

*Auroville*

# NEWS & NOTES

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RA News&Notes is one year old!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY N&N!

## PONDERING

Auroville is the shelter built for all those who want to hasten towards a future of Knowledge, Peace and Unity.  
16.3.1967

The Mother on Auroville, Page 1  
<https://motherandsriaurobindo.in/The-Mother/books/compilations/the-mother-on-auroville/>



# HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

*(The last Canto reviewed by Sri Aurobindo before his departure in 1950)*

A silence sealed the irrevocable decree,  
The word of Fate that fell from heavenly lips  
Fixing a doom no power could ever reverse  
Unless heaven's will itself could change its course.

Or so it seemed: yet from the silence rose  
One voice that questioned changeless destiny,  
A will that strove against the immutable Will.

A mother's heart had heard the fateful speech  
That rang like a sanction to the call of death  
And came like a chill close to life and hope.

Yet hope sank down like an extinguished fire.

She felt the leaden inevitable hand  
Invade the secrecy of her guarded soul  
And smite with sudden pain its still content  
And the empire of her hard-won quietude.

Awhile she fell to the level of human mind,  
A field of mortal grief and Nature's law;  
She shared, she bore the common lot of men  
And felt what common hearts endure in Time.

Voicing earth's question to the inscrutable power  
The queen now turned to the still immobile seer:  
Assailed by the discontent in Nature's depths,  
Partner in the agony of dumb driven things  
And all the misery, all the ignorant cry,  
Passionate like sorrow questioning heaven she spoke.

Lending her speech to the surface soul on earth  
She uttered the suffering in the world's dumb heart  
And man's revolt against his ignorant fate.

"O seer, in the earth's strange twi-natured life  
By what pitiless adverse Necessity  
Or what cold freak of a Creator's will,  
By what random accident or governed Chance  
That shaped a rule out of fortuitous steps,  
Made destiny from an hour's emotion, came  
Into the unreadable mystery of Time  
The direr mystery of grief and pain?"

Is it thy God who made this cruel law?

Or some disastrous Power has marred his work  
And he stands helpless to defend or save?

A fatal seed was sown in life's false start  
When evil twinned with good on earthly soil.

Then first appeared the malady of mind,  
Its pang of thought, its quest for the aim of life.

It twisted into forms of good and ill  
The frank simplicity of the animal's acts;  
It turned the straight path hewn by the body's gods,  
Followed the zigzag of the uncertain course  
Of life that wanders seeking for its aim  
In the pale starlight falling from thought's skies,  
Its guides the unsure idea, the wavering will.

Lost was the instinct's safe identity  
With the arrow-point of being's inmost sight,

Marred the sure steps of Nature's simple walk  
And truth and freedom in the growing soul.

Out of some ageless innocence and peace,  
Privilege of souls not yet betrayed to birth,  
Cast down to suffer on this hard dangerous earth  
Our life was born in pain and with a cry.



Although earth-nature welcomes heaven's breath  
Inspiring Matter with the will to live,  
A thousand ills assail the mortal's hours  
And wear away the natural joy of life;  
Our bodies are an engine cunningly made,  
But for all its parts as cunningly are planned,  
Contrived ingeniously with demon skill,  
Its apt inevitable heritage  
Of mortal danger and peculiar pain,  
Its payment of the tax of Time and Fate,  
Its way to suffer and its way to die.

This is the ransom of our high estate,  
The sign and stamp of our humanity.

A grisly company of maladies  
Come, licensed lodgers, into man's bodily house,  
Purveyors of death and torturers of life.

In the malignant hollows of the world,  
In its subconscious cavern-passages  
Ambushed they lie waiting their hour to leap,  
Surrounding with danger the sieged city of life:  
Admitted into the citadel of man's days  
They mine his force and maim or suddenly kill.

Ourselves within us lethal forces nurse;  
We make of our own enemies our guests:  
Out of their holes like beasts they creep and gnaw  
The chords of the divine musician's lyre  
Till frayed and thin the music dies away  
Or crashing snaps with a last tragic note.

All that we are is like a fort beset:  
All that we strive to be alters like a dream  
In the grey sleep of Matter's ignorance.

Mind suffers lamed by the world's disharmony  
And the unloveliness of human things.

*(to be continued next week)*

— **Sri Aurobindo, Savitri**  
**A Legend and a Symbol**

Book Six: The Book of Fate

Canto Two: The Way of Fate and the Problem of Pain

<https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/34/the-way-of-fate-and-the-problem-of-pain>



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

The News and Notes team  
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## LIST OF ACRONYMS:

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

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

### Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

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

Auroville Council (AVC)  
Entry Service (ES)

## FO selected groups:

Working Committee (WC)

Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC)

Budget Coordination Committee (BCC / BCS)

Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)

Housing Service (HS)

Land Board (LB)

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## NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear community,

The RA News & Notes turned 1 year old this week 😊

Thank you for all your support!

We still hope to someday regain our N&N offices, budget and maintenance, but until then we will continue our best to bring all the important news to you!

We also wish to remind you to please let us know when the activity you are advertising is no longer ongoing on a weekly/monthly basis, so that can stop publishing it.

### 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**.
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In community,

The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

# WORKING GROUPS NEWS

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dear Community

The Entry Board is pleased to welcome the newly selected members: Amy, Don, Fabienne, Mirco and Vadivel.

We hope for a fruitful and harmonious collaboration ahead.

The ongoing members wish to thank the outgoing members for their dedication, perseverance and care in the service for the community as part of the Entry Board.

Warmly,  
Entry Board

If you need to contact the Entry Board, write to:  
[auroville.entryboard@gmail.com](mailto:auroville.entryboard@gmail.com)

## FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

### LEGAL UPDATE

Dear community,

Several cases were listed in the Madras High Court on Monday 22nd April. These are the cases related to the Working Committee and the TDC, and the cases challenging the new set of Governing Board regulations (on Admissions & Terminations, and on the selection of the Working Committee).

The cases related to the appeal made by the Secretary against the order of Justice Quddhose of August 2022, recognising the RA and its Working Committee, was initially postponed to Thursday 25th April and then it was deferred again. The cases challenging the new Governing Board regulations were discussed briefly on April 22nd and then adjourned to 19th June. These are the regulations that were stayed by the High Court in February and the stay will continue until the next hearing.

The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation has also made an appeal in the Supreme Court in Delhi, against the Order of the Madras High Court of 15th March quashing the Standing Order constituting the Governing Board's 'ATDC'. The appeal was heard in the Supreme Court today, 29th April, with a bench that included the same judge for the appeal of the NGT case. An interim stay has been granted and a new hearing has been scheduled for the second week of July. We are waiting now for the publication of the order to understand the extent of the stay and the implications.

We will keep you updated on any new developments.

In service,

Your RA Working Committee

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



**WORKING COMMITTEE**  
of the Residents' Assembly  
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

### WORKING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community,

We are very pleased to welcome Matthieu (Dana) and Prashant (Certitude) as new members of the Working Committee as announced by the RAS on April 28th! They have started working as part of the team as of today, April 29th.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our very deep gratitude to Hemant and Sauro, who have completed their terms, for being part of the Working Committee and for the service they extended, and continue to extend, to our community with great sincerity, skills and dedication. We feel blessed to have worked together as colleagues and good friends and we look forward to working in the same way with Matthieu and Prashant.

We are grateful that Sauro has agreed to continue working with us as a valuable resource person and we count on being able to ask Hemant for his advice as and when required.

In solidarity,

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Mael (TOS), Valli  
(Ongoing members of the WCom of the RA)



WORKING COMMITTEE  
of the Residents' Assembly  
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

## FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

### **AUROVILLE COUNCIL REPORT, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL 2024**

#### **Council's communications to the Community through Massmail and N&N**

25/12 - [Update on the RAD policy](#) - The RAD policy has been updated with the new amendment

24/01 - [AVC report](#) - October, November and December 2023 report

5/04 - [RA and AVC Resolution overview and errata](#) - New numbering of the resolutions of 2023 and naming appropriately the RA resolutions.

2/04 - [Communication about N&N](#) - Appealing to the community for recognising the RA uncensored News & Notes which is all inclusive of community posts including the RA Working Groups reports

#### **AVC internal organisation:**

The work of the Council on reviewing mandates and policies is ongoing, however, the current existing processes cannot be implemented under the present circumstances. Often many of the GB services and groups are no longer following the RA policies and are simply imposing their decisions.

#### **Coming together:**

The Council has been in dialogue with different sections of the community as a means to overcome the current divisiveness in our community.

#### **Council Budget cut**

From the beginning of March 2024, the AVC budget was stopped by the GB BCC.

#### **Room vacate FAMC mail and WCom response**

On 11th March 2024, [we received a notice](#) in our personal emails to vacate the Council room from the GB FAMC mentioning that we were unauthorised members. The current Council members have been selected by the RA Selection Process and this particular room has been reserved for RA selected groups. Individual responses were mailed to the GB FAMC by some AVC members from their personal emails. Meanwhile, in collaboration with the other RA working groups, a response was drafted, sent to the GB FAMC, and pasted onto both the access doors to the room. We would like to mention that a group of residents have been safeguarding this room 24/7.

#### **Matrimandir executive meeting with Council**

As a follow-up to our meeting in December 2023, the Council met with the MM executives in April requesting clarifications regarding the current work on the lake.

The MM executives shared their wishes to continue with the Harald Kraft design of the lake which Roger Anger approved. They believe this task was given to them when they were selected as executives.

The Council brought up concerns from the Community regarding the ecological and sustainability issues of a design of such large proportions. The executives responded that these are being looked into by their technical experts. They admitted that right now it is challenging for them to dispose of the soil, but it is their intention to make a hill out of it as per the Mother's vision.

The Council also reminded the executives that they had promised to communicate regularly with the community regarding the evolution of their work which has not been done so far. They have expressed the intention to do this in the future.

#### **Silent presence keeper's team during Council meetings**

Silence presence keepers (SPK) continue to support the Council on a regular basis.

#### **Entry Board member resignation**

Matilde informed us belatedly that she has resigned from the Entry Board as of 12th December 2023.

#### **Selection Process**

On Tuesday 26th March in a GM, the three working groups (WCom, Entry Board and AVC) presented the tasks and skills required for the upcoming Selection process.

The Council worked on the Application Form for all the WGs for the Selection process.

#### **Mandates and Policies**

A study group was formed in January 2024 to look into the PWG document as a result of an invitation to the community [in December 2023](#).

#### **Dismissal of AV Security team**

In January 2024, the Auroville Security informed us that they received a notice from the AVFO to resign.

#### **Task force outline document**

A document to support the creation of task forces was initiated.

#### **Conflict Resolution Council (CRC)**

The mandate for CRC is being reviewed.

#### **Entry Policy**

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#### **Auroville Council mandate and RAS mandate and policy**

Both documents have been studied and are under review by a sub group.

#### **Open House**

The Council continues to keep an hour every Thursday from 10 to 11 am for residents to share their views and concerns.

#### **Resignation of the Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) members**

In February we received a mail from the CRC team informing us that they are stepping down as many of their decisions cannot be implemented due to the current climate created by the arbitrariness of decisions from GB Working Groups.

Following this we have met with the facilitation coordination team to check whether they are still willing to continue with issues that arise. They have informed us that in the current

context if two parties are on board for mediation, they are willing to be the facilitators. However, they cannot participate effectively in arbitration processes.

Meanwhile, some members of the Council are following up with the CRC emails. The Council has been also reflecting on whether to delegate all conflicts to an independent expert group. The new Council team will take the matter forward and decide the future of the CRC.





## OBITUARY

### MARTIN PASSES AWAY

Martin was an amazing man: generous of spirit, hard-working, and dedicated to the people and projects that he had committed to. He originally arrived in Auroville in 1997 with his family from Switzerland- Nadja, Luca and David.



For the past 12 years he has been an integral part of the Botanical garden team, tending to the Plumerias and other garden

areas he had created, as well as welcoming and mentoring so many of the volunteers who came to the gardens. When one walks through the central area of the gardens, from the plumerias to the main pond and back through the bamboo area, one can appreciate the manifested beauty of his karma yoga.

But his life in Auroville has been far wider and richer than just these years at the Botanical gardens. He, along with Shivakala his wife, contributed to the lives of so many, taking responsibility to support and guide youngsters from the local area through college, providing for them a safe and secure home to grow up in. Some came as young as five years of age, others came when they were a little older, but all told, there are more than ten young ladies in the world today who have received the love and support of Martin in their lives and through their education – in their own words:

“He took us into his arms and raised us as his own child. Never did we feel that we are an outsider to the family.”

“Not only a father, a good friend, and a mentor. We and this universe are going to miss such a wonderful human being. We love u dad. I love u my better half.”

“He fulfilled the role of father perfectly in our life and gave us a meaningful future. The soul who smiles and hugs each time, making us to feel secure whatever problem you have”

“He created a family bond without blood relations but a family that is connected by heart and soul fully”

“He had taught us everything in life. He taught us of how to respect, love, care and be responsible. Without him we are nothing. All our stepping stones to success is filled with his sacrifice and love.”

“Martin had a heart of gold.

Thank you Martin, you've made the world a better place”

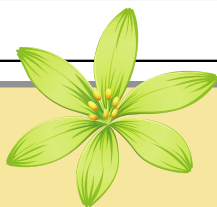
He also for many years ran the kitchen at New Creation School, always with his happy smile and cheery countenance, making sure that all the kids were well fed. His connection to New Creation was preceded by his first port of call which was Forecomers nursery, where he took charge after Ed had left, and after the kitchen he was for many years at the nursery in Matrimandir, where he developed his passion for the Plumerias and enthused everyone with his love for plants.

He had a great appreciation for the landscape of Tamil Nadu and was particularly attracted to the rocky landscapes of Gingee where he has created a sanctuary forest – a place he would often retreat to at the weekends to spend time in quiet reflection as well as working to develop the area.

He was quite simply a wonderful example of how one can be in this magical place called Auroville. A person who took full responsibility for life and lived it to the full, making the space we live a better place for everyone. He will be very sorely missed.

Love and strength to Shivakala and his large family. Martin, thank you. Be in peace.

## COMMUNITY SHARING



### GOOD NEWS

Dear Auroville Community,

We would like to share the good news that two Aurovilians were invited as distinguished faculty to speak at a major all-India conference, IFNRCON 2024, held at JIPMER recently from 12th-14th April. This was the 12th Annual Conference of the Indian Federation of Neurorehabilitation, with the Neurorehab Subsection of the Indian Academy of Neurology. Members of the World Federation of Neurorehabilitation and some other international presenters were also present. The Aurovillian presenters were Dr. Vaidya Berengere (Dr. Be), from Sante Clinic, who was invited to speak in the Holistic Neurorehabilitation session on the topic "Ayurveda in Stroke Rehabilitation," and Mita Radhakrishnan from the Tomatis Research Centre, who was invited to speak in the Aphasia Rehabilitation session on the topic "Insights into Alfred Tomatis techniques from the Auroville Language Laboratory". Both presentations were received very well.

Be and Mita

### COMMUNITY VISION BOARD FOR DREAMWEAVING 2024: BUILD TO ENVISION



Dear residents,

We welcome your ideas to develop the Solar Kitchen/PTDC/Foodlink area!

What social space, services, activities and qualities do you want to have in this area? What is already there, what is missing? What practical improvements would fulfill your major needs and aspirations?

The project Dreamweaving 2024: Build to Envision aims to create a living urban model in the area by adding various spaces and activities, co-created with the ideas and skills of residents, designers and builders through a weaving process.

The first step will be to collect your ideas!

**When:** 2,3,4 May, 11:30am-2:30pm

**Where:** Solar Kitchen

Please pass by to express your ideas and visions!

Best Regards,

Dreamweaving- Design Weave Team  
(Bhavya, Henrik, Radhika, Shivangi)

### MATRIMANDIR LAKE, AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN CONCEPT APRIL 2024 BODY:

This is the presentation of an alternative design concept for the Matrimandir Lake. This concept addresses the aspiration of a large section of the community for an inclusive, aesthetic, and environmentally sustainable lake around the Matrimandir and its gardens.

To address the concerns and aspirations of the community the 'Matrimandir Lake Task Force' was formed, which has been endorsed by the RA Working Committee. The Task Force in consultation with experts prepared a design brief for a landscape planner/architect to undertake the preparation of an alternative design.

Mohan Rao, the principal Landscape Planner from INDE (<https://www.integrateddesign.org/>) was approached as he is familiar with Auroville, having visited several times besides being on the professional panel for the last MM garden design in 2020. He and his team are recognised in the country for their landscape projects that seamlessly blend aesthetics with the environment, social issues, and sustainable technologies.

Mohan has prepared a preliminary design concept, covering all aspects of the vision of the Mother, which calls for the Matrimandir and its gardens to be surrounded by a lake, a challenge on many levels; ecological, aesthetic, functional, and technical. We present here the full 30-minute Zoom presentation by Mohan, first shown at CSR, Auroville, in March 2024.

We are hopeful that despite differences, we will be able to find a way forward that includes the concerns of the community for an inclusive, aesthetic, and environmentally sustainable lake around the Matrimandir and its gardens.

The Matrimandir Lake Task Force  
April 2024

You Tube Link:  
[https://youtu.be/WIKF\\_0Q8kdk](https://youtu.be/WIKF_0Q8kdk)



**REVISED TARIFF OF ECO SERVICE**

Dear Community members

The Eco Service is revising its Tariff - after 5 years. Every year the general costs go up at least 10% and things have become dearer post lockdowns. Our employee wages, staff welfare, material, infrastructure maintenance and operational costs all have become considerably costlier than 5 years ago.

The revision is as follows :-

<b>Residential &amp; Educational Establishments:</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Revised</b>
Glass, Plastic & Paper -	40/bag	70/bag
Mixed/Unsegregated Waste & Landfill	100/bag	175/bag
Sanitary	150/bag	175/bag
<b>Commercial Establishments :</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Revised</b>
Glass, Plastic & Paper -	40/bag	100/bag
Mixed/Unsegregated & Landfill	100/bag	200/bag
Sanitary	150/bag	175/bag

Mixed use spaces where residences and commercial units are combined will be charged as per the Commercial tariff.

**Commercial establishments include:**

- Units
- Restaurants
- Guest Houses

We would like to once again remind all community members the following:

- a)** Please do not send us pillows, mattresses, clothing, ceramics or books that can be sent to either the Free Store or given to the Library.
- b)** Please rinse bottles of medicines, honey, creams, pickles, sauces before binning.
- c)** Please send the milk, jam and soy milk bottles to either PTDC or PTPS
- d)** Please bring in your E-waste items directly to Eco Service whenever possible instead of putting them into the bins.

Do keep in mind that effective segregation at source will surely result in lower billing as well as in reducing our workload.

**The revised tariff will come into effect w.e.f. 01.06.24 (1st June 2024)**

With much Thanks and Best Regards

The Eco Service

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Tel : 75 989 11 090 (WhatsApp)

## TO ALL NEWCOMERS

Thank you for joining Auroville. Please know that the Mother very specifically asked us to write the word AUROVILIAN with one 'l' only.

Of course, the entire world will write it differently, but at least we here can comply?

Thank you very much!

-Mauna

## FROM THE RAS

### SELECTION PROCESS 2024

### NEW MEMBERS OF THREE WORKING GROUPS

Dear Residents,

The Selection Process for the Auroville Council, Entry Board and Working Committee took place on 27th-28th April 2024.

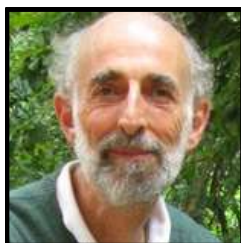
**Welcome the newly selected working groups members!**

#### Auroville Council

**New members selected by the Selection Teams (4 out of 6 open vacancies)\*: Lucas (Aurobrindavan), Martin (Samriddhi), Ramesh (Acceptance) and Sathiya (Aspiration)**



**Lucas** (Aurobrindavan)



**Martin** (Samriddhi)



**Ramesh** (Acceptance)



**Sathiya** (Aspiration)

**New team - ongoing members:** Ashwini (Petite Ferme), Riju (Courage), Samrat (Anusuya); **newly selected members:** Lucas (Aurobrindavan), Martin (Samriddhi), Ramesh (Acceptance), Sathiya (Aspiration).

### Entry Board

**New members selected (5 out of 6 open vacancies)\*:** Amy (International Zone), Don (Vibrance), Fabienne (Sukhavati), Mirco (Aurodam), Vadivel (Kuilapalayam).



**Amy** (International Zone)



**Don** (Vibrance)



**Fabienne** (Sukhavati)



**Mirco** (Aurodam)



**Vadivel** (Kuilapalayam)

**New team - ongoing members:** Grace (Pump House), Sara (Baraka), Sonja (Aurodam); **newly selected members:** Amy (International Zone), Don (Vibrance), Fabienne (Sukhavati), Mirco (Aurodam), Vadivel (Kuilapalayam).

Julietta (Arati), Marlenka (Arati), Mila (Luminosity) and Ocean (Angiras Garden) withdrew their nominations prior to the selection process.

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\* - "Note 1: If there are insufficient candidates chosen during this process to fill the positions available in the WG's, then these positions will remain vacant, and a new selection process for that group can be scheduled" (PWG, Part 3, ch. 7 - <https://shorturl.at/iCPZ2>).

### Working Committee

**New members selected (2 out of 2 vacant positions):** Matthieu (Dana), Prashant (Certitude).



**Matthieu** (Dana)



**Prashant** (Certitude)

**New team - ongoing members:** Aravinda (Auro Orchard), Bharathy (Ami), Chali (Madhuca), Mael (Grace), Valli (Petite Ferme); **newly selected members:** Matthieu (Dana), Prashant (Certitude).

The event was conducted by the Residents' Assembly Service (Manas, Tatiana S.), their resource persons (Peter L., Rajesh S.), and facilitated by the RAS support team with the help of enthusiastic volunteers.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Selectors who agreed to participate in this event. We truly admire their dedication.

We thank the Silent Presence Keepers and Silent Observers who held the atmosphere and supported us on a subtle level throughout the process.

We are grateful to the Magic Team for the delicious snacks and meals. Many thanks to the venue for all their support!

A big "thank you" to the Citizens Assembly and our governance training team for organising the preparation session for the Selectors.

We really appreciate everyone who helped make this event a success.

**THANK YOU!**

~ *Sincerely,*

*For the Residents' Assembly Service  
Manas, Tatiana*

## VOICES AND NOTES

### ENTROPY

The degree of disorder in systems names the entropy. Before Auroville started in this landscape was entropy or disorder or disharmony. It was semi deserted place with a strong erosion. Sunbeams reached this territory, they made soil hot, dry, unfertile. Some of the sunrays returned in cosmos.

If sun reached the plants, they caught the beams and started photosynthesis process, in results the oxygen and biomass were born. If a cyclone fell down some trees, in that place very quickly appear new plants: the nature is excellent doctor for itself.

New roads are entropic place for ever. No plants, no animals appeared on the roads. There are cemetery of all kind of life. That's the ecological catastrophe. Bulldozers attacked peaceful green oasis and had awful results. Asuric technic kills the life. Ugliness is winner beauty, break more than create.

First Aurovilians had the green fingers. We can read in "Auroville Today", January 2022, p.10 : "Claude planted, planted, planted over 50000 trees in Auromodele area. Many of the big trees today are standing straight, witnessing the labor of that time".

I think the Mother would be happy of green work the first Aurovilians and unhappy of bulldozers. Mamma mia! Let bulldozers will stop for eternal life. I hope we shall overcome some days. The green ecosystems will be more strong than black destructive power. Don't worry with bulldozers, be happy with life. There is a Latin expression: "Amor vincit omnis" – Love wins everything. Life wins counter force. Aurovilians are ecofriendly, bulldozers are killers of trees. The camaraderie is between Aurovilians, but not between iron aggressive machines.

Boris

### TWO TO TANGO

☞ On the Ideological Tango:

As the sayings go, "It takes two to tango." and "The more the merrier."

In the Dance of Ideologies, there are two main players in the global scene:

## 1. The False-Separative Ideology

- Characterised by the egomind or gross mental consciousness-force, which perceives and feels itself separate from the rest of creation.
- What is this egomind exactly and how does it persist? "*Ego persists because of three things; first because we think we are the body; secondly because of desire; and thirdly because of the mental idea that I am a separate being existing in my own mind and body independently of everything and everybody else.*"<sup>1</sup>
- There is one God, but that is not you, and definitely not your neighbour, and in its extreme version has no right to worship another God. Thus the fight in violence. Unity in conformity. If you do not conform, you will be extinguished.
- The Avatar of Love incarnated in their midst and proclaimed, "*I and the Father are One*". They crucified him and the Romans hijacked and distorted his revelation of love and oneness for egoistic power, control and global domination. History speaks for itself. His true legacy though endures in its purest form.
- You can easily trace the lineage of this monotheistic ideology and way of life and the extent of its current reach.

## 2. The Truth-Unity Ideology

- Characterised by the Supermind or Supramental Consciousness-Force, which perceives and feels all as Its Self.
- There is One God, and That is you, and definitely also your neighbour who has the right to worship any other extensions and manifestations of this One God. Thus the love in oneness. Unity in diversity. You are a unique amongst uniques, and acknowledged, including the false-separative in their ongoing self-corrective mirror-dance. Each perfectly plays one's unique yet mutable role in the hierarchical Play of the One Absolute Eternal and Infinite, with the Supreme Divine Mother MahaShakti as Creatrix, Director, Modulator and Transformer of Her innumerable children, all integral sparks of the One. Thus revealed the easiest and most joyful Sunlit Path of Bhakti, of conscious Surrender to Her.
- You can easily trace the lineage of this polytheistic ideology and way of life as the ancient Sanatana Dharma and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam of Bharat Mata and the exponentially increasing extent of Her current reach.
- The problem of not being able to apply this in its full effectivity is the limited psychophysical modality of the current dancers the Homo sapiens species that is still predominantly under the sway and control of the adverse and hostile hidden cosmic forces<sup>2</sup>

In this transitional evolutionary stage, the Tango continues between the two until a New Dancer in the Third Position enters the scene, who fully embodies the Consciousness-Force of Divine Love and Oneness, the totality of the Revelation and the Creative Power, Purusha and Prakriti manifest in the physical, the embodied Spirit with a Direct Will over Its own Matter. And from the transitional humans who have supramentalised themselves this new apex species the MahaManu will emerge. The Divine Manifestation. A new divine governance of Earth begins. The Golden Age, Satya Yuga. The Life Divine.

The Invite by the Supramental Kalki Avatar Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to consciously participate in this Great Cosmic Dance in the Third Position, to all have been sent. They even created a concentrated Playing Field, a multi-archetypal ballroom they named Auroville, the City of Dawn. All are invited, goodwilling servitors, collaborators and Hero Warriors of the Divine Consciousness-Force. Sentinels of the past that seek to endure do sneak in and position themselves, of course, for integral reasons to add colour and contrast to the Dance.

The only question: will you consent to collaborate in this Great Adventure towards the Supramental Vision-Goal of the Divine Manifestation?

PS: This post is a follow-up on an earlier sharing titled "Protection Against Infiltration".<sup>3</sup>

We continue on...

1. <https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/11/miscellaneous-notes-c-1914>
2. <https://incarnateword.in/compilations/the-hidden-forces-of-life/play-of-forces>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/sHB9YgDNf1UdBcqQ/?mibextid=qj2Omg>

## MISQUOTING THE MOTHER? THE YIN-YANG LAYOUT

The Mother and Roger are often misquoted. A recurrent case is the yin-yang model, even at the recent community meeting the Secretary called. No, the Mother did not discard it. It is Roger who, out of it, evolved the Galaxy.

The yin-yang layout – the second one the Mother approved – was reproduced in the Ashram *'Bulletin'* of November 1967, printed for Darshan. It was vividly described in two famous interviews winning over many people: “= 1”, in 1967; and the *“Journal of the Indian Institute of Architects”* (JIIA), in 1971! The lines of force in the Galaxy substituted the two macrostructures, but the dynamism of the spiraling concept remained as the one keystone.

Roger presented to the Mother what will be known as *'the Galaxy'* only in January 1968. Postcards of the yin-yang model had already been printed, with Mother's handwritten message *“Auroville the Town of the Future”*.

Auroville was born in the sixties, those years nothing was deemed impossible. Macro buildings mimicking towns were the symbol of that age and Paolo Soleri was a signpost; invited by Piero Cicionesi (the Matrimandir in site architect), the celebrated architect visited Auroville and a few Aurovilians settled in Arcosanti. The yin-yang layout, banning all cars while featuring a circular monorail supra elevated, many bodies of water (a constant, in Roger's vision), and wondrous descriptions of spaces and habitats, belong to that bold era. When I asked Roger why a so fantastic layout was abandoned, his answer was simple: he kept working on the concept because the two megastructures, where most inhabitants would live, hampered the sight of Matrimandir. This is how the Galaxy, whose main feature is the lines of force, was born. Just in time for Foundation Day.

These excerpts from the interview by Luigi and Aryamani, on 10.3.1996, explain how Roger, using as starting point the dynamic yin-yang model the Mother had approved, evolved the Galaxy:

R.: “... I brought her another concept which was interesting – which started to be a little more dynamic, which started spinning a little.

L.: *The beginning of the Galaxy, but with two long lines of force.*

R.: Like Yin and Yang, there were two energies.

L.: *Two lines of force which hid the view of Matrimandir – the view of the centre.*

R.: It hid it without hiding it; but it enclosed the Matrimandir in a kind of valley with buildings around it which locked it in somewhat. It was interesting



*Auroville*  
*The town of the future*

but it was a mega-structure. It was extremely theoretical but what was interesting was that the beginning of the Galaxy was there. So, I showed it to Mother. I must say that I felt it was not

up to the mark when I showed it to her. She did not say anything... She said it was interesting but I could feel that it had not reached its potential. I also felt it had established something but that it wasn't entirely there as yet. So the whole team worked on it again. It took another six months – one year – rather six months. I worked on it at Théméricourt, an estate I had in the countryside. We withdrew for months and worked on project number two. I worked a lot with Charles Gianferrari. ...



A.: *So, you were saying that you had reached a point with this team of finding the lines of force.*

R.: Yes, we came up with the Galaxy concept. Then it was only a question of working things out. We made two models, we thought about the type of buildings. After that everything flowed smoothly. When something comes like that, naturally, it is a good sign. There was nothing to discuss. We knew that we had come upon the answer. We knew that we had come into contact with something that was the essence. I went back [to India] with a model which was the small model at that time – and I came to see Mother – and Mother found it.... This time it was accomplished. She said, “It is a movement of nebula which already exists... in the cosmos.” For us it was an achievement. And the Galaxy, I don’t know who gave it this name. It remained the Galaxy. ...”

[Submitted by Paulette]

## **AUROVILLE CHANGES ITS NAME TO AUROCITY** BY AUROSATIRE

In a move that caught many around the world off-guard, Auroville changed its name. Now called Aurocity, it is flying in line with India’s future.

Announced in New Delhi, a spokesperson for the national gazette said: “A name like Aurocity makes it eligible for much support from the government. There are vast amounts of funds that can be released and make it India’s first smart city. Very quickly.”

In Aurocity the response was mixed. Some of the neighbours were supportive: “To us Auroville was not a village. Without bars it was not quite a city either. But now it is clear what it wants to be.” “It’s just easier for Tamilians, all Indians to pronounce. We never knew if it was ‘vill’ or ‘villey’,” said another.

A few Aurocitians were crying: “Auroville was The Mother’s name. How can we change it?”

Others were more pragmatic: “In French, ville is supposed to mean city. But it is a French joke, isn’t it? There is no city in the 120 largest cities in France ending in ‘ville’. If you look, Sartrouville with a population of 52,000 is the largest with a name using ‘ville’. Does Aurocity want to be like that town?”

The charter for Aurocity was released with only the one change in a podcast, reminiscent of the original radio announcement by The Mother. Several people gathered on the hill next to the Matrimandir and cheered.

“Now we can become as successful as Aerocity in Delhi and Gift City in Gujarat. We can easily attract one lakh people from Delhi,” said one of the people wearing a bright new orange t-shirt saying “Aurocity”.

In a tone both serious and humorous, another quipped: “They will have to follow Gift City’s example and lift the self-organized prohibition. The wide Crown road with bar-hopping and partying all-night will attract people and increase the economy.”

Another concluded: “Aurocity is announcing to India that we are here. Maybe we will change our name to Aurdon or Auroyork when we are ready to announce ourselves to the world.”

## **POETRY**

Why does a new-born  
Have to cry?

How will Laughing Buddha  
Descend into this world?

With a grin?  
I guess.

-Anandi Z.



## AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

Tuesday, 7th May, 9 am - 12 noon

**Focus: Practice – the Sunlit Path**

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/Whatsapp: 9489147202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



### AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

**Every THURSDAY  
6.00 to 6.30 pm**



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

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all: The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.

We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.

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

Thank you

Surya for Amphitheater team

### A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

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

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

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

Facilitated by Zech Joya

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

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



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

# HEALTH

## AUROKIYA INTEGRAL EYE CENTRE @ ARKA



Aurokiya Integral Eye Centre  
(An Auroville Activity)



### Working Hours:

Monday - Saturday  
(9.00 am -5.30 pm)

# EYE WELLNESS CENTRE



### 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](mailto:aurokiya@auroville.org.in); [aurokiya@gmail.com](mailto:aurokiya@gmail.com)  
WA/ Mobile: 8012305151: [www.aurokiya.com](http://www.aurokiya.com)

## SANTÉ SERVICES IN MAY 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

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

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



A unique combination of psychotherapy, self-inquiry and ancient teachings of Enneagram of Liberation. I invite you to be supported by heart based and trauma-informed skills, taught by Leela School of Awakening.

Private 1:1 sessions are a powerful and intimate container to work on your deep emotional healing and self-discovery.

Anything, and everything is welcomed.

Leela therapy is offered by Kardash in person or on-line, through Inner Sight (an Activity under LEAD).

For more details see [www.innersightav.org](http://www.innersightav.org) or whatsapp Kardash on 9940934875.

## EDUCATION

### 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!*

### Evening Programs!

From **1st February 2024**, we have launched a new experiment. The Language Lab 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: Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Guests and people from around the Auroville area. The Language Lab has always been open to all and this program will be as well. Ever learnt a language but feel a bit rusty now? Come and revive it! All, including Guests are welcome to join. Come share your language with others!

Conversation Practice sessions are 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@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguage.org) or a WhatsApp message to +91 **98430 30355**. Please let us know if you'll be coming so that the intervenors can decide to do other things with their time in case there are no bookings!

### Sanskrit Chants with Vishvanathanji

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

We will learn 8 traditional Sanskrit 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 Sanskrit chants and in turn the chants are a great help in their sadhana. They feel blessed to share these traditional Sanskrit 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). It will be ready as a paperback in India very soon; if all goes well, by end-June. In other countries it is already available in both formats.

### **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 we always welcome volunteer language teachers. We are looking for a French teacher for 3 months.

## **Tomatis**

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

Please contact 0413-3509932 or 04132622467 or email us at [tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org) to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations.

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

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

## **Language Courses at ALL**

### **\*\*\*\*\*NEW : TEFL Preparation Course\*\*\*\*\***

**The Language Lab is happy to provide an introduction and basic training for those seeking to Teach English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). Aurotaranti will facilitate the course.**

**Tuesday/Thursday 10:30-12 from May 2- May 23**

### **New Beginner Hindi with Kaushal from June 1st**

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 from June 1st**

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)

**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](mailto: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! 🙏

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](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org)

## TUTION GRADE 1-12

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



## SPOKEN ENGLISH AND HINDI

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

## INTEGRAL 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.

### Understanding Purusha

**Date** : 25th May 2024

**Time**: 4-5 pm

**Venue** : Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan

# CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

## 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](#)

## 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](mailto:budokan@auroville.org.in) and 83001 89062 (Surya) - 99528 12843 (Murugan/WA) - 83006 43963 (Philippe/WA).

Reasonable contributions required.

## DEEP SOUND BATH IN CREATIVITY

### TIBETAN BOWLS

Hall of Light  
CREATIVITY community

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

Starting from 17th November



**There will be a LIGHT massage by the Tibetan Bowls.**

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

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

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

Drop in the Hall, no reservation needed.

Please arrive 10 minutes before.

Guest 600 rs / Volunteer 300 rs

Aurovilians and Newcomers, conscious contribution

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# PITANGA



PITANGA  
CULTURAL CENTRE

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



## Program May 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

No drop-in class on that day for now.

### Wednesdays

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

### Thursdays

4:30pm–5:30pm, **Aviva Exercise** for women with  
Suriyagandhi

### Fridays

6:45am–8am, **Pranayama** with François & Namrita, For former  
“The Art of Living” course participants  
7:30am–9am, **Asanas** with Rachel  
8:30am–10am, **Yoga Therapy** with Gala  
3pm–4pm, **Reading Circle of Savitri** with Patricia - An  
interactive session  
4:30pm–5:30pm, **Readings of the Life Divine** with Balvinder  
last class before summer break: 10/5  
5:15pm–6:15pm, **Feldenkrais** with Shari, last class before  
summer break: 17/5  
5:15pm–6:15pm, **For Giving Love** with Marie-Claire

### Saturdays

9am–10:30am, **Asanas** (Intermediate level, for regular  
practitioners) with Rachel  
2:15pm–4:15pm, **Truth Based Relationships**–Practical  
Sessions with Juan Andrés

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

*Classes with Gala and Lisbeth will resume after the summer  
holidays in July.*

## 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

- Thai Yoga Massage by Juan

## WORKSHOP

### Workshop “Born Free” with Ange Sabine Blanchflower

- **Monday 13–Friday 17  
May,**
- **Daily 12:45–1:45pm, for 5  
days**



#### A Five-Day Manifestation Workshop

Ange invites, “If you find that you are stuck, and nothing you have done so far has really had impact on changing your life, If you have great ideas and dreams for your life but you don't know how to make them happen, If you feel lost, even though you know so much, Then this workshop is for you.”

- 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](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

## QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

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

Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

### 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

## TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

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

#### Mondays & Saturdays:

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

#### Tuesdays - Fridays:

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

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

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

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



## YANG STYLE TAICHI 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of April

Every Mon, Wed, Fri 7AM-8AM

Register on WA +91 70943 39490  Budokan, Dehashakti

## 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](mailto:serendipityauroville@gmail.com)

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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



Serendipity (Ex. Joy) is located opposite Center Guest House  
<https://serendipity.auroville.org> - [serendipityauroville@gmail.com](mailto:serendipityauroville@gmail.com)  
+919385623342 - [facebook.com/serendipityauroville](https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville)

# THERAPIES



**SHIATSU MASSAGE**

 Sara

+91 9443617308

# ACTIVITIES



**HATHA YOGA**

Wednesdays - 5:30 - 6:30pm

Saturdays - 7:30 to 8:30am

 Ramesh

+91 98451 68490



**SANSKRIT TRADITIONAL CHANTING**

Thursdays - 9- 10am (drop in class)

Fridays - 5 to 6pm (Regular Students)

 Sonia

+91 8940288090

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE CELEBRATIONS

You are cordially invited to a special event commemorating the International Day of the Midwife.



#### Program Details:

The opening of Morning Star's new office space!

Additionally,

Premiere of the Documentary Film – "Morning Star : A Birth centre of the Future : Midwives in India " by Aurora's Eye Films, Auroville- 15 min.

**Date:** May 5th, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Location:** AC Hall, Auromode Apartments, opposite CSR

Join us in celebrating the remarkable dedication and expertise of midwives worldwide as we also mark the beginning of a new chapter for Morning Star in our brand-new office space.

Come and honor the vital role midwives play in maternal and newborn healthcare as we showcase our journey so far while exploring our new office.

Morning Star is a unit under the Health and Healing Trust, run by midwives and doulas to support pregnancy, childbirth, and women's & family wellness in Auroville.

Please send your RSVP to [morningstar@auroville.org.in](mailto:morningstar@auroville.org.in) or contact Bala via WhatsApp only at +91 **9892699804**.

Map - <https://g.co/kgs/hL5uL7b>



### TANGO - NEW CLASSES



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

<b>MON</b>	<b>WED</b>
<b>19:00</b> Introduction to Tango	<b>19:30</b> Guided Practica
<b>20:00</b> Opensource	<b>20:00</b> Practilonga

**HARMONY**  
Bharat Nivas

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



+91 98211 66082 | [tango@auroville.org.in](mailto: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

## RUPHAVATI JOY ACTIVITIES

### BIO-REGION TEMPLE TOUR

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

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

Starting point from Solar Kitchen.

Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week.

Please contact in advance for more information and booking:  
8098845200



### SOUTH-INDIAN CUISINE - COOKING CLASS

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

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

Please book sessions in advance.



### THAI MASSAGE

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

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

### TAILORING

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

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

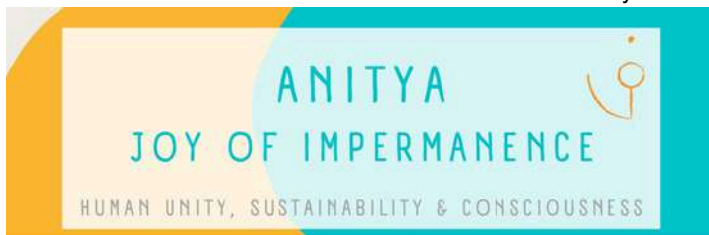
## FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

### 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:

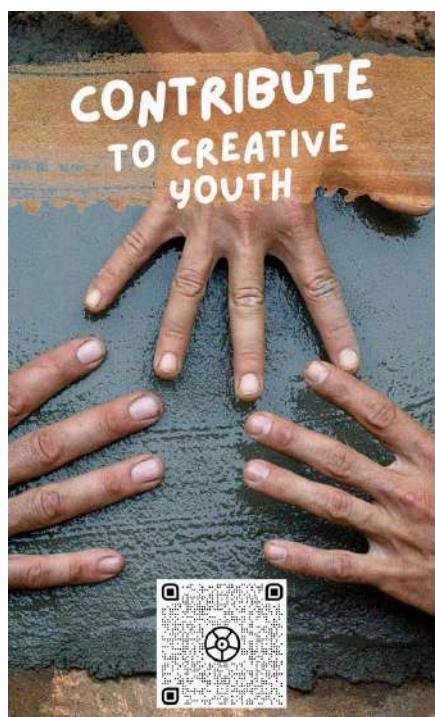
**Impermanence, Community Spirit, Sustainability, Self-sufficiency and DIY**

**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](http://joyofimpermanence.in)



### CONTRIBUTE TO CREATIVE YOUTH



**Empower Young Minds at Youth Center!**

**\*Cause:\*** Your contribution fuels 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](https://www.instagram.com/youthcenterauroville)



## AUROVILLE LIBRARY SUMMER TIMINGS

We will be closed on Wed 1st May.

From Thursday 2nd May onwards we will have summer timings for May and June:

- **Mon - Sat mornings: 9am - 12.30pm**
- **Tues - Thurs - Sat afternoons: 4pm - 6.30pm**
- **Mon - Wed - Fri afternoons: closed**

**Storytime** for children will continue through summer - Saturday mornings 10am - 11am



## 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.

## 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

## 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](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com)



## REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

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

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



## LIGHT FISH

PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO AURELEC

### Services:

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

Phone: 8279300821

[sales@light-fish.com](mailto: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](mailto:airconclean.av@gmail.com)

Regards, Julien.

## STUDIO BASED ART THERAPY AND COUNSELING

[tialovesart@gmail.com](mailto:tialovesart@gmail.com) / [www.createandtransform.org](http://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](mailto:tialovesart@gmail.com)

[www.createandtransform.org](http://www.createandtransform.org)

WA 7094007610

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## SURABHI SUPPLIES

Dear Auroville Community,

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,  
Surabhi Supplies

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

Secondary Email: [rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:newwaves@auroville.org.in)





## TRAVEL NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA



Namaste, Bonjour, Hello and Vanakkam from Inside India

We are always 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](mailto: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](mailto:insideindia@auroville.org.in)

### Some current offers:

- Etihad airways offer fare is available from Chennai to Paris.
- Malaysian airways offer fare is available from Chennai to Seoul.
- Air India special fare from Chennai to Milan, Sydney and Melbourne.
- Aerofloat flight offer fare is available from Delhi - Moscow - Delhi.
- Explore Rome with Biman airline weekly on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Direct flight from Chennai to Dhaka weekly on Saturday, Monday and Thursday.

### 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.

Indian nationals can now be issued long-term, multi-entry Schengen visas valid for two years after having obtained and lawfully used two visas within the previous three years. The two-year visa will normally be followed by a five-year visa, if the passport has sufficient validity remaining. During the validity period of these visas, holders enjoy travel rights equivalent to visa-free nationals.

Sri Lanka has shifted from the Electronic Travel Authentication (ETA) visa programme to a new E-visa scheme with effect from 17 April 2024. In this context, the ETA website was discontinued on 16 April 2024.

The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey announces that Turkish authorities has commenced requiring the "Electronic Airport Transit Visa" (e-ATV) for Indian & Nepalese passport holders traveling to Mexico, Panama, Colombia and Venezuela, Transiting via the Istanbul Airport.

Also, [this LINK](#) will tell you all that you need to know about Flight delays and/or cancellations.

Have a great week...

## ARE YOUR TREES GETTING THE CARE THEY NEED!?

At **TreeCare** we have been working hard to expand our services and reduce our wait time. Call us today for a free visit & consultation.

Contact us through +91 **90420 59890** or [office@treecareindia.com](mailto:office@treecareindia.com).



We have always believed in providing the best quality services, as well as educating people about the field of ARBORICULTURE and its importance in today's landscape.

Warmly,  
TreeCare Team

## NEW CO-WORKING SPACE AT EUROPEAN HOUSE

**New co-working space !**

The European House is pleased to welcome you in its co-working space. Come benefit from our wifi and the quiet of our place to focus and get your work done !

- **Mon 8:00AM to 12:00PM**
- **Tues 8:00AM to 12:00PM**
- **Thur: 8:00AM to 12:00PM**

**WHAT YOU GIVE:**  
**Free contribution**

Help us pay our internet bills and improve the place !

**WHAT YOU GET:**  
**A quiet environment**

Come enjoy the quiet of our conference room 3 mornings a week !

**A place you can privatise !**

You need a place to host a meeting ? A workshop ? Or any other group activity ? Send a request and book the place !

GOOD **WiFi** 20 **Chairs** FREE **Tea**

EUROPEAN HOUSE  
IN VANDUJEE CAMPUS

+33 6 95 52 44 30  
 european.house.auroville@gmail.com

## DOSA CORNER AT VISITOR'S CENTER

Dear all,

We will continue serving our organic dosas in the evenings during the summer season.



But due to less personnel and less clients the big dosa tawa will get a rest and dosas will have to be ordered with the waiters.

Enjoy the summer!

Your Cafeteria team

## DROPZY

A graphic for Dropzy featuring a man in a red cap and blue shirt holding a red shopping bag. Above him are icons for food, groceries, and wellness. The text 'Dropzy' is in a large, stylized font. Below it, the text reads: 'Food, Groceries, Fruits & Veggies, Body Care, Wellness, etc.' and 'Stay home, order and access. We'll drop it to you.' At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom right is the text: 'Dropzy is made locally by 150dpi, an Auroville activity.' followed by the website 'www.dropzy.in' and phone number '8098144686'.

**Dropzy**

Food, Groceries,  
Fruits & Veggies,  
Body Care,  
Wellness, etc.

Stay home, order  
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[www.dropzy.in](http://www.dropzy.in)  
8098144686

**Dropzy** is a multipurpose mobile app platform for ordering and accessing information from a wide range of in and around Auroville eateries, grocers, bakers, farms, therapists, professionals etc. **Dropzy** delivery personnel will pick up the orders from the outlets/stores; deliver them to the customers at their doorsteps and convenience.

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

**Download link as shown below:**

**Android**

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

**iPhone**

<https://rb.gy/visp4c>

**Desktop**

<https://rb.gy/bpnud5>



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

Best regards,  
Sathish Arumugam  
For Dropzy

Mobile: +91 8098144686

[www.dropzy.in](http://www.dropzy.in)

## NEW MOBILE NUMBER & SUMMER SEASON

Dear community,  
Foodlink has a new mobile number. Kindly save it in your phone: +91 **8300 268804**.

Summer season is here! இளவேனில் (Ila-venil) stretching from mid-April to mid-June.

As the heat increases, we can enjoy an abundance of fruits. It is an invitation to adapt our diets to the seasonal harvest, incorporating banana, custard apple, coconut, jackfruit, mango, papaya, pomelo, ramphal, soursop, tamarind, and watermelon into our meals.

To see all the veggies, roots, and greens available this season, check out: [foodpathsauville.com/summer-season-2024](http://foodpathsauville.com/summer-season-2024)

Isabelle M. on behalf of the team

Foodlink landline **0413-3509946** | Mobile: +91 **8300 268804** | [Foodlink basket order form here](#)

## HOME NEEDED

### PUPPY FOR ADOPTION



Found this healthy female pup (local breed, but likely a mix w/ breed dog) near Acceptance running after vehicles. If the vehicle slowed down it ran underneath belly-up pleading to be picked. It seemed familiar with riding; likely abandoned. She was alone, without any other litter mates.

To save her from being run over and dehydrating in the sun, I brought her. Unfortunately, I cannot keep this robust, sweet, and intelligent pup. My option is to find her a kind human home or to leave her back somewhere where I found, more fortified - with bath, deworming and basic vaccination. Remember, Indies are smart and way more robust than any breed dogs, ie easier to keep.

Please open your heart and home/spread the word.

Contact: [ninasauroville@gmail.com](mailto:ninasauroville@gmail.com)

## FRENCH NEWS & NOTES



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



## TAXI SHARE



### CHENNAI AIRPORT TO AUROVILLE - 6 MAY

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

Please contact +918447181515  
email: [kumarsehdev455@gmail.com](mailto:kumarsehdev455@gmail.com)

### RIDE SHARING TO CHENNAI AND BACK - 6 MAY

I need to go to Chennai on the 6th May for an appointment at 10am. I will then return to AV approx 2 hours later. Please get in touch if you need to go to Chennai and would like to share the taxi. Honor: 9159856148

### AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI - 7 MAY, 12 PM

Looking for taxi-sharing **7th May** to Chennai leaving around **12 noon**.

Please contact Hartmut +91 7094812897 whatsapp

### AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI - 7 MAY, 7 PM

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](mailto:anandshanti@proton.me) / landline: 0413 2623314

### AUROVILLE TO CHENNAI - 7 MAY, 9 PM

Willing to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai airport on **May 7**, leaving Auroville around **9 pm**.

Kindly contact me by phone or whatsapp  
Manohar. 9486417179

### REGULAR TAXI TO SRI MA IN MAY

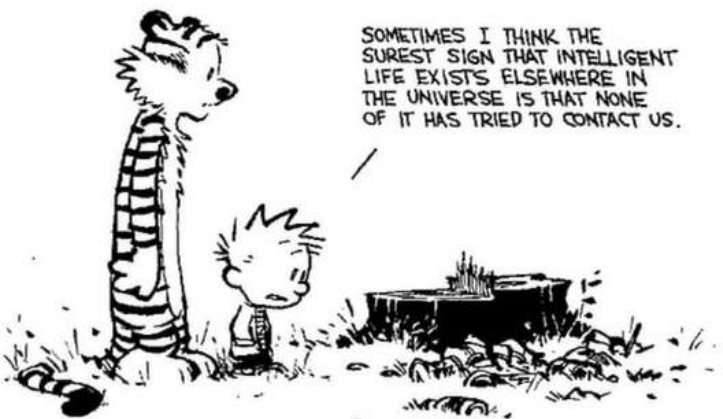
If you're interested to share a taxi to Sri Ma once a week in the month of May

get in touch to reserve a place

Isha

message: +91 96555 34514

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



**Auroville TO PONDICHERRY**

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

**Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE**

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

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

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



**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**



**Ambulance (24/7):**

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

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

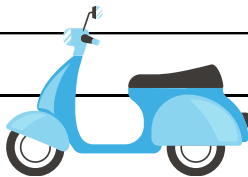
Health Center 0413 3509942 & 3509943	Santé 0413 2622803	Farewell 8903836246
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**Mental health 24/7 support:**

Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

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

## LOOKING FOR



### SCOOTER SHARING

Let's enjoy a conscious sharing of vehicles in Auroville! Are you ready to share yours? Contact via messenger services only: **9751513906** or [ulrikrishna@gmail.com](mailto:ulrikrishna@gmail.com)

## LOST & FOUND

### LOST EYE GLASSES

**SOS** if anyone finds these eyes glasses my eyes would be eternally grateful (and smile even more).

Thanks to Let me know by writing to the what's up of Axum +91 **9363274028**

Keeping fingers crossed.

Thank you, M.



## FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

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## CINEMA

### AUROFILM

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

*Reminder: Friday 3rd May, "GOOD WILL HUNTING" by Gus Van Sant, US, 1997*

*And Friday 10th May at 8:00 pm  
"A WOMAN OF PARIS", US, 1923*

*With: Edna Purviance, Carl Miller, Lydia Knott, Adolphe Menjou*

A Woman of Paris is 1923 silent film, written, directed and with music by Charles Chaplin; and the first in which he does not appear as an actor!

*Synopsis: Two young lovers Marie and Jean date against the will of their respective families and decide to leave the provinces for Paris where they will marry. While Marie grows impatient at the station, Jean, helpless, witnesses the death of his father following a violent argument. Jean misses Marie at the station and she therefore leaves for the capital alone and disappointed. A year later, living with his mother in Paris, Jean meets again by chance the woman he loved madly. In the meantime, Marie has conquered chic Paris leading a luxury life courted by the rich Frenchman Pierre Revel. Will Marie accept Jean in her life?*

*Original silent version with English inter-titles, duration 1h.18'*

# Cinema Paradiso



Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 06 May 2024 - 12 May 2024

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

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



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

## Indian Subcontinent – Monday 6 May, 8:00 pm:

### • THE MONK AND THE GUN

Bhutan-Taiwan-France-USA-HongKong 2023, Writer-Dir. Pawo Choyning Dorji w/ Tandin Wangchuk, Tandin Phubz, Kelsang Choejay, and others, Comedy-Drama, 107mins, Dzongkha-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

By the Oscar-nominated director comes a satirizing film set in 2006 in Bhutan as it is transitioning from monarchy to world's youngest democracy. After hearing about the upcoming mock elections on the radio, the elderly lama of Ura village requests that his attendant Tashi bring him two guns before the full moon—also the day of the elections—to “set it right.” What exactly he means by this ominous and vague statement is left unanswered until the charming end. Parallely, Ron Coleman and American who is in the country in search of antique guns. His part crosses with Tashi. A must watch!

## Potpourri – Tuesday 7 May, 8:00 pm:

### • LOST HORIZON

USA, 1937, Dir. Frank Capra w/ Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, Edward Everett Horton, and others, Adventure-Fantasy, 132mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

When a revered diplomat's plane is diverted and crashes in the peaks of Tibet, he and the other survivors are guided to an isolated monastery at Shangri-La, where they wrestle with the invitation to stay. Monday film pays a homage to the prime protagonist of this film in a way. The image of the Himalayan nation to the West, was forever created by this/such films!

## Interesting – Wednesday 8 May, 8:00 pm:

### • 2040

Australia, 2019, Writer-Dir. Daman Gameau w/ Daman Gameau, Eva Lazzaro, Zoë Gameau, and others, Documentary, 93mins, English-Bengali-Swahili-Swedish w/English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

Practical solutions to environmental concerns are addressed with the hope that the filmmaker's daughter, 21 years old in the year 2040, will face a hopeful future. We had screened this film long back. Time to revisit!

## Selection – Thursday 9 May, 8:00 pm:

### • PARIS, JE T'AIME (Paris, I Love You)

France-Liechtenstein-Switzerland-Germany-USA, 2006, Dir.Olivier Assayas-Frédéric Auburtin-Gurinder Chadha-and others w/Juliette Binoche, Leonor Watling, Ludivine Sagnier, and others, Drama-Variou, 120mins, French-English-Spanish- Mandarin-Arabic w/English subtitles, Rated: R

The film is about the plurality in one mythic location: Paris, the City of Love. 20 filmmakers have five minutes each; the audience must weave a single narrative out of twenty moments, that are fused by transitional sequences and via the introduction and epilogue. Each transition begins with the last shot of the previous film and ends with the first shot of the following one, extending the enchantment



and the emotion of the previous segment, preparing the audience for a surprise, and providing a cohesive atmosphere. A reappearing mysterious character is a witness to the Parisian life. A common theme of Paris and love fuses all.

**International – Saturday 11 May, 8:00 pm:**

• **LA CHIMERA**

Italy-France-Switzerland-Turkey, 2023, Writer-Dir. Alice Rohrwacher w/Josh O'Connor, Carol Duarte, Vincenzo Nemolato, and others, Adventure-Fantasy, 130mins, Italian-English w/English subtitles, Rated:NR(R)

Set in Tuscany, the story centers on a young British archaeologist Arthur, who gets involved in an international network of stolen Etruscan artifacts during the 1980s. Arthur isn't interested in the artefacts, though; he's seeking a legendary door to the underworld, and to his late beloved Beniamina. Considered by the critiques to have a Pasolinian structure, it is rated as one of the best Italian films of the recent times.

**Children's Matinee – Sunday 12 May, 4:00 pm:**

• **KUNG FU PANDA 4**

USA, 2024, Dir. Mike Mitchell & Stephanie Stine w/Jack Black, Awkwafina, Viola Davis, and others, Animation-Adventure, 94mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

After Po is tapped to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace, he needs to find and train a new Dragon Warrior, while a wicked sorceress plans to re-summon all the master villains whom Po has vanquished to the spirit realm.

**MARCEL PAGNOL FILM FESTIVAL @ CINÉ-CLUB**

**Ciné-Club Sunday 12 May, 8:00 pm:**

• **FANNY**

France, 1932, Dir. Marc Allégret w/ Orane Demazis, Raimu and others, Comedy-Drama, 125 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

In this sequel to the Marius. Marius takes a five-year job on a ship headed for the Indian Ocean. His lover, Fanny, learns she is pregnant with his baby and must decide if she wants to raise an illegitimate child alone, or accept a marriage proposal from Panisse, a wealthy older man who she does not love. Uncertain whether Marius will ever return, she faces serious choices regarding her future.

**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](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in). Our projector is crawling towards the end of its life, compelling us to look for a new one. You could financially support through a one-time or recurring donations to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution.***

Thanking You,  
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