

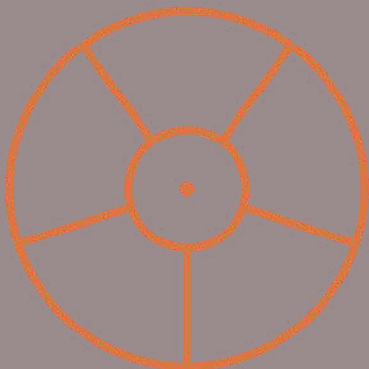
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NEWS & NOTES

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PONDERING

At last a place where nothing will have the right to impose itself as the exclusive truth.

~ January 1967

The Mother - To be a true Aurovilian
<https://dream.books.prisma.haus/en/the-aims-of-auroville>



(continued from last week)

A treasure misspent or cheaply, fruitlessly sold
In the bazaar of a blind destiny,
A gift of priceless value from Time's gods
Lost or mislaid in an uncaring world,
Life is a marvel missed, an art gone wry;
A seeker in a dark and obscure place,
An ill-armed warrior facing dreadful odds,
An imperfect worker given a baffling task,
An ignorant judge of problems Ignorance made,
Its heavenward flights reach closed and keyless gates,
Its glorious outbursts peter out in mire.

On Nature's gifts to man a curse was laid:
All walks inarmed by its own opposites,
Error is the comrade of our mortal thought
And falsehood lurks in the deep bosom of truth,
Sin poisons with its vivid flowers of joy
Or leaves a red scar burnt across the soul;
Virtue is a grey bondage and a gaol.

At every step is laid for us a snare.

Alien to reason and the spirit's light,
Our fount of action from a darkness wells;
In ignorance and nescience are our roots.

A growing register of calamities
Is the past's account, the future's book of Fate:
The centuries pile man's follies and man's crimes
Upon the countless crowd of Nature's ills;
As if the world's stone load was not enough,
A crop of miseries obstinately is sown
By his own hand in the furrows of the gods,
The vast increasing tragic harvest reaped
From old misdeeds buried by oblivious Time.

He walks by his own choice into Hell's trap;
This mortal creature is his own worst foe.

His science is an artificer of doom;
He ransacks earth for means to harm his kind;
He slays his happiness and others' good.

Nothing has he learned from Time and its history;
Even as of old in the raw youth of Time,
When Earth ignorant ran on the highways of Fate,
Old forms of evil cling to the world's soul:
War making nought the sweet smiling calm of life,
Battle and rapine, ruin and massacre
Are still the fierce pastimes of man's warring tribes;
An idiot hour destroys what centuries made,
His wanton rage or frenzied hate lays low
The beauty and greatness by his genius wrought
And the mighty output of a nation's toil.

All he has achieved he drags to the precipice.
His grandeur he turns to an epic of doom and fall;
His littleness crawls content through squalor and mud,
He calls heaven's retribution on his head
And wallows in his self-made misery.

A part author of the cosmic tragedy,
His will conspires with death and time and fate.

His brief appearance on the enigmaed earth
Ever recurs but brings no high result
To this wanderer through the aeon-rings of God
That shut his life in their vast longevity.

His soul's wide search and ever returning hopes
Pursue the useless orbit of their course

In a vain repetition of lost toils
Across a track of soon forgotten lives.

All is an episode in a meaningless tale.

Why is it all and wherefore are we here?

If to some being of eternal bliss
It is our spirit's destiny to return
Or some still impersonal height of endless calm,
Since That we are and out of That we came,
Whence rose the strange and sterile interlude
Lasting in vain through interminable Time?

Who willed to form or feign a universe
In the cold and endless emptiness of Space?

Or if these beings must be and their brief lives,
What need had the soul of ignorance and tears?

Whence rose the call for sorrow and for pain?

Or all came helplessly without a cause?

What power forced the immortal spirit to birth?

The eternal witness once of eternity,
A deathless sojourner mid transient scenes,
He camps in life's half-lit obscurity
Amid the debris of his thoughts and dreams.

Or who persuaded it to fall from bliss
And forfeit its immortal privilege?

Who laid on it the ceaseless will to live
A wanderer in this beautiful, sorrowful world,
And bear its load of joy and grief and love?

Or if no being watches the works of Time,
What hard impersonal Necessity
Compels the vain toil of brief living things?

A great Illusion then has built the stars.

But where then is the soul's security,
Its poise in this circling of unreal suns?

Or else it is a wanderer from its home
Who strayed into a blind alley of Time and chance
And finds no issue from a meaningless world.

Or where begins and ends Illusion's reign?

Perhaps the soul we feel is only a dream,
Eternal self a fiction sensed in trance."

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

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

Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

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

Auroville Council (AVC)
Entry Service (ES)

FO selected groups:

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

Housing Service (HS)
Land Board (LB)

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

Here is some important information:

- You can read past issues and subscribe [HERE](#).
- If you wish to support the N&N community Edition, you can donate at this account Nr: **FS #252150**.
- Content sent through @auroville.org.in mail ID, will only reach us if you use this [FORM](#) to submit your content.
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Thank you for your continued support!

In community,
The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

NO ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK

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

FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

REPORT ON LAND EXCHANGES

Dear Community,

We would like to share with you some information regarding land exchanges and transactions that have taken place in the last 2 years. Below is a short summary. (Attached is a [detailed report](#), a [spreadsheet](#) with a [list](#) of land exchanges that we have discovered that have taken place since 2022 and the conservatively estimated value we believe Auroville has lost, and a [map of the plots](#) involved. Note 1: The blue and pink dots on the plots indicate that the exact extent and location of land exchanged on these plots is not sure. Note 2: We are sharing what we know, but there may be other exchanges of which we are unaware.)

As we all know, Auroville is facing governance and financial mismanagement challenges, including opaque and dubious land exchanges conducted by the Auroville Foundation's Governing Board and related bodies.

Key concerns include:

1. Lack of transparency in recent land exchanges, bypassing consultation with key committees and stakeholders.
2. Allegations of undervaluation of Auroville lands, resulting in significant (more than ₹150 Crores or US \$18 million) financial losses.
3. Disregard for established procedures, including independent valuation and government approvals.
4. Failure to uphold the principles of mandatory community (Residents' Assembly) consultation and adherence to Auroville's founding ideals.

Actions taken include:

1. Requests for government intervention to freeze ongoing land exchange deals and conduct independent investigations.
2. Legal notices sent to authorities regarding violations of finance rules and lack of consultation.
3. Concerns raised about the secrecy surrounding land exchanges and conflicts of interest among involved parties.

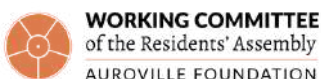
The situation calls for immediate intervention to halt all land exchanges and address malpractices in order to ensure transparency and adherence to proper processes and Auroville's principles.

If you have any questions please write to workingcom@auroville.services.

In service,

The Working Committee of the RA

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Mael (TOS), Matthieu, Prashant (TOS), Valli



COORDINATING FAMC FUNCTIONS

Dear Community,

Following the RAD that was completed on 10th March 2024, in which the Residents' Assembly resolved that its Working Committee would "coordinate the functions of the FAMC until such time as the circumstances allow for the selection and functioning of a new FAMC of the RA", we have identified a team of resource persons who are ready to actively support us in this.

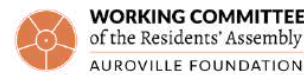
If you have a question, would like advice, or would like to put something on record regarding any funds and assets related matter, please write to famc@auroville.services, which will be monitored by members of the WCom. And if you have ideas and experience related to alternative economies and financial management systems, we would be happy to hear from you as well.

We extend a big 'thank you' to those who have agreed to support us in this important field of work for our community.

In service,

The Working Committee of the RA

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REGARDING THE INTERIM STAY FROM THE SUPREME COURT ON THE TDC VERDICT FROM THE HIGH COURT

Dear community,

Although a bit late, we would like to share with you the latest Supreme Court interim judgement regarding the TDC-related cases. Please find it [attached](#).

In brief, this judgement puts an interim stay on the earlier verdict from the Madras High Court, dated 15th March 2024, which had invalidated the Governing Board's "ATDC" and had called for more collaboration between the Governing Board and the Residents' Assembly. Please note that the earlier Madras High Court verdict is not cancelled or nullified, only paused until further orders. The hearings on this matter will continue after the court's summer break and the next one is expected to be in the second week of July.

We take this as an opportunity to clarify that the latest Supreme Court stay does not validate or legitimize the GB's "ATDC", or their actions, which remain sub-judice. Among other points, we are concerned that this group of individuals positioning itself as the "ATDC": a) acts in total defiance to earlier decisions of the Residents' Assembly, and the residents' advice or well-being; b) fully ignores environmental and sustainability concerns and accomplishments, even though they are among one of Auroville's biggest strengths in an increasing planetary crisis; c) does not respect national and international standards in terms of planning and development; d) misuses funds generated by the residents of Auroville without their consent; e) violates on all fronts the values and ideals of Auroville.

It is also to be regretted that the Office of the Secretary, supported by the Governing Board, have repeatedly appealed judgements which were fair and remain an invitation for mutuality and collaboration, in the true spirit of Auroville. This, undoubtedly, shows a lack of understanding of Auroville's purpose, values and vision.

In service,

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly

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COMMUNITY SHARING

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE AUROVILLE FOREST GROUP

Since 1982, the Auroville Forest Group, has been the official body mandated by the Residents of Auroville and is also endorsed by the Master Plan – Perspective 2025 (Refer - APPENDIX 2: Role & Responsibilities of Different Working Groups in Auroville) as the body responsible for planting and maintenance of Auroville's forested areas, particularly the protective Green Belt around the township. For the past 42 years, this group has held monthly meetings and published its minutes in the N&N.

The Forest Group would like to reiterate its commitment to nurture and protect the green spaces of Auroville.

Forest Group Purpose - Provide an integrated ecological basis for Auroville, physically and spiritually.

Core Values - Mutual Respect, Commitment, Resilience, Humour, Courage

The Forest Group reaffirms its dedication to a wider economic approach that supports Auroville's enduring commitment to a gift economy. This stance is reinforced by their hands-on experience and highlights their participation in a broader spiritual vision for Auroville.

The FG unequivocally states its intention to avoid commercializing its activities for profit, emphasizing that its work in addressing Climate Change and the loss of two-thirds of the global biodiversity, involves intangible values essential to community survival and the common good, rather than mere monetary gains.

Forests play a multitude of vital roles both environmentally, socially and culturally. Forests are critical to sustaining life on Earth, providing essential ecosystem services that support human well-being, protect our natural environment, and foster biodiversity. Historically, the FG has consistently performed with such an integral ecology.

As stewards of the forest, the FG sees itself as custodians of biodiversity, soil regeneration, erosion control, aquifer recharge, air quality, afforestation and the preservation of cultural practices and ancestral knowledge vital for sustainable living. The group also commits to upholding the rights of nature.

Thus, the Forest Group would like to continue operating beyond profit-driven objectives to embrace a service-based model that is communally oriented, not only for Auroville itself but for the entire bioregion, and attuned to the pressing environmental concerns.

It is with this spirit that the Forest Group continues to operate under challenging circumstances where-in our FS Accounts have been frozen, budgets were cut without any consultation with the residents and the maintenances of 42 foresters and 62 Forest workers abruptly discontinued through a simple mail since June 2023.



DREAMWEAVING 2024

Dreamweaving 2024:
Build to Envision

Wrap up of the
COMMUNITY VISION BOARD



Dear community,
The community Vision Board sessions that happened on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May in front of the Solar kitchen are now closed.
We thank you all for your vibrant support and the inspiring ideas that you numerously shared with us.
Your wishes will now be conveyed to the designers to be included in their thinking forward.
The Dreamweaving Design Weave Team



UPDATE ON ROOTS SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear All - Roots social media (WhatsApp/FB) had started as part of Roots, an activity under City Services. With COVID waves while the nascent Activity itself de facto stopped [and eventually the Activity/FS Account #106567 initiated by Anandi Zhang closed], the sharing, and learning about healthy food grew manifold in the WhatsApp group. Over time its scope got defined as local, bio-regional, learning/sharing (as opposed to commercial in its intent) group - focused on food, healthy eating, locavore, local produce, foraging, and preparing. Roots in social media /WhatsApp group is currently not associated with any Activity - and would continue as an informal/spontaneous social media group as is.

Thank you
Best regards
Nina and Sangeetha





May 2024

MATRIMANDIR NEWSLETTER - MAY 2024

Please find [HERE](#) the Matrimandir Newsletter for May 2024




AUROVILLE FARM GROUP:

SOME UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FRUIT

TENDERING PROCESS

Its been over a month since farmers were told that they had to agree to their fruit being harvested and sold by outside contractors. What has happened since then?

The contract for the fruit trees of Auro-orchard were purchased by a consortium from Auroville consisting of Visitors Centre, Cafeteria and PTDC. Some farms felt that readily participating in this bid would legitimise the process and therefore decided not to participate with this proposal. AuroOrchard said they did not have a problem with this approach as it at least ensured that the fruit remained in Auroville. The fruit from three other farms - Cholai, Kottakkarai and Sustenance - were purchased by outside contractors for a total cost of Rs28000. Recently they have started arriving at the farms to assess what is available. Having done this, the contractors are now ready to take cash from the farmers to buy back the contract for a slightly increased cost of Rs30,000. This could be because it now appears that the harvest won't be as good as they first thought, so they are likely to lose money.

While buying back the lease may be a tempting way to keep the fruit for Auroville consumers it is also expensive as the fruit is bought twice over. It also shields the AVFO from the consequence of its actions and means that both they and the contractors don't get to feel the effects of what is a very impractical and immoral way of dealing with Auroville farm assets. Impractical because it is difficult to see how putting the fruit out to tender improves the food security of the community. Immoral because food is not just another asset to be sold to the highest bidder, but a basic need to which everyone should have access. Especially when the food is carefully grown to be as healthy as possible, free of pesticides and other poisons and doesn't deplete our natural resources of soil and water.

There are still many other questions which have not been answered.

According to the conditions of the contract the fruit must be offered to Auroville before being offered to the open market. How will this be done? Many contractors pick their fruit in large amounts and then ripen it artificially, this in contrast to Auroville farmers who tend to ripen more on the trees and to pick in smaller quantities according to the needs of the community.

A more problematic question is that if the fruit is ripened artificially, how will it be kept separate from other fruit in the usually very large containers which are used for this purpose? There are different methods of artificial ripening and some of the chemicals used can be very poisonous. If this is the way the fruit is going to be ripened it will completely negate the careful organic way in which the fruit has been grown in Auroville. (you can read more about this in here <https://tinyurl.com/3enft44d>)

In the light of these concerns Auroville farmers think that this contracting out of fruit and cashews should not be repeated. Please support us by writing to the relevant groups asking for answers to these questions.

How will the fruit be offered to Auroville?

How will it be picked and ripened? If it is ripened with other fruit how can we be sure that the fruit offered to Auroville actually comes from Auroville farms? If it is ripened with poisonous chemicals do we want this in Auroville?

Farmers have continued to question various groups and individuals about where the money is going for these contracts and whether any money is going to be returned to the farms. Naturally they feel strongly that they should be reimbursed for the work they have put into planting and maintaining the trees in the first place and preparing them for harvest. Another question that needs answering is who will take care of the

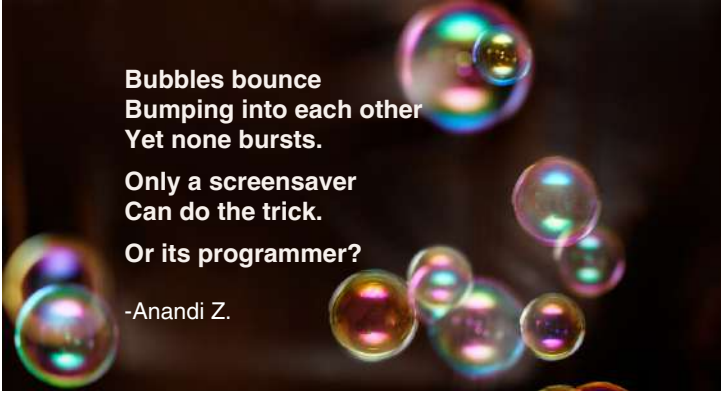
fruit trees once the contractors have harvested the crop so they can continue producing healthy fruits for Auroville? Who will pay for this?

A few months ago all farmers maintenances were cut so this loss of harvest is acutely felt. Requests to the FAMC/AVFO/WC for money from the contracts have been met by further requests from them for each farm to create a budget for the farm. Although they have given no indication that even if a budget is created the farm will receive the amount of the budget request or even any money at all. In fact, some farms have been told that in future 40% of any income they make will be taken by the AVFO, although there is no transparency about where the money will go and whether it will be used to support farms in the future. Is the purpose of Auroville farms to grow food for the community or to make profits?

We will continue to ask for clarification, and you can demonstrate your concern by asking for clarification as well.... If you need any more information please write to Auroville farmers at aurovillefarmgroup@gmail.com

From Auroville farmers; Priya (Buddha Garden), Tomas (Annapurna) Anshul (Auroorchard), Juan(Terra Soul), Charlie (Aurogreen)

POETRY



Bubbles bounce
Bumping into each other
Yet none bursts.

Only a screensaver
Can do the trick.

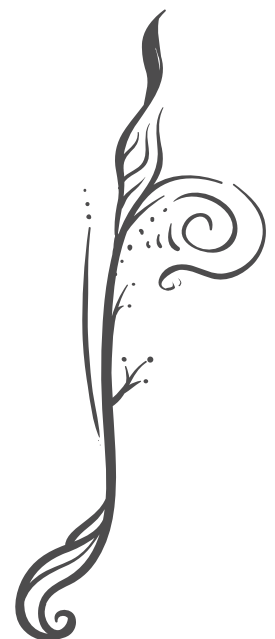
Or its programmer?

-Anandi Z.

AN AWARENESS OF ONENESS

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

ॐ Zech, 2018.08.10



FOR ALL ASPIRING TRUE AUROVILIANS

"No politics" cry some of the invited participants in this Auroville experiment. Correct, for the True Aurovilians, whose purpose in participating in this City of Dawn of the Kalki Avatar Sri Aurobindo and the Mother is to learn deeply and practice their Integral Supramental Yoga to prepare for and hasten the advent of the new apex species the Supramental being. Let the politicians do their politics, as that is their unique role in the Divine Play. Should you as the supposed True Aurovilian dabble in politics, then you reap the karmic effects of that action.

"Auroville for the New Man" say some of the invited participants. Correct, for the True Aurovilians, whose specific purpose is not to get too attached to the psycho-vital-physical animal impulses and programmings of the Old Man, the transitional Homo sapiens species. The Core Vision-Goal of Auroville boils down to "*Man is a transitional being, he is not final*". And for this revolutionary psychophysical transformation beyond the human, the way is the yogic guidance we call the Integral Supramental Yoga¹ of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, founders of this City of Dawn.

To Be a True Aurovilian² is quite specific, with specific instructions for a specific Vision-Goal to be achieved. That is why Auroville was and is being created, as a sanctuary specifically for the True Aurovilians and not for those who have other things and agendas in mind. The Earth is spacious enough for all other specific experiments and ideals. Thus Sri Aurobindo and the Mother our Avatar founders speak of creating this "*protection against infiltration*"³ to shield the True Aurovilians from the old world forces, from the past that seeks to endure.

As eternally living immortal Avatars who have already supramentalised the Subtle Physical realm, our founders oversee the progressive integral developments of this City of Dawn, decreed by the Supreme. They progressively direct and modulate in place the necessary unique players and collaborators to help with the experiential life necessities of the True Aurovilians who are still in this transitional human stage, such as food, shelter, clothing, basic needs, Integral education and works.

Auroville as it has evolved from its inception in the divine consciousness of its Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, to its inauguration on 28th February 1968 to the present, coming under the administration of the Ministry of Education of Mother India since 1988, is a dynamic, self-correcting collective transformative system involving the Government and residents of our host nation Bharat Mata and official archetypal invitees and guests from more than sixty nations around the world. This varied mix is a necessary formula for Unity in Diversity which is the integral basis for a hastened and intensified Supramental evolutionary process for a collective 'change of consciousness' estimated to run progressively for around 300 years starting from 29th February 1956, the first descent of the Supramental Consciousness-Forces on Earth⁴, and eventually culminating in the advent of the new apex species the Supramental being.

Here in this particular link and interconnected hyperlinks are our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother with their authentic guidance for all aspiring True Aurovilians, while all their other revelations and instructions are freely available in our many libraries and online:

<https://incarnateword.in/compilations/the-hidden-forces-of-life/action-of-higher-worlds-and-evolution>

We continue on in the easiest and most joyful Sunlit Path of Surrender, of Bhakti to the Supreme Divine Mother MahaShakti, the secret unveiled by our Avatar founders...

Om Namō Bhagavate 🙏

1. <https://incarnateword.in/>
2. <https://auroville.org/page/core-documents>
3. <https://incarnateword.in/agenda/02/july-18-1961>
4. <https://incarnateword.in/agenda/1/february-29-1956>

Zech, 2024.05.05

VIKAS: MIRACULOUS RESCUE AND HUMBLING EXPERIENCE

To watch workers – today, invariably Tamilians – building or repairing Auroville's assets is a humbling experience. In the absence of Satprem in 1999, for three months, I supervised the construction of Vikas's third building (where I live). Spending daily eight hours on site, having tea with the workers, I was impressed by their dignity and professionalism; I pleaded for them to become Aurovilians, no one accepted.

To be admired at the joy of physical work the best of them exude is a recurring experience; whether sitting on aerial stools to paint our three-floors building, or fixing the thirty-meters deep borewell and the broken pipes – or now, when three plumbers from L'Avenir Water (plus Selvam checking regularly) managed to change parts of the wet pipe of Vikas's third building without breaking the old pavement and structure.

Vikas' basement was ravaged by dirty water, for three months no one dared to take the risk. None of them, not even the chief plumber working for the past twenty-five years, had ever attempted anything similar. It was an extremely delicate operation, performed in impossible conditions. The team had only a 2 inches gap to move; the pipe (inclined, and also shifting the angle) was constricted between the pillar and the stairs. Heavy sludge was inside; at first, they couldn't work because of the steady leakage; the same happened at the second spot, even more infectious. To contain the odour, sand was spread along the parapet. In and out, the plumbers kept removing/installing segments until the new ones fit properly, then glued them.

The first day the plumbers were on site for 11 hours. They lit a fire and worked with a torch, but at 7 in the evening they were forced to stop for want of a new long segment. Our old gardener (a mason who had participated in the construction of Vikas first and second building) helped throughout.

Those two days I went up and down the stairs countless times. To watch the dedication, respect, and solidarity uniting those people (one of them is a tall, handsome Muslim youth) was a much rewarding experience – but also one that raises questions.

Will the day come when, instead of hiring local manpower, will we do the work ourselves? Or integrate our best workers as Aurovilians – as the Mother expects from us?

Are the Matrimandir's golden days gone forever, when we Westerners did the physical work (the children too) together with the hired workers?

Not many villagers had yet joined Auroville; but we never lacked the enthusiasm, and stamina, of doing physical work, equals among equals, at the pursuit of a new world and society shattering all obstacles. And we built Matrimandir.

A big thanks to Selvam and his team who performed a miraculous rescue, and to Govind eng who pushed them to do something they had never performed before.

Also thank to Cristo eng, Shanmugan (Pour Tous Water), and Shankar (Matrimandir), all of them came on call. Vikas's third building materialised in a spirit of solidarity and sharing, with Auroville's best professionals advising Mohan contractor gathering a most qualified manpower; in that spirit, twenty-five years later, it has been rescued.

Paulette

NOTE. This is the link to a Google photographic album documenting the strenuous rescue:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/XfnVYTLnhzQ5UGWr5>

Please ensure that the hole with a filter in the bathroom, as well as the kitchen pipe, are regularly cleared and the waste matter is thrown in the garbage – not in the toilet or the pipes! – to avoid clogging the drainage system.

Those three plumbers are remarkable, and so is our over 70 years old gardener, a hard worker. However, this was the first time I watched a Muslim in the team, stunningly joyful. "You are a Muslim! From which village?" I asked him. "Yes, I am from Pillaichavady" he replied. And me: "Very good! Hindus and Muslims, together, friends!" and all laughed. They laughed most of the time, though it was so hard; but the one who laughed the most was him. He also wiped pipes and cut them – hence the drips – wearing gloves and a mask, and scraped the encrusted sludge; when he saw me taking pictures he said "No! No! Marriage!" I replied:

"Work is sacred. You are a handsome boy, don't worry: your marriage will be very happy!" and he let me take pictures, smiling all the time, reassured.

When first I reached the Ashram, 50 years ago, it took me ten years to overcome the guilt complex of being a Westerner. Being taught by a Tamil Muslim, joyfully scraping sludge, plunged me back in my atavistic shame.



AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 12th May, 9 am - 12 noon

Focus: The Inner being

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

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

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

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

Facilitated by Zech Joya

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

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



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

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

LOOKING FOR LIFE-CHANGING WORK?

We are holding a therapist training at the end of the month in Quiet. A long time friend of Auroville and international teacher is here to share **Wood's Method Gravity Colon Hydrotherapy**. We are holding this training for Aurovilians who would like to devote their time by the ocean and work at Quiet for minimum of one year. This practice deeply heals and changes lives. Learn the magic of emotionally intelligent bedside manner and witness the magical healing capacity of the human body. Serious candidates only please inquire at **7639163541**.



DOG SHELTER

URGENTLY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Auroville Dog Shelter is offering two positions for Animal caretakers, 25 hours per week and can compensate with half a maintenance.

Please contact Arthur through WhatsApp message : 8122225266

HEALTH

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.

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For emergencies, contact:

Auroville Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: +(91) 9442224680

Government Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: 108

Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment

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

AUROKIYA INTEGRAL EYE CENTRE @ ARKA



Working Hours:

Monday - Saturday
(9.00 am -5.30 pm)

Services Provided:

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

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

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.

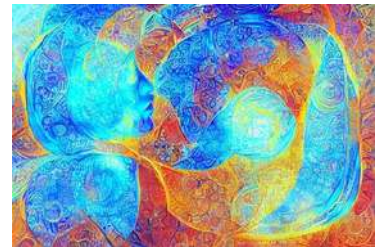
Leela therapy is offered by Kardash in person or on-line, through Inner Sight (an Activity under LEAD).

For more details see www.innersightav.org or whatsapp Kardash on 9940934875.

EDUCATION

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 lecture series, 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

TUTION GRADE 1-12

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



SPOKEN ENGLISH AND HINDI

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



INTEGRAL APPROACH TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ONE YEAR COURSE IN AUROVILLE

The Auroville Physical Education Board (AVPEB, SAILER) has designed a teachers' training foundation course for physical education (PE) teachers in Auroville (AV).

This comprehensive program has been designed to cover basic aspects of PE teaching in AV as well as understanding physical education in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

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

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

Criteria for Participation:

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

Requirement on enrolment:

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

Support for Aurovillians and Newcomers:

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

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

Contact:

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

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

Praveen, Savitri, Pedro, Ruben, Lijun and Nilima



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 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 mediathèque. This program | is free of cost to everyone: Aurovillians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Guests and people from around the Auroville area. The Language Lab has always been open to all and this program will be as well. Ever learnt a language but feel a bit rusty now? Come and revive it! All, including Guests are welcome to join. Come share your language with others!

Conversation Practice sessions 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@aurovillelanguagelab.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 Vishwanathanji will now take a break until the first of June



Our first full-length publication:

We are delighted to share that our first full-length publication, "From Resonance to Bonding" by Dirk Beckedorf & Franz Müller, is now available on Amazon! The book gives an in-depth explanation of the Alfred Tomatis method, its scientific basis, how and why it works, along with detailed case studies. Order through our website: <https://books.aurovillelanguagelab.org/>

You can access the detailed Table of Contents, as well as 2.5 chapters of the actual book for free [here](#), before deciding to order through Amazon.

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

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

Looking for:

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

Tomatis

There will be a short week-long break for the week of 13th – 18th May, to enable the polishing of the tiles in the corridor. There are spaces available after that for both language & listening training programmes!

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

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

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

Language Courses at ALL

New Beginner French with Samuel from 14th May

Samuel, from Martinique, is a native French speaker who is keenly interested in introducing the French language to eager learners. In this 8-hour (1 months) course, he will give you a really fun yet structured introduction to basic French. Get ready to enjoy yourselves in this short course!

- Days & Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 04:00 pm to 05:00 pm
- Starting day: 14th May 2024
- Duration: 8 hours (over one months)

*******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

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

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, 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

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

TAI CHI CHUAN @ SHARNGA

SUMMER SCHEDULE - MAY 13 TO JUNE 22

Tuesdays - Fridays:

- 7:30-8:00am Chi
- 8:00-9:00am Tai Chi Chuan form



Except May 27 - June 1, when there will be class only on Tuesday 28th and Friday 31st.

CONSCIOUS NATURE IMMERSION AT MAHAKALI PARK

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



When: Every Wednesday and Sunday

Contributions: Accepted for the management of the site.

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

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

Contact: Vignesh +91 9620493716

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

Gmap link: [Revelation forest Auroville](#)

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

7:30am–9am, **Asanas** with Rachel
8:30am–10am, **Yoga Therapy** with Gala
3pm–4pm, **Reading Circle of Savitri** with Patricia - An
interactive session on 10/5, then timings will change for the rest
of May as below:
3:45-4:45pm, **Reading Circle of Savitri** with Patricia, on 17, 25
& 31 May
4:30pm–5:30pm, **Readings of the Life Divine** with Balvinder
last class before summer
5:15pm–6:15pm, **Feldenkraiss** with Shari, last class before
summer break: 10/5
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

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.

Natural Eye Healing, workshop “Eye Yoga” with Aurosugan



- **Monday 20 –Friday 24 May**
- **Daily 3–4pm, for 5 days**

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

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

- Registration required.

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

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!

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

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

Quiet Healing Center Summer Break

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

Quiet Healing Center Team

DEEP SOUND BATH IN CREATIVITY

TIBETAN BOWLS

Hall of Light
CREATIVITY community

Every Friday
from 5 to 6:30 PM

Starting from 17th November



There will be a LIGHT massage by the Tibetan Bowls.

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

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

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

Drop in the Hall, no reservation needed.
Please arrive 10 minutes before.

Guest 600 rs / Volunteer 300 rs
Aurovilians and Newcomers, conscious contribution

Sathyayuga
WA +917639761930

VIPASSANA MEDITATION

Date: Every Sunday

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

No registration is required.

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



Vipassana

As taught by S.N. Goenka



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

INDFULNESS KINDFULNESS - HALF DAY RETREAT SATURDAY MAY 11TH (9.15AM-12PM)

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

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

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

It is suitable for everyone - those new to meditation as well as experienced meditators looking to deepen their practice. The session will be at Creativity, Hall of Light. It is hosted by Inner Sight (an Activity under Hospitality Trust) - see innersightav.org
Please whatsapp Helen on **7094753054** to book a place.



MARTIAL ARTS - AIKIDO NEWS - SUMMER UPDATE



Auroville Aikido at AV Budokan (Dehashakti):

Adults' regular schedule for beginners and all levels: During the summer we continue our early classes but discontinue the Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. So, welcome to join this beautiful and complete practice in the form of a Japanese martial art: every **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday** from **6 to 7.30 am** (with N. Murugan and Surya). Reasonable contributions required for the Budokan (a LEAD activity). Children classes (from age 8) will restart in July.
For more info, please contact us: budokan@auroville.org.in and/or call **083001 89062** (Surya) - 099528 12843 (Murugan/WA) - **83006 43963** (Philippe/WA).

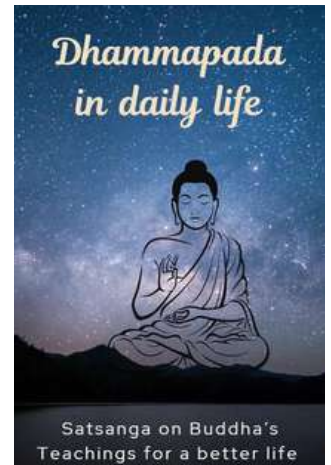
SATSANGA ON DHAMMAPADA IN DAILY LIFE

We warmly invite you for an online Satsanga to integrate the teachings of Dhammapada in our day-to-day life. We will be referring to the original verses in Pali and also [Commentaries on the Dhammapada by The Mother](#) as a guidance to integrate these pearls of wisdom offered by Gautama Buddha into our everyday life.

When: 12th May (Sunday) to 8th June (4 Weeks)

Time: 5 am to 6 am (Everyday)

Where: Online Zoom Call



We request that **participants commit to attending everyday for the first three days (Sunday - May 12th to Tuesday - May 14th)** and then decide whether they would like to continue or not for the remaining period of the Satsanga.

Why and What: Absorb all the 26 chapters of the Dhammapada and hold space for individual and collective reflections, practices, experiments and above all - Divine Grace.

How: श्रवण, मनन, निदिध्यासन (Listening, Reflecting, Self-enquiry & Embodiment)

Which Language: English will be the primary means of communication and we also will listen to the original Dhammapada verses in Pali/Hindi and sometimes also [Commentaries on the Dhammapada by The Mother](#) audio in French. The reflections can be shared in any language preferred by the participant.

Who: Whether you are a beginner or well-versed with Dhammapada, the format welcomes all to learn and share together.

In this collective learning journey, we will all progress together, each at his/her pace. If this interests you and you'd like to participate then please sign up on: <https://tinyurl.com/dhammapadasatsanga>

To know more, feel free to connect with us devabhasha@auroville.org.in

With Gratitude,
Deven

For Vidyamandir and Samskritam Auroville Team

AUROVILLE SCHOOLS STEAM ADVENTURE

Drawing inspiration from the successful Arts and Craft Camp that saw Auroville teachers come together and co-create a nourishing and learning experience for our children, we are organising 'Auroville Schools STEAM Adventure' for all the students of Auroville. Parents can enroll their children by filling the appropriate google form below:

For children 8-12 years old:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Qp0agsBwtFjzbPH9VSfOZOXp40ay7_a-0QNiVI6i0q8/edit

Discover, Innovate, Create
Auroville Schools STEAM Adventure!

SPARK YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION AND DIVE INTO A WEEK OF THRILLING STEAM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART AND MATH)

For 8-12 year children

Features:
Dive into a week of dynamic STEAM activities
Hands-on exploration ignites creativity and curiosity
Led by passionate Auroville school educators and senior students

Join us for lots of fun
Scan to register now!

MON 27 MAY TO FRI 31 MAY
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Bharat Nivas

For children 13+ years old:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nivgpSu6uvaGst5Mr00-nJOreLxKUNZdI0t1xOqf5Nc/edit>

AV Schools STEAM Camp

Location: Bharat Nivas
Date: Mon 27 May to Fri 31 May
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Eligibility: 13+ years

Features :
✓ Engaging STEAM activities
✓ Hands-on learning experiences
✓ Hosted by Auroville School Teachers
✓ Special focus on Leadership, Teamwork and Collaboration

An orientation session will be held on Saturday 25th May

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For any queries write to saiier@auroville.org.in

Anupama, Radhakrishna, Yasmin, Anna, Poovizhi and Nilima.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

TANGO - NEW CLASSES

Wanna Study TANGO

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

MON 19:00 Introduction to Tango 20:00 Opensource	WED 19:30 Guided Practica 20:00 Practilonga
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HARMONY
Bharat Nivas

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

+91 98211 66082 | tango@auroville.org.in

KARAOKE PIZZA NIGHT AT YOUTH CENTER

Dear Community,

YouthLink & Youth Centre are thrilled to extend its warm invitation to you for an exciting **KARAOKE PIZZA NIGHT**. Join us for an unforgettable evening where you can sing your heart out while relishing on delicious pizza.

Whether you believe you have the voice of a professional or you're just a shower singer, this event is tailor-made for everyone to come together, have a blast, and foster a sense of togetherness within our community. Don't forget to bring your favorite song to share with us!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Timings : 7 - 10pm

Where : Youth Center

When : Saturday, 11th of May

KARAOKE PIZZA NIGHT

7:00 - 10:00 PM
Youth Center
Saturday 11th May

Pick your slice
Sing your heart out
& share the joy of music & pizza

MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

A CALL TO CO-CREATE MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

THROUGH DANCE, MOVE, VISUAL ARTS,
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- 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

ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY AT 10.30 AM

eco•femme



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Thursday 10.30 - 11.30 am to learn about menstrual
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ecofemme.org



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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 Saturdays** in our
community kitchen!



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY LUNCH

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



Every Thursday & Saturday- Contribution required

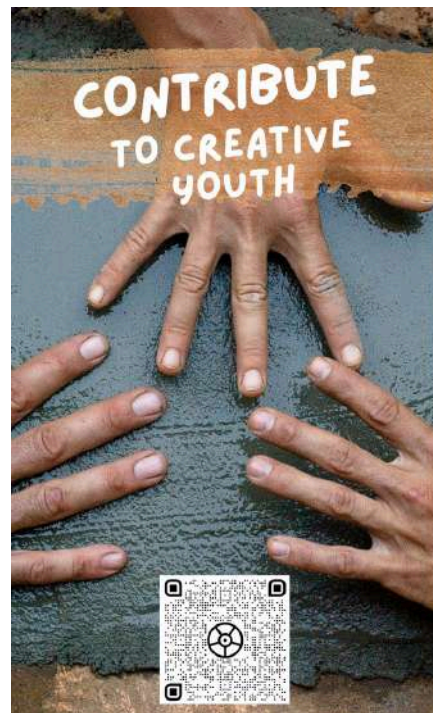


MUST book min. 1 day in advance: +918489760966

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



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Youth Center!**

Cause: Your
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educational activities and
workshops for young
creators.

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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



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.

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solitudepermaculture@gmail.com



REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIGDES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

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

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

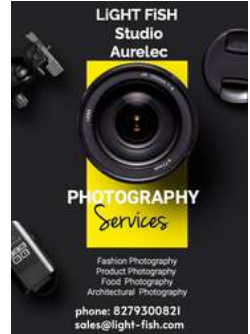


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Regards, Julien.

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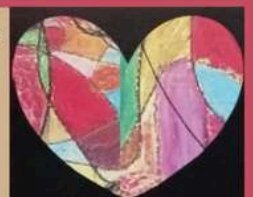


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SURABHI SUPPLIES

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

Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,
Surabhi Supplies

RAPID CARE SERVICES RCS

Dear Residents,

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

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



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

Contact: + 91 8270071581 / +91 7639810621

Primary Email: rapidcare@auroville.org.in

Secondary Email: rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com

Instagram handle: @rapidcare1

For Rapid Care
Balaji & Arun

WE CAN HELP TO FIX ALL YOUR BROKEN ITEMS

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

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

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

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



TRAVEL NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA

(TUESDAY 6TH OF MAY 2024)



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...

Our door is open from 9h30 till 4pm.

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

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

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

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

Some current offers:

- Malaysia Airlines is pleased to offer special fares for travel from India to Australia/ New Zealand. The fares are available in Business as well as Economy.
- Ethihad 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.
- Aeroflot 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, Cochín 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 Tips:

Several travellers were "boarding denied" as check-in staff didn't accept the **e-FRRO Stay Visa** as valid document without backing 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 have 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...

UPDATES FROM MARCSCAFE

Hello gelato enthusiasts!

It looks like summer has arrived early, doesn't it?

Some of you may have noticed that we're currently not serving gelato at Dreamers.



This situation is out of our hands, but we still wanted to inform you that you can have at Marcscafe in Kuilapalayam.

Just a friendly reminder, we are **closed every Wednesday**, and we'll also be **closed from May 27th to 30th** for repairs.

Take care and stay cool!

Best wishes,
The Marcscafe Team

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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
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Warmly,
TreeCare Team

RUPHAVATI JOY ACTIVITIES

BIO-REGION TEMPLE TOUR

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

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

Starting point from Solar Kitchen.

Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week.

Please contact in advance for more information and booking: 8098845200



SOUTH-INDIAN CUISINE - COOKING CLASS

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

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

Please book sessions in advance.



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Monday - Saturday between 9AM and 5PM

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

TAILORING

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

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

LOOKING FOR

SEEKING HALF-TIME GARDENER



Anitya community looking for a half time gardener, ideally who can speak/understand a little English.

Responsibilities include:

- Maintenance and care of plants/trees/veg garden in anitya
- General land care, raking leaves, cleaning and maintenance
- Water area care - tanks, pumps etc
- Odd jobs that might come up related to community maintenance

We are looking for someone who will love this land like we do, who will look after it with care and responsibility. References are a must.

Part time (half days) work with remuneration appropriate to experience.

Please contact Nikki +917094716136, nikethana2001@gmail.com

AVAILABLE

ANTIQUÉ BED AVAILABLE

Available against donation:
Antique 4-post bed, mattress
More info mail to julietta.kuehle@gmail.com



LOST & FOUND

LOST PHONE

Tom Lane has lost a Samsung Galaxy phone in a black cover between Centre Field and Vibrance on Tuesday evening 23rd. If you happen to find it, he would be happy to hear from you on thomaslane@pm.me or phone **9442270640**. Thank you.



FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE
Auro - Traductions

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



FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1025

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

TAXI SHARE



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

CAB SHARE ON 11TH MAY

Please contact Samrat WhatsApp +91 9655024511 if you wish to share a cab both ways. A taxi picks me up from **Chennai City**, approximately 30 minutes away from airport, on **Saturday, 11th May at 11.30am** to bring me back to Auroville.

TAXI SHARE ON 12TH MAY

I am arriving at **Chennai airport** by **17.30**. If you are arriving at a similar time or leaving from Auroville earlier on the same day and would like to share the taxi then please email me – nandita@sharan-india.org or send a whatsapp message - +919488483286
Nandita, Quiet

HOME NEEDED

LOVE PUPPY



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 dehydrated in the sun, I brought her. Unfortunately, I cannot keep this healthy, sweet, and very intelligent pup. My option is to find her a kind human home or to leave her back close to where I found her but somewhat more fortified – with baths, deworming, and basic vaccination. She has been treated with a minor skin rash, had two medicated baths, was dewormed, and got her first vaccination shot. Indies are smart and way more robust than any breed of dogs.
Please open your heart and home /spread the word.
Contact: ninasauville@gmail.com



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
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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

AV RADIO 

Dear Aurovilians,
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[Here](#) you can see on-air schedules.


Last published podcasts:

[Soul Tracks Se. 6, Ep. 1 – Beatley Dan?\(Music\)](#)

[Marlenka’s weekly Offering – Ep.117\(Literature\)](#)

[À la découverte de notre Être Psychique, entretiens en Français, Se. 2, Ep. 1 \(Spirituality\)](#)

....and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org
 For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in
 Peace and love

Regards,
 Wobbli 

CINEMA

AUROFILM

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

Reminder: Friday 10 May - 8 pm “A WOMAN OF PARIS” - US, 1923

This week we present a **1923 silent film**, written, directed and with music by **Charles Chaplin**; and the first in which he does not appear as an actor!

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

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, is prevented to reach on time. He 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 music - English inter-titles, duration 1h.18'

We hope you will enjoy this romantic drama with Chaplin's sharp eye and love for humanity... After this film show, we will take a little break to return early July with new Friday movies and Cine-Master Classes! You may also go to our Aurofilm YouTube channel to follow or discover our productions!

With love and light for your Summer time, wherever you are,
 the Aurofilm team





Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film program 13 May 2024 - 19 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 13 May, 8:00 pm:

• LAAPATAA LADIES (Lost Ladies)

India, 2023, Dir. Kiran Rao w/ Nitanshi Goel, Sparsh Srivastav, Savita Malviya, and others, Comedy-Drama, 122mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

This much acclaimed film by both critiques and audience - is set in 2001, somewhere in rural India. It is about the adventures of two young brides who get lost from the same train. The chaos that ensues is both funny and moving; and sparks an unexpected series of events that lead them into a journey of immense discovery; about themselves, womanhood, and life itself. Can't miss this comedy of errors!

Potpourri – Tuesday 14 May, 8:00 pm:

• THE TREE OF LIFE

USA, 2011, Writer-Dir. Terrence Malick w/ Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, Jessica Chastain, and others, Drama-Fantasy, 139mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

The impressionistic story of a Texas family in the 1950s. The film follows the life journey of the eldest son, Jack, through the innocence of childhood to his disillusioned adult years as he tries to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father. Jack finds himself a lost soul in the modern world, seeking answers to the origins and meaning of life while questioning the existence of faith.

Interesting – Wednesday 15 May, 8:00 pm:

• HACK YOUR HEALTH: THE SECRETS OF YOUR GUT

USA, 2024, Dir. Anjali Nayar w/Giulia Enders, Heiner Kramer, John Cryan, and others, Documentary, 79mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

An informative yet light hearted film exploring the intricacies of the digestive system, especially the gut microbiome, and its pivotal role in maintaining overall health and well-being. Simply told, this film is enjoyable and essential. Don't miss!

Selection – Thursday 16 May, 8:00 pm:

• WO HU CANG LONG (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon)

Taiwan-Hong Kong-USA-China, 2000, Dir. Ang Lee w/Chow Yun-Fat, Michelle Yeoh, Ziyi Zhang, and others, Action-Adventure, 120mins, Mandarin-Chinese w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13 In early 19th century Qing Dynasty China, the renounced swordsman, Li Mu Bai, who yearns for enlightenment - decides to end his carrier and gives his sword, Green Destiny, to Governor Yu, via a female warrior Yu Shu Lien. However, it is stolen, and the chase is on to find it. The search leads to the House of Yu where the story takes on a whole different level.

International – Saturday 18 May, 8:00 pm:

• 20.000 ESPECIES DE ABEJAS (20,000Species of Bees)

Spain, 2023, Writer-Dir. Estibaliz Urresola Solaguren w/Sofía Otero, Patricia López, ArnaizAne Gabarain, and others, Drama, 128mins, Spanish-Basque-French w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

In this acclaimed debut feature the director gently and compassionately tells a story about exploring gender and personal identities. Ane, a sculptor living in the south of France, in middle of a professional and personal crises decides to spend the summer, along with her three children, in a Basque Country village with her widowed mother Lita and her aunt Lourdes, who are also beekeepers. Coco alias Lucia her 8-yearsold is confused about her gender identity. As she explores, women in her family reflects on their own lives and desires as well. The experience and revelations can change their lives forever. A must watch!

Children's Matinee- Sunday 19 May, 4:00 pm:

• THE SECRET OF KELLS

Ireland-Belgium-France, 2009,Writer-Dir. Tomm Moore & Nora Twomey w/ Evan McGuire, Brendan Gleeson, Mick Lally, and others, Animation-Adventure, Irish Gaelic-Norwegian-Latin- English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR

Young Brendan lives in a remote outpost under siege from barbarian raids. A new life of adventure beckons him when a celebrated master arrives from the isle of Iona with an ancient but unfinished book, brimming with secret wisdom and powers. To help complete the magical book, Brendan must overcome his deepest fears on a dangerous quest that takes him into the enchanted forest where mythical creatures hide. It is here that he meets the fairy Aisling, a young wolf-girl, who helps him along the way. But with the barbarians closing in, will Brendan's determination and artistic vision illuminate the darkness and show that enlightenment is the best fortification against evil?

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Ciné-Club Sunday 19 May, 8:00 pm:

• CÉSAR

France, 1936, Dir. Marcel Pagnol w/ Raimu, Orane Demazis and others, Comedy-drama, 168 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Fanny, abandoned by Marius, marries Panisse who adopts Césariot, the child of love, and raises him as his son. Today, Césariot is an adult and Panisse is dying. Fanny reveals the truth to her son, who then decides to go in search of Marius, his father regarding her future.

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