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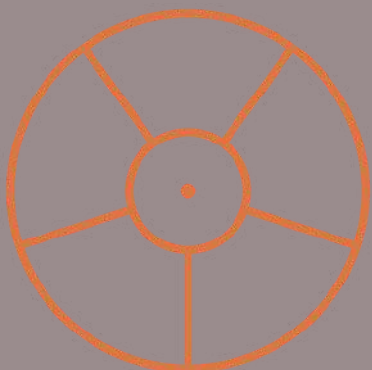
PONDERING

Matrimandir Construction

Q : For the construction of the Matrimandir, will only Aurovilians do the work or will there also be hired workers and other people of good will?

It is preferable that the work be organised without paid labour so that it is sure to continue in all circumstances.

16.2.1971



The Mother on Auroville, Page 73

<https://motherandsriaurobindo.in/The-Mother/books/compilations/the-mother-on-auroville/>



**THE GREAT STARS BURN WITH MY UNCEASING FIRE
AND LIFE AND DEATH ARE BOTH ITS FUEL MADE.
LIFE ONLY WAS MY BLIND ATTEMPT TO LOVE:
EARTH SAW MY STRUGGLE, HEAVEN MY VICTORY.**

(X.III.638)

She says, *Life and death are the fuel, then, In my blind attempt LIFE ONLY was my attempt to love.*¹ Because my attempt to love was blind, I limited it to life—but I won the victory in death.

It's very interesting. *(Mother repeats:)*

Earth saw my struggle, heaven my victory.

Yet, earth should see the victory? The victory should be on earth, shouldn't it?

Yes, but she couldn't win the victory on earth because she lacked heaven—she couldn't win the victory in life because she lacked death and she had to conquer death in order to conquer life.

That's the idea. Unless we conquer Death, the victory isn't won. Death must be vanquished, there must be no more death.

That's very clear.

(silence)

According to what he says here, it is the principle of Love that is transformed into flame and finally into light. It isn't the principle of Light that is transformed into flame when it materializes: it's the flame that is transformed into light.

The great stars give light because they burn; they burn because they are under the effect of Love.

Love would be the original Principle?

That seems to be what he is saying.

I didn't remember this passage. But I told you, my experience² is that the last thing as one rises—the last thing beyond light, beyond consciousness, beyond...—the last thing one reaches is love. "One," this "one" is... it's the "I"—I don't know. According to the experience, it's the last thing to manifest now in its purity, and it is the one that has the transforming power.

That's what he appears to be saying here: the victory of Love seems to be the final victory.

(silence)

He said, Savitri, a Legend and a Symbol; it's he who made it a symbol. It's the story of the encounter of Savitri, the principle of Love, with Death; and it's over Death that she won the victory, not in life. She could not win the victory in life without winning the victory over Death.

I didn't know it was put so clearly here. I had read it, but only once.

It's very interesting.

1. Mother later stressed again, "It's not Life was only, but Life only."

2. The experience of the "great pulsations" of divine Love (in April, 1962).

(to be continued next week)



The Mother, Agenda, September 8, 1965

<https://incarnateword.in/agenda/6/september-8-1965>

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With love and gratitude,
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)

NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

TUESDAY 5PM

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

How to submit material:

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

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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 donate 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

NO ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY SHARING

UPDATE REGARDING THE GB APPOINTED ATDC

On the 15th of March, the order pronounced by the High Court invalidated the Standing Order 01/2022 by which Govind, Hemant, Jaya, Jothi Prasad, Ponnusamy, Seetharaman, Sindhuja, Toby were appointed to the ATDC.

The court has said the Auroville Foundation may frame new regulations that conform to the Act and to the order of the court.

Effectively this means there is no ATDC, that maintenances and remunerations to Govind, Hemant, Jaya, Jothi Prasad, Ponnusamy, Seetharaman, Sindhuja, Toby need not be disbursed from City Service, that access by them to the emails associated with ATDC may be halted, that they may not be allowed access to ATDC files/data/information, they may be barred from occupying the ATDC office, and that they may not communicate with CPWD/AVF/ATDC employees with regard to the planning and development of Auroville.

This is for the information of the community.

Krishna & Natasha

SEEKING OUR INNER BEING, AN UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY



Dear friends,

We, the Inner Being Team, believe that, in order to hasten the shift of consciousness, the most important part of one's life is the search, discovery and maintenance of a meaningful relationship with one's Inner / Psychic Being, as conveyed by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

With care and non-judgement, we aim to create connections amongst the many human beings around the world who are genuinely engaged in this spiritual endeavour; by collecting testimonials that will allow all to benefit from each other's sharing of their spiritual experience.

[Preview: Podcast Series 1.](#)

If this initiative resonates with you, please take a look at our channels to access our films ([Youtube](#)) and podcasts ([spotify](#), [Youtube](#) or [Amazon](#)) and consider whether you would like to participate and share some of your personal journey.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could kindly support this initiative by considering contributing financially and/or spreading the [link](#) for our fundraising portal.

Looking very much forward to unifying our spiritual forces to facilitate the shift of consciousness that our Earth is longing for,

We eagerly await your reply,

Sincerely,

Dan, for the Inner Being Team
innerbeing.auroville@gmail.com

ELECTION HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

As per Memorandum No. S4/9336/2024 dated 27th of March, 2024 issued by the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Labour, the Election Commission of India has designated April 19, 2024 (Friday), as the polling day for the General Elections to Lok Sabha, 2024.

In accordance with Section 135(B) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, mandates the provision of a paid holiday to employees to enable them to exercise their franchise on the day of the poll.

All employers are kindly requested to ensure that all employees under your supervision are granted a paid holiday on Friday, April 19, 2024, in accordance with the statutory requirement outlined above.

For any further details or clarifications in this regard, please do not hesitate to write to us at sewa@auroville.org.in.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

Dear friends,

I'm ever so grateful for everyone that supported me for my upcoming dental procedure!

I'm very moved by that kindness and community spirit still present within Auroville!

Much love and gratitude,
Ingrid from 9 Palms

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear brothers and sisters,

Are we sure we are going to the right destination? Are we sure there is no other direction than the one we are in now? Are we so sure that it is impossible to do and act in another way?

Are we sure it was necessary to slaughter the service-trees on the Crown road for....nothing?

To massacre flat down a beautiful, indigenous, slow growing but resilient to the climate and 40 year old, forest to replace it witha park?

And copy the PKS tactics of encroachment in order to appropriate a park for oneself? Like Sunship for example which, in all discretion and connivance with GB ATDC, removed its fence to include a great part of Bliss forest to "their" community. All fenced! Will we need to buy an entrance ticket to go in later?

Are we sure that it is correct and inevitable to evacuate a family who built and lived in a house for a very long time in order to rent it to an outsider who receives a salary when they, themselves, are cut from their maintenance?

Do we really agree with a unit who systematically captures all the city wells to then "share" the water that everyone already shares within its community?

Are we so sure that we need the Water Service to monopolize our wells and have us sign an "agreement" in order to send us extravagantly high bills?

Are we sure that it is okay to dig vast and deep with no survey and expertise and the risk to have, one day, the Matrimandir collapse on its own foundation?

I could go on; the list is long! But of what I am sure is that when we are tuned in to the Divine we don't need to lie, hide, do secrecy, steal, grab, appropriate, racket, monopolize, dominate, oppress, subdue, massacre trees, disperse and sell our land....

....If we are tune we can built, cooperate, imagine and create a beautiful future much faster and adapted to the world's needs rather than what we did in division and fights in the last 3 years.

....If only we had the good will, aspiration and inspiration!
We HAVE the power to realize so much together!

One of our family



TALKIN' TRASH

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT REDUCING LANDFILL

Please remember that Ecoservice is a recycling center not a waste disposal service. All organic waste is to be managed by the residents of Auroville. Also clothes and shoes go to the Freestore. PTDC will accept clean Annapurna jars and bottles, Aurosoya milk bottles, Kajimba bottles (5 rps credit), and other items according to their designated categories. Please don't send any of these things to Ecoservice.

In ES everything is hand sorted. Dirty and mixed waste goes to landfill. We can work together to repurpose what is valuable for the Community and the Earth.

Your Ecoservice Team

SAIIR CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: 30 APRIL

Dear community,

SAIIR, the Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research, supports innovative education-related projects to be conducted and completed during the financial year. Individuals, sub-units and groups can propose projects. Support can be requested for human resources as well as material costs.

SAIIR is accepting project proposals for 2024-25 under three headings: (1) Research, (2) Activities and (3) Publications.

Please write to saiir@auroville.org.in to request these application forms.

The deadline for proposals is **30th April 2024** to be considered in the first batch.

Kristen
SAIIR office

CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS - SDZ FUNDING IN 2024

LAST DAY FOR SUBMISSIONS: 22 APRIL

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting to process grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier in 2024. The last date to submit proposals for this call is **Monday, 22 April 2024**. You are welcome to submit earlier or to send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date.

For application forms or more information please write to pcg@auroville.org.in

All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments, emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in

NB Please note that in case your proposal is not ready by this date, there will be another call for proposals for SDZ later this year.

ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREES AND APPLICANTS.



"Greetings, I am Gary, a Friend of Auroville, from America whose career was with the Social Security Administration, the primary USA retirement and disability system. Should any in Auroville be potentially eligible or receiving its benefits and have questions I would be happy to volunteer my assistance. Its Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program may also be of interest should future US residence be contemplated. Please first email me a synopsis of your concerns at gary@ionet.net as well as your WhatsApp number. Put *Auroville/SSA* as the subject line of your email. I will be in Auroville till 4/30 but can respond remotely once back in the US. Thank you."

MATRIMANDIR DIARY



"What is happening at Matrimandir?" This seems to be the question on many people's lips these days.

Large piles of earth are appearing on the north axis, trucks full of earth are seen leaving the compound and cluttering the roads, everything is becoming covered with a fine layer of dust.

Those of a pessimistic and doomsday disposition foresee imminent disaster. But those who embrace the spirit of the great adventure, those who are no longer satisfied with dreaming of the City of Auroville, those who are determined to grasp the unique opportunity of these times, are filled with joy to see the very rapid progress of the construction of the second section of the Lake.

Why are there great piles of earth appearing to the north of Matrimandir, obstructing the view from the Town Hall? Well the first reason is of course that somewhere is needed to dump the earth from the 2nd section of the Lake which has already reached its full 10 meters depth for more than 150 meters. But why dump it in an area which is itself part of the Lake? Surely it will all have to be moved again and isn't that terribly wasteful in terms of time, energy and money?

The earth excavated from the Lake is destined, according to The Mother's wish, to create a large Hill somewhere to the north east of the City. So far nearly all the earth excavated from both the Test Lake and Lake Section 2 has had to be deposited within the Lake area itself because the site for the Hill is not yet fully secured. However this does not mean that a lot of unnecessary duplication of work is going to be done. In order to build a strong and stable Hill of the excavated earth, the strong gravel and clay to be found at the bottom of the Lake will need to be placed as the foundations for the Hill and the lighter red earth will be needed for the top, so it is unavoidable that the earth will have to be moved twice. Nevertheless securing the site for the Hill and constructing a conveyor belt to bring the soil there is very high on the list priorities of the Lake team.

In the meantime, work continues on the Test Lake, where the dam walls, built of concrete Lego blocks, are being thickened and raised to their full height of 10.6 meters, in order to harvest the rainwater from both the summer and winter monsoons. It is envisaged that the Test Lake will have reached its full depth by the end of 2024.

On Lake Section 2, preparations are being made to put down the foundation for another Lego block wall at around 170 meters from the Test Lake. However if the work continues as smoothly as it does at present it should be possible to place the next wall, which will not need to be so high, at around 300 meters, before this year's monsoon. This would be ideal for reaching the goal of completing the Lake by 21.02.2028, as a gift to The Mother for Her 150th birth anniversary.

Nothing has change in regard to the intention to fill the Lake with a combination of harvested rainwater and desalinated water. Rumors that the Lake will be filled from deep bore wells tapping the groundwater aquifers on which the whole bioregion depends are false. On the contrary the Lake will be a precious resource for both the City and the neighboring villages in times of shortage.

With regard to the 4 year plan and the goal to complete the Matrimandir by February 21st 2028, we are on schedule with the Lake, a bit behind with the Gardens but not too much, the new AC is almost finished, the sliding Golden Doors for the four entrances of Matrimandir are coming along even if a bit slowly, a new design for the Heliostat is under research and half the Oval Road will be completed by the end of April. The Garden of Light is nearing completion and the Garden of Wealth has been started. The atmosphere amongst the workers, the coordinators and the executives on site is full good energy and enthusiasm and it is a profound joy to be at Her Service here and now.

With love from the Matrimandir Team

AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN CONCEPT FOR THE MATRIMANDIR LAKE



You can watch the video on the alternative lake proposal [HERE](#).

FROM THE RAS



SELECTION PROCESS 2024

FEEDBACK WILL CLOSE ON TUESDAY!

23RD APRIL 2024

Dear Residents,

We invite you to share constructive feedback on nominees who stepped forward to serve in one of the working groups: Auroville Council (6 open vacancies), Entry Board (6 vacancies) and Working Committee (2 vacancies).

LIST OF NOMINEES

Auroville Council

Arumugam Asokumar (Ashokfarm);
Isabelle (Realization);
Lucas (Aurobrindavan);
Martin (Samriddhi);
Naradi (Arati);
Praveen Raj (New Community);
Ramesh (Acceptance);
Sathiya (Aspiration).

Entry Board

Amy Bassett (International Zone);
Dan (Prarthna);
Don (Vibrance);
Fabienne (Sukhavati);
Ganesh (Aspiration);
Julietta (Arati);
Marlenka (Arati);
Mila (Luminosity);
Mirco (Aurodam);
Ocean (Angiras Garden);
Thamu (Hamanscapes);
Vadivel (Kuilapalayam).

Working Committee

Kripa (Sharnaga);
Matthieu (Dana);
Prashant (Certitude);
Romel (Felicity).

HOW

Please find the profiles of candidates: <https://ln.run/YgJfU>
... and fill in a feedback form here:
https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/sp_2024_feedback_on_nominees

FEEDBACK WILL RUN UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Kindly note:

"The feedback giver can choose to remain anonymous to the Selection Teams, however his/her name will be recorded by the RAS.

The feedback will be provided anonymously to the nominee, who will have the opportunity to respond or withdraw their nomination. If any nominee withdraws, the feedback will be deleted.

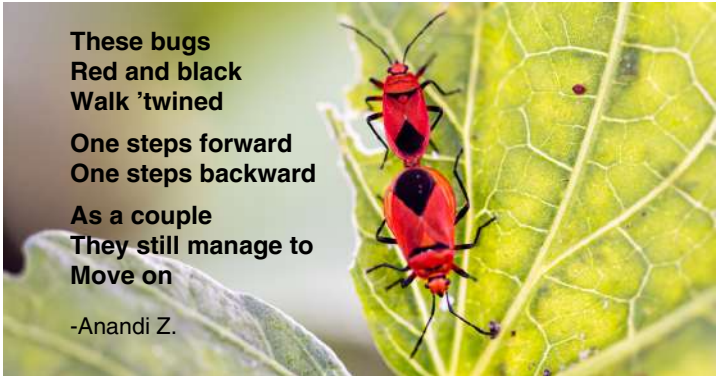
The feedback and responses will be provided to all the Selection Teams (see section 6), who will decide if the feedback is relevant or significant. The feedback will be used only as pertinent information to inform the selection of the working group members and will not result in any person being disqualified prior to the selection process.

The feedback is shared only with the Selection Teams and is not made public. Members of the Selection Teams and the RAS are asked to maintain strict confidentiality, and will not share feedback or names of those giving feedback anonymously" (PWG 2022, Part 3, 3): <https://shorturl.at/iCPZ2>.

~ Cheers,

For the Residents' Assembly Service
Manas, Tatiana

POETRY




These bugs
Red and black
Walk 'twined

One steps forward
One steps backward

As a couple
They still manage to
Move on

-Anandi Z.

AN AWARENESS OF ONENESS



In an eternal reality
Of infinite possibility
The potentiality
To be whatever
Is always there.
Knowing the limitation
Of the existing vessels
The Unleashed Observers
Harmonise and gather
The Kosmic Forces
And the Divine Power
Bringing the Becomings
Into New Physical Beings
Befitting an Awareness
That has unveiled Oneness.

ॐ Zech, 2018.08.10

VOICES AND NOTES

THE ONGOING BATTLE

"Maintaining the existing con-sensus is the name of this BS game."
That was the defining sentence from an Aurovilian brother that triggered this post:

Now we are going to the core of the human problem, puppet species of adverse and hostile hidden cosmic forces. This and all the ongoing human drama are mirroring exactly what has been and is happening here in Auroville.

The never-ending brutality of the Homo sapiens species since its advent on this planet, wars of all sorts, WWI, WWII, the Cold War of the Nuclear Age...

Enough! Time for a paradigm shift.

That's why our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother incarnated on Earth at that precise point in evolutionary time when humans are at the verge of self-annihilation, and declared "*Man is a transitional being... not final.*", and fully revealed the Great Cosmic Play of forces and beings, ushered in the Supramental Consciousness-Forces to eventually take Divine Control of this pesky mental BS undivinely dominating the Earth using these weak human instruments. Even creating this City of Dawn as a sanctuary for all who share their common Vision-Goal to hasten the advent of the new apex species the Supramental being that will govern the Earth divinely.

But lo and behold, these gross vital-mental beings will not easily surrender without a fight, even if they had admitted their eventual defeat.¹ Thus the ongoing intense battle of forces Divine and undivine here in this concentrated battlefield we call Auroville, inaugurated 56 years ago on 28th February 1968 in the bosom of Bharat Mata the Guru of Nations, a symbolic central field of Supramental transformation that reverberates all over Earth. Even as we are already in Year 2024, sentinels of "*the past that seeks to endure*"² are very much here in Auroville preventing you from waking up, trying to keep you under their hypnotic spell. They will try all means to keep you enslaved in the Falsehood and the Ignorance, beguiling you with gross animalistic sensual pleasures, or stupefying you with fear, anger and division, stuck in "the incapacity to grow and progress"³. Beware! This City of Dawn was not created for that. Go back to the old undivine world if these grossness is what you want.

But each must play one's unique role in the Unity in Diversity of us all.

And 1988 happened, Auroville was legislated under the administration and governance of the Ministry of Education of Mother India, paving the way for this City of Dawn to becoming the largest Gurukul for the living study and proactive application of the Integral Supramental Yoga of the Kalki Avatar Sri Aurobindo and the Mother who ushered in the Golden Age, Satya Yuga, on 29th February 1956.

To all conscious participants, willing servitors and Hero Warriors, We continue on in the Sunlit Path of Bhakti to the Supreme Divine Mother MahaShakti⁴ who knows exactly how to guide each one of us, who bestows the Supreme Protection and Grace, who has the Supreme Creative Power to transform us, Her infinitely diverse children, and to dissolve the adverse and hostile forces for good.

Here⁵ for the clueless and the unsatisfied, to all you who are tired of the BS, had had enough of being stupid puppets, as illuminating guidance on the play of hidden forces, from our Supramental Kalki Avatar founders themselves, so that you may have a deeper understanding of the surface happenings, and you can be useful and effective superconscious players in this Great Cosmic Battle towards the Life Divine.

We continue on...

Om Namō Bhagavate 🙏

1. <https://incarnateword.in/agenda/06/january-12-1965>
2. <https://incarnateword.in/cwm/15/darshan-messages>
3. <https://incarnateword.in/cwm/03/old-age>
4. <https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/32/the-mother-vj>
5. <https://incarnateword.in/compilations/toc/the-hidden-forces-of-life>

Zech, 2024.04.13

AUROVILLE'S GOLDEN AGE: BHAVANA/DEE



One of the first Aurovilians I met, in December 1973, was Bhavana; her name was still Dee. Cycling from Northern India, she reached Auroville in 1971. Born in a well-off family and university educated, her first job was measuring milk at Aurodairy; she slept in the barn with the cows and planted trees. Afterwards she created a leather workshop that originated from small village units, and in 1983 founded the Auroville Village Action Group enrolling thousands of villagers. Alain Bernard wrote: "... when she felt to move on to other endeavours, she gave the small units to the young Tamil men whom she had trained and had become valuable assistants. To some of these now no longer so young men, she was like a mother and remained in close contact with them and their families."

Bhavana co-founded the Verite' community; the therapies, free, were reserved to the Aurovilians. She introduced the Vipassana meditation to Auroville, and retreats were regularly held in Verite'. In 2008 she made the experience to temporarily live in a cave, but afterwards opened up completely to Integral Yoga.

In 1975, for one revealing week, she had been our guest in Rome, in whose historical centre I lived with my husband, a director of the cultural programs of the Italian television. Sharing our same idealistic imprint, she impressed him too. Bhavana represented the original soul of the American nation: its ethics and true sense of democracy, as Sri Aurobindo points out.

One of the rare residents having offered right away to Auroville – at that time a desert with scanty huts – whatever she had, Bhavana/Dee was taken on the basis of minimum needs, the way the Mother had wished for everyone here. Living in a few square metres space without bathroom, in Verite', Bhavana fully embodied the spirit of that bygone age: a collective youth-dream whose Auroville was pure idealism. In 2004 the keel roof was changed into a tiled one, bricks were added to the mesh walls; occasionally, during the weekends, she moved to the bamboo house nearby. Her previous abode was a capsule; in Fertile Windmill, she inhabited a tiny pavilion whose walls were mainly empty spaces.

The second time I met her after surgery (thyroid cancer), Bhavana told me that she had no physical energy, even to rise from the bed was an achievement. Yet she remained committed to her spartan lifestyle, merrily commenting that to live in that 'room' was her way.

At the beginning of March 2011 she told me that her fatal illness was a grace: she was now spiritually reborn. I replied that, after so many years of meditation, certainly she was not "*born just now*". With the honesty and humility of a seeker, Bhavana replied, "*It was a facade. But from now on whatever time is left to me will be spent threading the way of the spiritual heart*". As if all that she had gifted to the villagers and fishermen, uplifting the poor and the oppressed, was not pure psychic being...

Empathy, solidarity, compassion, uplifting education, training – along with humour and optimism, as typical of Bhavana... In the magnificent video by Julian/AVI USA[1], when Bhavana recalls the tsunami tragedy and bows to the transforming power of Mahakali, fulfilling Auroville's mission to humanity at large, it is the Mother who speaks. Concern for society at the forefront, the Avatar's mission shines throughout, the true Auroville!

Around Christmas 2010 I had visited Bhavana; all wrinkled, she looked like an old parchment. But three months later, at the age of 67, she had not one wrinkle and her skin had a unique lustre. In May, on her death bed, she still had that same smooth, luminous complexion, and an imperceptible smile. There are no words to describe that new existence.

Above money, power, prestige, material comfort, consumerism, world recognition and all the sins that strangle the Ideal, Bhavana – aren't idealists often born amidst the nobles and wealthy? – embodied the spirit of that bygone age. I feel as an atomic survivor; the pioneers have left and, with their departure, hardly anything of that world remains. Is it really the end of a collective youth-dream whose Auroville was pure idealism: living the Mother's way?

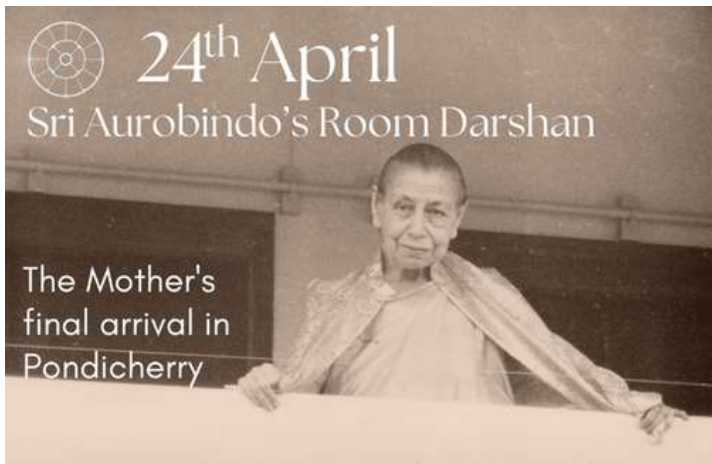
The Dream never dies, Idealism is immortal.

For those who are called, Auroville is a tremendous catalyst. Bhavana-Dee underwent the alchemical transmutation and on her death bed, majestic, transfigured, she had a pale golden hue.

[Bhavana Dee DeCew Reflects on the Tsunami Work in Auroville](#)

Submitted by Paulette

AWAKENING SPIRIT



SRI AUROBINDO'S ROOM DARSHAN 24TH APRIL

In celebration of the Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry, Sri Aurobindo's room will be open for general Darshan on **24th April from 5:00 am to 12:00 noon.**

There will be NO tokens.
Everyone can join the general Darshan queue from 5 am.

With love,
Andrea

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 23d April, 9 am - 12 noon
Focus: Self-mastery

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

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

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

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

Facilitated by Zech Joya

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

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



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

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.

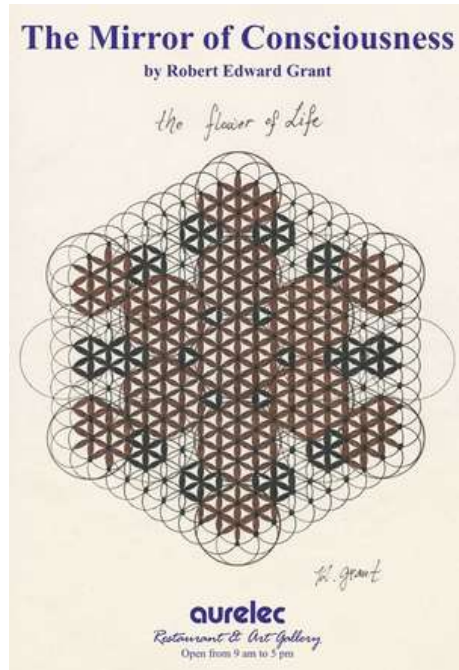
Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.

Access for the Amphitheatre only from 5.45 pm and until meditation ends.

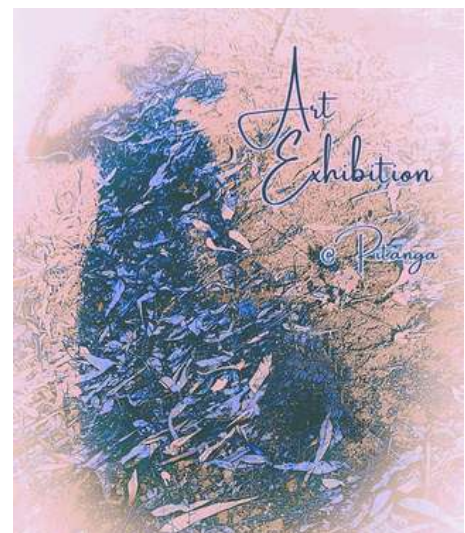
Thank you
Surya for Amphitheater team

ART & CULTURE

AUROLEC RESTAURANT & ART GALLERY MIRROR OF CONSCIOUSNESS



ART EXHIBITION BY CLAUDINE PARE 5 APRIL-4 MAY 2024 @ PITANGA



HEALTH

AUROKIYA INTEGRAL EYE CENTRE @ ARKA



Working Hours:
Monday - Saturday
(9.00 am -5.30 pm)

Services Provided:

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

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

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.

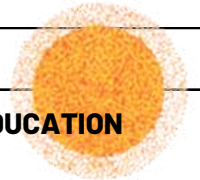
LEELA THERAPY



Leela therapy is available for those wanting to resolve their personal issues or dealing with mental or emotional challenges, such as depression or trauma. It can also support those looking to deepen their personal & spiritual growth.

Therapy is offered by Kardash in person or on-line, through Inner Sight (an Activity under LEAD). For more details see www.innersightav.org or whatsapp Kardash on 9940934875.

EDUCATION



INTEGRAL APPROACH TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ONE YEAR COURSE

The Auroville Physical Education Board (AVPEB, SAIER) has designed a teachers' training foundation course for physical education (PE) teachers in Auroville (AV). This comprehensive program has been designed to cover basic aspects of PE teaching in AV as well as understanding physical education in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

The aim is to create, in years to come, a new sports teaching squad for AV, with sports teachers having knowledge of sports science as well as practical training, with a deeper understanding of the spiritual significance of the human body. This new squad will be better equipped and more effective in implementing physical education, conducting research and in offering services to AV schools and community.

Integral Education Principles	Sports Sciences	Practical Training
<p>Main Facilitator: Praveen Member of PE Committee of Sri Aurobindo Ashram</p>	<p>Main Facilitator: Savitri BSc Sports Science/Nutrition MSc Sports Nutrition</p>	<p>Main Facilitators: Pedro BSc Sports Science MSc Sports Science PhD Sports Science Ruben Mental Health Educator Martial Arts trainer and practitioner</p>
<p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Major Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and Physiology • Biomechanics • Exercise Physiology • Sports Nutrition • Sports Injuries and Rehabilitation • Sociology of sports 	<p>Major Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Practicum in Auroville Schools • Pedagogy and Teaching Methodologies: • Teaching Games for Understanding (TGFU) • Lesson Planning and Implementation • Assessment and Evaluation Techniques • Classroom Management Strategies • Mentorship and Feedback Sessions • Project Implementation in Physical Education Settings • First aid training

Key Components of the Course:

Criteria for Participation:

- The course is open to ALL and will prioritize those who wish to become PE teachers in AV.
- The foremost task from the participants for this program is:
 - Commitment to learn
 - Commitment to attend fully

Requirement on enrolment:

To begin with, the course is designed for those who can give a part time commitment six days a week, including practicum/teaching sports at various AV schools from 2.30 to 5pm Monday through Friday. Throughout the year, there will be ongoing assessment of participants' quality of work as well as at the end of the year an assessment and review in order to reach a PASS grade.

Support for Aurovillians and Newcomers:

In order to make it possible for as many participants as possible to attend this course AVPEB will work towards ensuring material support for the participants. We would like no aspirant to miss this opportunity due to a financial constraint or concern.

At the end of this course each participant will be able to integrate the new PE teaching squad in AV and be a teacher on par with the other teachers of AV.

Contact:

All those you feel called and those who would like to know more, please click on the link below to fill the form

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



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 have launched a new experiment. The Language Lab has extended its opening summer hours from 5pm -6:00pm, Monday to Friday. We are offering special evening programs which include conversational practice with native language speakers, talks, as well as self-learning and guided study in different languages with our mediatheque. This program | is free of cost to everyone: Aurovillians, 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, 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@aurovillelanguagelab.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=wnpXprTl3mQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyyWZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

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
Started on: Early June 2024 (TBA)
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.

Day & time: Thursdays, 02:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Starting day: Early June 2024 (TBA)
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.aurovillelanguagelab.org/>
You may also drop us an email at info@aurovillelanguagelab.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 2024	4 - 5pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Conversation Pre-Intermediate Start date 8 April 2024	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 Completed	9:30 - 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
Sanskrit	Beginner June 2024 (tbc)	2 - 4pm	Thursday
Hindi	Beginner June 2024 (tbc)	2 - 4pm	Wednesday
German	A1.1 Beginner Completed	9:30 - 11am	Monday & Wednesday
Spanish	Beginner Completed	2:30 - 3:30pm	Monday
	Intermediate Completed	2:30 - 4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner - TBA	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner Completed	4 - 5pm	Wednesday & Friday
	Intermediate Completed	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@aurovillelanguagelab.org

**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 !

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

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@auraauro.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.

HOW WOULD YOU EVOLVE THE HUMAN SPECIES?

Ever heard of The Institute for Aliveness? Curious about the topic of aliveness, fasting, epigenetics, colonics, initiatic hero's journeys and underworld explorations of trauma and consciousness? A few Aurovillians received scholarships over the past 4 years to undertake a 1.5 year online Masters in Applied Epigenetics and Lifestyle Medicine.

We would like to share with you some of the core tenets of this program, our personal journeys, what has been birthed in Auroville through this program, and what is coming in the future. We will also have some embodiment practices through movement and writing exploring the themes of pleasure, vitality and aliveness. Come if you are curious to hear more!

Sunday, April 21, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Maloka Hut, Anitya Community

For more info: contact +91 9488512889

With love,
Lucas , Shilpi and Nikethana

SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Auroville - 605101, TN, India

Mobile/Whatsapp: +91 9385623342

Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville>



REGULAR CLASSES:

HATHA YOGA WITH RAMESH

WEDNESDAY FROM 5.30 TO 6.30PM AND SATURDAYS
7:30 TO 8:30AM, DROP IN CLASS.

Ramesh offers hatha yoga classes, incorporating elements of vinyasa, pranayama, and meditation. His style is gentle, adaptive and progressive, blending passive, gravity-assisted poses with dynamic, energizing poses. He places emphasis on mindful breathing and body awareness throughout the practice. Classes are well-suited for beginner to intermediate-level practitioners. They are on a "drop-in" basis and by donation, although a minimum contribution is expected, depending on your means.

TRADITIONAL SANSKRIT MANTRAS WITH SONIA

THURSDAY FROM 9 AM (DROP IN CLASS); FRIDAY FROM
5 TO 6PM (REGULAR STUDENTS).

In the recitation of Sanskrit Mantras the sound is very important and the specific pitches and strict rules of intonation and syllabic length should be learned according with the tradition of the great masters of the past, who figured out how to use the voice to calm the mind and attune the practitioner to the more subtle levels of the "sadhana" or spiritual path. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the singing, the mind reaches more clarity, concentration and tranquility.

THERAPIES :

SHIATSU MASSAGE WITH SARA ON APPOINTMENT ONLY (+91 9443617308)

Shiatsu is a physical therapy that supports and strengthens the body's natural ability to heal and balance itself. Although shiatsu means 'finger pressure' in Japanese, a practitioner also uses touch, comfortable pressure and manipulative techniques to adjust the body's physical structure and balance its energy flow. Like acupuncture, shiatsu stimulates the body's vital energy (Chi) using the points and meridians of acupuncture as well as massaging the muscles, joints and circulation with strokes like kneading or effleurage. It is characterised by extensive use of pressure techniques over acupressure points often done using thumb or palms. Shiatsu does not use instruments or oils. During a session, individuals are fully clothed and traditionally lie on a futon mat placed on a floor.

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 Saturday, April 20, 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.

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



YANG STYLE TAI CHI 50 FORM BY PARK JISEONG



YANG STYLE TAI-CHI 50 FORM

Facilitated by Park Jiseong

Tai-Chi is the art of change.

Learning how to drive your energy.

Also called "Moving Zen"

Tai-chi is a mental & physical training method.

from 22nd of April

Every Mon, Wed, Fri 7AM-8AM

Register on WA +91 70943 39490 📍 Budokan, Dehashakti

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](#)

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.

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.



DEEP SOUND BATH IN CREATIVITY

TIBETAN BOWLS

Hall of Light
CREATIVITY community

Every Friday
from 5 to 6:30 PM

Starting from 17th November



There will be a LIGHT massage by the Tibetan Bowls.

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

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

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

Drop in the Hall, no reservation needed.

Please arrive 10 minutes before.

Guest 600 rs / Volunteer 300 rs

Aurovilians and Newcomers, conscious contribution

Sathyayuga

WA +917639761930

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.

AATTAM IDAM - A PLACE FOR PLAYING

A 4-day dance and movement workshop focused on the concept of "PLAY". This workshop is designed for participants to explore, learn, and co-create memorable moments while unlocking their creativity and dance expressions. Through structured activities grounded in research, you will have the opportunity to develop new movement patterns and effective physical and communication skills in both individual and group dynamics. Regardless of your background, Come! dive into this journey of play and creativity.

Make sure to reserve your spot now for this enriching experience!

Date: 23rd to 26th April, 2024

Time: 9:30 am to 02:00 pm

Venue: CRIPA, Auroville

About the Facilitators

Prashant More

Prashant is an interdisciplinary artist from India. He engages in the field of dance as a performer, teacher, choreographer and dance filmmaker. He works towards creating immersive, intimate

and experimental expressive physical performances. He studied dance in India and Europe. He graduated from Attakkalari, India, and worked as a company dancer. Later, he acquired intensive training in 'Physical Experimental Performances' & Choreography in Amsterdam and Berlin. As an educator, he teaches all ages and backgrounds as well as dancers, actors and performers of both professionals and non-professionals.

His current research module is 'Breaking Points' in which the approach is to find an authentic flow of the physical body.

More Info- <https://linktr.ee/prashantmore369>

Deepak Kurki Shivaswamy

Deepak K.S is a Contemporary performing artist from India who has been engaged in artistic work as a performer, creator, and teacher since 2000. He is an experienced teacher and visiting professor for dance at multiple universities in India and has mentored creators and dancers in various residencies. Holding a postgraduate diploma in choreography from S.E.A.D in Austria, he has worked and presented dance works in India and Europe. Deepak's fellowship at Bhoomi College has allowed him to deepen his understanding of pedagogy in which he practices and explores a holistic approach to life and art.

More info - <https://deepakkurkishivasw.wixsite.com/dancer>

For details, contact aurovilleartworld@gmail.com



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, not on 19/4
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, not on 20/4
11am–12:30pm, **ATB Explorations** with Isora, Rosario & Teresa, last class before summer break: on 20/4
2:15pm–4:15pm, **Truth Based Relationships - Practical Sessions** with Juan Andrés, not on 20/4
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.

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
- Thai Yoga Massage by Juan

WORKSHOP

Natural Eye Healing, workshop "Eye Yoga" with Aurosugan



- Monday 22–Friday 27 April
- 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
2622403 / WA 9443902403
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

Quiet Healing Center Summer Break

Quiet Healing Center will be closed from **Friday 26th April till Monday 17th June** for annual repair and maintenance works. With our apologies for any inconvenience,

Quiet Healing Center Team

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

GIRL FUTSAL/FOOTBALL CLUB

We started a girl's football team in Dehashakti. We are training every **Wednesday at 5.10pm**. Already 10 girls have joined. If you like football and you want to learn, play and have fun, come and enjoy with the others girls. Contact Beber 6385635943 for more details.



TANGO - NEW CLASSES

wanna STUDY TANGO

AUROVILLE TANGO APRIL
New batch starts the first week of each month

MON 19:00 Introduction to Tango 20:00 Opensource	WED 19:30 Guided Practica 20:00 Practilonga
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No partner required. Bring socks or dance shoes. And plenty of joy!

HARMONY Bharat Nivas

+91 98211 66082 | tango@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.
- Spaciousness for individual expression.
- Recognition of equal value in every movement, sound, and word
- Emotional storytelling through embodied movement and music.

THURSDAYS 5PM TO 7PM CRIPA SMALL HALL
DISCOVER THE BOUNDLESS POTENTIAL OF COLLABORATIVE IMPROVISATION

CONTEMPORARY DANCE CREATION

27 APRIL, 7PM @ CRIPA



YOUTH CENTER PRESENT MMA EVENING (MUSIC, MARKET, ART)

MMA EVENING

MUSIC, MARKET, ART

APRIL 20-04, 2024

Open 05:00pm - 10:00pm
AT YOUTH CENTER AUROVILLE

"WHERE ORGANIC MEETS ART, MUSIC, AND FOOD!"

OPEN FOR ALL
ZERO WASTE/ NO PLASTIC
FESTIVAL

For More Details
@YOUTHCENTERAUROVILLE

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)

FATHERHOOD GET TOGETHER WITH MORNING STAR



Vanakam to expectant fathers, and fathers of Auroville! We are extending an invitation for a get-together.

Date & Time: Saturday, April 20th , 4 30 pm to 6 00 pm.

Venue: Morningstar office space, Auromode Apartments, Auroshilpam, Auroville.

This gathering marks the beginning of our initiative to offer more classes, counseling, and supportive spaces for fatherhood both for fathers and expected fathers. We envision a simple evening including yoga stretching, martial arts, followed by a group discussion on fatherhood topics and a general sharing circle.

Facilitators: Alan and Bala
Babies are welcome!

Morning Star is an unit under Health and Healing trust, run by midwives and doulas to support pregnancy, child birth and women's & family wellness in Auroville.

Please send us what you have here - morningstar@auroville.org.in or to Bala (WA only) + 91 9892699804.

SEVEN STEPS TOWARDS GLOBAL PEACE



By
Prof Sehdev Kumar
Radiation Physicist, Historian of Science

Zoom Session #1: Ushering of Atomic Age & Moral Dilemmas

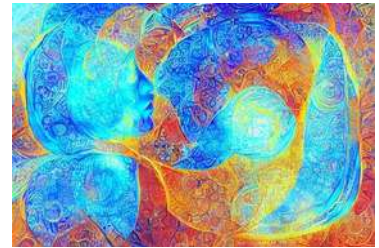
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dS7g8k0NSeQ>

Zoom Session #2: World Beyond Wars: Seven Steps Towards Global Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piNMttw9SKk>

INTEGRAL MATHEMATICS: A JOURNEY OF INSIGHT AND INSPIRATION

Embark on a transformative journey through the qualitative realm of mathematics, where the mind's eye uncovers profound insights and timeless wisdom. In this illuminating lectureseries, we delve deep into the essence of mathematics and its profound impact on the human spirit.



Section 1: "Echoes of Wisdom": Delve into the sacred texts of ancient Sanskrit scriptures, including Vedic and Vedantic teachings, resonating with the wisdom that transcends time. Explore the same texts that ignited the intellectual flame within Sri Aurobindo, illuminating pathways to understanding mathematics in its purest form.

Section 2: "Insights Illuminated": Navigate the corridors of knowledge as we revisit the profound commentary and insights of Sri Aurobindo. Gain clarity and depth in your comprehension of mathematics through the lens of a visionary sage, enhancing your appreciation for its qualitative dimensions.

Section 3: "Inspirations Unveiled": Trace the footsteps of the greatest mathematicians in history and uncover the narratives behind their revolutionary discoveries. Connect with the human spirit that propels mathematical exploration, finding resonance in their journeys of insight and revelation.

Through these three enlightening sections, we invite you to integrate and nurture the qualities of insight, intuition, and intellectual depth that mathematics cultivates within the receptive mind. Join us as we embark on a quest to unravel the qualitative tapestry of mathematics, illuminating the path to greater understanding and enlightenment.

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ARJUNA AND OPPENHEIMER

SUNDAY 21 APRIL, 11AM-6PM,
BHARAT NIVAS AUDITORIUM

Dear Friends,

Here is the Zoom link for a special session about the **FATE OF THE EARTH** in the context of two remarkable figures: **Oppenheimer and Arjuna**.

Topic: **Arjuna and Oppenheimer**

Time: **Apr 21, 2024, 10:00 AM** Indian Standard Time

- Session I: starting at **11 AM, from 11-12 noon**
- Session II: starting at **1 pm, from 1-4 pm**
- Session III: starting at **4:15, from 4:15 – 5:30 pm**

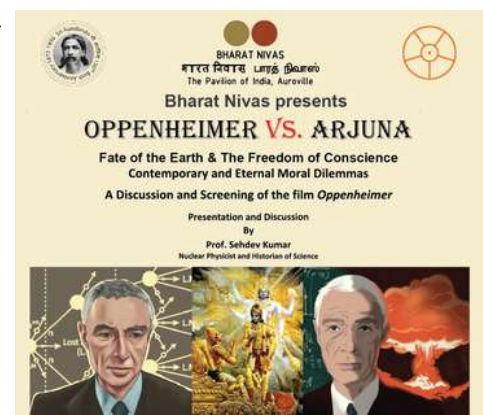
Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88051094370?pwd=khAvv5GG1qryMbnKtgP8J1igzSYjRT.1>

Meeting ID: 880 5109 4370

Passcode: srikrishna

There is no fee.



BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास: एन० ए० अ०
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

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

ANITYA COMMUNITY LUNCH

Our community lunches are still happening during the summer! Contact Serena on WA to book one day in advance: +91 84897 60966

Contribution required (discount for AV/ NC and Volunteers) See you at 12:30 on Thursdays and Fridays in our community kitchen!

Mathilde for the Anitya team



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY LUNCH

Come and taste a delicious local non-spicy vegan meal made from our garden and Auroville farms' products, while sharing a good time with Anitya's community members



Limited seats available

Every Thursday & Saturday- Contribution required



Our project aims at creating settlements in Auroville to experiment a spiritual way of life based on 5 main principles:

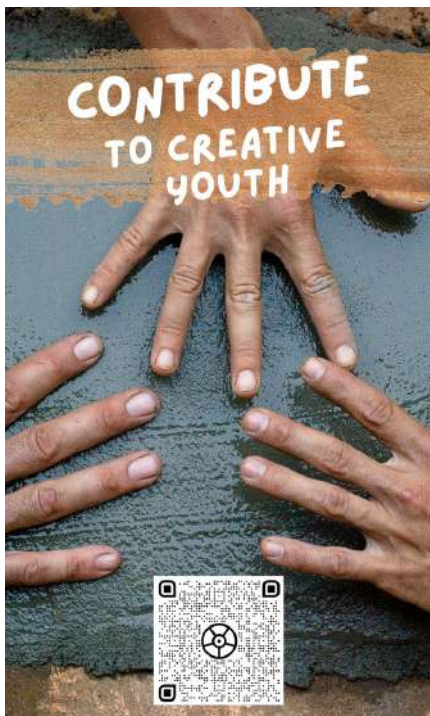
Impermanence, Community Spirit, Sustainability, Self-sufficiency and DIY

MUST book min. 1 day in advance: +918489760966

Anitya is a community project registered under LEAD, Auroville Location: Center Field, after center GH, follow the ANITYA signs To know more about Anitya: joyofimpermanence.in



CONTRIBUTE TO CREATIVE YOUTH



Empower Young Minds at Youth Center!

Cause: Your contribution fuel educational activities and workshops for young creators.

Join the Youth: Help sustain our legacy! Your support ensures a thriving space for ideation and creativity.

Make a Difference: Be a part of something special. Contribute today and empower the youth!

youthcenterauroville



MILK ON ELECTION HOLIDAY



Dear community,

The Election Commission of India has designated April 19th, 2024 as the polling day for the General Elections to the Lok Sabha, 2024.

On **Friday, April 19th, FoodLink will receive milk as usual.** Please come to collect your order between **8:30 and 9:30 am.** On this day, there will be **NO fresh produce delivery**, and the FoodLink office will also remain closed.

Our landline 0413-350994 [Foodlink basket order form here](#)

Isabelle M. on behalf of Foodlink team



QUTEE ELECTRIC SCOOTER SERVICE

Many in Auroville are not aware that a quality service for all brands of electric scooters, and especially the ones (Humvee) made here over the years, is conveniently available. The Qutee service center is located near the Certitude entry of Auroville across from the Road Service just off the tar road before the Puncture Service. New and old electric scooters can be repaired, maintained or replaced. Also battery services (recycle, repair, replace), Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS) and solar system services can be conveniently arranged. All work is coordinated by Govindaraj (Aurovilian) with decades of experience.

You may call Qutee # **9443372418** for any of your requirements. Upgrade to electric transport and solar power.

LIGHT FISH

PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO AURELEC

Services:

- Fashion Photography
- Product Photography
- Food Photography
- Architectural Photography

Phone: 8279300821

sales@light-fish.com



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



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

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

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

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

Regards, Julien.

REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIGDES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

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

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



HALF-PRICE MAROMA PRODUCTS FOR ALL AUROVILIANS IN THE OUTLET STORE



Maroma is happy to announce that it is offering all products at half-price to all Aurovilians in its **Aspiration Outlet**. Come by and see our great range of all-natural cosmetics, soaps, shampoo and more! Great for gifts to loved ones, including yourself. The Outlet is located in the Maroma Campus in Aspiration and is open **9am - 5pm, Mon-Sat**. See you there!

Much love,
The Maroma Team

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

8428061801 Youth Center International @youthcenterauroville

SOLITUDE FARM - FRESH LOCAL FOOD

Dear friends,
so much beautiful fresh produce in this season. Subscribe for a basket that can be picked up from Solitude Farm once a week (or more). Salad greens, spinaches, veggies, fruits and more.



9843319260
solitudepermaculture@gmail.com

AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS

Auroville Library opening timings:

Mon - Sat: 9am - 12.30pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 2pm - 4.30pm
Tues: 4pm - 6.30pm



Every **Saturday** between 10am -11am: **Children's storytime!**

NEW CO-WORKING SPACE AT EUROPEAN HOUSE

STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNCELING

tialovesart@gmail.com / www.createandtransform.org

STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING

individual * group * family

a service under MAATRAM



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

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Trauma
- Life Issues

Trauma Informed Art Therapy & Counseling:

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



Tia Pleiman, MA, ATR, NCC, LPC

tialovesart@gmail.com
www.createandtransform.org
WA 7094007610

Aurelec, Kulapalayam, Auroville

SURABHI SUPPLIES

Dear Auroville Community,

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

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

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

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

Email: surabhisupplies@auroville.org.in

Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,
Surabhi Supplies

RAPID CARE SERVICES RCS

Dear Residents,

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

We take this opportunity to thank all the people who believed in us. Reach out to us for any enquiries that need our assistance in home and yard work. Look forward to your continued use of our services in the future.



Category	Services
Metal Works	Channels , Doors , Piping , Fabrication
Plumbing	End to End, Job works
Furniture	Repairs, Made to order
Masonry	Repairs, Renovations and Remodulation
Painting	End to End, Job works
General Maintenance	Floor Waxing, Powder Coating, Fumigation, All Home Utilities
Installations	Washer and Dryer, Air Conditioner, Inverter, Dth, Security Camera
Electrical Works	Wring, Meter box, Lights, Switches & Sockets, Motion sensor.

Contact: + 91 8270071581 / +91 7639810621

Primary Email: rapidcare@auroville.org.in

Secondary Email: rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com

Instagram handle: @rapidcare1

For Rapid Care
Balaji & Arun

WE CAN HELP TO FIX ALL YOUR BROKEN ITEMS

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

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

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

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



TRAVEL NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA

Namaste, Bonjour, Hello and Vanakkam from Inside India

We are open and ready to take the hassle away from you when it comes to booking your travels, be it in and out of India, as well as Inside India itself...

Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant will be at our **Kalpna office from 10:30 till 16:00**, Landline 2623030 (Monday to Friday). Saturdays on appointment only.

He can also be contacted anytime via mobile or WhatsApp: +91 9894598686

And by e-mail: travelshop@inside-india.com

We can also help you build the dream tour of India in general, Southern India in particular. You may send us your request by email insideindia@auroville.org.in

Some current offers:

- Aerofloat flight offer fare is available from Delhi - Moscow - Delhi.
- Air France and KLM have launched promotional fares in the Premium Economy Cabin and Premium Comfort Class from India to select destinations in Europe, Central & South America. Offer valid for sales until 30 April for travel commencing between 1 May - 30 June 2024
- Airindia and Malaysian airways have special fares from Chennai to Seoul.
- Ethiopian airways has attractive fares from Chennai to Africa and South America.
- Gulf Air adds Munich to its European network starting 1st July 2024.
- US Bangla airline operates weekly 11 direct flights from Chennai to Dhaka.
- Malaysia Airlines is pleased to announce Ex-India Public Promo Fares for all routes in Economy & Business class except Australia and New Zealand.
- Japan e-visa starts in India from 01April 2024. Applicants have to submit applications to the Visa Application Centers (VFS Global) as before but receive a visa issued in electronic form instead of a visa sticker on their passports.

Trip ideas:

- Looking for a weather change, why not Nepal, Kashmir, or Ladhak... and of course closer to Auroville, Kodaikanal is there too...
- A change of scenery only one short flight away, Cochin maybe... Sri Lanka of course... Andaman Islands? Maldives...

We are accepting both Indian and International debit and credit cards, as well as UPI IDs and QR code payments at our office. #Conditions apply. And of course transfer on our Financial Service Account are very welcome...

Travel Tip:

Several travellers were "boarding denied" as check-in staff didn't accept the **e-FRRO Stay Visa** as valid document without backed it up with additional documentation. Therefore we advise to take beside the Stay Visa document (please make sure your current Passport details are in it) your Original Visa, which is maybe in an older expired Passport. If not available anymore, take at least a photocopy of the original Visa.

LOOKING FOR

PARENTS & TEENAGERS TO ANSWER A QUESTIONNAIRE ON CYBERBULLYING

Dear parents of teenagers in Auroville,

I am conducting a study regarding the theme of cyberbullying and the reaction of bystanders. I am looking at the behavior of teenagers from a psychological perspective, and I need your help to make science progress! Please can you check the info to see and ask your child to answer my online questionnaire? It's about 15 min long and it's completely anonymous (genuine answers are expected!)... I will be very grateful for your support!

Link to the information:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t1tJ8oQ2_MZNC5qjYdUEsEAGQnt8gZO5/view?usp=drive_link

Link to the questionnaire:

<https://www.psychtoolkit.org/c/3.4.4/survey?s=HywFH>

I am available if you have any questions:
mathildet@auroville.org.in / WA:7094058699.
Thanks a lot for you help,
Mathilde from Anitya



TAXI SHARE



AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI - 23 APRIL

Leaving Auroville on **23rd of April at 8.30pm** to Chennai airport. Contact Whatsapp number +91 8940694187.
Francesca

AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI AIRPORT - 27.4.24 AND BACK

From **Auroville to Chennai Airport, April 27, Saturday**, Leaving Auroville between **4:30 and 5:00 am**

From **Chennai Airport to Auroville, May 6, Monday**, leaving the Airport between **7:45 - 8:30 am**

Please contact +918447181515
email: kumarsehdev455@gmail.com

AUROVILLE TO KODAIKANAL IN APRIL

Anyone driving to Kodaikanal from now on to the end of April. Happy to share fuel cost, songs, travel stories and laughs. Thank you for reading and replying.
Love, Deepa **981157667** (only sms/ call- no wa)
stigmatad@gmail.com

AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI - 7 MAY

Dear friends,
I am looking for someone to share a taxi to Chennai airport. I leave Auroville at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, 7th of May** for a flight which leaves at 1:50 a.m. on the 8th.
Let me know if you want to come with me.
love,
shanti
anandshanti@proton.me
landline: 0413 2623314

LOST & FOUND

LOST MY CYCLE LOCK

I lost my cycle lock. outside anitya. It's grey and yellow and has a number lock. Pls sms/ call her at **9811574667** (no wa) or email (stigmatad@gmail.com) if you see it. Incase, you feel like keeping it, the password is **6932** :) Grateful, Deepa

More about my skill set- work- life- travels
<https://tinyurl.com/v9nwba2>

SUPPORT NEEDED

SUMMER CAMP AT OUR KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE - MAY'24

Need your support!

At our Kuilai Creative Centre, we conduct a SUMMER CAMP each year in May for our students who are participating in various Activities throughout the year. And we wish to make them delighted by conducting many types of fun activities and outings during their summer holiday breaks including lunch and snacks, while their parents are still working.

Most of the children are from our Av Bio-region. These children will range in age from 10 to 17.

- Trip to Kodai for Four Days (A Hill Station in South India)
- Visit to Matrimandir and Many other places in Auroville.
- Eye care sessions by Aurokiya Eye Care.
- Many fun games and activities
- Free lunch and free snacks



Any sort of support is welcome - For your support...

- <https://aviusa.org/?form=Kuilai>
- <https://auroville.org/page/donate-from-india>
- From Auroville: **240051-** Kuilai Creative Centre Collection
- For contact: +91-8608473385
- kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in or kulaicreativecentre.auroville@gmail.com

FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE
Auro - Traductions

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



FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1022

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CRIPA IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MANAGER

In view of the imminent departure of our dedicated manager Christophe B., CRIPA is looking for a committed person to take up the job. The work at hand is described below. Aurovilians and Newcomers who feel they can fulfil all the requirements, can write to cripa@auroville.org.in and ask for an appointment with our team. Best regards, Christophe B. and the CRIPA team

Job Description: CRIPA MANAGER

This is a full time job.
 Timings : the person will need to be adaptable, especially at the beginning, till we find the best way to function.

The manager will:

- Be responsible for opening and closing the building, and for being there whenever needed, especially when the room is in use by non-aurovilians or non-habitual users.
- Be aware that CRIPA is a space for performing arts and related activities: theater, dance and music.
- Welcome and deal with people. Reply to phone and email inquiries from Auroville and outside.
- Organize the schedules effectively, impartially and fairly. Maintaining weekly (or monthly) schedule for users. Be sharp, check often and update changes.
- Make sure that the hall and all facilities are in good condition and ready for use.
- Together with the technician person help organize and prepare the room for performances and other events; lights set up, sound set up, props, acoustic templates.
- Create announcement for News and Auronet, posters, etc for performances and other events (workshops, festivals...)
- Follow up/supervise the amma's work and pay wages.
- Follow up/supervise the watchman and pay wages.
- Receive payment and deposit to our account.
- Keep all accounts for SAIER (equipment, repairs) and BCC (maintenance and running costs).
- Organize and supervise the purchasing of equipment and summer repairs yearly, following all the steps SAIER requires.
- Communicate with SAIER. Keep records, history and files, of activities for SAIER: writing the annual report.
- Help to create a CRIPA website on the main AV website, Art & Culture section.
- Participate in regular CRIPA meetings (once weekly).

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

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

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

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



CINEMA



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

Friday 26th April-at 8:00 pm
“THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA”

Directed by John Huston, US, 1964

With: Richard Burton, Ava Gardner, Deborah Kerr, Grayson Hall, Cyril Delevanti

Synopsis: Shannon is a defrocked clergyman who took up work as a tour guide. While taking a group of Baptist school teachers around Mexico, tension flares up after the group's leader accuses him of seducing her niece... The Night of the Iguana is a great piece of drama that examines the human condition through a brilliant script adapted from Tennessee Williams' play of the same name (1961). With a superb black and white photography by the great Mexican cameraman Gabriel Figueroa, here comes an intelligent insight into the human condition, loneliness and the overwhelming need to love and be loved. Thanks to all this, the film can be considered one of the best pieces of classic cinema!

Original version in English with English Subtitles, duration 2h.05'

EMERGENCY NUMBERS 

Ambulance (24/7):

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

Auroville Police Station 0413 2677318	Kottakuppam Police Station 0413 2236148	Vanur Fire Station 0413 2677368
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Health:

Health Center 0413 3509942 & 3509943	Santé 0413 2622803	Farewell 8903836246
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Mental health 24/7 support:

Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 22 April 2024 - 28 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.



Eco-Film Fest 2024

Eco Film Fest – Monday 22 April, 8:00 pm:
• COMMON GROUND

Please see the details in the Eco-Film Fest announcement.
The last of the weeklong Eco-Film Fest is on Monday 22nd April. This is a premiere screening in India for this brand-new and topical film from the makers of films like Kiss the Ground!

Potpourri – Tuesday 23 April, 8:00 pm:
• TIME TO KILL

USA, 1996, Writer-Dir. Joel Schumacher w/ Matthew McConaghey, Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson, and others, Crime-Thriller, 149mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R In Canton, Mississippi, a fearless young lawyer Jake Brigance struggles to defend a black man, Carl Lee Hailey, accused of murdering two white men who raped his ten-year-old daughter, inciting violent retribution and revenge from the Ku Klux Klan. This long but absolutely engrossing, well-acted courtroom tale, based on John Grisham's novel by the same name, was inspired by reality. If you are a fan of court room drama and haven't seen this film on a big screen - here is your chance!

Interesting – Wednesday 24 April, 8:00 pm:
• ICE ON FIRE

USA-Costa Rica-Croatia-France-Germany-Iceland-Norway-Switzerland-UK, 2019, Dir. Leila Conners w/ Raymond Baltar, Leonardo DiCaprio, Ottmar Edenhofer, and others, Documentary, 88mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
How does the melting of arctic ice affect us? The film explores the cause, effect, and if we can reverse climate change? In offering the possible, and available solutions, here and now, the film offers a message of hope with a road map of how to achieve. At the time of climate despair, it is a film to watch!

Selection – Thursday 25 April, 8:00 pm:
• THE GREAT DICTATOR

UK, 1940, Writer-Dir. Charles Chaplin w/Charles Chaplin, Paulette Goddard, Jack Oakie, and others, Comedy-War, 125mins, English-Esperanto-Latin w/English subtitles, Rated: G After dedicated service in the WWI, a Jewish barber spends years in an army hospital recovering from his wounds, unaware of the simultaneous rise of fascist dictator Adenoid Hynkel and his anti-Semitic policies. When the barber, who bears a remarkable resemblance to Hynkel, returns to his quiet neighbourhood, he is stunned by the brutal changes and recklessly joins a beautiful girl and her neighbours in rebelling.

Made during the WWII, the film is a bold critique of the real-life fascist dictator of the time. It is a classic to be revisited. Charlie Chaplin and Adolf Hitler

International – Saturday 27 April, 8:00 pm:
• NYAD

USA, 2023, Dir. Jimmy Chin & Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi w/ Annette Bening, Jodie Forster, Anne Marie Kempf, and others, Biography-Sports, 121mins, English-Spanish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13
Decades after giving up marathon swimming for a prominent career as a sports journalist, 60yrs old Diana Nyad, gets obsessed with completing an epic swim that had eluded her: the 110-mile trek from Cuba to Florida, referred to as the "Mount Everest" of swims. Determined to become the first person to finish the swim without a shark cage, Diana goes on a thrilling journey with her coach and sail team. A film to watch!

Children's Matinee– Sunday 28 April, 4:00 pm:
• THE MONKEY KING

China-Hong Kong-USA, 2023, Dir. Anthony Stacchi w/ Jimmy O. Yang, Bowen Yang, Jolie Hoang-Rappaport, and others, Animation-Adventure, 97mins, English Chinese w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG
Inspired by an epic Chinese tale, in this story, a charismatic Monkey and his magical fighting stick team up on a quest during which they must go head-to-head against gods, demons, dragons and the greatest enemy of all, Monkey's own ego.

KENJI MIZOGUCHI FILM FESTIVAL@ Ciné-Club:
Ciné-Club Sunday 28 April, 8:00 pm:
• UWASA NO ONNA (The women of rumor)

Japan,1954, Dir. Kenji Mizoguchi, w/ Kinuyo Tanaka, Tomeomon Otani, and others, Drama – Romance, 83 mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.
The film revolves around a geisha house run by a widow. The daughter's attempts commit suicide when her boyfriend finds out about her mother's profession. But later she understands the compulsion that made her mother and other women chose the profession and decides to look after all the women in the business. Between mother and daughter mediates a young doctor who also takes part in the business, taking good care of the geisha.

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.

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

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