freedom and order, which in mind and life are constantly representing themselves as contraries or incompatibles, though they have no need to be that if freedom is guarded by knowledge and order based upon truth of being, are in the supermind consciousness native to each other and even fundamentally one. This is so because both are inseparable aspects of the inner spiritual truth and therefore their determinations are one; they are inherent in each other, for they arise from an identity and therefore in action coincide in a natural identity. The gnostic being does not in any way or degree feel his liberty infringed by the imperative order of his thought or actions, because that order is intrinsic and spontaneous; he feels both his liberty and the order of his liberty to be one truth of his being. His liberty of knowledge is not a freedom to follow falsehood or error, for he does not need like the mind to pass through the possibility of error in order to know, — on the contrary, any such deviation would be a departure from his plenitude of the gnostic self, it would be a diminution of his self-truth and alien and injurious to his being; for his freedom is a freedom of light, not of darkness. His liberty of action is not a licence to act upon wrong will or the impulses of the Ignorance, for that too would be alien to his being, a restriction and diminution of it, not a liberation. A drive for fulfilment of falsehood or wrong will would be felt by him, not as a movement towards freedom, but as a violence done to the liberty of the spirit, an invasion and imposition, an inroad upon his supernature, a tyranny of some alien Nature.





A supramental consciousness must be fundamentally a Truth-consciousness, a direct and inherent awareness of the truth of being and the truth of things; it is a power of the Infinite knowing and working out its finites, a power of the Universal knowing and working out its oneness and detail, its cosmicity and its individualities; self-possessed of Truth, it would not have to seek for the Truth or suffer from the liability to miss it as does the mind of the Ignorance. The evolved gnostic being would have entered into this truth-consciousness of the Infinite and Universal, and it would be that which would determine for him and in him all his individual seeing and action. His would be a consciousness of universal identity and a consequent or rather inherent Truth-knowledge, Truth-sight, Truth-feeling, Truth-will, Truth-sense and Truth-dynamis of action implicit in his identity with the One or spontaneously arising from his identity with the All. His life would be a movement in the steps of a spiritual liberty and largeness replacing the law of the mental idea and the law of vital and physical need and desire and the compulsion of a surrounding life; his life and action would be bound by nothing else than the Divine Wisdom and Will acting on him and in him according to its Truth-consciousness. An absence of an imposed construction of law might be expected to lead in the life of the human ignorance, because of the separativeness of the human ego and its smallness, the necessity it feels to impinge on and possess and utilise other life, to a chaos of conflict, licence and egoistic disorder; but this could not exist in the life of the gnostic being. For in the gnostic truth-consciousness of a supramental being there must necessarily be a truth of relation of all the parts and movements of the being, — whether the being of the individual or the being of any gnostic collectivity, — a spontaneous and luminous oneness and wholeness in all the movements of the consciousness and all the action of the life. There could be no strife of the members; for not only the knowledge and will consciousness but the heart consciousness and life consciousness and body consciousness, what are in us the emotional, vital or physical parts of nature, would be included in this integrated harmony of wholeness and oneness. In our language we might say that the supermind knowledge-will of the gnostic being would have a perfect control of the mind, heart, life and body; but this description could apply only to the transitional stage when the supernature was remoulding these members into its own nature: once that transition was concluded, there would be no need of control, for all would be one unified consciousness and therefore would act as a whole in a spontaneous integrality and unity.

(to be continued next week)

— Sri Aurobindo, THE LIFE DIVINE, Pages 1039-1041

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.**

DISCLAIMER:

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

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

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

The News and Notes team
newsandnotes@auroville.services

LIST OF ACRONYMS:

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

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

Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

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

Auroville Council (AVC)
Entry Service (ES)

FO selected groups:

Working Committee (WC)

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

Budget Coordination Committee (BCC / BCS)

Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)

Housing Service (HS)

Land Board (LB)

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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**.
- 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 # 222 DATED: 04-04-2024

LEFT ON HER OWN:

- Lize DE LA ROUVIERE (South African)
- Jasmine JONES (French)

If you need to contact the Entry Board, write to:
auroville.entryboard@gmail.com

FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON CASES IN THE HIGH COURT

Dear Community,

This week has been very busy and intense for Auroville matters in the Madras High Court. Hearings took place every day from Monday, 25th March, through Thursday, 28th March.

- The cases challenging the two sets of regulations published in the Gazette of India by the Secretary, concerning Admission and Termination of residents and the Selection of the Working Committee, were listed on March 25th and then, after a short discussion, posted for another hearing on April 22nd.
- On Tuesday, March 26th, the appeal by the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation on the Working Committee case (judgement given by Justice Quddhose in August 2022) was listed along with residual TDC matters. They weren't heard due to lack of time and have been postponed to 10th of June after the High Court summer break.
- The Quo Warranto case was heard at length over two days on 27th and 28th March. Each hearing lasted for more than one hour. Arguments have now been heard from both sides and the judge has reserved her decision. (This means that she will be giving a final judgement even if she is moved to a different bench during the normal rotation on 1st April.) She has asked both parties to submit, in writing, a timeline of the events related to the Working Committee selection and appointment, without interpretations.
- On 26th March a petition was filed by an Auroville resident regarding land transactions, including land exchange. The petition asks the court to: A) order the Secretary to follow specified sections of the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997, as well as financial rules of the Central Government, B) to cancel all registrations of land exchanges since 2021 that have not followed these rules. Yesterday, 28th, the judge issued a notice and the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation has been given four weeks time to submit a counter.

We are deeply grateful for the integrity and goodness of the lawyers who are representing us.

Your Working Committee

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli



FROM THE AV COUNCIL

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE NEWS & NOTES

Dear Community,

This is an important communication about the News & Notes. Please take the time to read.

Background & context

We would like to remind you that in December 2022, following instructions from the Auroville Foundation Office (AVFO), the Auroville News & Notes began censoring the content received from a portion of the Residents' Assembly. The censorship was targeted at, but not limited to, the working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly, adding to a long list of actions intended to silence the voice of the wider community.

In response to this, a [collective letter](#) requesting the N&N managers to continue publishing the announcements of the working groups selected by the RA was signed by nearly 500 residents, AVI members, and well-wishers, and shared with N&N on 15th February 2023. On the 6th of March 2023, the AVI board sent [a letter to the AVF Secretary](#) requesting among other things "to allow the editors of News & Notes to be inclusive and include the reports of the RA groups as well, as it used to be". Both these communications were ignored.

Finally after many attempts of bringing the N&N managers to their senses ([see report](#)), in March/April 2023, the Auroville Council officially dismissed and replaced the existing managers with a new team.

Unfortunately, the old managers ignored their dismissal and continued publishing their censored newsletter. This newsletter continues to receive funds allocated by the AVFO 'BCC', the same 'BCC' which has progressively acted against the best interests of the community at large, with all manner of mismanagement of community funds, including arbitrarily cutting about 180 maintenances and extorting funds from units and individuals with little to no consideration for their well being.

The real Auroville News & Notes on the other hand has continued with a new team relying on funds creatively raised on a month by month basis. It was decided to call the real News & Notes the "RA edition" to differentiate it from the censored newsletter. This transition has not been easy with no financial support from the Central Fund and with the need for secrecy so as not to attract unwanted reprisal for the people involved.

However, for about a year the RA edition of the News & Notes has been released every **week, thanks to a committed team of volunteering residents. Today, the RA News & Notes is sent to more than 3000 people weekly** and it is also printed and distributed to most public places and to Aurovilians who requested it.

Important request

Regardless of all of the above, we have noticed an unfortunate trend whereby many residents continue to send their announcements and content to the censored newsletter, despite it not recognising the Residents' Assembly and its working groups. Sending your content to them supports the censorship of the Residents' Assembly, helping to legitimise and normalise the AVFO's actions. We ask you to please reflect that continuing to send them your content does have real consequences and further weakens the already beleaguered Residents' Assembly.

Therefore, we kindly ask that you please send your content to the RA edition of the News & Notes (newsandnotes@auroville.services) and not to encourage the censored newsletter. The RA edition of the News & Notes has a wider reach within the community than that of the censored newsletter so if you worry that you won't reach people this is unfounded.

Practical details

Email ID for submissions:

newsandnotes@auroville.services or
aurovillenewsandnotes@auroville.services

[Link](#) to submission form for people with @auroville.org.in mail IDs.

[Link](#) to subscribe and read past issues.

Deadline for submission: **TUESDAY, 5 pm**

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We request you to please stand in solidarity with us as we endeavour to fulfil the rightful role of the Residents' Assembly for the purpose of realising the Dream and the Auroville Charter.

Sincerely,
Auroville Council

COMMUNITY NEWS

FROM THE RAS



SELECTION PROCESS 2024

UPDATED LIST OF NOMINEES AND PENDING NOMINATIONS

Please remind the nominees to fill out their application forms!

Dear Residents,

A big "thank you" to all those who actively participated in the nomination process to fill in the vacancies in 3 working groups: Auroville Council (AVC), Admission Committee (Entry Board) and Working Committee (WCom).

We would like to bring your attention to the updated lists of confirmed **and unconfirmed nominees**.

CURRENT LIST OF NOMINEES*

As of today this is the list of nominees who have accepted their nomination and/or have nominated themselves:

AVC

Arumugam Asokumar (Ashokfarm);

Isabelle (Realization);

Lucas (Aurobrindavan);

Martin (Samriddhi);

Naradi (Arati);

Praveen (New Community);

Ramesh (Acceptance);

Sathiya (Aspiration).

Entry Board

Amy Bassett (International Zone);

Dan (Prarthna);

Don (Vibrance);

Fabienne (Sukhavati);

Julietta (Arati);

Marlenka (Arati);

Mauna (Mahalakshmi Home);

Mila (Luminosity);

Thamu (Hamanscapes).

WCom

Romel (Felicity);
Kripa (Sharnaga).

** - We received a few partial submissions from the nominees. We are following up with them on their application forms as it is set out in the [PWG](https://shorturl.at/iCPZ2) (<https://shorturl.at/iCPZ2>): "If any application where this information is not provided or is considered incomplete, the RAS may seek clarification or additional information. If still incomplete the application may be discarded at the discretion of the RAS".*

THOSE NOMINATED AND AS YET UNCONFIRMED:

Here is a list of residents nominated by others. If interested, they have to complete the nomination form (https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/working_group_nominations_2024) by 8th of April 2024 (Monday):

Anandamayi (Madhuca) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Anu (Sunship) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Aurosugan (Humanscapes) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Balaji (Delight) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Balaji (Kottakarai) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Celine (Sharnaga) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Chandra (Surya Nivas) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Eric (Vibrance) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Ganesh (Petite Ferme) – nominated by a resident for the Auroville Council;
Ganesh (Aspiration) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Gopi (Happiness) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Giovanni (Surya Nivas) - nominated by a resident for the Auroville Council;
Jyoti (Samasti) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Krishnaraju (Grace) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Marc (Madhuca) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Markus (Petite Ferme) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Matthieu (Dana) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Mirco (Aurodam) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Muniandi (Aurodam) – nominated by a resident for the Auroville Council and Working Committee;
Muthu (Fraternity) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Natasha (Evergreen) – nominated by a resident for the Auroville Council;
Ocean (Angiras Garden) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Pablo (Grace) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Prabhu K (Petite Ferme) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Prashant (Certitude) – nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Ramanan (Kriya) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Renu (Forecomers) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board and Working Committee;
Sacha (Grace) - nominated by a resident for the Auroville Council;
Srimoyi (Samasti) - nominated by a resident for the Working Committee;
Suryan (Isaibalam) - nominated by a resident for the Auroville Council and Working Committee;
Vadivelu (Kuilapalayam) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board;
Velu (Celebration) – nominated by a resident for the Entry Board.

Kindly remind the above residents to fill out their application forms, if they accept their nominations! (As per the [PWG \(https://shorturl.at/iCPZ2\)](https://shorturl.at/iCPZ2) “It is the responsibility of those nominating others to ensure that their nominees accept to be nominated and agree to submit their application”).

~ In service,

For the Residents' Assembly Service
Manas, Tatiana

COMMUNITY SHARING



YOUTHLINK'S VISION: A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

YouthLink has served as a bridge to existing facilitators and organisations, offering logistical support for their programs and activities. We strive to address gaps in youth by supporting individuals to discover their passions, fostering community, and encouraging active contributions towards the Auroville community and beyond.

Over the past two years, YouthLink has focused on building internal team development, organising courses, programs and community events, and establishing connections with individuals and organisations.

YouthLink's 10-year dream is to create a safe environment where Auroville youth and youth coming to Auroville can explore, learn, and develop various skills and contribute to positive change without the need to leave the community. Through workshops and courses, we aim to equip young people with the skills to thrive within the community, pursue their ventures or train them for the units. The Vocational Training Center (VTC) will serve as both educational and social, welcoming people from around the globe and within Auroville.

After two years, the YouthLink team feels confident in our ability to hold space. We have cultivated connections and embarked on various projects. After the first year, we realigned our 10-year dream to our 5-year goal instead. Our efforts for the next 6 months will be centred around “software” development (i.e., the courses and the workshops) for our goal, utilising space and resources in Auroville while we assess the need and possibility of building the “hardware”, a physical space. We aim to have a rough curriculum by July 2024, with various courses and gatherings offered on a semi-regular basis.

We had planning sessions over the last weeks and have developed a new organisational structure that will work towards our dream. Our new organisational structure is divided into 4 teams that look into various aspects of education and the physical centre:

1. **Hard skills**- Skills for the body and mind, which can eventually lead to a means of livelihood or an increase in quality of life (woodwork, mechanics, accounting, physical education, etc)
2. **Soft skills**- Skills for regulating feelings and emotions, which aid in interpersonal connection (communication skills, negotiation, public presentation, facilitation skills, etc)
3. **Community building**- possibilities for interpersonal bonding and providing a safe space (sharing circles, cooking food together, events, etc)
4. **Outreach**- Opportunity for external entities and individuals to connect to Auroville (tours, exchange programs, info centre, seminars by external experts, etc)

The Vocational Training Center (VTC) will be a campus that nurtures individuals through interpersonal bonding, and safe space, provides information through the form of courses, seminars, and lectures and to try out different things like a skill or a passion that can become a way of livelihood or a hobby.

If you would like to offer courses or workshops, host events together, or brainstorm more about the Vocational Training Center (VTC);

Kindly reach out to us

Email: Youthlink@auroville.org.in

Contact no: +91 85248 25120

A FINANCIAL YEAR END BALANCE FOR AUROVILLE

DRAFT (PENDING FINAL AUDIT BY THE DIVINE)

31st March 2024

Losses (an overview, not exhaustive, nor in order of priority):

- Productive farm land (at least 6 farms decimated or destroyed)
- Food security
- Forests / trees / green cover
- Microclimate and water security (changes in water tables)
- Water wells
- Wildlife (mammals, birds, reptiles, etc)
- Grazing grounds & cattle
- Roads & paths
- Buildings, including several residential homes
- Livelihoods (maintenances) of ca 200 Aurovilians
- Research & innovation, creative output
- Institutions & projects ('streamlined', forced to be profit-oriented)
- Collective finance (reserves looted by FO)
- Valuable lands (a single exchange cost Auroville ca. 10 million USD)
- Community services
- Communication channels and meeting places
- Freedom of expression
- Beauty in every sphere; quality, standards, aspiration towards ideals
- -International, multicultural character
- **'Human resources': Exodus of community members**, forced or quasi-forced into exile
- Auroville's reputation & attraction as hub of spirituality & sustainable life

Health impact on the community:

- Trauma & exhaustion (a battered, abused community)
- Anger
- Grieving over the brutal trampling of all that is sacred, noble, good and beautiful
- Existential insecurity, Intimidation, loss of self-confidence
- Depression, hopelessness, cynicism, loss of joy of life & creativity (artists!)
- Sharp increase of accidents
- Increase of disease
- Increase of deaths (including suicide & accidents)
- Increase of divisive, polarized thinking, labelling, stereotyping, scapegoating
- Doubts that Mother's Dream can still manifest in Auroville
- Loss of trust in the govt. and its institutions

Progress / increased 'capital':

- Resilience, inner strength, new skills & experience
- Honesty, maturity in relating & interacting
- Maintaining a high level of consciousness even in the face of vicious attacks
- Solidarity, sense of essential oneness
- Initiation, journey 'from the head to the heart'
- Greater focus on the essence of our purpose
- Call for a new birth of Auroville more expressive of its ideals
- Spreading of Auroville's ideals elsewhere on the planet
- They tried to bury us; they didn't know we were seeds'.
- **Faith in the Divine's victory.** 'Satyameva Jayate'



Submitted by Jasmin



AUROVILLE YOUTH WORK SURVEY 2023 - PART 2D

VERSION: 2024-03-12

DONE BY: **YOUTHLINK**



Introduction

This is part 2d of a survey conducted by YouthLink on the working youth perspective on Auroville itself. Part 1 was published last year in News&Notes 971 and 972, part 2a-c were published in last weeks. The survey results are published in News&Notes in 4 chapters:

- 2a - An Auroville youth perspective on education
- 2b - The work situation of Auroville youth in 2023
- 2c - The financial situation of Auroville youth

2d - A working youth perspective on Auroville itself

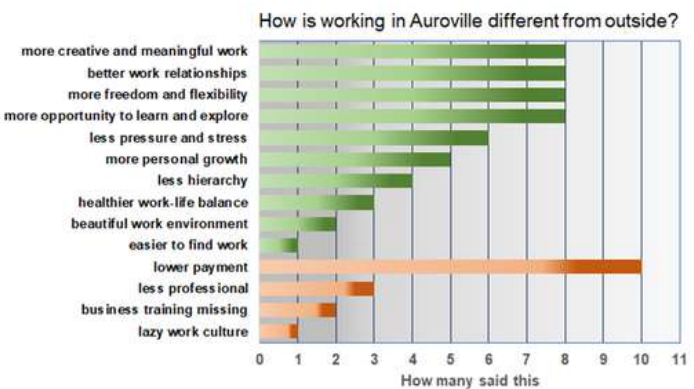
Part 2 is based on detailed in person interviews with 51 young Aurovilians between the ages of 18-30 in the second half of 2023. We consider this study representative of young Aurovilians aged 18-30, only the very young Indian females in the age bracket 18-21 are underrepresented.

A working youth perspective on Auroville itself

This is the last chapter of the Auroville working youth study, answering the questions how working in Auroville is different from working outside, whether low payment is a reason to leave Auroville and about the influence of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on them.

Work in Auroville versus external work:

We asked those who experienced working both within and outside Auroville (31 out of 51) an open question: what are the differences? The big majority (28 of 31) expressed positive sentiments regarding work within Auroville. They cited among others and in different wording: more creative and meaningful work, better work relationships, more freedom and opportunities to explore and learn, less pressure and stress, more personal growth, less hierarchy, a healthier work-life-balance, a beautiful work environment and that it is easier to find work.

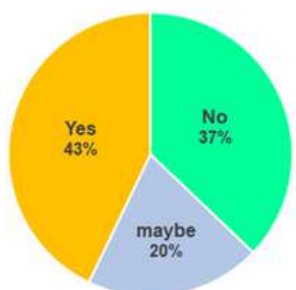


The main criticism centered around lower payment. A few critics (3) described the work culture in Auroville also as less professional, lazy, stagnant; - all of them are working outside AV and in a commercial context. The findings on average working hours according to respondents do not support the criticism of being lazy, see the analysis part on working situations: average working hours do not differ much between Auroville and outside.

Is low payment a major reason to leave Auroville?

Considering the main criticism on low payment in Auroville, we also asked the question, whether this is a reason to leave Auroville.

From the 35 working respondents, 15 (43%) said, low payment is a major reason to leave Auroville in the future and 7 (20%) said, this may be a reason.



There is some correlation with the place of work: working outside of Auroville makes it more likely to answer this question with Yes or Maybe (6 out of 6), working self employed in Auroville makes a No more likely (3 out of 5).

Other analyzed factors like gender, nationality (Indian versus Non-Indian), which Auroville highschool they visited or the reported impact of the writings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother had no clear correlations with the answers on this question.

Influence of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Of all respondents there were 48 that answered the open question "Do the works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother have an impact on your current life? In which way? ".

Only 2 said that their works did not really impact them. Some said they are somewhat (7) or indirectly (7) impacted. The majority of the interviewed youth (32 of 48 = 66%) answered with a clear yes, some enthusiastically.

How were they influenced? About half of the answers (20) mention reading Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and a similar number said by living in Auroville. Education was also named, but to a lesser degree (10). Another influence named were people and mentors in Auroville (5).

How they feel and express the impact is very diverse and individual. The answers range from seeing work as yoga, motivation to grow and for lifelong learning, conscious living, human unity and world view; to guidance, clarity, compassion and emotional security.

Contact us

A big thank you to all our respondents for the time they took to carefully answer our questions and the trust they showed in us. We hope this study will give a clearer picture of the working youth of Auroville.

If you have any feedback, specific questions or would like to discuss the findings from this survey, please reach out to us at our email: youthlink@auroville.org.in.

DREAMWEAVING 2024: BUILD TO ENVISION

MEETING FOR PARTICIPATION 13 APRIL 2024

We thank all the 50 + people who have signed up for different areas of participation for the upcoming Dreamweaving project 2024: Build to envision. We are hosting a short meeting at Unity Pavilion on **13th April (Saturday)** from **4:00pm-5:30pm**. The main agenda of this meeting will be to create the support team and channel



the participation to the specific part/s of the process. This agenda will be preceded by an update on the project and an introduction to the next steps.

This meeting is specifically for people who want to get directly involved in the process and a summary of the meeting will be shared with the community as an update. Please access this form <https://forms.gle/151Vb2LRL2H8ffu4A> to participate at the event in case you haven't signed up already. You are welcome to come to the meeting even if you haven't signed up through the form but are interested in one or more categories of participation. At this moment, we especially seek support in the facilitation, fundraising and accounting areas

Please watch the community presentation here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7m9nialiTkA> , for an update on the process till now in case you were not present or haven't seen this as yet.

We are looking forward to having many participants for this meeting and hoping that we are able to create the needful support team so as to move forward with the process.

Dreamweaving Team
(Bhavya, Henrik, Radhika, Shivangi)

NEW LIFE IN INTERNATIONAL ZONE!

New life in the International Zone !



My name is Marie, I am a volunteer at the European House until next December. My mission is to bring more life to the place ! So if you have any suggestion, or if you need a place to host an event, don't hesitate to come and find me :))



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OBITUARY



EVELINE PREIBSCH PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 26TH 2024

Eveline together with Ulf and Staffan took over the work with Auroville International in Sweden around 1983, and Eveline kept holding in the centre over the years, being a stable contact and connection between Sweden and Auroville. This work she did over many years with only periodic support of others.



The Auroville presence has been in Sweden and Scandinavia since the 60-ties, with a formal centre since 1974 and thanks to Eveline, up till now. For this we have much gratitude.

In Auroville Rajaveni, Balu and Samaran were her special close family and being a grandmother to Samaran meant a lot to her, her thoughts and care for him were always there. Eveline had gone through cancer in 2005 and since some years it had come back. The last two years she has lived a quiet life, giving up her regular winter visits to Auroville.

Eveline was a very strong woman who walked her path in life. Her leaving us makes a gap, the space she held was one of stability, straightforwardness and kindness and thinking about her it feels like she always, in her contained and quiet way held Auroville's special four qualities of goodness, generosity, equality and peace in her movements and actions.

She will be sorely missed by her daughter Sara and her family and friends in Sweden, Auroville and AVI.

She walks in the Light.

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VOICES AND NOTES

A SNAKE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

SEHDEV KUMAR

PUBLISHED AUGUST 7, 2000

Globe & Mail, CANADA



Mr. President, I feel I have blood on my hands," said Robert J. Oppenheimer, the father of atom bomb, to Harry Truman in November, 1945. The President contemptuously offered Oppenheimer a handkerchief and said: "Well, here, would you like to wipe off your hands?"

After he left the Oval Office, Truman turned to Dean Acheson, Undersecretary of State, and said: "I don't want to see that son of a bitch in this office ever again."

Such were the passions that marked the Manhattan Project -- the story of the making of the A-bomb in 1940s in Los Alamos in New Mexico under the direction of physicist Oppenheimer and General Leslie Groves. This most awesome and grand collective undertaking to create the Ultimate Weapon is a rivetting drama that has made all of us, and all succeeding generations, willing or unwilling actors in a monstrous and tragic tale. And it seems to know no end.

The fierce and utterly unknown genie of nuclear power was first released 55 years ago on Point Zero in a desert in New Mexico in a test, blasphemously named The Trinity. With all their ingenious calculations, no one had quite guessed the immensity of power that was released in the explosion. Transfixed with fright, as the scientists and the others watched the desert lit "by a searing light with an intensity many times that of the midday sun," a passage from the Bhagavad Gita, the sacred epic of the Hindus, flashed into Oppenheimer's mind: "

If the radiance of a thousand suns were to burst into the sky, that would be like the splendour of the Mighty One.

Yet, when the sinister and gigantic cloud rose in the far distance, he was reminded of another line from the same epic:

I am become Death, the shatterer of worlds.

In the epic, the words are of Sri Krishna, the Exalted One, Lord of the fate of the mortals. On the tongue of humans, however, the words became menacingly foreboding. Man was now in possession of a mighty new instrument of darkness.

Continue reading the article [HERE](#)

WAR AND CONQUEST

Why exactly have our Avatar founders declared these revolutionary statements the core of which is the very foundation and raison d'être of Auroville, this City of Dawn?

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

"Humanity is not the last rung of the terrestrial creation. Evolution continues and man will be surpassed. It is for each individual to know whether he wants to participate in the advent of this new species.

For those who are satisfied with the world as it is, Auroville obviously has no reason to exist."

And the reasons are crystal clear to all who have, against all odds, pushed intensely forward on their Existential Quest for Freedom, Joy and Peace on this most beautiful paradise that is Earth:

It is the imperfect mortal modality of the mind-born human being itself that is dragging us down in the dungeons of slavery, powerless by its obvious limitations against the brutal hidden forces and perverse puppet-masters of a mentalised universal nature.

Sri Aurobindo elucidates and reveals again the limiting factors:

"War and conquest are part of the economy of vital Nature, it is no use blaming this or that people for doing it—everybody does it who has the power and the chance. China who now complains was herself an imperialist and colonising country

through all the centuries in which Japan kept religiously within her own borders. If it were not profitable, I suppose nobody would do it. England has grown rich on the plundered wealth of India. France depends for many things on her African colonies. Japan needs an outlet for her overabundant population and safe economic markets nearby. **Each is pushed by forces that use the minds of rulers and peoples to fulfil themselves—unless human nature changes no amount of moralising will prevent it.**"

"There has been almost continuous war in the world—it is as in the history of the Roman Republic when the gates of the temple of Janus were closed only once or twice in its many centuries—a sign that the Republic was at peace with all the world. There have been in modern times long intervals between long wars, but small ones have been generally going on somewhere or another. **Man is a quarrelling and fighting animal and so long as he is so how can there be peace?**"

<https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/28/morality-and-yoga>

Thus the blazing hope that sprang upon the discovery of these two non-ordinary beings, the Supramental Avatars Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, who have not only brought down the Supramental Consciousness-Forces and generously left us with an Integral Revelation, the full operating manual for the hastened evolutionary transformation of consciousness and life beyond the mental animal-human, but also lovegifted us with a city-wide sanctuary, a living Gurukul now legally protected by the Guru of Nations Herself, to continue on with the seemingly impossible yet unstoppably inevitable Life Divine for All.

As willing servitors and Hero Warriors of the Divine Consciousness-Forces we march on against the now-almost obsolete gasping past that seeks to endure. With total certitude and faith to the Supreme Divine Mother MahaShakti we consciously consent to be Her instrumental bridges, fully involved in whatever unique role we each shall play that is our Swabhava and Swadharma, for the supremely decreed Divine Manifestation of the new apex species the Supramental being who will fully usher in the Golden Age, Satya Yuga. In Samatā¹, we Her True Aurovilians courageously continue on establishing Her City of Dawn for all the incoming Sun-eyed Children.

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

1. <https://renaissance.aurosociety.org/what-is-yogic-samata-sri-aurobindo-explains/>

ॐ Zech, 2024.03.31

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NOBODY WANTS TO HAVE A MAINTENANCE?



Despite offering an available maintenance position for many months, it seems that Aurovilians or Newcomers for some reason or another think that the Yoga of Work at the Auroville Dog Shelter is not worth their time or energy.

Yes it's hard work, you get sweaty, and wearing white is not recommended as a lot of lovely dogs will jump up on you, but we can guarantee you that if you understand what the real yoga of work is about, you will enjoy every second of it. If there are any individuals in Auroville who are not shy of giving themselves to the Yoga of Mother, contact us either for a full maintenance (5 days a week, 9 to 5) or two individuals can split one. No air conditioning provided, no time to read Savitri, just pure hands-on work. Are you ready for it?

WhatsApp Arthur at +918122225266

AWAKENING SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 9th April, 9 am - 12 noon
Focus: The Divine Mother

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Every THURSDAY
6.00 to 6.30 pm



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

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, 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 for the Amphitheatre only from 5.45 pm and until meditation ends.

Thank you
Surya for Amphitheater team

A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

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

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

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

Facilitated by Zech Joya

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

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



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

POETRY

**Questioning drives me on wild
Quest drives me onward**

-Anandi Z.

A SOFT SMILE

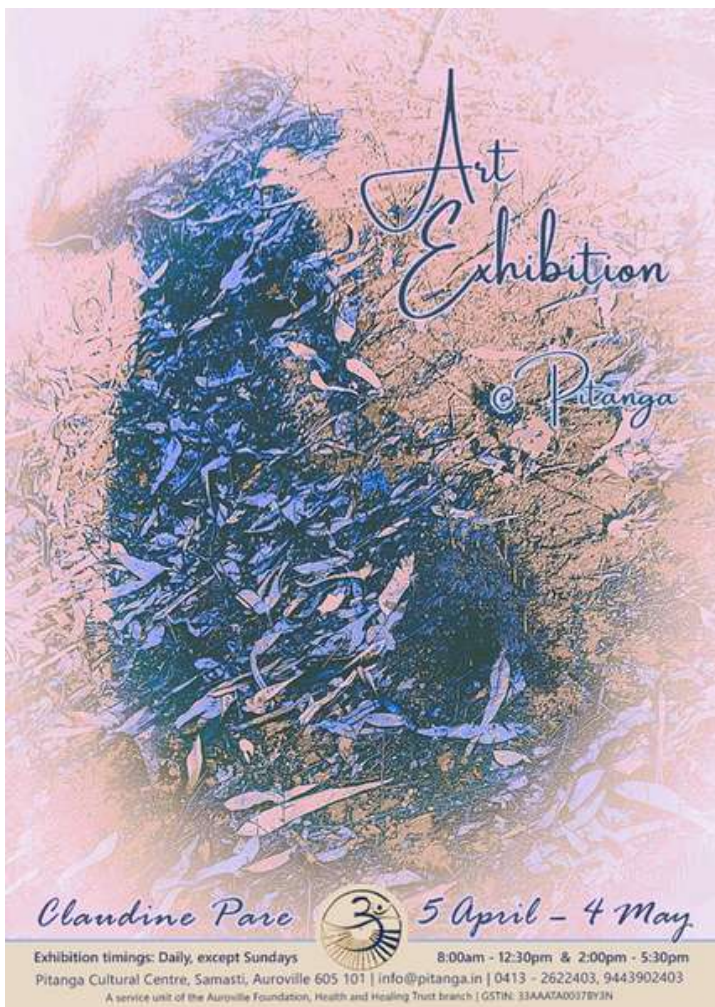
We can say soft because of hard,
Kindness because of violence.
The dualistic nature of Mind
Creates this divided mental world,
False-separative thus violent.
But despair no longer,
The Supramental is now here,
A Truth-Unity Consciousness,
Oneness Its functional essence.
Consciousness and Matter
Are no longer those others
But again One, together.
The hardness disappears
Into Eternal and Infinite softness.
To instantly transform the rigid
A soft smile the only needed.
On this Earth coming soon
A Life Divine.

ॐ Zech, 2024.04.01


ART & CULTURE

ART EXHIBITION BY CLAUDINE PARE

5 APRIL-4 MAY 2024 @ PITANGA



Art Exhibition
© Pitanga

Claudine Pare  *5 April - 4 May*

Exhibition timings: Daily, except Sundays 8:00am - 12:30pm & 2:00pm - 5:30pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville 605 101 | info@pitanga.in | 0413 - 2622403, 9443902403
A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch | GSTIN: 33AAAT00037BY3N

AUROLEC RESTAURANT & ART GALARY

MIRROR OF CONSCIOUSNESS

For many years, I sought to delve deeply into life's most profound questions: Who are we? Why are we here? What is next and ultimately where are we going? Does life end in a dark oblivion or is it simply a transition to another evolution? What does self-actualization actually mean? Why do we judge others (and ourselves) so harshly? What is the nature of love? What is the language of consciousness?

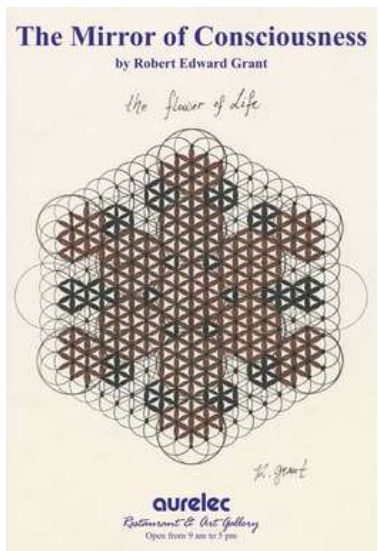
In order to address these very difficult questions, I attempted to mentally reconstruct the language of mathematics, arguably the most objective of sciences. Starting with $1+1 = 2$, I proceeded to question everything I had come to assume over almost fifty years of both formal education and autodidactic learning. I was determined to assume nothing, reconstructing both the objective and the subjective from the most basic to the most complex of mental and physical constructs.

More than ten thousand sketches and pages later and ten white paper publications (in mathematics and physics), I am publishing this curated compendium of my work spanning mathematics, physics, music, language and art. In fact, I've often found that my most significant self-realizations and discoveries in science almost always found their expressions through an artistic medium.

I strongly believe that the balance of art, science and number can have a powerful impact on human consciousness and evolution. I hope you sincerely enjoy this work, seeking to feel the sincere intention with which it has been both organized and conveyed.

Above all, I hope that it inspires you to ask life's most significant of questions and to realize that the most enigmatic answers may ultimately be found in the wonder of self-discovery.

Robert Edward Grant



HEALTH

VISIT OF TIBETAN DOCTOR - 11, 12 & 13 APRIL

Greetings to all,

This is to inform everyone that the Tibetan Dr and the team are coming for the monthly Medical care on **Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th of April 2024.**

Consultation is held at Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International zone.

- Thursday from 2 to 5.30 pm
- Friday start at 8.30 am to 1 pm and from 2 to 5 pm.
- Saturday from 8.30 am to 1 pm.

To get your appointment whatsapp to 8489067332 or call 0413 2622401.

TALK BY DOCTOR SAMPHEL TSERING - 12 APRIL

All are invited for a talk by Doctor Samphel Tsering,
On Spirituality & Tibetan Medicine.

On **FRIDAY 12th April 2024.**

At **5.45 to 6.45 pm.**

Venue: Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International zone Auroville.

FREE DIABETIC RETINOPATHY CAMP AT AUROKIYA

In celebration of the upcoming Tamil New Year on April 14th 2024, we are hosting a Free Diabetic Retinopathy Camp. This camp is open to all members of the community and bioregion.

Date: 11.04.2024

Time: 9.00 AM – 1.00 PM

Location: Aurokiya Integral Eye Centre, Arka, Auroville

Free Eye Camp
Aurokiya Integral Eye Centre

**Complete Diabetic Retinopathy Screening
with Retinal Imaging**

by Aravind Eye Hospital, Pondicherry

Date: 11.04.2024, Thursday **Time:** 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Place: Aurokiya EYE Centre, Arka Auroville

Key Services:

- Comprehensive Eye Examination
- Expert Consultation- Vitreoretinal Specialist
- Free Retinal Imaging
- Free Random Blood Test
- Advise & Counselling

OPEN TO ALL

for more information
aurokiya@gmail.com:
+91 8012305151

Diabetic retinopathy is a serious eye condition that affects individuals with diabetes, but with early detection and proper management, its impact can be minimized. At the camp, we will be offering free screenings for diabetic retinopathy, expert consultations, and valuable information on managing diabetes for optimal eye health.

We invite you to join us in this important initiative to prioritize your eye health and well-being. Together, let's take proactive steps towards a healthier future.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your family, friends, and anyone who may benefit from this event. No appointment necessary. Simply walk in during camp hours.

For any inquiries, reach out at + 91 **80123 05151**:
aurokiya@gmail.com

Donations are welcomed to support our vision of eliminating blindness Ac. No: **251595**

In service to Vision

Aurosugan

Aurokiya Integral Eye Centre

SANTÉ SERVICES IN APRIL 2024

Working Hours:

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

Tests and Sample collection:

Mon-Fri before **8:30** - 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 Consultation with Dr.Senthil: Monday to Friday	Nursing Care: Thilagam, Ezhil, 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: TOS
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday	Physiotherapy with Arun: Monday to Saturday
Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday	Soundbed Session with Sandhya/ Thilagam: Monday to Saturday
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena: Inquiry through email (adminsante@auroville.org.in)	

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

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

EDUCATION

BOTANICAL GARDEN: YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024-25

Click [HERE](#) for the Application Form



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024-25

Looking for passionate youth in Auroville (17- 24 years) interested in a year-long environmental study opportunity.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS !

Last date to apply : 14th april ' 24

Applicants must have a defined study focus and a conceptual plan. The Recipient will be expected to work a minimum of 5 days a week, 6 hours a day for a period of 1 year. The student will be supported with a full maintenance during this period.

<https://youtu.be/d7KW1dUrjlk?si=HXTm7Nn9iQ7sWIGB>



This is sponsored by the David Nagel's scholarship. To know more : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DR8c8xHqGMQ>

ITALIAN CLASS BY FRANCESCA



Hello! If you want to learn Italian from scratch or have already studied it but would like to continue practicing it, know that Francesca will start giving individual or group lessons from July! And because Francesca is intimately connected to the world of art and culture, the lessons will not only explore the use of the Italian language but will be an enjoyable introduction to different aspects of Italian culture, art and history. Yes I know, it is still only April. But you know, Francesca likes to plan ahead. So if you plan to take advantage of this opportunity, this is the email where you can contact her: avgateofdreams@gmail.com. See you when I get back from Rome then!

TUTION GRADE 1-12

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



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.

INTEGRAL APPROACH TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ONE YEAR COURSE

We are opening registrations for the upcoming one-year course in Physical Education. This comprehensive program is especially designed to promote an integral understanding of physical education in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother for Auroville.

Key Components of the Course-

Foundations of Integral Education:

Main Facilitator- Praveenji

Introduction to Integral Yoga

Auroville Aims and Ideals

Understanding the Integral Approach to Education

Spiritual and Mental Well-being:

Yoga and Meditation Practices

Psychological Aspects of Physical Education

Stress Management Techniques

Physical Fitness and Sports Sciences:

Main Facilitator -Savitri

Anatomy and Physiology

Exercise Physiology

Sports Nutrition

Sports Injuries and Rehabilitation

Pedagogy and Teaching Methodologies:

Teaching Games for Understanding (TGFU)

Lesson Planning and Implementation

Assessment and Evaluation Techniques

Classroom Management Strategies

Practical Training:

Main Facilitator- Pedro and Ruben

Teaching Practicum in Auroville Schools

Mentorship and Feedback Sessions

Project Implementation in Physical Education Settings

The course is open to All.

If you are a fitness and sports enthusiast and see yourself as a physical education teacher/facilitator, or if you are simply interested in this course and would like to know more, fill the form below-

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXxZV8tE7AtdWPC9LZ4A7zMBbO7OwR5CZ6C8rPQao7wFT8-Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Join us in this transformative journey towards fostering physical, mental, and spiritual well-being through education.

FORMAT 1: INTEGRAL MATHEMATICS

SERIES ON INTEGRAL YOGA AND MATHEMATICS BY

ENLIGHT AND SAVITRI BHAVAN

A warm and open invitation to all those progressing consistently on the path of Integral yoga to share their knowledge and learnings with those with a keen interest in Mathematics.

It is a one-of-a-kind exploratory discussion series on Vedic and Vedantic philosophies, its interpretation and insights through Sri Aurobindo's writings, and its relation to overall learning through a language of Mathematics.

Session 1: This month we focus on learning Sankhya Philosophy By Kapila Muni.



Integral Yoga & Mathematics
Sankhya Philosophy by Kapila

Date : 6th April , 2024
Time : 4 - 5pm
Place : Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan
Facilitators : Team Enlight & Savitri Bhavan

For more information : 

Please note, it is an attempt to manifest a new understanding of Learning through Sri Aurobindo's writings.



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 mediathèque. 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 Sanskrit Tuesdays for Spanish & Tamil, Wednesdays for French & Chinese, Thursdays for English (On the Auroville Charter and The Dream) and Fridays for Hindi, German & Italian. Please come forward for other languages! 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@aurovillelanguage.org or a WhatsApp message to +91 98430 30355.

Sanskrit Chants with Vishvanathanji

Learn Sanskrit Chanting in the light of Mother and Sri Aurobindo.



We will learn 8 traditional Samskrit Chants, invocations to the Divine Mother, to deepen our aspiration, widen our receptivity, and to bring down in us samata, peace, courage, humility, sincerity, harmony, gratitude, and perseverance.

The sessions will be led by Vishwanathan, supported by his wife Lalitha. Their study of the writings of Mother and Sri Aurobindo has deepened and enlarged their understanding of the traditional Samskrit chants and in turn the chants are a great help in their sadhana. They feel blessed to share these traditional Samskrit chants.

So, every Monday from 5 to 6 pm all are welcome to join to learn these inspiring Chants!

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 basis, 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 deciding to order through Amazon.

This book has information for a wide variety of professionals in different fields, as well as laypeople. For example, midwives, doulas, gynaecologists, as well as pregnant women, parents-to-be and recent parents, will find the chapter on "Resonance in the Womb" full of incredibly fascinating information. It is an excellent summary of all the research since Dr. Tomatis' pioneering work in the early 1950s, on the development of listening in the womb.

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

Looking for:

We found a volunteer for the Telegu translation editing work, and for most of the other tasks. But we could definitely still do with someone to help with fundraising and English Teaching. and We always welcome volunteer language teachers

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & listening training programmes!

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

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

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

New Language Courses at ALL

New Beginner Hindi with Kaushal

Kaushal is a native Hindi speaker who is keenly interested in introducing the beauty and nuance of this language to eager learners. In this 16-hour (2 months) course, he will give an introduction to speaking, writing, and reading so as to familiarize students with the Hindi language.

Days & time: Wednesdays, 02:00 pm to 04:00 pm

Starting day: 10th April 2024

Duration: 16 hours (over two months)

New Beginner Sanskrit with Kaushal

In this 16-hour (2 months) course, we start with the sounds and the alphabet, we shall enjoy exploring simple words, conversation and chanting of selected mantras.

Days & time: Thursdays, 02:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Starting day: 11th April 2024

Duration: 16 hours (over two months)

If there's a language you would like to learn but it's not listed ... please let us know!

To join or enquire:

Please fill out our form at <http://register.aurovillelanguage.org/>
You may also drop us an email at info@aurovillelanguage.org,
call us at 262-3661, text us at +91 **9843030355** 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 completed, 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 Start date 9 April 24	4 - 5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Conversation Pre-Intermediate Start date 8 April 24	4 - 5pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Beginner Start Date 8 April 2024	10:30am – 12noon	Monday & Wednesday
French	Beginner Completed	2:30- 4:30pm	Saturday
	Conversation Post Beginner Completed	10:30am – 12noon	
	Conversation Intermediate will continue until 29 April 2024	2:30 -3:30pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner Start date 23 January 2024	9:30 – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Spoken Intermediate To Start March 2024	5:30 – 6:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner Start date 11 April 2024	2 – 4pm	Thursday
Hindi	Beginner Start date 10 April 2024	2 – 4pm	Wednesday
German	A1.1 Beginner Start date 5 February 2024	9:30 – 11am	Monday & Wednesday
	German Elementary S&W To Start March 2024	4 – 5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Spanish	Beginner Start date 24 January 2024	2:30 – 3:30pm	Monday
	Intermediate	2:30 – 4pm	Tuesday
Italian	Beginner Start date 7 February 2024	4 – 5pm	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate	4 – 5.30 pm	Thursday

The Language Lab is open:
Monday – Friday, 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 7pm
Saturday, 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm

Location:

International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

Contact:

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

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

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@aurauro.com

MINDFULNESS FOR STRESS REDUCTION (MBSR) - 1 WEEK COURSE

29TH APRIL -5TH MAY



This secular course synthesises the ancient Eastern wisdom on mindfulness with the Western science on stress reduction, positive psychology & neuroscience.

The course has been found to improve participants' ability to cope with the stresses of everyday life - giving space to respond to situations rather than react. It has been found to help with anxiety & depression, to help manage chronic pain & lower blood sugar levels, to improve emotional regulation; increase attention, focus & memory; and plant inner seeds of happiness, resilience, kindness & acceptance.

It is suitable for those new to meditation as well as experienced meditators looking to deepen their practice.

'It's actually something akin to a radical act of love just to stop in your life, just to drop in on the moment and be aware of what is going on' Jon Kabat-Zinn

We will meet daily from Mon 29th April to Sun 5th May. Course timings are **7.30-9.30am (daily) from Mon 29th April- Sat 4th May** and **8.30am - 12pm Sunday 5th May**.

The course will be held at Maloka, Anitya community and is hosted by Inner Sight (a LEAD activity).

Registration is required. Message Helen (WhatsApp **7094753054**) for booking and details.

MINDFULNESS - KINDFULNESS - HALF DAY RETREAT

SATURDAY APRIL 13TH (9.15AM-12PM)



This half-day retreat provides a chance for you to drop-in to yourself, to unplug from the stresses of everyday life, and shift from doing into being.

In this session we will focus on kindness, which is one of the foundational attitudes of mindfulness. Specifically we will be exploring how we soften, and be kinder and more compassionate towards ourselves.

Participants will be guided through a series of practices (in either seated or lying position) along with some gentle movement practices.

It is suitable for everyone - those new to meditation as well as experienced meditators looking to deepen their practice, but places are limited.

Whatsapp Helen on **7094753054** to register. The session is hosted by Inner Sight (a LEAD activity).

WRITING FROM WITHIN

Writing from Within is a session to learn how to use the writing as a tool to get to know oneself, one's different sub-personalities, the unconscious strategies by which we sabotage ourselves but also the natural resources we have inside to overcome obstacles and evolve.



Moreover, many other creative writing exercises can also be practiced during the session, such as experimenting with sounds and rhythms of the words, rediscovering the innate talent of storytelling, reactivating lost creativity, exercising the inner muscle of imagination through memory, and much more.

The sessions will take place at the European House.

Duration of the session: 1h30min.

For the Info and to book your session, write at ijustwannawrite.email@gmail.com

If you want to know more about me, check my Vlog "I Just Wanna Write" at <https://www.youtube.com/@IJustWannaWrite-ht9ql/videos>

Or my blog <https://ijustwannawrite.com>

Let's keep up with the good writing!

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

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

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

Mondays & Saturdays:

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

Tuesdays - Fridays:

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

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

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

taichi.auroville.org / taichi@auroville.org.in



MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

A CALL TO CO-CREATE

MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

THROUGH DANCE, MOVE, VISUAL ARTS, POETRY,
SPOKEN WORD, THEATER, AND MUSIC

Step beyond labels and redefine your art form.

Embrace the unknown and explore the interplay between disciplines.

Safe space for artistic exploration.

Self-motivated creation.

Unbridled inventiveness.

Spaciousness for individual expression.

Recognition of equal value in every movement, sound, and word
Emotional storytelling through embodied movement and music.

Collaborative, non-hierarchical creation.

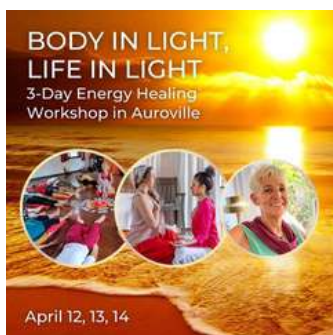
THURSDAYS 5PM TO 7PM CRIPA SMALL HALL

DISCOVER THE BOUNDLESS POTENTIAL OF COLLABORATIVE IMPROVISATION

BODY IN LIGHT: ENERGY HEALING WORKSHOP APRIL 12, 13, 14 (9AM-5PM)

In this 3-day workshop we explore with joy the 3 paths to ascension:

- Heal old pains, patterns and programming
- Align to your Divine Essence
- Tune into mystical moments of realization by stepping into the frequency of the four powers of the



• Divine Mother: Wisdom, Harmony, Strength & Creation
Dive into powerful techniques for self-healing, and explore Fundamentals, Principles and Universal Laws of energy healing.

Location: Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas, Auroville.

Facilitator: Sandyra, Energy Healer & Teacher since 25 years.

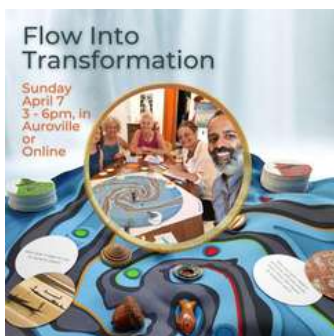
Register now: contact@auroville-jiva.com, or

WhatsApp: +91 94436 19403.

FLOW INTO TRANSFORMATION

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 3PM-6PM (IN AUROVILLE, OR ONLINE)

Is there a question that is burning inside you? The Flow Game is a powerful tool used worldwide to transform stuckness. Within every challenge, there often lies a transformative potential. Bring a question that's alive in your heart. Discover your way to greater flow with life. Choose any 1 game:



- In-Person in Auroville: Theme: What is my role in these times of transformation? Host: Sandyra
- ONLINE: Theme: what needs to transform to align with my True Purpose? Host: Niharika

Register now: contact@auroville-jiva.com, or WhatsApp: +91 94436 19403.

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 Révélation'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](#)

MEDICINE WALK

SATURDAY APRIL 6 (7AM-9:30AM) IN REVELATION, AUROVILLE.

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

Facilitator: Niharika Sanyal

Register now: contact@auroville-jiva.com, or

WhatsApp: +91 94436 19403.

Medicine Walk

At Mahakali Park (Revelation)

7:00 - 10:00am

Saturday, April 6



MARTIAL ARTS - AUROVILLE AIKIDO NEWS

Auroville Aikido at AV Budokan (Dehashakti):



Adults regular schedule for Beginners and others: (with N. Murugan and Surya) Welcome 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 evening 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).

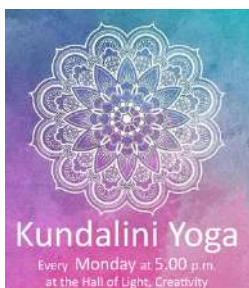
Reasonable contributions required.

KUNDALINI YOGA CLASSES

MONDAYS, 5 TO 6.30 P.M.

IN THE HALL OF LIGHT. CREATIVITY

Kundalini Yoga is called the Yoga of Awareness. It is a dynamic, powerful tool that is designed to give you an experience of your soul. To achieve that it uses the combination of Asanas, Pranayamas, Mudras and Mantras.



Kundalini Yoga

Every Monday at 5.00 p.m.
at the Hall of Light, Creativity

All levels, come 5 minutes before, bring your own mat. Contribution for the use of the room.

Contact: Bel whatsapp 91 7598892065.

Certified Kundalini Yoga teacher.

ASTROLOGY101

The next **1-year program** on the **Stars & Planets** begins soon! This is for anyone interested in personal growth and development using the **ancient Indian system**. You'll learn how to make and analyze your birth chart, and act from a space of vedic knowledge. I'm using a **pay-as-per-your-capacity** pricing model, to ensure that this is accessible to everyone.

Places are limited, and the program starts on **12th April 2024**.

In order to maintain the quality of learning and to ensure that you receive personalised attention, we will be limiting this batch to just 25 learners. This ensures focused guidance and fosters meaningful group interaction as well. Since there are limited spots, we will be selecting learners carefully. For details, and to register, pls visit: <https://www.allthingsvedic.in/astrology101>

Vikram, whatsapp: 98343948288

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

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



Food is Medicine- Lifestyle Health Practices with Parvathi Friday, April 5, 9.15am – 12:00pm

Learn about your body's constitution (Tridosha) & the plants, foods, spices & lifestyle practices that benefit your constitution & help prevent health complications. Parvathi will also demonstrate the proper way to prepare decoction/ infusion teas.

Introduction to Ayurveda & Panchakarma – with Dr. Geeta Friday, April 5, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Ayurveda, the ancient Indian medical system, includes Panchakarma, which is a set of five cleansing procedures. Learn the appropriate use of and principles behind these practices, which aim to detoxify, rejuvenate, and restore balance to body, mind and spirit.

Sivananda Yoga: Masterclass – with Mani Saturday, April 6, 9:15am – 12:00pm

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

Face & Eye Yoga: Face Your Self – with Mamta Saturday, April 6, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

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

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

Friday, April 12, 9:15am – 12:00pm

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

Ayurveda for Self-Harmony– with Claire Friday, April 12, 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Discover Ayurvedic wisdom & its recommendations for self-care & healing. In this practical workshop, you will experience some of the fundamental Ayurvedic techniques to observe various body/mind/metabolic conditions in yourself & others & learn how Ayurveda can be applied in daily life to maintain balance & harmony, according to your own nature.

Synchronize your Moon Cycle with Yoga – Radha Saturday, April 13, 9:15am – 12:00pm

The menstrual cycle is a dynamic event in the physical, emotional, intellectual, & spiritual life of women. Becoming more aware of our cycle & understanding the energies associated with it allows us to use its gifts in everyday life. We will explore the female cycle in detail, demystifying each phase & its biological changes, variations in energy level & archetypes. You will learn yoga & lifestyle practices to help you synchronize with your cycle, attune to the changes in your body & energy level, & to balance them.

DEEP SOUND BATH IN CREATIVITY

TIBETAN BOWLS

Hall of Light
CREATIVITY community

**Every Friday
from 5 to 6:30 PM**

Starting from 17th November



There will be a LIGHT massage by the Tibetan Bowls.

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

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

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

Drop in the Hall, no reservation needed.

Please arrive 10 minutes before.

Guest 600 rs / Volunteer 300 rs

Aurovilians and Newcomers, conscious contribution

Sathyayuga

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REGENERATION CIRCLE

A Talking-Stick Journey through the Regenerative Movement - Uniting Spiritual Wisdom and Ecosystem Revival.

What is Regeneration?

<https://youtu.be/GMLyhJw4Bps?si=xPCQmXpA7AwX5Ter>

Book your spot or drop in! 🌸

For more information or group bookings for consensus building, please contact us.

We are looking forward to sitting with you in a sacred circle.



Regeneration Circle: Voices of Wholeness

Tuesdays @Vérité - 5 pm - with Nadim

Experiences of previous participants:

"This talking-stick gives me Power; and with great Power, comes great Responsibility" - Aurovilian

"I'm very sensitive and I could feel the spirits of Mother Nature with us in this circle; very beautiful" - Newcommer

"Because of the ecological problems humanity is facing, I didn't want to have children, but after this talk today, I do again" - Guest

(Contributions are voluntary)

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PITANGA



Program April 2024

DROP-IN CLASSES *Join without prior registration!*

Mondays

7:30am–9am, **Asanas** with Rachel
8:30am–10am, **Yoga Therapy** with Gala
4pm–5pm, **Doing No-Thing Consciously** with Mike

Tuesdays

4:00pm–5:15pm, **Restorative Yoga** with Rachel

Wednesdays

7:30am – 9am, **Asanas** with Rachel
8:30am – 10am, **Yoga Therapy** with Gala

Thursdays

4:30pm–5:30pm, **Aviva Exercise** with Suriyagandhi
4:30pm–6pm, **Vocal Sound Healing** with Lola

Fridays

6:45am–8am, **Pranayama** with François & Namrita, For former “The Art of Living” course participants
7:30am–9am, **Asanas** with Rachel
8:30am–10am, **Yoga Therapy** with Gala
3pm–4pm, **Reading Circle of Savitri** with Patricia - An interactive session
4:30pm–5:30pm, **Readings of the Life Divine** with Balvinder
5:15pm–6:15pm, **Feldenkrais** with Shari, not on 19/4, 26/4
5:15pm–6:15pm, **For Giving Love** with Marie-Claire

Saturdays

9am–10:30am, **Yoga (Intermediate level)** for regular practitioners) with Rachel
11am–12:30pm, **ATB Explorations** with Isora, Rosario & Teresa
2:15pm–4:15pm, **Truth Based Relationships - Practical Sessions** with Juan Andrés
4:30pm–5:30pm, **Body Music** with Anandi Z.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

These are ongoing educational programs. If a child is interested, parents need to talk to the teacher before joining the class.

Asanas for Teenagers with Lisbeth

- Mondays, Wednesdays, 4pm – 5:15pm
- before the summer break is on 15/4

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

- Saturdays, 9am–10am,

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

- Saturdays 10am–11am,

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

- Saturdays 11am–12pm,

CLASSES – BY APPOINTMENT

Art Therapy with Gala

- Thursdays, 3–5pm for adults
- Fridays, 3–5pm for families

Chinese Tea Ceremony with Chun

- Saturdays, 3–4pm
- Do not wear any kind of perfume on this day

HEALING SPACE – BY APPOINTMENT

- Bio-Resonance (with Bi-Com machine) by Afsaneh
- Chiropractic by Afsaneh
- Cranio Sacral Therapy by Anne H.
- Thai Yoga Massage by Juan

MARK THE CHANGES!

Reading Savitri, with Patricia

• Fridays 3pm–4pm

This interactive group explores various subjects. The current series has included the divine destiny of earth and the opposition of darkness, and will continue with passages which inspire and support our transition in physical bodies right now. SAVITRI's resonance in the heart is our sure guide, and other books and resources are freely used to enrich our understanding.

Doing No-Thing Consciously with Mike

- Mondays 4pm–5pm

The class format evolved into the following: "We are always doing 'things' outside and inside..."

In this exploration we'll take a conscious pause to allow our system to truly rest, to find its own neutral where it can recalibrate, recharge, harmonize.

We will seek to tune into our own self-healing ability by doing nothing, consciously stepping back and listening more deeply to our bodies.

Sri Aurobindo: 'It is by the thought that we dissipate ourselves... It is by gathering back of the thought into itself that we must draw back into the real'."

This is a drop-in class.

Natural Eye Healing, workshop "Eye Yoga" with Aurosugan

- Monday 25–Friday 29 March
- Daily 3–4pm, for 5 days



Eye yoga exercises strengthen weak eye muscles, improving circulation and muscle movement. The technique includes activities that can help improve the entire visual system for better vision.

The eye yoga and exercises are simple and can be done in between your routine tasks, and by doing them regularly, you can significantly reduce your level of eye discomfort, blurred vision and other symptoms of eye strain.

- Registration required.

Pitanga supports a cashless economy in Auroville. If you are hosting a guest who'd like to join our activities, kindly inform them that contributions need to be made cashless.

If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us.

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!

*Pitanga Cultural Centre
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info@pitanga.in*

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

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

Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

Woga 1& 2 with Dariya

Sunday 7 - Monday 8 April 2024 (9:00am - 6:00pm: 12 hours)

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

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

No previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim)!

Woga Instructors Training Course with Petra & Pooja

Tuesday 9 - Sunday 14 April 2024 (8.45am - 6.30pm: 42 hours)

In this 6-day course, you will acquire the basics of Woga, be able to use the potential of yoga in shallow water, learn a Woga exercise repertoire, and receive didactic and methodical material to offer Woga courses and/or incorporate Woga into your water fitness classes.

Topics addressed are Yoga philosophy in general, background of Hatha Yoga and Pranayama, practical and theoretical knowledge of the physical laws of water, which serves as the basis for a good general body feeling/image, and methodology and didactics for planning lessons in teaching Woga.

Prerequisites: Woga 1&2 AND a certified activity as instructor in aquatic sports or as bodyworker instructor, or long time bodyworker in any kind of activity.

Watsu® Yoga Round with Fred & Roberto

Monday 15 April 2024 (3:00 - 6:30pm)

Watsu Yoga Round is a powerful tool for deep relaxation and inner peace. It focuses on listening to the body and presence; it represents a way to come back to your heart, to an inner silence that is fully alive and vibrant. It is an invitation to feel, awaken and celebrate the energy of your being.

When immersed in warm water during the Watsu Yoga Round, the body does not suffer from the effects of gravity; the flow of movements and stretching, alternated with moments of stillness, invite a progressive well-being: body and mind become free to dance!

No previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim)!

Watsu® & OBA Basic with Dariya & Daniel

Tuesday 16 - Sunday 21 April 2024 (1:00 - 6:00pm: 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.

Watsu® 1 TF (Transition Flow Yoga) with Petra
Monday 22 - Thursday 25 April 2024 (8.45am - 6.30pm: 34 hours)

A 4-day course on the surface only. Watsu 1 (Transition Flow) teaches to connect the basic movements and positions you have learned in Watsu Basic with long, gracefully flowing transitions and to adapt this work to people of different sizes, shapes, and dispositions. You will also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible.

On land, you will be introduced to both Co-Centering and Tantsu, and explore what being held means to you and others.

Prerequisites: Watsu Basic

SCRUM & AGILE PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



Join us for an immersive journey into the world of Scrum framework/Agile project management. Over the course of 2 x 3 hours, we'll delve into the core principles of Agile, explore the intricacies of Scrum roles, artifacts, and events, and gain some hands-on experience through simulations. Whether you're new to Agile or seeking to deepen your understanding, this workshop will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate in today's dynamic project environments.

Date: 06th & 07th of April 2024

Time: 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Maximum 8 participants

Register here:

[Workshop Form](#)

KINISI COWORK

CSR Campus, Auroshilpam, Auroville - 605101

(Voluntary contribution accepted)

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

**Compassionate
Communication**



APRIL 6TH SATURDAY 9.30 AM - 4.30PM
& 7TH SUNDAY 9.30 - 1 PM
AT MALOKA (ANITYA COMMUNITY)

This one and half day introductory workshop will introduce the basic components of Compassionate communication, and practice how to apply them in our daily life.



**GIVING
AND
RECEIVING
JOYFULLY**



**TRANSFORMING
JUDGEMENT
BLAMING AND
CRITICISM
TO RESTORE
CONNECTION**



**EXPLORING
OUR FREEDOM
WHILE NURTURING
RELATIONSHIPS**



**LEARN
HOW TO HEAR
THE DEEPER
MESSAGE
BEHIND
WORDS**

- You can bring a notebook/notepad and pen to journal your insights
- Please come 5min before for registration, so we can be settled before starting and share a safe space together.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
ENQUIRY & BOOKING : VEGA 91 853101 2459



under LEAD, Auroville

SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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Serendipity (Ex. Joy) is located opposite Center Guest House
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THERAPIES



SHIATSU MASSAGE



Sara

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ACTIVITIES



HATHA YOGA

Wednesdays - 5:30 - 6:30pm

Saturdays - 7:30 to 8:30am



Ramesh

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SANSKRIT TRADITIONAL CHANTING

Thursdays - 9- 10am (drop in class)

Fridays - 5 to 6pm (Regular Students)



Sonia

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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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)

It Matters

APRIL
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

01 MON	TAI CHI, THE WAY OF THE LEAF Kaarthikeyan Kirubhakaran	5-6 PM
02 TUE	FIT FUSION Dasha	5-6 PM
03 WED	CONVERSATION ABOUT SCIENCE & NONDUALITY Siva	5-6 PM
04 THU	EXPRESSIVE ARTS* Sandra	10-11 AM
	LAUGHTER & RELAXATION Ancolie Dove	5-6 PM
05 FRI	MYSTERY ACTIVITY Follow our insta for the reveal	5-6 PM
06 SAT	INTUITIVE PAINTING* Marie-Claire Barsotti	9.30-11.30 AM
07 SUN	DISCOVER ACROYOGA Damien	10-11.30 AM

*extra fees for material may be applicable, please check website

GUESTS

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LOCATION:

Auroville Main Road / Kulappalayam
Next to Progress Transport Service

AUROVILIANS
VOLUNTEERS

TANGO - NEW CLASSES



MON
19:00
Introduction to Tango
20:00
Opensource

WED
19:30
Guided Practica
20:00
Practilonga

AUROVILLE TANGO
New batch starts
the first week of each month





No partner required.
Bring socks or dance shoes.
And plenty of joy!

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EUROPEAN HOUSE PRESENTS

BROTHERHOOD PAVILION PRESENTS

COSMOS DAY



12
APRIL
FRIDAY

@ EUROPEAN
HOUSE
3 PM TO 9 PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
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CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A SPECIAL SESSION, OPPENHEIMER VS ARJUNA, FATE OF THE EARTH



BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास பாரத் நிவாஸ்
The Pavilion of India, Auroville



Bharat Nivas presents OPPENHEIMER VS. ARJUNA

Fate of the Earth & The Freedom of Conscience
Contemporary and Eternal Moral Dilemmas

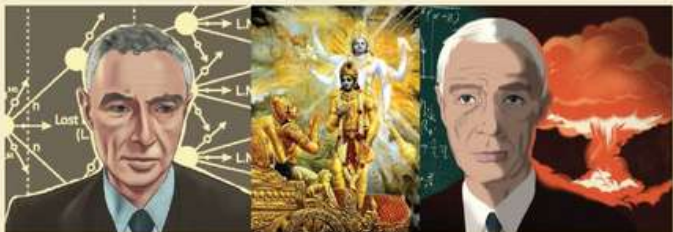
A Discussion and Screening of the film *Oppenheimer*

Presentation and Discussion

By

Prof. Sehdev Kumar

Nuclear Physicist and Historian of Science



- Some acts are questioned before they are committed.
- Some others are questioned after they have been committed.
 - Most of them are never questioned.
- Are Forces of Justification and Rationalization, and Self-interest, far stronger than any Moral Impulse of *dharma* and the Human Conscience?

No event in the human history has impacted in more devastating ways, on the Fate of the Earth than the unleashing of the Nuclear Energy in 1945

In the light of the film *Oppenheimer* about the 'Father of A-Bomb', and the eternal Arjuna-Krishna dialogue in the Bhagavad Gita, this presentation explores questions of Global Peace and Human *dharma*.

Session I: Oppenheimer & Arjuna: Conscience & Moral Dilemmas 11:00 -12:00, Bhumika Hall

Session II: Screening of the film 'Oppenheimer' 1:00 - 4:00, Auditorium

Session III: Comments and Q/A, 4:15-5:30, Bhumika Hall

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Bharat Nivas Auditorium 11 AM - 6 PM

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THE EUROPEAN HOUSE PRESENTS: SONGS FROM IRAN

A Recital by Salmi Elahi (voice) and Carel (piano)

Sunday 7th April 2024 at 6pm at CRIPA

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About Salmi: After beginning her career as a chorister at the Tehran Opera at a very young age, Salmi arrived in France and joined the Choir of the Paris Orchestra, where she has been singing since 2006. Graduating from the Cycle Supérieur vocal program at the Rachmaninoff Conservatory of Paris, she joined the advanced class at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Musique. She has performed at the Avignon Festival, at the Théâtre de l'Épée de Bois in Paris, as well as in South India, in Pondicherry and notably in Auroville in 2018 and 2019.

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Location: Center Field, after center GH, follow the ANITYA signs
To know more about Anitya: joyofimpermanence.in



NEW PRICE LIST AND ABUNDANCE OF AV PRODUCE

Dear community,

We are sharing with you the updated price list for 2024. As you may know, the Auroville farmers adjust their prices annually based on production cost as well as the average market price. This method of setting and freezing prices for the year ensures a fair and secure income for the farm, enabling better planning.

Foodlink monitors the weekly forecasts, receives, weighs, conducts quality checks, manages delivery, and handles billing without any additional charge for providing the produce to Solar Kitchen, PTDC and PTPS.

The price list includes the vegetables, fruits, grains, eggs, milk, and processed products from the farms. [Here is the link](#). The printed list is also available at Foodlink and PTDC.

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Isabelle M. on behalf of Foodlink team

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Sincerely,
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For Rapid Care
Balaji & Arun

AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS

Auroville Library opening timings:

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- Aeroflot flight offer fare is available from Delhi - Moscow - Delhi.
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FROM AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI ON 9TH APRIL

To stay ECO FRIENDLY am very willing to share a taxi from **Auroville to Chennai airport on Tuesday 9th of April 2024.**

Departure from Auroville Town Hall at **5:30PM (17:30).**

Please contact via [watsapp+34685673777](https://www.whatsapp.com) or email: srimaa221@gmail.com or only sms on: +917289907792. sunny

FROM AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI ON 12TH APRIL

Hallo! I would like to share a taxi **from Auroville to Chennai airport on the 12 April at 2 am.**

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Thanks, Giorgio

LOST & FOUND



FOUND BEIGE BLANKET

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CINEMA



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

Reminder: Friday 5th April - “FRANCES HA” by Noah Baumbach, United States, 2012

and **Friday 12th April-at 8:00 pm**
“SHOWER” (original title: 洗澡; Xǐ zǎo)

Directed by **Zhang Yang**, China, 1999

With: Zhu Xu, Pu Cunxin, Jiang Wu

Synopsis: The film revolves around a family-run bathhouse in Beijing. An aged father and his younger, mentally challenged son have been working hard every day to keep the bathhouse running for a motley group of regular customers. When his elder son, who left years ago to seek his fortune in the southern city of Shenzhen, abruptly returns one day, it once again puts under stress the long-broken father-son ties... Presented as a light-hearted comedy, Shower explores with a lot of sensibility the values of family, friendship, and tradition... After its premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, Shower was selected for numerous film festivals, including Sundance, San Sebastian and Seattle, where it received many awards.

Original version in Mandarin with Engl. Subtitles, duration 1h.32'

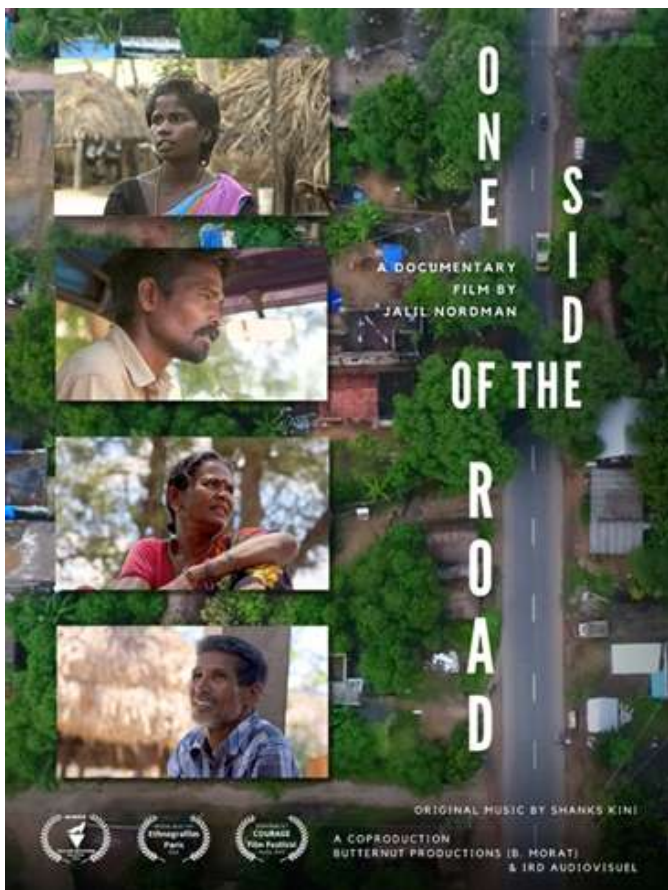
PAVILLON DE FRANCE ET DE LA FRANCOPHONIE PRESENTS

"ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD"

A DOCUMENTARY FILM BY JALIL NORDMAN

**Saturday 13 April 2024 at 4.30 pm
at Cinema Paradiso-Town Hall**

Language : Tamil, English / Subtitles : English. 87 minutes



A road runs through a village in Tamil Nadu. This road is a frontier that divides habitats, and it is a gateway to a wider world, the nearby industrial cities, a means of emancipation for some, but the enslavement of others in these rural areas. Between 2019 and 2022, four Dalits reveal their ongoing struggle to survive. These four characters from the same village, with their intertwined destinies, describe their daily lives through intimate and rare testimonies, which form a life journey around three extraordinary years marked by the international pandemic and its harsh economic and social consequences in rural India.

One side of the road is recently submitted to film festivals and has received some awards.

Jalil Nordman is PhD in Economics from University of Paris Sorbonne. He is Director of Research at the French Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) and affiliated since 2004 to several research Institutions, among them the French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP). Jalil entrusted the musical direction of the film to Shanks Kini. Shanks is a professional Indian musician, independent music producer and multi-instrumentalist based in Auroville. Both will be here during the projection to present the film and answer questions after.

FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE



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

Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 8 April 2024 - 14 April 2024

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

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



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

Indian - Monday 8 April, 8:00 pm:

- **12TH FAIL**

India, 2023, Writer-Dir. Vidhu Vinod Chopra/ Vikrant Massey, Medha Shankr, Anant Joshi, and others, Biography-Drama, 147mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: U (G)

Manoj Kumar Sharma belongs to Chambal village, which is known more for notorious decoits. Cheating in exam is a common thing. Naturally he too cheats in his 12th grade exam aspiring for a peon's job in the future. But a strict police officer DSP Dushyant Singh poses an obstacle. He reported the cheating and Manoj, and his friends failed the exam. Undaunted Manoj tries his hands on rickshaw business with his brother and gets hassled by political goons. However, this time the same Dushyant Singh comes to their rescue. Impressed by his honesty and integrity Manoj starts idolizing him and nurtures a dream to be an IPS officer like him. The following year he clears his 12th standard exams and starts his long and arduous journey to clear UPSC deemed as one of the toughest exams in the world. This well-made film gets more endearing because it tells the real-life story of IPS Manoj Kumar Sharma, as documented in Anurag Pathak's bestselling book. You can't miss this film dedicated to handful of honest officers in the country. Wait till the credits for a glimpse of the real Manoj Sharma!

Potpourri - Tuesday 9 April, 8:00 pm:

- **YE HABE GHAND (A cube of sugar)**

Iran, 2011, Writer-Dir. Reza Mirkarimi w/Reza Kianian, Negar Javaherian, Farhad Aslani, and others, Comedy-Drama, 116mins, Persian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Somewhere on the outskirts of modern Iran, at a traditional old house with a fragrant tree-shaded internal yard, a whole family is ceaselessly making nuptial preparations. Being the youngest in the family, the bright-eyed bride-to-be, Pasandideh, can't wait for the arrival of her older sisters; after all, her wedding with the grandson of a friendly family is a marvellous opportunity for a great reunion. Eventually, amid careful bridal arrangements, an unplanned but exciting treasure hunt, and thrilling ghost stories, everything will be soon ready for the joyous event; however, is a single cube of sugar enough to bring sweetness and happiness?

Interesting - Wednesday 10 April, 8:00 pm:

- **ISRAELISM**

USA, 2023, Dir. Erin Axelman & Sam Eilertsen w/Peter Beinart, Jeremy Ben-Ami, Noam Chomsky, and others, Documentary, 84mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

When two young American Jews raised to unconditionally love Israel witness the way Israel treats Palestinians, their lives take sharp left turns. Their stories reveal a deepening generational divide over modern Jewish identity.

Selection - Thursday 11 April, 8:00 pm:

- **SHIP OF THESEUS**

India-Netherlands, 2012, Writer-Dir. Anand Gandhi w/ Ayadh El-Kashef, Yogesh Shah, Faraz Khan, and others, Drama, 140mins, English-Arabic-Swedish-Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The film explores questions of identity, justice, beauty, meaning and death through an experimental photographer, an ailing monk and a young stockbroker. If you know the film, you will not miss it. If you have not watched before, you cannot miss it!

International – Saturday 13 April, 8:00 pm:

• **KUOLLEET LEHDET(Fallen leaves)**

Finland-Germany, 2023, Writer-Dir. Aki Kaurismäki w/Alma Pöysti, Jussi Vatanen, Janne Hyytiäinen, Comedy-Drama, 81mins, Finnish-Arabic w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The director returns after 6yrs with his 20th film set in modern- day Helsinki. Two lonely souls, Asna and Holappa in search of love meet by chance in a karaoke bar. However, their path to happiness is beset by obstacles - from lost phone numbers to mistaken addresses, alcoholism, and a charming stray dog. A film to watch!

Children’s Matinee– Sunday 14 April, 4:00 pm:

• **RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN**

USA, 2023, Dir. Kirk DeMicco& Faryn Pearlw/Jane Fonda, Lana Condor, Toni Collette, and others, 90mins, Animation-Action, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A shy adolescent learns that she comes from a fabled royal family of legendary sea krakens and that her destiny lies in the depths of the waters, which is bigger than she could have ever imagined.

KENJI MIZOGUCHI FILM FESTIVAL@ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 14 April, 8:00 pm:

• **CHIKAMATSU MONOGTARI(A Story from Chikamatsu)**

-Japan, 1954, Dir. Kenji Mizoguchi, w/ Kazuo Hazegawa, Kyôko Kagawa, and others, Drama – Romance, 102 mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

Based on a classic of eighteenth-century Japanese drama, the film traces the injustices that befall a Kyoto scroll maker’s wife and his apprentice after each is unfairly accused of illicit romance, they go on the run-in search of refuge from the punishment. Shot in gorgeous, painterly style by master cinematographer Kazuo Miyagawa.

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

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