NEWS & NOTES

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PONDERING

A Dream (Part 3)

The earth is certainly not ready to realise such an ideal, for mankind does not yet possess the necessary knowledge to understand and accept it or the indispensable conscious force to execute it. That is why I call it a dream.

Yet, this dream is on the way to becoming a reality. That is exactly what we are seeking to do at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram on a small scale, in proportion to our modest means. The achievement is indeed far from being perfect but it is progressive: little by little we advance towards our goal which, we hope, one day we shall be able to hold up before the world as a practical and effective means of coming out of the present chaos in order to be born into a more true, more harmonious new life.

Aug. 1954

The Mother on Auroville, Pages 5&6 https://motherandsriaurobindo.in/The-Mother/books/compilations/the-mother-on-auroville/



HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA



April 2, 1981

(The felled tree.) Every time you are sad, you let the adversary's knife enter your heart.

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(Letter to the Cooperative of Auroville)

Jean-Marie conveyed to me your big envelope for the Agenda.

You cannot know how touched I was. Immediately, I put it at the feet of Sri Aurobindo and told him: "You see, it is Auroville that gives this for Mother's Work."

You did this with your hearts, but you don't well assess the importance of the gesture that you have made. It is very important. It is as important as the laying of the first stone of the Matrimandir. It means that your material being has understood a little what Mother's presence on earth means. It is like a direct *bridge* that you have thrown between your physical being and the Grace of the future.

What you don't know, perhaps, is that these *Agendas* are not books, are not a teaching, are not even experiences; it is beyond all that, more powerful than all that: it is Mother's body. It is her living Force to transform the world. Without it, there is no Auroville. Without it, there is no new world. It is not a book. It is a powerful radioactive ore. You can read it and understand, or not understand, or understand a little what is in it, but it does not really matter; what matters is that you touch this book, that you touch this Force and come into contact with the Force that CAN transform. This is what the *Agenda* is.

And Mother liked so much the material gesture of "giving," yes, banknotes. Money is precisely the Adversary's hideout — it always goes to selfish ends, even if appearances are altruistic. But to give to Mother is a concrete act which is more important than all philosophies, speeches or even the cloudy or less cloudy feelings in which one envelops things. To give means to make your body participate.

So I am sure that your gesture has a deep meaning for the future and that it is a promise and a blessing for Auroville.

Perhaps what you don't know either is that this *Agenda* symbolizes a little (or perhaps a lot) the battle of the New World. It is a formidable battle, of which Auroville is only a small reflection. Two thousand years ago, what could a few men understand around a being called Christ? What did those few men know of what the seed sown by Christ was to become? What do we know today of Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's meaning? Will this seed be perverted once again, imprisoned in a religion, shut up in a politico-spiritual power? Or else will it freely and integrally fructify and radiate with its living Power to change the earth?

This *Agenda* is the whole battle of the future. You don't know what battle, really....

Today it is in India that the battle of the World is taking place. It is absolutely essential that the *Agenda* spreads in India and wakes its sleeping soul. This is what can save India and Auroville. You don't know all the material and invisible obstacles. But your gesture is very important in this battle.

So, I want this money to go to the work of the *Agenda in India*. If you want to go on with your effort in the future, I would like your offering to be given anonymously to the Cooperative, when you wish, in a special envelope reserved for the Agenda. It is not at all a question of giving two rupees or two thousand rupees. It is the question of your material awakening to the meaning of the Agenda. It is not superfluous money that you give, it is something else, which cannot be numerically measured. (...)

I love you, I am your brother from all times and for all times.



Satprem

Notebooks of an Apocalypse – Volume 2: 1978-1982 <u>https://sri-</u> aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/carnets of an apocalypse 0 002 e.htm

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- 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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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 <u>FORM</u> to submit your content.
- The mail ID to submit content is: <u>newsandnotes@auroville.services</u>.

Thank you for your continued support!

In community, The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

WORKING GROUPS NEWS

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

NO ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

OBITUARY

TIA PLEIMAN LEFT HER BODY

This is to inform the community that Tia passed away on June 1st 2024. Her cremation took place the same day. She worked as an art therapist with Maatram.

Deepest condolence go to her family and friends.

Om

MAHALINGAM FROM LA FERME PASSES AWAY

This is to inform the community that Mahalingam has passed away. Husband of Mayavathi, father of Saravana & Gopi.

Mahalingam, tamilian, one of early Aurovilians, joined in 1975. He worked in the Auroville weather station.

For some years he left Auroville and worked several jobs in the Auroville vicinity; postmaster in Auroville post office, land surveyor and worked for Vanur Taluk.

In 2005 he rejoined Auroville where he served in Land Board till 2010. There he helped Auroville with acquiring various occupied lands, correcting land records. He also supported Aurovilians with various certificates.

He was known and remembered as calm, friendly man of few words. Great father & husband. A Humble soul!

Our deepest condolences are extended to his family and friends.

Om

KRISHNA'S OBITUARY

Krishna was born in 1969 in Kuilapalayam village. He soon came to live in New Creation Boarding. Being an enthusiastic and active young chap open to learn many things, he rapidly got involved in community life. He first joined Aureka and worked with Slyvio. Then André Tardeil gave him an old Ambassador car to drive people around in Auroville. This seeded an interesting idea: to start a transport service for the community. It was the birth of New Creation Transport Service which he started together with André and Mani.

It was a demanding job. Krishna worked day and night to offer this important service. In 2007 he left New Creation Transport Service and started Unity Transport Service. But his hard work took a toll on his frail health: in March 2022, he suffered a stroke and was bed ridden for almost two years, being taken care of by his wife and daughters. He passed away on May 29th. His body was buried the same day at the Auroville Burial Ground.



COMMUNITY SHARING

FOREST GROUP: EMERGENCY MEETING SUMMARY - 4 WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2024

Housing Policy in the Green Belt

Outer Ring Road - Red Assets

 People living in Miracle, Minati, Silence, and Revelation are being harassed by GB working groups and asked to leave their home.

Concerns

- The forests are slowly being neglected due to these takeovers and lack of funds due to the cut maintenances and budgets that happened in June 2023 by the GB FAMC.
- Residents moving into the Green Belt or green spaces are expected to work in the forest and contribute to its upkeep.

Entry and Housing Issues Regarding Forest Communities

- Long-time Aurovilians (TOS) are being unilaterally removed from the RoR.
- Confirmed Aurovilians and newcomers are not being recognized and are asked to move out of their houses. However, becoming a newcomer or an Aurovilian requires long-term housing in Auroville. Historically, forest stewards built houses for those helping with green work and supported their statuses, now those people are forced to leave by GB working groups.
- GB FAMC and the Housing Service are managing admissions and terminations without transparency and are allotting houses without consulting the Forest Group.
- The Housing Service is requested to follow due process and respect the Residents Assembly's guidelines.
- Support- If you are concerned and wish to help or need/want more information, please contact the Forest Group at <u>forestgroup@auroville.services</u>.

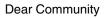
Pitchandikulam Fence Damage

- 300 meters of Pitchandikulam's fence was broken by a private landowner.
- The Land Board has been notified but has not responded for over two weeks.
- The Forest Group requests the Land Board to take suitable actions to protect the lands of Auroville.

PCG grants related to green practises

 It would be very helpful for the forest group to have more information about accepted grants related to sustainable practices, green work, nature and ecology. This way, the forest group can access the studies and knowledge gained from these grants.

SETTING UP AN ATHER SERVICE CENTER IN AV



We are in discussions with Ather management officials to setup a service center in Auroville. This would allow all Ather scooters to be serviced locally, eliminating the need to travel to Pondy.

KINISI

To strengthen our case for a service point in Auroville, Ather management requires data on the number of Athers in use within and around the area. Therefore, we kindly request all Ather owners/users who:

- * Purchased their Ather directly from Ather
- * And have not had their Ather serviced in Kinisi to fill out the Ather info Google form. <u>Ather info</u>

AUROORCHARD - MOTHER'S GIFT TO AUROVILLE'S FOOD SECURITY AND ITS UNDOING

Please find the full story HERE

Imagine a lush, green farm in rural Tamil Nadu, nestled in the outskirts of Auroville, a well-known experiment in human unity, also called 'the city the Earth needs'. A piece of land, purchased before the launch of this spiritually-based township by its founder, Mirra Alfassa, loved and revered as the Mother, who used her own savings to secure this large plot, named it AuroOrchard and gave it the explicit mission 'to grow food for Auroville'. She asked a young devotee to take charge of the land and guided him step by step to turn the bare ground into a fertile farm. 56 years onward, Gerard still lives here and follows the happenings with keen attention.





1968 and today



Farming always means plenty of work, but apart from dealing with the usual challenges - from droughts and pests to the economic pressures that face farming ever more across the world – Auro Orchard has opened itself to the art and science of regenerating the land, of healing the soil and communing with the conscious life of the elements, plants and animals alike. Gradually it invites back an increasing harmony between Nature and humans, as well as among humans, be it community members, paid workers, volunteers and its surroundings. After converting to fully organic practices, the farm thrives with a lively hub of volunteers who come from all over India and abroad to learn by experience.. In Auroville, it is much loved not only for its famous mangoes, avocados and eggs, but also for the steady flow of healthy vegetables reaching the community.

(...) continue reading HERE ...

This is the story of Auro Orchard, Mother's gift of farming to Auroville, as it has unfolded up to the bleak present moment. It is to be noted that AuroOrchard is far from alone. Half a dozen other farms have been crippled if not destroyed. And more recent land exchanges are no less shocking, showing surprisingly similar patterns, both in the features of the deals and the way the resident Aurovilians are treated. Urgent attention and intervention are needed at this moment for Djaima, Felicity, Pebble Garden, Buddha Garden, Shambala, Siddharta Farm...





Agni Nakshatra (May) 2024 © Concerned Aurovilians

DOG SHELTER: AUROVILLE GETS WEEKLY MOBILE VET CLINIC!

Great news for Auroville's animal lovers! Despite fighting severe budget constraints, we're launching a mobile vet clinic service, offering basic care and cost-price or donation-based vaccinations for your furry animal friends.

Soft Launch: Friday, June 14th Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Solar Kitchen Parking Lot

What We Offer:

- Free Consultations: Get expert vet advice on your pet's health.
- Basic Medical Care: Address minor ailments and concerns.
- Cost-Price Donation-based Vaccinations: Keep your pets protected at an affordable rate.
- Spay/Neuter Bookings: Schedule sterilization surgeries to solve the puppy crises!
- Pet Care Info: Learn how to keep your animals happy and healthy.
- Volunteering Information: Become part of our animal care crew!

We welcome everyone, whether you have a dog, cat, or another furry friend (or feathered companion!). Please bring your pet along for their check-up, or stop by to have a chat with us.

This is a soft launch trial run, held every Friday. If all goes well, we hope to expand the service to nearby villages! Healthy pets lead to a healthier community for everyone!

Our shelter is always in need of support, if you wish to donate: **FS acc. No 251391**

Any questions? Contact us! aurovilledogshelter@gmail.com

VOICES AND NOTES

AUROVILLE IN CRISIS: A CALL TO RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE

To Aurovilians and Supporters:

Auroville, as most of us know, is under threat from a new administration's calculated strategy. Some of us regularly share that they are baffled by the amount of incompetency deployed by this administration and their appointees. But what might appear as mere incompetence can actually be a deliberate strategy to dismantle the community. By starving Auroville of resources and creating chaos, the administration aims to break down existing structures, forcing out residents, and paving the way for their own appointees. This is slowly happening: those few Aurovilians who had sided with the administration are progressively being replaced by officials and other non-Aurovilians who have strong alliances with the administration. The residents of Auroville are progressively being replaced.

The Hidden Agenda

Recent events in Auroville indicate a strategic effort to starve the community of resources, creating a situation where it becomes impossible to sustain daily life. This deliberate chaos is not merely incompetence but a calculated move to break down the existing structures. Once Auroville is rendered unlivable, the administration can then appoint its own people and reshape the community according to its own agenda.



Key Elements of the Strategy:

- <u>Resource Starvation</u>: Cutting off funds and disrupting essential services to create a sense of crisis and instability. (For example: dismissing skilled executives, discontinuing the maintenances of over 160 individuals, creating administrative hurdles for all project holders that rely on international funding, spending lakhs in repeated audits to harass residents...)
- <u>Erosion of Autonomy:</u> Implementing top-down decisions, disregarding the community's input, and dismissing skilled members who oppose their plans. (For example: ignoring the Dreamweavers, imposing an outdated interpretation of the Master Plan, ignoring RA decisions, targeting members of Auroville working groups...)
- <u>Silencing Dissent:</u> Using intimidation and bureaucratic hurdles to silence those who speak out against the administration's actions. (For example: takeover of Outreach Media and the Auroville Archives, spreading false narratives, censoring the old News and Notes, banning users from Auronet...)

Recognizing the Authoritarian Playbook

This approach is characteristic of authoritarian regimes, where creating chaos and breaking down community structures is a prelude to a more aggressive takeover. The goal is to make Auroville ungovernable, pushing out those who cannot endure the hardships, and filling the void with loyal appointees who will reshape Auroville to align with the new administration's vision.

The Importance of Resistance

In the face of this strategic dismantling, the biggest act of resistance is to remain in Auroville and persevere. Staying in the community is a form of defiance against the administration's efforts to displace and replace the original residents.

Acts of Resistance:

- Stay and Persevere: Maintain a presence in Auroville despite the challenges. Your presence is a form of protest against the takeover.
- Refuse Financial Support: Avoid contributing financially to the administration's initiatives that further their control over the community. We also need to collectively refuse grants that would sack the autonomy of Auroville.
- External Support: Those outside Auroville can provide crucial support to those who remain, whether through financial aid, spreading awareness, or other means of assistance. For example, awareness can be spread about the misinformation campaigns and censorship carried out by the administration, the ecological disaster taking place, the total disregard for Auroville values, the visa issues, the questionable financial management, etc.

A Call to Unity

This crisis calls for unprecedented unity among Aurovilians and supporters. By standing together, refusing to be driven out, and supporting each other, the community can resist the systematic takeover. Upholding the founding principles of Auroville is essential in this struggle.

What You Can Do:

- <u>Stay Informed:</u> Keep abreast of developments and understand the administration's strategies. Make sure you get your news through sources that are not censored, such as the Evolving Galaxy Bulletin.
- <u>Support Each Other:</u> Provide emotional and practical support to fellow Aurovilians. We're together in this.
- <u>Spread Awareness</u>: Share the situation with a broader audience to garner more support and bring global attention to the crisis. We need strong allies. Auroville is not just a physical place, it is also a dream, an ideal, and a hope for all humanity.

Conclusion

Auroville's crisis is a critical moment in its history. The community's strength lies in its unity and resilience. By recognizing the hidden agenda behind the administration's actions and committing to stay and resist, Aurovilians can uphold the vision of Auroville as a place of human unity and progress. External supporters play a crucial role in this resistance by aiding those on the ground.

Stay strong, stay united, and let Auroville's spirit of unity and perseverance guide us through these challenging times.

Aurorrific, an Aurovilian with a pen

Editor's Note: The views expressed are of the author only.

STRENGHTENING THE AV THEY CANNOT TOUCH

Dear all,

The most recent GB meeting seems to have dealt Auroville yet another brutal blow, possibly more radical than the many hard knocks that preceded it. Many of us are now being challenged at the very existential level, with acute threats to the base of our being here in Auroville - which for many is the only home and the only family we recognise, or have ever known.

For the last 3 years, starting with the systematic disruption of communication, everything has been done to disintegrate the life and integrity of our community. The teachings and values of our Masters have been disregarded, and the most basic ethics - such as respect and truthfulness - are cynically denied. As for us, we have been labelled and treated as immoral miscreants and the scum of humankind. And now we learn that the looting and destruction of Auroville's physical body has been sanctioned in a measure never imagined before.

Nowadays I am anguished, not so much about losing our wellloved house as I trust we will always find shelter. I am anguished because I don't want to see my Auroville family ripped apart. My heart breaks and revolts at the thought. And more than anything, I am anguished thinking of the many dear friends and fellow Aurovilians lying sleepless at night, wondering what will happen to them if they get told to 'go back to their country'... Those who have spent a lifetime calling Auroville their home, who have given themselves and all they had to this adventure on red earth which has seen their children and/or grand-children born and raised, Those who do not have a 'plan B', be it family or savings or whatever may work for them, who do not have anywhere to go to if they are uprooted from where their life belongs...

We came here to give ourselves to the Divine, and for the arduous adventure of working towards human unity. The understanding between the Mother and Her children is that to the degree that we give ourselves to Her, in that measure the Divine takes charge of our needs. Mother laid it out so beautifully in the 'Dream of the Divine'.

It is my understanding that She expects us Aurovilians to realise that security for each other, through whatever systems we are able to develop at any given time, under whatever name, prosperity or other. It cannot be the government's role to build or even support these systems for us, and we should not entertain any such hope or expectation; what we can and should ask the government is not to stand in the way while we get on with the task.

And so my deep urge is to say: Let's remember that there is an Auroville that no destruction can touch. It is ours to build the Auroville Mother described, between us all, embodied in the way we relate to each other. It is both Mother's call, and our ultimate defiance to the forces of darkness trying to destroy the Divine's dream, to realise what Sri Aurobindo so amazingly describes in Savitri: Each was unique, but took all lives as his own, A diapason of soul-interchange Harmonised a Oneness deep, immeasurable. [...] Each gave its powers to help its neighbours' parts, But suffered no diminution by the gift; Profiteers of a mystic interchange, They grew by what they took and what they gave, All others they felt as their own complements, One in the might and joy of multitude. [from 'The House of the Spirit and the New Creation']

In spite of the excessive individualism that has often kept us from uniting, this secret heartbeat between us already exists, and the ongoing crisis has made it grow much stronger in many ways. So, my question is, while the battle continues, can we defy the powers of destruction by reaffirming and strengthening THAT Auroville which they cannot touch, which already unites us on the inner level?

Concretely, I yearn for a pledge that we will NOT leave anyone to struggle on their own if their standing for Auroville results (directly or indirectly) in their losing their maintenance, their home, their visa, their health... a reassurance that no-one who has given him/herself to Auroville needs to fear to fall through the cracks, or to end up exhausted, spent, destitute, forgotten casualties of this struggle against falsehood?

I don't know what form(s) such a pledge will ideally take, but anything that expresses solidarity between us will help. And for that, despite all suffocating regulations, there are plenty of possibilities. Auroville can still be the playground of Her children in which we get together to create new systems of mutual support for a new society, for the new world..

This is the Auroville no adverse force can touch.

Shall we gather our ideas?

Jasmin

"SEEKING THE HIGHER CONSCIOUSNESS": THE ORGANISATION FOR AUROMODEL

The Mother summarily introduced the purpose of Auromodel to Rijuta[1]: "On Wednesday, I worked on a detailed plan for the financial and administrative organisation of Auroville. It will be published. Roger proposes a Quartier [Auromodel] for the builders of Auroville at the sea -2,000 to 3,000 engineers, architects, administrators. It will be easier to solve the problems on a smaller scale first, then transpose to Auroville in 3, 4, 5 years after the first Quartier has worked it out. There will be no need to choose or reject people; they will themselves go if they don't fit in. It will be only for those who want a new life."

Notes taken by Rijuta on 12 April 1968 (Auroville Archive)

How would Auromodel – the model of Auroville – be organised? Interacting with the Mother, Roger took these revealing notes:

"It will be difficult to find the [right] consciousness. What's needed is to find not a yogi – there are so many sorts of yoga! And they have stopped acting – but a person who knows how to put the organization in order according to the true consciousness.

Are there other forces that need to be expressed?

(The Mother ponders): They are the forces presently at work; they must be transformed.

No boss.

Yes, it is precisely this: it is according to qualifications that the hierarchy will be determined.

Regarding the faculties.

Yes."

The following day, the Mother replied to Roger's written questions:

"AUROMODEL. It is about an organization that sees itself as one single Being.

The functions of this Being are societal functions – identified and acting together to create life-activity.

All activity requires all organizational functions, but their 'level' of intervention varies as required.

The basic organic cell includes seven functions.

Good.

The idea is to become aware of the true organizational functions that facilitate the harmonious and efficient functioning of the collective body – to individualise them – and organize the coordinated play of the functions within cells of harmony,[which are to be] the basis of the societal functioning.

- Are the envisaged functions the correct ones? If not, which ones?
- Are there other functions to individualise within Auromodel's society?

Auromodel is an attempt and an experience. As it develops, the organisation will modify itself according to needs. All organization must remain supple and flexible so that it always progresses and modifies itself according to need.

At the top, the original cell – the core is constituted by the most qualified people to best express the organizational functions. Together they form but one and same 'person' automatically seeking the highest consciousness. At the coordinating centre at the highest position in the hierarchy, is the person who is most in contact with the higher consciousness.

This is very good.

In each organizational function there is a hierarchy, at the top of which is the person who is the most advanced in that specific domain. They are the 'Masters' of the organizational function in question.

'Master' must be understood in the sense of guide and support. The harmony cells, the foundation of each societal functioning, are of two kinds:

1. An activity cell – specialised action unit, with three grouped functions: conceptual ideas, finance, production.

2. An organic cell of the social body – with 7 functions:

a) Communication

b) Aids to become conscious – information – relations – transparency – reflexivity - mirroring.

c) Idea [Creativity - renewal - right orientation - motor].

d) Environment. [Utilisation of space - aesthetics - quality of life.]

e) Finance [Evaluation - right value].

f) Movement [Commerce - transport - exchange – distribution].

g) Materialisation [Production – execution].

h) Coordination (harmony).

Are the envisaged organizational functions the correct ones? If not, what are they?

Are there other functions to be individuated within Auromodel's organization?

The new faculties should correspond to the different organizational functions of the collective body. The highest faculty, that of coordination, is the faculty of harmony, the faculty of unity.

Thus each faculty has a field of education which reorganizes and modifies the traditional disciplines.

The studies one pursues will correspond to one's natural predisposition. People will develop in the best way and will, consequently, be most useful to the social body.

It is good. Blessings

[The Mother wrote this comment on the margin:]

To begin with it is good. It must be able to modify itself according to needs and experience. Blessings."

Roger Anger's archives, 12.2.1969

The last two texts are among the first documents that Roger passed to me from his archive. I took it as an adesha, and with my companions at the Centre for Human Unity (instituted by Kireet Joshi, it was funded with grants from the GOI) we displayed a mini-exhibition for everybody in Auroville to know.

The Mother has spoken.

Paulette

[1] The Mother called 'straightforward' this American disciple, who became her secretary and acted as a liaison with the American followers.



POETRY



A red carpet Of rising film stars A yellow carpet Of fallen flowers

Glories rise and fall In due time

All are composted Organically Eventually

Something new Under the cover Might sprout

-Anandi Z.



SUPPORT NEEDED

FOR A PLANE TICKET TO FRANCE

Dear community,

I have the opportunity to go to France to take care of kids in a family for a year. I would be very grateful to get some financial support to buy the plane ticket. I have to leave on the 3rd of July. Thank you all.

Mélusine from The Family, Révélation. **FS account : 107007**



AWAKENING SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 11th June, 9 am - 12 noon Focus: The Great Stair of Existence

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



During the Summer months, Sunil's music and Savitri read by Mother will be replaced by the beautiful New Year Music, also by Sunil and with each time a different prayer by the Mother recorded with the 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 SAIIER Building, Town Hall Complex, Auroville

By appointment only: please call 8300191193





Please click this link for details or scan the above QR Code



Also check Zech's Weekly Sharings: https://zechjoya.blogspot.com

Or click the QR Code on the left

HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN JUNE 2024

Working Hours:

Sauté

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

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS WILL BE CLOSED IN JUNE

Tests and Sample collection: Mon-Fri before <u>8:30</u> - 12:00 pm. No sample collection on Saturday.

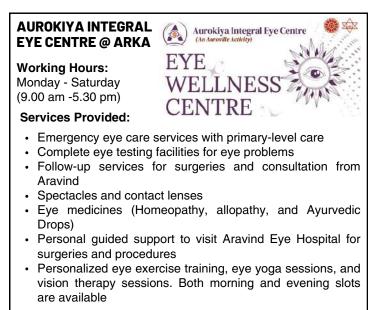
> For emergencies, contact: Auroville Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: +(91) 9442224680 Government Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: 108

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

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

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

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



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

LEELA THERAPY

A unique combination of psychotherapy,



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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 <u>www.innersightav.org</u> 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 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!

In this thin summer period, where some people are out of station, only the English Conversation Practice sessions are happening on Thursdays. The focus continues to be on the Auroville Charter and The Dream. All are welcome for these sessions.

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

Our first full-length publication:

We are delighted to share that our first full-length publication, "From Resonance to Bonding" by Dirk Beckedorf & Franz Müller, is now available on Amazon! The book gives an in-depth explanation of the Alfred Tomatis method, its scientific 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 <u>here</u>, 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 know many of you have complained that it is not available as a paperback. We have great news : very soon, it will be! The last print sample is being vetted, and the paperback will be available in about two-three weeks!

Looking for:

Someone who can type in English! We have many case notes to type up which detail the progress made – especially by children – during Tomatis programs. The work would have to be done at the Lab. We need someone who can type, cares for people, and will respect confidentiality. We could definitely still do with someone to help with fundraising. And we always welcome volunteer language teachers.

Tomatis

Please contact 0413-3509932 or 04132622467 or email us at tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations. In case you wrote earlier but haven't heard back from us, please send us a reminder by email.

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

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

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Please find this weeks schedule HERE

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

To join or enquire:

Please fill our form at <u>http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.org/</u> You may also drop us an email at <u>info@aurovillelanguagelab.org</u>, call us at 262-3661, text us at +91 9843030355 or come visit us!

Please Note:

Registration and contribution are essential <u>before</u> you join a course with us. Please see our team member at the front desk to ensure this is completed, thank you! \downarrow

The Language Lab is open: Monday – Friday, 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 6pm Saturday, 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm

Location:

International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House. Phone: (0413) 2623 661, +919843030355 (Lab), 2622467, 3509932 (Tomatis) Email: <u>info@aurovillelanguagelab.org</u> and <u>tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org</u>

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.



The Auroville Physical Education Board (AVPEB, SAIIER) 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	
<u>Main Facilitator</u> - Praveen Member of PE Committee of Sri Aurobindo Ashram)	<u>Main Facilitator</u> – Savitri BSc Sports Science/Nutrition MSc Sports Nutrition	Main Facilitators - Pedro BSc Sports Science MSc Sports Science PhD Sports Science Ruben Mental Health Educator Martial Arts trainer and practitioner	
 Major Topics- 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 	Major Topics- • Anatomy and Physiology • Biomechanics • Exercise Physiology • Sports Nutrition • Sports Injuries and Rehabilitation • Sociology of sports	Major Topics-• Teaching Practicum in Auroville Schools• Pedagogy and Teaching Methodologies:• Teaching Games for Understanding (TGFU)• Lesson Planning and Implementation• Assessment and Evaluation Techniques• Classroom Management Strategies• Mentorship and Feedback Sessions• Project Implementation in Physical Education Settings• First aid training	

Key Components of the Course

Criteria for Participation:

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

Ø Commitment to at 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 Aurovilians 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.

Special Note:

The Program is open to ALL interested, Aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers, with or without a degree in Sports Science and preferably with some Sports or Yoga practice experience.

The program is **NOT** exclusive for those that are already physical education teachers in Auroville Schools like Dehashakti, Udavi, Ness, etc. but open to ALL interested in participating in the program.

Contact:

WhatsApp: 9361591906

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXxZV8tE7AtdWP C9LZ4A7zMBbO7OwR5CZ6C8rPQao7wFT8-Q/viewform? usp=sf_link

Savitri, Lijun, Praveen, Pedro, Ruben and Nilima

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

QUIET HEALING CENTER IS LOOKING FOR A FEMALE MASSAGE THERAPIST

We are looking for a qualified female massage therapist to work either full-time or part-time at the Quiet Healing Center.

If you are interested to become part of Quiet's dynamic team and work in our beautiful beach environment, please email your application with background info and qualifications to <u>quiet@auroville.org.in</u>.

We'll invite you afterwards for an interview to review your application and discuss our work conditions with you in person. Quiet Healing Center Team



Quiet Healing Center, Auroville 605 104, Tamil Nadu, India <u>www.quiethealingcenter.info</u> / <u>quiet@auroville.org.in</u>

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

TAI CHI CHUAN @ SHARNGA

SUMMER SCHEDULE - MAY 13 TO JUNE 22

Tuesdays - Fridays:

7:30-8:00am Chi8:00-9:00am Tai Chi Chuan form



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

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: <u>budokan@auroville.org.in</u> and/or call **083001 89062** (Surya) - 099528 12843 (Murugan/WA) - **83006 43963** (Philippe/WA).

CAPOEIRA - MARTIAL ART AND MUSIC WITH GINGA

Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, music and movements. More than 500 years old, Capoeira is a constantly evolving art form, come connect and express yourself.

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Join us for classes for teens and adults (15 yrs and above) Intermediate : Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday - 5.15 PM -Dehashakti

Beginners: Tuesday and Thursday - 6.00 PM- Dehashakti Contact: 7598446327

Let us know if you would like more information.

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

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

Mindfulness Kindfulness with Helen Saturday, June 8, 9:15am – 12:00pm

This half-day retreat provides a chance to unplug from the stresses of everyday life. It is an invitation to shift the pace of life and reorient attention softly, with care, to the here and now. This session will blend mindfulness with kindness. Specifically we will be gently exploring how we can soften, and be kinder and more compassionate to ourselves and others..

Food is Medicine- Lifestyle Health Practices with Parvathi Saturday, June 8, 2:00pm – 04:30pm

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

Ayurveda for Self-Harmony– with Claire Friday, June 14, 9:15am – 12.00pm

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

Food is Medicine- Lifestyle Health Practices with Parvathi Saturday, June 15, 2:00pm – 04:30pm

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



PITANGA CLOSED: 2 JUNE - 7 JULY



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 <u>info@pitanga.in</u>

QUIET HEALING CENTER



Quiet Healing Center, Auroville 605 104, Tamil Nadu, India <u>www.quiethealingcenter.info</u> / <u>quiet@auroville.org.in</u> 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

VIPASSANA MEDITATION

Date: Every Sunday - only for those who have attended at least one ten day Vipassana retreat as taught by SN Goenka. **Timings:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM but you can also drop in and join as long as you wish.



Venue: Udavi School (2nd building on the left when you are at the front entrance), near Tank in Edayanchavadi (Auroville). Location <u>here</u>. (No registration is required).

Vipassana As taught by S.N. Goenka



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

LET GO - LET BE - LET COME



PRINCIPLES OF NON VIOLENT COMMUNICATION



REGENERATION LISTENING CIRCLE



Regeneration Listening Circle: Mondays 6:00 am & Wednesdays 5:00 pm

Session duration: 1.5 h

Experiences of previous participants:

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

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

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

Limited seating - Location will be shared after your reservation under +49 1638041124 WhatsApp

Submitted by Nadim

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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SVARAM IS TAKING A BREAK IN JUNE



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

A CALL TO CO-CREATE MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION AB

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

INTERACTIVE PSYCHOLOGY SESSIONS WITH YOUTH

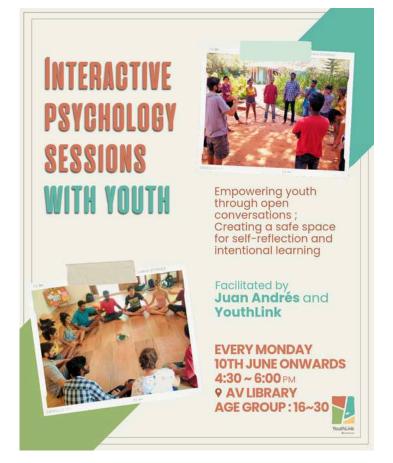
We are happy to inform you that YouthLink in collaboration with Juan Andres is offering interactive psychology sessions!

These sessions will happen every Monday from the 10th of June onwards from 4:30pm to 6pm at the Auroville Library!

These interactive psychology sessions are catering to youth from the **ages of 16 to 30 ONLY**!

The idea behind these sessions are to empower Youth through open conversations and to create a safe space for self reflection and intentional learning!

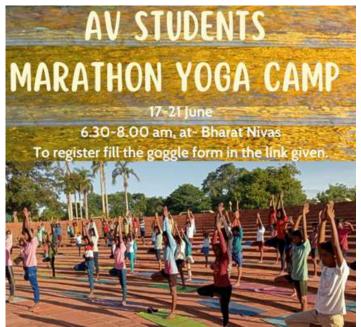
If you are a Youth and would like to delve into a topic, learn together with your peers and discuss subjects you would usually not talk about, join us!





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MARATHON YOGA CAMP FOR AV STUDENTS



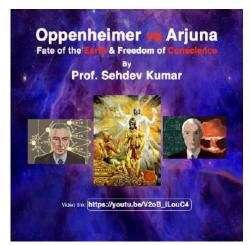
To register <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA8X_BRZ0EOev49</u> <u>D32ty7j04Zn710qQoxS2FY8vB9ViUaCDQ/viewform?usp=sf_link</u>

- All students will be offered nutritious breakfast everyday.
- For students from outreach schools, pick and drop from schools will be provided

Muthukumari, Velumurgan, Anand, Santosh and Mollika.

OPPENHEIMER VS ARJUNA | PROF. SEHDEV KUMAR | PRESENTATION

https://youtu.be/V2oB iLouC4



OPPENHEIMER VS ARJUNA | PROF. SEHDEV KUMAR | QUESTION & ANSWER

https://youtu.be/2W5SOF3nSKc



FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

AUROVILLE LIBRARY SUMMER TIMINGS

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

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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!



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:

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Impermanence, Community Spirit, Sustainability, Selfsufficency 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





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...

You name it, we do it: Flight tickets, Bus tickets, Train tickets, Travel Insurance, Visas, transport in Taxis, even some required nights of rest if that is the case...

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: <u>insideindia@auroville.org.in</u> or <u>insideindia@inside-india.com</u>

Some current offers:

- · Emirates has offer fare from Chennai to Paris, Milan.
- Etihad airways offer fare is available from Chennai to Vienna, London, Zurich, Milan, Munich, Brussels.
- Air India & Thai airways special fare from Chennai to Seoul, Milan.
- Aerofloat flight offer fare is available from Delhi Moscow -Delhi.
- Qatar airways special fare from Chennai to Paris, Frankfurt, Milan, Munich.

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...
- You can also have a look at our current offer for Chettinadu

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 twoyear 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.

eVisa fees waiver scheme has been introduced for citizens of India, China, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan, with immediate effect, valid until May 31st, 2024 (Last date of arrival) for tourism only. To avail of the scheme, please select the 30-day single entry eVisa option. Thailand has extended its visa exemption program for tourists from India and Taiwan for another six months, allowing these travelers to enter the country without a visa until November 11, 2024. Travelers from India and Taiwan can stay for a maximum of 30 days without a visa.

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

Finally, <u>this LINK</u> can be useful too in case you are travelling on your own... or not...

Thanks a lot to all of you who already trusted us.

Have a great week...

Inside India New Team

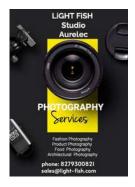
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REPAIR OF AIR CONDITIONERS, FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES

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



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Warmly, TreeCare Team

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Much love,

The Maroma Team

DROPZY



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.

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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 / <u>www.dropzy.in</u>

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.

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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 <u>newwaves@auroville.org.in</u>



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Regards, Julien.

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Last published podcasts:

- <u>Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi –</u> <u>464.</u> (Integral Yoga)
- <u>Marlenka's weekly Offering Ep.119.</u> (Literature)
- <u>Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making –</u> <u>Ep. 31 "How Can You Improve Sketching Accuracy?"</u> (Cinema)
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- Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making Ep. 30 "The Silent Years – Post-World War I European cinema – Contd..."(Cinema)
- <u>Soul Tracks Se. 6, Ep. 2 Pandora's Heart-Shaped Box.</u> (Music)

....and more! on <u>www.aurovilleradio.org</u> For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in Peace and love



Regards, Wobbli

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LOOKING FOR HOUSE FURNITURE

My name is Anita, I'm a newcomer working at the Language Lab. I have found a house sitting and I am in urgent need of some furniture.

I have found a table but I am still in need of chairs or sofa. If you have some you no longer use, I would be very grateful. You can contact me here: 7092561969

Sincerely yours, Anita



DESIGNER/MARKETING PERSON

Aurofilm is looking for a Graphic Designer/Marketing person, to create Marketing Material for their upcoming Film and Animation Courses and to spread the word about it via local PR and online marketing.

Please contact us at 083001 89062 (Surya) or 75173 94469 (WA Abhijit).

Compensation offer will be discussed upon meeting. Cheers!



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MMC ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear All:

Aurofilm is taking their annual break in May-June 2024 and hence there will be no Friday evening films from now through June.

So, on Fridays 17, 24, 31 May; 7, 14, 21, 28 June 2024, and as of now also 26 July 2024 -- if there are groups or individuals who want to book evening programs you can. For example, you can plan a program starting at 5pm ending by 7:30pm. Provided that the program ends by 9:30pm it should be fine.

Booking procedure will remain the same. If interested, you can decide on a date(s), starting and ending time of your intended program and write to us at <u>mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in</u> to inquire about availability. We go from there.

Thank you, With Best regards Multimedia Center (MMC) Team



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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY							
		Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3			
Svaram Musical Cent	er	7:00	8:50	14:50			
Vérité Guest House - Junction		7:02	8:52	14:52			
Town Hall - Main Parl	Town Hall - Main Parking		8:56	14:56			
Solar Kitchen (Ex Rou	und 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—Kuilapalay	/am	7:19	9:09	15:09			
ECR Junction—Arom	a Guest House	7:23	9:14	15:14			
Quiet Healing Center-	-Junction	7:26	9:17	15:17			
Lotus Hotel—S.V Pate	el Salai	7:36	9:30	15:30			
Ashram Road Junctio	n	7:38	9:33	15:33			
Ashram Dining Hall		7:40	9:35	15:35			
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Lotus Hotel—S.V Pate	el Salai	8:07	12:22	18:17			
Quiet Healing Center-	-Junction	8:17	12:32	18:27			
ECR Junction—Arom		8:20	12:35	18:30			
SBI Bank—Kuilapalay		8:25	12:40	18:35			
New Creation Road		8:27	12:42	18:37			
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Vérité Guest House - Junction		8:42	12:58	18:52			
Svaram Musical Center		8:45	13:00	18:55			
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Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 10 June 2024 - 16 June 2024

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

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

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

Indian – Monday 10 June, 8:00 pm: • ATTAM (The Play)

India, 2023, Writer-Dir. Anand Ekarshi w/ Vinay Forrt, Zarin Shihab, Kalabhavan Shajohn, and others, Drama, 139mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

After a party amongst a theater group, their sole actress Anjali is subjected to a crime from one of the men in the group. A meeting is called for in trying to reach a consensus. Stories unravel, suspicion surface and clamor ensue. A gripping tale on human nature and hypocrisy, that encourages the audience to question the characters and at some point, themselves. A much acclaimed must watch film!

Potpourri – Tuesday 11 June, 8:00 pm: • NEPTUNE FROST

Rwanda–France, 2021, Dir. Anisia Uzeyman, w/ Cheryl Isheja, Elvis Ngabo, and others, Musical, Sci-Fi, 105 mins, Swahili – French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

In the hilltops of Burundi, a group of escaped coltan miners form an anti-colonialist computer hacker collective. From their camp in an otherworldly e-waste dump, they attempt a takeover of the authoritarian regime exploiting the region's natural resources - and its people. When an inter-sex runaway and an escaped coltan miner find each other through cosmic forces, their connection sparks glitches within the greater divine circuitry.

Interesting – Wednesday 12 June, 8:00 pm: • 500 DAYS IN THE WILD

Canada, 2023, Writer-Dir. Dianne Whelan w/ Dianne Whelam, Documentary, 124mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

In her 50s, physically being the not the most athletic individual, the filmmaker cum cinematographer takes the harrowing and exhilarating journey across the entire length of 28K km of Canada's wild land from ocean to ocean. The only person to have taken this journey. The film takes the audience along where climate change is a silent theme unfolding in the landscapes. One-of-a-kind film in many ways...

Selection – Thursday 13 June, 8:00 pm: • OCTOBER SKY

USA, 1999, Dir. Joe Johnston w/ Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper, Laura Dern, and others, Biography-Drama, 108mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In a 1950's mining town called Coalwood, Homer Hickam is a kid with only one future in sight, to work in the local coal mine like his father. However, in October 1957, everything changes when the first artificial satellite, Sputnik goes into orbit. With that event, Homer, and a few friends are inspired to learn how to build rockets and sets out to try. They are not supported by any except one high-school teacher who encourages them to contest at the national level where they could win college scholarship as a prize. The gang must learn to perfect their craft as they shoot for the stars. A wonderful inspiring tale. Dr. Hickam studied at Virginia Tech and served as a NASA scientist.

International – Saturday 15 June, 8:00 pm: • ONE LIFE

UK, 2019, Dir. James Hawes w/Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin, Johnny Flynn, and others, Biography-History, 109mins, English-German-Czech-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued 669 predominantly Jewish children. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions - and under threat of Nazi invasion. It was a race against time to rescue as many children as possible before the borders closes. Fifty years later, it's 1988 and Nicky lives haunted by the fate of the children he couldn't rescue; always blaming himself for not doing more. That's when a live BBC television show, 'That's Life', surprises him by introducing him to several surviving children - now adults. It brought him some joy and peace. *A must watch*!

Children's Matinee- Sunday 16 June, 4:00 pm:TROLLS BAND TOGETHER

USA, 2023, Dir. Walt Dohrn & Tim Heitz w/ Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake, Kenan Thompson, and otehrs, Animation-Adventure, 91mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Poppy discovers that Branch was once part of the boy band 'BroZone' with his brothers, Floyd, John Dory, Spruce and Clay. When Floyd is kidnapped, Branch and Poppy embark on a journey to reunite his two other brothers and rescue Floyd. *Rescheduled due to earlier cancelation for power outage/generator failure.*

BLACK & WHITE CLASSICS @ CINÉ-CLUB Ciné-Club Sunday 16 June, 8:00 pm: A BOUT DE SOUFFLE (Breathless)

France, 1960, Dir. Jean-Luc Godard w / Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg and others, Drama -Crime, 90 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

Modern movies begin here and what is most revolutionary about the movie is its headlong pacing, its cool detachment, its dismissal of authority, and the way its narcissistic young heroes are obsessed with themselves and oblivious to the larger society. It was one of the key films of the French New Wave, which rejected the well-made traditional French cinema and embraced a rougher, more experimental personal style.

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 <u>mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in</u>. 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, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106, mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in