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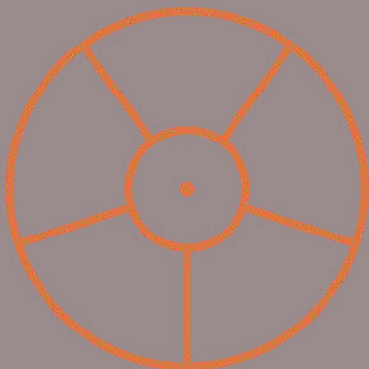
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RA EDITION



Artists in Response, June 2024



PONDERING

Beauty is the joyous offering of Nature.

The Mother, [On Education: Arts](#)

(continued from last two weeks)

Heaven's wiser love rejects the mortal's prayer;
Unblinded by the breath of his desire,
Unclouded by the mists of fear and hope,
It bends above the strife of love with death;
It keeps for her her privilege of pain.

A greatness in thy daughter's soul resides
That can transform herself and all around
But must cross on stones of suffering to its goal.

Although designed like a nectar cup of heaven,
Of heavenly ether made she sought this air,
She too must share the human need of grief
And all her cause of joy transmute to pain.

The mind of mortal man is led by words,
His sight retires behind the walls of Thought
And looks out only through half-opened doors.

He cuts the boundless Truth into sky-strips
And every strip he takes for all the heavens.

He stares at infinite possibility
And gives to the plastic Vast the name of Chance;
He sees the long results of an all-wise Force
Planning a sequence of steps in endless Time
But in its links imagines a senseless chain
Or the dead hand of cold Necessity;
He answers not to the mystic Mother's heart,
Misses the ardent heavings of her breast
And feels cold rigid limbs of lifeless Law.

The will of the Timeless working out in Time
In the free absolute steps of cosmic Truth
He thinks a dead machine or unconscious Fate.

A Magician's formulas have made Matter's laws
And while they last, all things by them are bound;
But the spirit's consent is needed for each act
And Freedom walks in the same pace with Law.

All here can change if the Magician choose.

If human will could be made one with God's,
If human thought could echo the thoughts of God,
Man might be all-knowing and omnipotent;
But now he walks in Nature's doubtful ray.

Yet can the mind of man receive God's light,
The force of man can be driven by God's force,
Then is he a miracle doing miracles.

For only so can he be Nature's king.

It is decreed and Satyavan must die;
The hour is fixed, chosen the fatal stroke.

What else shall be is written in her soul
But till the hour reveals the fateful script,
The writing waits illegible and mute.

Fate is Truth working out in Ignorance.

O King, thy fate is a transaction done
At every hour between Nature and thy soul
With God for its foreseeing arbiter.



Fate is a balance drawn in Destiny's book.

Man can accept his fate, he can refuse.

Even if the One maintains the unseen decree
He writes thy refusal in thy credit page:
For doom is not a close, a mystic seal.

Arisen from the tragic crash of life,
Arisen from the body's torture and death,
The spirit rises mightier by defeat;
Its godlike wings grow wider with each fall.

Its splendid failures sum to victory.

O man, the events that meet thee on thy road,
Though they smite thy body and soul with joy and grief,
Are not thy fate,—they touch thee awhile and pass;
Even death can cut not short thy spirit's walk:
Thy goal, the road thou chooseth are thy fate.

On the altar throwing thy thoughts, thy heart, thy works,
Thy fate is a long sacrifice to the gods
Till they have opened to thee thy secret self
And made thee one with the indwelling God.

O soul, intruder in Nature's ignorance,
Armed traveller to the unseen supernal heights,
Thy spirit's fate is a battle and ceaseless march
Against invisible opponent Powers,
A passage from Matter into timeless self.
Adventurer through blind unforeseeing Time,
A forced advance through a long line of lives,
It pushes its spearhead through the centuries.

Across the dust and mire of the earthly plain,
On many guarded lines and dangerous fronts,
In dire assaults, in wounded slow retreats,
Holding the ideal's ringed and battered fort
Or fighting against odds in lonely posts,
Or camped in night around the bivouac's fires
Awaiting the tardy trumpets of the dawn,
In hunger and in plenty and in pain,
Through peril and through triumph and through fall,
Through life's green lanes and over her desert sands,
Up the bald moor, along the sunlit ridge,
In serried columns with a straggling rear
Led by its nomad vanguard's signal fires,
Marches the army of the waylost god.

Then late the joy ineffable is felt,
Then he remembers his forgotten self;
He has refound the skies from which he fell.

(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>

With love and gratitude,
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)

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NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

TUESDAY 5PM

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

How to submit material:

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

DISCLAIMER:

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

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

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

The News and Notes team
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LIST OF ACRONYMS:

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

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

Working groups selected by the Residents Assembly:

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

Auroville Council (AVC)
Entry Service (ES)

FO selected groups:

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

Housing Service (HS)
Land Board (LB)

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

Here is some important information:

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

Thank you for your continued support!

In community,
The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

NO ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK

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

FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE & AUROVILLE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GATHERING & POTLUCK

Dear Auroville family,

We hope you are all excited and preparing for the potluck this **Saturday, 6th July, at Certitude from 5:30 pm onwards!**

Please bring a handful of soil from your community and a candle for the light mandala to honour Auroville's land. Here are a few more reminders:

1. We are trying to make this a zero waste event. It will help if you bring your own cup, bowl, plate and spoon.
2. No throwaway plastics please!
3. There will be different stations for veg, vegan and non-veg food, please follow the signs.

Even if it's not possible for you to bring food, please do come. Let us get together for a joyful evening, with song, food and conversations in our Auroville family

COMMUNITY GATHERING WITH POTLUCK DINNER

**Saturday July 6th at 5:30 pm
Certitude Sports Ground**

ALL ARE
WARMLY INVITED !!!

Let us unite our voices and act together
to protect the lands of Auroville

Sharing of important information,
concerns and aspirations



Organised by the Working Committee, Auroville Council and Others

OPEN REPLY TO ANU, ARUN, JOSEBA, SELVARAJ AND TINE REGARDING LAND EXCHANGES

Dear Auroville Community,

We, the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly, feel compelled to address the recent [statement](#) circulated by a group of five residents illegally impersonating us. This statement contains several misleading claims and misrepresentations that we wish to clarify.

Firstly, the ongoing Residents' Assembly Decision-making process (RAD) is not "unqualified" or "anonymous". It is a legitimate participative process initiated in response to serious concerns about land exchanges conducted since 2022. These exchanges have been carried out without transparency, proper consultation, or due process, resulting in **estimated losses of over INR 200 crores (USD 24 million) to Auroville.**

Here are useful documents for your reference:

1. [Working Committee report on land, May 2024](#)
2. [Table of all recent land exchanges, with estimated values as of May 2024 and map of these exchanges.](#)
3. [Map of Auroville communities located inside and outside of the Master Plan area](#) (according to the Perspective 2025 document)
4. [Extract from the Meeting Minutes of the GB Land Committee with approval by GB members](#), obtained from the Ministry of Education through an RTI filed by an individual, which includes the intention to exchange outlying Auroville lands

The claim that this RAD will be "catastrophic for Auroville" is unfounded. On the contrary, it aims to **protect Auroville's lands and ensure their use aligns with our community's founding principles.** The Mother's vision for Auroville was not just about building infrastructure, but about creating a living embodiment of human unity in diversity. This is, we believe, the cornerstone of Auroville.

Regarding land consolidation, we agree it's an important goal. However, it must be done transparently, ethically, and in accordance with established procedures (Indian financial laws and the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997). Additionally, there is a Due Diligence procedure (SOP) that had been approved by a previous Secretary and was in use until 2021. Recent exchanges have not met these standards. For example, parts of AuroOrchard, one of our oldest and most productive farms, were exchanged at drastically undervalued rates without any consultation or information, causing significant loss to Auroville. Other communities such as Felicity and Djaima have also started being subjected to the same fate. The statement's implication that those supporting this RAD are rejecting the Master Plan or are "ignorant" about it is also misleading. All that we ask for is adherence to proper processes, including consultation with the Residents' Assembly and respect for all three authorities of the Auroville Foundation as outlined in the Auroville Foundation Act. The Master Plan was created 25 years ago with the primary purpose of protecting Auroville land - not destroying it. Certain Auroville lands have a precious history and play a vital role in our collective reality, and these need to be respected rather than plundered.

We want to emphasize that **this RAD is not about blocking progress.** It's about ensuring that any land exchanges or sales are conducted fairly, transparently, and in the best interests of Auroville as a whole. The resolution calls for a pause on exchanges until trust is rebuilt and proper processes are established - not an indefinite ban.

To all residents of Auroville, **we encourage you to participate in this RAD**, regardless of your stance on the issue. Your voice matters in shaping the future of our community. If we don't act now to address these concerns, we risk irreversible damage to Auroville's physical and spiritual fabric.

Auroville, the 'city at the service of Truth', was founded on principles of unity and peace. Let's honor these ideals by engaging in open, honest dialogue and participative decision-making. If we don't do it now, then when?

In Service,
The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly (Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Mael (TOS), Matthieu (TOS), Prashant, Valli)
The Auroville Council (Ashwini, Lucas, Martin, Ramesh, Riju, Samrat, Sathiya)

🚨 URGENT APPEAL FOR AUROVILLE! 🚨

Auroville is under threat from a forced land exchange imposed by the Foundation office and Governing Board, misinterpreting Mother's vision. This exchange endangers our community, biodiversity, and essential resources.

📺 **17** Participate in the Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision-making event from June 28th to July 8th. Let's unite to protect Auroville! Watch the full video to learn more and take action: #SaveAuroville #ProtectOurLands #UniteForAuroville

<https://youtu.be/15AbmrUqJaU>



COMMUNITY NEWS

FROM THE RAS



EMERGENCY RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AGAINST LAND SALES/EXCHANGES BY THE AVFO 28 TH JUNE – 7 TH JULY 2024

Dear Residents,

The Governing Board (GB) has approved the proposal by the Secretary to exchange all Auroville lands outside the Master Plan area, totalling 1054 acres (see [Map](https://shorturl.at/gw00A) - <https://shorturl.at/gw00A>). This information was shared with the community in January of this year and started circulating again on the day of the most recent meeting of the GB, which took place on the 31st of May.

Therefore, the Working Committee of the Residents Assembly is calling an Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision-making process (3.3 [RAD policy, 2023](https://shorturl.at/tAI34) - <https://shorturl.at/tAI34>) to ask the Residents' Assembly to express its views on this decision that will directly impact all Aurovilians on various levels, while causing irreparable damage to Auroville's physical body and the loss of a number of areas of historical significance.

As we are all aware, since 2022 there have been an unprecedented number of land exchanges that have been carried out by the current Secretary and her appointees with the approval of the GB.

These exchanges have been carried out without transparency or due process and without any consultation with those living and working on these lands, and have resulted in a conservatively estimated loss of over INR 200 crores (USD 24 million) to Auroville, in addition to the loss of important parts of Auroville's physical body and legacy (please see the summary below of the main issues, and for more details please see [the Working Committee report on land](https://shorturl.at/DgmsV) - <https://shorturl.at/DgmsV>, published in May 2024).

PREAMBLE

The Residents' Assembly (RA) objects to the sale and exchange of lands by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVFO), as carried out since 2022 by the current Secretary with the approval of the Governing Board (GB). In this RAD, the RA resolves that all land exchanges and sales must be paused until such time as confidence and trust between all 3 authorities of the Auroville Foundation has been re-established (namely the GB, IAC, RA) and all three jointly agree on a process to follow if and when land exchanges are absolutely necessary.

RESOLUTION

We, as members of the Residents' Assembly, resolve the following:

- **Immediate Halt to Land Sales/Exchanges:** An immediate pause on any further sale or exchange of Auroville properties.
- **Review and Reversal of Land Deals:** A thorough review of the land deals undertaken by the current Secretary and authorized by the Governing Board, with a focus on reversal and restitution for any wrongful transactions.
- **Full Investigation:** A comprehensive investigation into all land exchanges conducted by the current administration since 2022.
- **Future land deals:** To be made with all due process, respecting the Auroville Foundation Act and its 3 authorities (namely the RA, IAC and the GB) and Indian law.

These are necessary steps to protect Auroville land and ensure its use aligns with the original purpose and ideals of peace and human unity.

Read in [French](https://shorturl.at/2PvIE) (<https://shorturl.at/2PvIE>), [Italian](https://t.ly/3LUMw) (<https://t.ly/3LUMw>), [Spanish](https://t.ly/Hcsvz) (<https://t.ly/Hcsvz>), [Korean](https://t.ly/GtROQ) (<https://t.ly/GtROQ>), [Russian](https://t.ly/I2Z_7) (https://t.ly/I2Z_7).

PARTICIPATE ONLINE AND IN PERSON

Many of you have contacted us unable to find your email to vote in the latest Emergency RAD against the Land sales/exchanges by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVFO).

Most people have the email in their **SPAM FOLDER**, so please do check there and click on the button for not being spam (in order to ensure future mails arrive). If by any chance you have not received it there, please contact us, or you can come to vote with us physically in the following locations:

- **SATURDAY (July 6th) @ PTPS Aspiration: 10 am - 1 pm**
- **SATURDAY (July 6th) @ Certitude playground: 6 pm onwards**
- **SUNDAY (July 7th) @ Solar Kitchen: 11 am - 1 pm**

KINDLY NOTE:

- **Confidentiality is guaranteed: your name and vote will be kept a secret.**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[Read more >>>](https://t.ly/B3790) (<https://t.ly/B3790>)

~ Best regards,

For the Residents' Assembly Service
Peter, Tatiana



GAJENDRAN PASSES AWAY



This is to inform the community of the sudden passing of Gajendran, who worked at Matrimandir and ran GP Cafe with his family.

His remains were cremated on Tuesday 2 July at the Auroville cremation grounds.

Our deepest condolences go to his family and close friends.

~ OM ~

GOUPI

Goupi left us before the end of the present Auroville nightmare. We will miss his child-like enchantment with life and all things around the Mother. One after the other, those who had the privilege of deep personal interactions with the Mother are leaving and Auroville will miss them.

Goupi's ways hold lessons for us: Don't take yourself too seriously, find and enjoy Mother's presence at all times. Maybe our main problem before the present crisis was some deficiency in calling together Mother's force and presence so that She may do Auroville through us as aspiring willing servitors of the Divine Consciousness. Mother can and will do Auroville: we are only helpers on the way. Goupi was intensely and constantly aware of this fundamental truth.

Let's hope that in the coming years Auroville will find new ways of simplicity and effective brotherhood.

Goupi would be pleased.

Submitted by Alain B.

COMMUNITY SHARING

JOKE BY BORIS

Adil Writer is a ceramist. Some years ago he and his students organized an Exhibition of their works. Adil asked me to visit the Exhibition and to write about it. I did this and gave my text to Adil. He liked it and sent it to "News and Notes". Adil added my portrait to the text and on my forehead he put a third eye. It was only a joke, a compliment, a fantasy.

Adil is Parsi. Parsis means people from Persia. Some Parsis live in Auroville. Industrialist Tata, dear friend of Auroville was Parsi too. First Parsis arrived in India about one thousand years ago. They were Zoroastrians. Zoroaster founded Zoroastrianism about 10 centuries B.C. Zoroastrians are Fire's worshippers. Teaching of Zoroastrianism is in the ancient book Avesta.

Boris

AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

MONTHLY TRANSPARENCY REPORT JUNE 2024

As part of our commitment to transparency, we are happy to present our report for June.



Overview

New admissions: 9 (236 since April 2023 - among them several pets dumped by heartless owners)

Rabies suspect cases: 0

Adoptions and Releases: 21

Vaccinations administered: 42

ABC shelter dog sterilizations: 8 (74 since February)

Deworming: 35 puppies

Donations and Cease and Desist Order

This month, our funding situation has improved despite many bureaucratic hurdles. Auroville's new Donation Channeling Group is gradually becoming operational, and we finally received the donations already collected in May and June from AVI USA. However, due to immense bureaucracy, there are significant delays before donations reach the shelter. This directly impacts our dogs' safety and the shelter's overall running. We hope that the situation will improve in the next month.

We have received information from several reliable sources that the former management of the IACC shelter has intensified its disinformation campaign against the Auroville Dog Shelter. They have been contacting not only local donors but also international donors, spreading completely false information about our shelter. These falsehoods include claims that dogs are dying, that we have closed access to the public, accusations of fund embezzlement, and even allegations that we bribed the Department of Animal Husbandry to issue favorable reports. These actions constitute defamation and have caused us severe financial damage, as some regular donors have stopped their contributions. We have issued a cease and desist order to the former managers of IACC to stop their sabotaging actions, which have plunged the shelter into a severe financial crisis over the past few months. We hope that reason will prevail and these attacks will cease immediately. If not, Auroville officials will have no other option but to file defamation charges.

We are deeply grateful to the Foundation for Animal Welfare Projects (FAWP.NL), a wonderful animal care organization in the Netherlands, who listened to our call for help for their generous donation of €3,000. Their support has come at a critical time, enabling us to uphold and continue the high standard of our animal care. We hope that the Donation Channeling Group and FAMC will release this urgently needed donation quickly.

This month, Rs. 295,620 arrived in our FS account, including donations sent by AVI USA covering our basic monthly running costs of Rs. 3 lakh. Additionally, Rs. 40,000 in donations were received in our AV Foundation - Auroville Dog Shelter account from generous local donors. Our Milaap Fundraiser generated Rs. 76,224, which will help us prepare our dogs and shelter for the upcoming monsoon season. You can view the fundraiser here: [Milaap Fundraiser](#).

Expenditures

Animal Food: This month we fed our dogs 1.8 tons of rice, 2.1 tons of chicken, and 700 eggs, supplemented with donated food items like vegetables and daal which cost us approx. 1.1 lakh.

Staff Costs: Total staff costs for this month for our workers, paid animal care staff, 2 veterinarians, and volunteers was approx. Rs. 1 lakh this month.

Medical Costs: This month we were able to start buying urgently needed medicines again for Rs 32,700 - We are almost out of vaccinations and need urgently to provide tick treatment with Bravecto to our dogs to prevent a tick fever outbreak. This will cost us approximately Rs 90,000 - If you want to contribute to raise the funds for this important medicine, please contribute to our FS 251391 or to a variety of AV-approved donation gateways which you can find on our website: www.aurovilledogshelter.com

Restarting of our ABC Program

Thanks to the generosity of some wonderful dog lovers, who sponsored 20 ABC surgeries we were able to restart our free and donation-based sterilization program again. We have weekly surgeries with a limited capacity of a maximum of 4 dogs to offer for Rs. 3,000 per dog (Aurovilians Rs. 2500) including if needed, free vaccinations. We still have a long waiting list of shelter-raised dogs to get sterilized. We offer free sterilizations for every puppy which had been adopted from our shelter or in cases of financial problems for the owner. Our goal once the new Auroville Dog Shelter has been built to receive government grants to be able to offer free sterilizations to everyone and thus stop the suffering of many newborn puppies while keeping the dog numbers down and the Community safe from rabies and other diseases.

Weekly Mobile Vet Clinic

At the beginning of June, we launched a soft trial run of a new service we provide to the Auroville Community. The mobile vet clinic is open every Friday from 11.30 am until 1.30 pm at the parking lot in front of Solar Kitchen to provide free veterinary advice from our vet team, give health checkups to all kinds of animals, not just dogs, offer cost-price vaccinations and reserve sterilization slots. We also have always a bunch of cute puppies with us hoping that some will get adopted and give information about our fostering program.

The response of Auroville residents on their way to their Solar Kitchen lunch was overwhelming and we are happy to get in direct contact with many people, talking about our animal care work and the services we are offering and sharing our plans for the future of animal care in Auroville. In week 2 we upgraded the simple mobile clinic with an information panel with maps and details about the construction of the new Auroville Dog Shelter. For the next 8 weeks, we will collect all feedback, integrate as much as possible in our detailed project planning, and present our vision for the new Auroville Dog Shelter in an event at Savitri Bhavan beginning of September. We also will try to set up soon on our website www.aurovilledogshelter.com a possibility for the AV Community to provide direct online feedback, suggestions, and criticism about the new Auroville Dog Shelter, which is so much more than just a place to care for dogs, but will become a place for all Aurovilians, visitors, and guests and have a big impact on the entire Community.

We hope to be able to expand the mobile vet clinic from Auroville to the neighboring villages in the next few weeks to provide daily veterinary help free of charge or donation-based for every animal in the bioregion of Auroville. We need to heal, vaccinate, sterilize, and ensure the health of animals in the entire area, as it will have a direct impact on Auroville. The danger of rabies has to be eliminated and the number of new puppies controlled. We urgently need funds to be able to expand our services to the villages around Auroville.

Infrastructure Improvements

Despite the rapidly deteriorating condition of the old shelter, which is severely overcrowded and falling apart, we must endure another monsoon season at the current location due to delays caused by individuals opposing the construction of the new Auroville Dog Shelter. In response, we have built a temporary kitchen after the roof of the old kitchen collapsed.

Thankfully, several wonderful new volunteers have joined the shelter, including a particularly skilled individual who has been instrumental in helping our team rebuild, improve, and repair the failing infrastructure. To address the extreme overcrowding and ensure safe conditions for our dogs during the monsoon season, we have decided to construct additional dog enclosures and self-made doghouses. These measures will help protect our 280 residents through the rainy season until we can finally relocate to the new shelter. We ask kind-hearted Aurovilians and dog lovers to assist us with their time, energy and donated materials to make the shelter rain-safe before September. If you have old roof sheets, materials, cement, or strong plastic tarps, please consider donating them to the shelter.

MoU with Mettupallayam Veterinary College

We are pleased to announce that, following a long period of increasing cooperation with Mettupallayam RIVER College, the Auroville Dog Shelter has officially entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with this esteemed animal care and teaching institution. The official MoU documents were signed on June 29th by our executives and management, alongside the Dean of RIVER College. This marks a significant milestone in the history of our shelter. Moving forward, we will not only serve as an animal care facility but also as a center for education, learning, and research for veterinary students from Mettupallayam College. Our veterinary team is excited to provide mentorship and guidance to the students, who will gain hands-on experience by volunteering at our shelter.

A Last Call about The Responsibility of Auroville

As a city, Auroville holds the responsibility of managing its municipal services, including the dog shelter. The operation of the shelter is crucial for public health, as it helps prevent the spread of diseases like rabies and canine distemper. It also maintains community safety by managing the stray dog population through sterilizations. Covering the shelter's basic running costs is a fundamental responsibility that underscores Auroville's commitment to animal welfare and community well-being, in line with the values of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

In June, our manager had a brief discussion with the FAMC, but regrettably, we were informed that the monthly funding of Rs. 50,000 from the BCC for the shelter will not be increased. This leaves us in a constant struggle for survival, uncertain if we will have enough funds to provide food and medicines for our dogs. This financial strain prevents us from expanding our services or repairing the shelter to ensure it lasts until the new facility is operational. We urgently need to provide necessary medical care, such as BRAVECTO tick treatment for all our dogs this month, and continue offering free vaccinations and sterilizations.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Auroville Dog Shelter. We are especially grateful to the donors who visited our shelter, witnessed our work, and chose to help us navigate this challenging period. Despite ongoing resistance, we remain optimistic about beginning construction on the new Auroville Dog Shelter soon.

With gratitude,

Auroville Dog Shelter Team
Tine, Joseba, Arthur, Mar



ARTISTS IN RESPONSE

A sphere 1 meter in diameter, composed of approximately 1500 palmyra seeds and suspended like a satellite among the trees, welcomes us to a collective exhibition put on by 24 Aurovilian artists, and organized by no one knows who, no one knows exactly how and where.



There were no announcements, no flyers printed, zero communication. Word spread among friends and in a week the exhibition was visited by more than 300 people.

The exhibition was in the forest, in an Aurovilian territory of great importance for some, because from there the first pioneers started to "build" Auroville, but of no significance for others because it is not part of the coveted city center.



The exhibition is entitled "Artists in Response" and the works on display try to respond to the current critical situation and to play with frustrations, hopes, foolish choices, abuses, utopias, and everything that makes us participate today in this endless adventure.



The exhibition winds through the forest and reveals itself gradually. Here and there, small white ceramic Peace Warriors show us the way. We come across an apocryphal altar dedicated to the great god of the golden chicken, a Milky Way that dialogues with the Crown Road, tiny JCBs that work to play down our nightmares, interactive installations that invite us to write down our thoughts and to remember that we are all here for a very particular reason. There is even an installation that takes us back to the prison where Sri Aurobindo was locked up, and a mirror that takes us behind those bars. Luckily we are surrounded by trees and not by walls!



And then metal sculptures like still-life emerging from the earth, wooden masks camouflaged like dancing sprites, and panels, photographs, ceramics, paintings, around fifty works giving new life to the forest and turning it into an active museum, a place of exchange, a living nature.



Along with the exhibition, small events entertained visitors every evening. Little theater plays alternated with screenings of short movies or photographic collages, and then juice, biscuits, and chatting in that peaceful atmosphere that we all need now more than ever.

And on the last day, as in a sort of unexpected closing ceremony, more than one hundred Aurovilians gathered there and went beyond the exhibition area, further into the forest, to get together in a magical clearing dominated by a large banyan among whose branches a magnificent palm-leaf dragon was floating. Nothing special happened, but we were just there, sitting in a semicircle, listening to the sound of the leaves, the birds, and our breathing.

A great adventure, indeed.

- Submitted by an Aurovilian



WAKE UP, AUROVILLE!

As we approach the third year of unprecedented changes in our community, I feel compelled to share my deepest concerns about the direction we are heading. I see disturbing similarities between what's happening in Auroville and the rise of authoritarian power consolidation all over the world.

Signs of Authoritarian Control

Let's be clear: the actions of the new Auroville Foundation administration bear hallmarks of authoritarian control that should worry us all. We've witnessed the systematic dismantling of our self-governance structures, the cornerstone of Auroville's unique experiment. Our Working Committee, Town Development Council, and other resident-led bodies have been forcibly replaced by appointees loyal to the new administration. This centralization of power is a classic move in the authoritarian playbook.

The suppression of dissent is another red flag. Many of us have faced threats to our housing, livelihoods, and even our right to stay in Auroville for voicing concerns. Friends have had visas revoked or denied without explanation. Our community platforms for open discussion have been seized and censored. These are not the actions of an administration interested in fostering the human unity and free progress that Auroville stands for.

We've seen the bulldozing of our carefully nurtured forests and the imposition of a rigid, outdated development plan that disregards decades of community planning and environmental stewardship. This top-down approach, enforced through intimidation and destruction, flies in the face of Auroville's collaborative spirit and ecological values.

The new administration's narrative paints a false picture of Auroville as a failed experiment needing drastic intervention. They label those who disagree as "anti-development", "anti-government" or "unruly foreigners", using nationalist rhetoric to divide us. This tactic of creating in-groups and out-groups, of demonizing a portion of the population, is straight out of the totalitarian handbook.

Financial and Information Control

Financial control is another area of concern. The takeover of our community funds, opaque land deals, and arbitrary cutting of stipends to long-term residents all point to a consolidation of economic power that leaves us vulnerable to further coercion.

Perhaps most troubling is the assault on our freedom of expression and access to information. The seizure of our communication channels, likely surveillance of emails, and possible attempts to rewrite our history through control of the Archives are classic moves of authoritarian regimes seeking to shape reality to their liking.

A Call for Reflection

I ask you: how can these actions possibly align with the ideals of human unity, freedom, and collective progress that are at the heart of Auroville's purpose? How can we fulfill our role as a laboratory for human evolution if we're not free to experiment, to make mistakes, to grow organically?

To those who support these changes, believing they will lead to faster development or better management, I urge you to look deeper. Are bulldozers and intimidation really the way to manifest the city the earth needs? Is silencing dissent and centralizing power truly the path to human unity?

I understand the frustrations with Auroville's slow progress in some areas. But let's not let our impatience or personal grievances blind us to the dangerous path we're on. Authoritarian systems may seem efficient in the short term, but they inevitably lead to stagnation, corruption, and the suppression of the human spirit.

To those in positions of influence who are enabling these changes, perhaps seduced by promises of power or resources, I implore you to reconsider. The history of totalitarian regimes is full of early supporters who later found themselves victims of the very system they helped create.

Preserving Auroville's Vision

We must ask ourselves: what kind of Auroville are we creating? One where diverse viewpoints are valued and true collaboration flourishes? Or one where a single vision is imposed by force, where fear replaces trust, and where our highest ideals are sacrificed in the name of efficiency?

The Mother envisioned Auroville as a place belonging to humanity as a whole, where the free will of individuals would be respected. She explicitly stated that handing over the management of Auroville to any single group was "an absolute impossibility." Yet this is precisely what we're facing now.

Our Responsibility and Path Forward

We stand at a crossroads. Will we allow the erosion of the very qualities that make Auroville unique and valuable to the world? Or will we find the courage to stand up for our founding principles, to insist on our right to self-determination, and to continue our experiment in consciousness and human unity as it was intended?

This is not about resisting change or progress. It's about ensuring that change comes from within, guided by our collective wisdom and aspirations, not imposed from above through force and fear.

I call on all Aurovilians to wake up to the reality of what's happening. Inform yourselves. Speak out. Support those who are working to protect our community's core values. Remember why you came to Auroville in the first place.

We have a responsibility not just to ourselves, but to the world that looks to Auroville as a beacon of hope for a different way of living. Let us not dim that light. Let us instead rekindle our commitment to building a city that truly belongs to humanity as a whole, free from the shadows of authoritarianism and fear.

Conclusion

The future of our unique experiment hangs in the balance. What we do now will determine whether Auroville continues as a living laboratory for human unity or becomes just another failed utopia, crushed under the weight of autocratic control. The choice – and the responsibility – is ours.

A Guardian of the True Galaxy

THE PRESSING QUESTION

The pressing question for each invited participant to ask oneself is "*Why am I in Auroville?*"

Here's our founder the Mother, especially for the ones experiencing difficulties in understanding that this City of Dawn is a multi-generational project with a distinct purpose of hastening the progress of the individual and the collectivity, both spiritually and materially. Thus:

"(About certain individuals and groups willing to aid Auroville's development)

They may not practise themselves, but if they do not know about Yoga, how can they understand the purpose of Auroville?"

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/13/finance>

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Continue reading [HERE](#)

Zech, 2024.07.01

OPEN LETTER TO THE LURKING COMMITTEE (AKA: ANU, ARUN, JOSEBA, SELVARAJ AND TINE)

Dear Lurking committee,

I am deeply concerned about your lack of awareness on what is happening in Auroville these days. Your brain seems not to remember basic facts, perhaps an excess of work has caused this memory lapse. I can't believe that people as knowledgeable as you have never heard of a Land Committee or of Governing board minutes. Haven't you read those reports?

Perhaps you are so busy that you did not hear about several land exchanges taking place in AuroOrchard. I suggest that you inform yourself. Please ask the residents of Orchard to recount how till the last minute the "official" communication from the FO was that Orchard land will not be touched in any manner.

Have you heard of Djaima or Felicity land exchanges? I know that you have so many very important tasks to conduct that fatigue must have set in, but still why you don't take 2 minutes to see what is happening there? You pride yourself in describing your committee as "Residents assembly committee", so how come you have not been in touch with the residents affected by this?

You claim that charges of corruption are "slanderous", but my dear lurkers, I really don't think you have any competence in order to judge whether there is corruption, under-evaluation or not. I think that before passing a judgment you should take an accelerated course in land exchanges, land rates and common practices.

As for the information given by requesting a RTI, you did not hear about it? It is high time you do. Please do yourself a favour and catch up with the present situation.

Nevertheless your letter made me laugh : By resisting the land exchanges, by resisting the destruction of the body of Auroville, we give opportunity to "the outside developers" to move in??? That, I must say, is a mysterious statement and I can only conclude that your brain has melted due to the unusual summer heat.

Once again I marvel at your ignorance when you don't know that the RAD process is not anonymous at all. Perhaps this is understandable and we can excuse you as you have never voted in a similar process. But still you are, according to your own words, a committee of "the residents assembly" and you don't know that in order to vote we must give our identity? How strange! Maybe you should take a refresher course also in the Auroville processes.

And if you ask why Aurovilians are told that their name will not be revealed, please look at yourself, at the new ways the FO has introduced in Auroville when people are targeted just because they spoke their minds. Or don't you know also about that ? I seem to remember a letter written by you in which you insisted that Satprem was fairly expelled...

The video you refer to has not been promoted by "a so called RA group". It has been made by Aurovilians who happen to be part of the RA and the presenter is a beautiful person who speaks from her heart. Are you now going to decide who is in RA and who is not? In the confused and ignorant frame of mind of yours, I think this would not be advisable.

Similarly you pretend that you are going to work with the FO for making a SOP towards better land deals. My dear, in your present weak and totally muddled state of mind I am afraid that nobody will listen to you, specially not your masters, the FO. I advise caution.

But finally yes, I understand this panicky mass mail of yours. You are worried about the possible result of this RAD. This is understandable. But we are worried about you. Please take a rest, go on vacation, read books, watch videos, and stop insulting aurovilians, stop taking them for idiots.

And when you are better, please inform yourselves about Auroville and what the Mother actually said.

A blind signatory of the RAD

MATRIMANDIR EXCHANGED!

By Aurosatire

One of the most dramatic land developments in Tamil Nadu's and India's history since independence occurred on July 1, 2024. The Auroville Foundation announced that Matrimandir was exchanged for four villages.

The new owner was not Indian, but Korean. The Lucky Hyun-Sung Group has bought Auroville's centrepiece, along with the entire section inside the crown. The terms are on the Auroville terms. LHS will own the MM until it dies. It cannot sell or bequeath it to anyone. It will be like a steward but has the authority to develop the area for one and only one purpose: golf.

The Korean payment would allow Auroville to create a new master plan: Crown to Hem. And the resources to develop it. The Mother's Dream could come true without ownership of the centre. The Koreans have given their word that they will not change the MM. Aurovilians will have access to the MM at the same times as they have today, except for when there are golf tournaments.

This exchange has the blessings of the entire Indian government. The heads of state exchanged gifts, the Tamil Nadu state government officials were flying to Korea, even the land bureaucrats of the TN district are being invited to Korea to meet their equivalents. The Koreans want everyone to know that this is an important reciprocating deal. They are happy to fully support the teaching of Korean language and manufacturing processes in the local schools while training people to go to Korea and teach Sanskrit and yoga.

There was both silence and exuberance in Auroville. The Auroville Foundation consists of three entities: the Governing Board, the Residents Assembly, and the International Advisory Council. The IAC was most vocal about how happy it was to expand to include Koreans with senior UN experience. The Governing Board which did a coup-d'etat on itself by reversing the terms of recently penned land exchange points for a two-decade old master plan declined to comment. Aurovilians were mainly silent as they just wanted information on:

1. How would the MM access change and how it would reflect on the Mother's dream;
2. How would the population of Auroville change; and
3. How much money would trickle down for the development of the city.

Details would be provided by August assured many government officials. Some ideas released included a note about The Youth Bhavan, a new unit targetted to be hosted within the Korean Pavilion (another new building with a great view). It would help Aurovilian youth learn golf by offering golf scholarships.

Local villagers were reading thru fliers printed in Tamil. The panchayats would become one large Auroville panchayat. All the villagers would keep their lands, but the population would be counted as Aurovilians and new tiers of Aurovilians would be created. Some villagers were glad that Auroville would manage their garbage: "Auroville is the cleanest place in India and we are tired of living in filth and stench and want to live like Aurovilians." They were most happy about jobs and polite, clean tourists.

Even the Pondicherry government was involved with many officials in transit to Korea. The airport and port were targetted for special upgrades for flights, airships, and cruise-liners.

A concept plan of the golf-course was also circulated, 18-holes circling the MM. The challenge was that it would be the world's most hot and humid course, with both water hazards and cooling pools. Golfers would wear new swimable golf gear. The big German-style lake would be replaced by a Tamil-style series of ponds.

Environmentalists were most elated to hear this news. Also that the Koreans were not only golf-enthusiasts, but also bird-watchers and there would be also some effort to develop the Kazhuvelli Bird Sanctuary.

Even the UN had a special meeting on this event. The UN representative said: "While the rest of the world is at war, it is nice to see a very new development: an International Private Public Partnership at all levels from the citizen to the President, take place." We hear that the retired UN Secretary-General is involved and that is good news.

The size of the deal was not available. The only number provided was by the Koreans. They were keeping aside \$1 billion to maintain the MM. "With Auroville's blessing, if there is a need to repair it over the next 50 years, we would be happy to do it. We would like to properly redo the outer shell, so its becomes a perfect sphere, like a golf-ball and less like an ovary."

PSYCHIC BEING

On April 1st, 2011, Fool's Day, I started writing on the psychic being. Appalled by the misuse of the term I never speak about and here I was, compelled to write about as if a question of life and death. Indeed, it is.

Cycling, as during my solitary walks, I dialogue with 'the child' within, entering another world. To do good to all creatures: this is what 'the child' is about.



I do know that I belong to that other world, where I enter at will, and which I always knew as the real thing: the inner world of my childhood. The outer world is desecrating fiction temporarily concealing the real thing: *kalos kai agathos*, the beautiful and good of ancient Greece.

The higher vital screams in anguish at the squalor I am confronted with. Screams when I read the world news and the local ones. Anguish and hopelessness, wherever I turn. But the more I am confronted with the suffering imparted by my fellow beings, the more 'the child' asserts itself. When the outer being is but a mass of indescribable pain 'the child' takes over, calm, putting forward his *raison d'être*: the advent of the new world and society.

'The child' in us can and will take over, even if only for a short while, to remind us to never lose hope. We cannot give up, cannot let ourselves go. Shattered to pieces, we must resist and say no to all that wants us to give up. Destruction is all over, within as without Auroville. But we do have the psychic being, our one asset. If others' psychic beings join and resist, Auroville will be reborn out of its ashes. Group-soul! And so will the world, if the psychic beings all over the planet take the rein of the individual personalities and everyone stands for what's high and noble and beautiful, calling it upon earth by the force of the collective soul.

The supramental is to be reached by stages, the journey has begun; the power to bring it down on earth rests with us. To activate that power the psychic must take over: the psychic world – a first step of the ascension – is contingent and real.

The psychic being only can save the world. You. I. LOVE. There is no other way. The psychic being is the soul in us that aspires for a world of justice and equity, of compassion, understanding and charity. This is the purport of educational fairy tales, Sri Aurobindo saw the qualities of the psychic being as typical of the Christian saints. If children are reared that way there are strong chances that, instead of being superseded by mental education (and simultaneously with it, the burgeoning low vital and its passions), the psychic being will keep guiding them through life. Even if this is not visible all the time, its stronghold remains as the guidance and sustenance through the challenge of life.

The psychic being is the knight within us, the champion of the poor and the oppressed, of the weak and the enslaved. If we allow its silent flame, always turned to the light, to organize our lives the psychic being will make of it an expression of integral beauty: beauty of feelings, beauty of deeds, beauty of aspiration and lofty ideals. Even the seemingly insignificant actions of daily life will have their dignity for nothing is unworthy, nothing too trivial for the Divine. Each second spent on earth should be part of an everlasting work of art according to which we should fashion our existence.

The psychic being will not shun from the anti-divine forces that belittle and deny it. Incapable of feelings such as hostility, superiority, judgment or repulsion, the psychic being is the calm, strong warrior that serenely faces Darkness and turns it into Light. For, ultimately, everything is the Divine, the Four Emanations too. Born out of It, to the Divine they shall return, once the grand opus of transformation is achieved.

[Paulette, April 1st, 2011]

AWAKENING SPIRIT

SEEKING OUR INNER BEING

CIRCLES OF DISCUSSION IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES IN AUROVILLE



Dear Community,

The Auroville we love and we came for, is a spiritual Community aiming at Human Unity, in which people from all over the world live intentionally with the goal to hasten the shift of consciousness.

In 'To be a True Aurovilian', Mother explains that there is within us "an 'Inner 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."

In addition to the interviews of Aurovilians and non-Aurovilians on their quest of this 'Inner Being' (<https://www.aurovillerradio.org/author/inner-being-team/> and <https://www.youtube.com/@SeekingourInnerBeing>), we are happy to launch discussion circles on the topic.

These talks are conducted in the mother tongue of participants to enable an easier and freer sharing on their spiritual quest. During these circles, confidentiality is required, no quotes or academic speeches are encouraged, just simple sharing on one's experience and deep listening with care and sensitivity to others.

For now, these dialogues are held in English and French, and soon, circles will open in Tamil, Spanish and Russian. Circles in additional languages can also be proposed if interest is shown.

The 1st dates in English will take place at the **Pavilion of Tibetan Culture**, on **Saturday 20th of July, from 3.30 to 5 pm** and on **Saturday 24th of Aug, from 3.30 to 5 pm**. Please book to attend.

The 1st dates in French will take place at the **French Pavilion**, on **Saturday 13th of July, from 3.30 to 5 pm** and **Saturday 17th of August, from 3.30 to 5 pm**. Please book to attend.

If you wish to reserve your place or you feel called to participate in this project in any other way, please send an email to: Innerbeing.auroville@gmail.com

We thank you for your help and support,

Dan, for the Inner Being team
<https://innerbeing.auroville.org>

A VISION FOR SAVITRI

Dear All,

First of all a thank you for your beautiful notes on the upcoming OM Choir and Savitri Satsang.

I recently received an intuition from the Source to create an audio recording for Savitri with each of the voices. This audio would be available to all but the most important aspect is to choose the correct readers for each part. I would interview those who would like to recite.

Here is a very-important passage from a letter from Sri Aurobindo on Savitri.

Satyavan is the soul carrying the divine truth of being within itself but descended into the grip of death and ignorance; Savitri is the Divine Word, daughter of the Sun, goddess of the supreme Truth who comes down and is born to save; Aswapati, the Lord of the Horse, her human father, is the Lord of Tapasya, the concentrated energy of spiritual endeavour that helps us to rise from the mortal to the immortal planes; Dyumatsena, Lord of the Shining Hosts, father of Satyavan, is the Divine Mind here fallen blind, losing its celestial kingdom of vision, and through that loss its kingdom of glory. Still this is not a mere allegory, the characters are not personified qualities, but incarnations or emanations of living and conscious Forces with whom we can enter into concrete touch and they take human bodies in order to help man and show him the way from his mortal state to a divine consciousness and immortal life.

Characters in Savitri

Narrator -

Aswapathy - strong clear voice

Narad (high man's voice)

Satyavan - young man's voice

Death- Deep voice but clear

Dyumatsena - very small part in Book Eleven -

Savitri -

Queen Mother ,

The Madonnas

The Divine - Female, Mother's recording and others

I will begin interviews in Auroville and the Ashram. Needless to say these passages have to be almost memorised or at least very familiar to those who wish to read. The voice must be clear, the diction excellent and the ability to feel the mantra, express the music, the situation and the pentameter clearly.

Please contact me only on email: narada12@gmail.com.

Love to all,

Narad

THE OM CHOIR IN SAVITRI BHAVAN

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

- Narad



SAVITRI SATSANG WITH NARAD

Savitri Satsang with Narad will take place every

Wednesday at 6:30 pm

at the home of Uma and William in Kalpana.

SEARCH ENGINE ON LINE SRI AUROBINDO THOUGHTS AND GLIMPSES

An open-source search engine based on Sri Aurobindo's work Thoughts and Glimpses is available online at the links indicated below. Includes the English original published by the Ashram, the Italian translation by Davide Montemurri, and (currently being introduced into the database) the French translation by Mère .

The site is freely accessible without login credentials at the following links:

<https://www.aurotools.net/html/pensafor/html/MainPensafor.php>
<https://www.aurotools.net/html/pensafor/html/EstraiOk.php>

Allows you to submit searches for snippets of text, words or phrases In English, Italian and French and to get to video and then to downloadable in *.pdf file, the Aphorisms containing the textual fragment you requested.

The Italian translation is by Davide Montemurri, director of the film L'uomo dopo l'uomo and translator together with Tommaso Boni Menato of the Italian version of L'Agenda di Mère,

Leonardo

leo.biacca@gmail.com

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday, 9th July, 9 am - 12 noon

Focus: The Supermind

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

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

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

— The Mother

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

Facilitated by Zech Joya

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

Venue: Conference Room, G/F SAIER Building, Town Hall Complex, or at an agreed upon venue in 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 scan the QR Code on the left

ACCESS TO THE PARK OF UNITY AND MATRIMANDIR

The Park of Unity

The Matrimandir, the Petals, the Lotus Pond, Banyan Tree are areas of SILENCE

- The Park of Unity is open to Aurovilians and Newcomers Daily: 6.00 AM to 7.30 PM
- Aurovilians may bring close family and friends to the Gardens Daily: 9.00 AM to 3.30 PM
- Volunteers and Donors require a pass to enter the Park of Unity. Timings will be indicated on the pass.
- Published events in the Park of Unity are open to Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Pass holders and Guests. Guests should bring their Aurocards.

The Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir

The Matrimandir is a place for silent individual concentration.

- The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians and Newcomers:
Monday – Saturday 6.00 AM to 8.00 AM
4.30 PM to 7.30 PM
Sunday 6.00 AM to 12.00 PM
4.30 PM to 7.30 PM
- The Inner Chamber is open to SAVI registered Volunteers:
Wednesday – Monday 8.00 AM to 8.40 AM.
Arrival at 7.45 AM at the Office Gate
- The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 5 close family and friends, no more than once in two weeks, with booking 3 to 5 days in advance to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in:
Any day except Tuesday & Sunday: 8.00 AM to 8.35 AM
Arrival at 7.45 AM at the Office Gate
- The Inner Chamber, the Petals and the Gardens are open to the Children of Auroville and the Outreach Schools:
Tuesday 9.00 AM to 11.00 AM
- The Auroville units can bring their staff to the Inner Chamber with a prior booking to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in:
Tuesday 8.00 AM to 8.30 AM

The Petals of the Matrimandir

- The Petals are open to Aurovilians, Newcomers and Pass holders
Monday – Sunday 7 AM to 8 AM,
Tuesday AM closed.
Daily 5 PM to 6 PM

Access to Matrimandir for Visitors and Guests Matrimandir Viewing Point

The Viewing Point is open to the general public on presentation of a Pass.

Visits to the Matrimandir Viewing Point are free of cost. Free passes can be obtained at the Auroville Visitors Centre. The Viewing Point lies south of the Park of Unity and offers visitors a panoramic view of the Matrimandir and the Gardens and the Lake.

Timings starting from the Visitors Centre:
Daily: 9.00 AM to 5.30 PM

The Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir

The Inner Chamber is open to Visitors and Guests by prior booking only. Visitors and Guests seeking to concentrate in the Inner Chamber are requested to inquire at the Information Desk of the Visitors Centre after first visiting the Viewing Point. Prior booking is required to access the Inner Chamber at least one or two days in advance. Bookings for concentration are given for the following or the first free day as per availability and are accepted only up to one week in advance. Minimum age 10 years. The Petals are open to Visitors on the morning of their Inner Chamber visit.

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

POETRY

ReMAins

What remains
When the soul
Leaves the body?

A still frame
Burnt to ashes,
Buried not so deep,
Stays alive
In memories.

The soul journeys on.
Life here stays the same.
Or is it slightly stirred?

Whatever remains,
Ma still holds the reins.

-An Aurovilian

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING WORK

VIKAS COMMUNITY IS LOOKING FOR A FULL-TIME GARDENER



Given the next retirement of our gardener who has worked here for over two decades, Vikas Community is looking for a full-time gardener. English communication skills are required. Please get in touch with Gali: gali@auroville.org.in

LOOKING FOR WORK

CARE-GIVER LOOKING FOR JOB

Ramarajan from Alankuppam village has worked for us for two years, taking care of my ailing father. We found him to be reliable, trustworthy and sensitive to the needs of the family. He is available to take up similar care-giving work in either homes or institutions for the elderly. Please contact him at 95977 24465. If you need any further information about him, you may write to me at sriram.sangeetha@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

INTEGRAL MATHEMATICS SESSIONS

Integral Mathematics Sessions for Children is looking for kind, understanding, helping hands of integral Educators to assist during math sessions.

Requirements:

- Open mindset.
- Must to understand and practice Integral yoga by The Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Doesn't believe in teaching.
- A living joyful Being.
- Understanding Mathematics is an added advantage.

Working Hours: Wednesday 4:30-6 pm
Thursday from 2 pm- 5:30 pm
Friday 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Please write back to snehal@auroville.community, with your intentions(why you want to join?), thoughts, and details.

SUPPORT NEEDED

LE MORGAN NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Le Morgan Cafe (town hall) has ceased its activity one year ago, but is still struggling to settle its debts (suppliers and mostly the gratuity of the 5 workers).

We, Odile and Jean-Marc, have to find **5 lakhs** for this settlement. We have tried hard to get some help, but couldn't get any from the new AV administration (fanc, trust...). Since the covid crisis, we have no income at all, but we are asked to refund the restaurant deposit from our own pocket. So, this is a call for help to our brothers and sisters who remember the good service, the friendly welcome and nice food we have tried to provide them during 18 years.

Every donation will be welcome for reducing our burden.

FS. account:102619.

Odile, Jean-Marc



EDUCATION

CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS SDZ FUNDING IN 2024

The Project Coordination Group (PCG) will be meeting to review grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier. **The last date to submit proposals for this call is Monday, 22 July 2024.** You are welcome to submit earlier or send us a draft version of your proposal for comment prior to the due date. (*If you plan to submit a proposal, please carefully read this full announcement to the end.*) All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in the prescribed forms as attachments, emailed to pcg@auroville.org.in

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

Please note that if you are submitting a project that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your project is to be reviewed by all concerned School Boards prior to submitting to the Project Coordination Group. (Please contact all individual schools before submitting your proposal to the School Boards.) Therefore, it is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school boards, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the Project Coordination Group can more easily recommend a project for funding knowing it will have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

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

The last date for submitting proposals for this call is Monday, 22 July 2024. Please submit earlier if possible.

NB There will be another opportunity to submit proposals for funding by Stichting de Zaaier announced later this year.

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 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, poetry readings as well as self-learning and guided study in different languages with our mediathèque.

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

People have started to come back. Samskrit Chanting, Spanish, French and English and French Conversation Practice sessions are happening on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5-6pm. For the English conversation sessions, 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. You don't need to be a teacher; you simply should enjoy conversing with others and offer yourself for conversation practice. Incidentally, age no bar!

Our first full-length publication: We are thrilled to announce that the long-awaited printed copies have finally arrived!!! They are now on sale at the Lab and will be available soon at other outlets. They are available at the Auroville Library, you can borrow them. Please come to the Lab, have a look, and pick up your copy!

"From Resonance to Bonding" by our German Tomatis colleagues and friends, Dirk Beckedorf & Franz Müller, is also available on

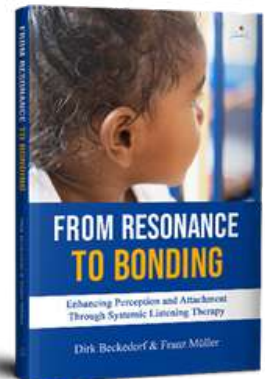
Amazon as an e-book. The paperback version is not available on Amazon yet, but you can pre-book by going to <https://books.aurovillelanguagelab.org/>, and click on "Pre-Booking (Paperback in India)."

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 buy the paperback or 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. The book holds deep insights for anyone working in the field of education.

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.



We are delighted to announce that our website has been updated and is now available. We warmly invite you to visit and explore the new features and services we have added.

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:

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3mQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlywZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

NEW Language Courses at ALL

Spanish Beginner Class with Mila

A journey of language and culture with our dynamic Spanish beginner class, guided by our long-time language teacher from Spain.

Day & Times: Monday & Wednesday 2:30 to 3:30 Pm

For Registration:

info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

+91 **9843030355** (WhatsApp)

Tamil Beginner Course with Saravanan

Catch up on Tamil sounds, learn basic grammar, and gain confidence in conversational Tamil. Our fun, interactive lessons and supportive environment make it easy and enjoyable.

Day & Times: Tuesday and Friday 9:30 to 10:30

Registration is still open.

For Registration:

info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

+91 **9843030355** (WhatsApp)

Tamil Reading & Writing and also Spoken Intermediate with Murugesan

We welcome back our other Tamil teacher, Murugesan. His daughter is fine now, (many in Auroville know the story), so he is happy to re-start teaching at the Lab. He will offer one class of Intermediate Tamil as well as another class specifically focussed on learning to read and write Tamil. Both classes will be an hour each and will start this coming Saturday (06.07.24). 9:30 to 10:30am and 11am to 12pm. The classes have not started yet. Registration is still open. Murugesan is also available for individual private classes in Tamil on Saturdays. All sessions to be booked in advance.

For Registration

info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

+91**9843030355** (WhatsApp)

Experience the magic of Persian Language and Poetry.

Explore the rich culture of Persia with Anita, from Iran, who studies ancient history and myths. Learn about famous poets like Rumi and Khayyam, and discover the stories of the ancient Zoroastrians.

Listen to the lilting beauty of Persian and take your first steps to learn it. All are welcome to join this two-month course and also drop in per session.

Day & Times: Every Saturday 10:00 to 11:30 AM

For registration:

info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

+91 **9843030355** (WhatsApp)

New Beginner Hindi with Kaushal

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

The class has not started yet. We are waiting for a group of five to start. Registration is still open.

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

Duration: 16 hours (over two months)

New Beginner Sanskrit with Kaushal

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

The class has not started yet. We are waiting for a group of five to start. Registration is still open.

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

Duration: 16 hours (over two months)

ENGLISH

The Language Lab is happy to provide a dynamic English program: English Pre-Intermediate Mon, Wed 4-5; English Intermediate Tues, Friday 4-5. Additional timings available, contact the Auroville Language Lab to schedule what works for you!

This includes English Language Teacher Training: learn how to incorporate student-driven content into a creative and holistic lesson plan.

A dedicated Study Hall with emphasis on English tutoring for all subjects: Do you have homework, a resume or a paper you are working on? We can help.

New Beginner English Class

Rupam will offer a new class for complete beginners: Let's start with the ABC of English!

Discover the Fun in Learning English through Theatre by Rupam

Explore Shakespeare, other playwrights, short stories, and poetry with us. Enhance your English communication skills through fun and interactive sessions.

Day & Times: Monday and Wednesday, 11:00 Am to 12:00 Pm

Age: 12+

Ongoing English Classes

The English Pre-Intermediate Youth group, general Pre-Intermediate, and Intermediate courses taught by Taranti and Rupam continue. Please see the schedule below.

Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes	
English	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate 8-Hour (Monthly)	11:00am – 12:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday	
	Learn English through theatre 8-Hour (Monthly)	11:00am-12:00pm	Monday & Wednesday	
	English Pre-Intermediate Youth Group 8-Hour (4 weeks)	3:00 to 4:00 pm	Monday & Wednesday	
	English Pre-Intermediate Adult Group 8-Hour (4 weeks)	4:00 to 5:00 Pm	Monday & Wednesday	
	English Intermediate Adult Group 8-Hour (4 weeks)	4:00 to 5:00 Pm	Tuesday & Thursday	
	Conversation Intermediate Start date 9 April 2024 8-Hour (4 weeks)	3:00 – 4:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday	
	Study Hall and English tutoring 8-Hour (4 weeks)	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Friday	
French	Facilitating English Teacher Training 8-Hours (4 weeks)	5:00 – 6:00 Pm	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	
	Beginner 8-Hour (1 months)	4:00 – 5:00 Pm	Tuesday & Thursday	
Persian	Persian Language and Poetry	10:00 to 11:30 Am	Saturday	
Sanskrit	Beginner	2:00 to 4:00 pm	Thursday	
Hindi	Beginner	2:00 to 4:00 pm	Wednesday	
	Tamil	Spoken Beginner	09:30 to 10:30 am	Tuesday and Friday
		Spoken Intermediate	11:00 to 12:00	Saturday
Reading & Writing		9:30 to 10:30	Saturday	
Spanish	Beginner Starting 3th of July	2:30 to 3:30	Monday & Wednesday	
	Intermediate Starting 3th of July	To Be Announced	TBA	
Italian	Beginner	To Be Announced	TBA	
	Intermediate	To Be Announced	TBA	

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 <http://register.aurovillelanguagelab.org/> You may also drop us an email at info@aurovillelanguagelab.org, call us at 262-3661, text or whatsapp 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 - 6pm
Saturday, 9am - 12pm & 2pm - 5pm

Location:
International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.
Phones: (0413) 2623661(Lab), +919843030355 (Lab WA, 2622467, 3509932 **Email:** info@aurovillelanguagegelab.org and tomatis@aurovillelanguagegelab.org



INTEGRAL MATHEMATICS:

A JOURNEY OF INSIGHT AND INSPIRATION

Explore the qualitative essence of mathematics through ancient Sanskrit scriptures, revisiting Sri Aurobindo's illuminating insights, and tracing the paths of history's greatest mathematicians. This series invites you to nurture qualities of insight, intuition, and intellectual depth, unveiling the transformative power of mathematical exploration.

Sankhya Philosophy By Kapila Muni
Understanding Thee Gunas and Tattwvada

On Saturday, July 28th, Time: 4.00 – 5.00 pm,
in the Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan

Everyone is welcome

Facilitated by Team Enlight and Savitri Bhavan

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.

Upcoming Schedule :

28th July - Three Gunas and Tattwavaad

24th August

28th September

26th October, and

30th November

Time : 4 pm - 5 pm

Venue : Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan



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.

HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN JULY 2024



Working Hours:

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

Tests and Sample collection:

Mon-Fri before **8:30** - 12:00 pm.

No sample collection on Saturday.

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

Appointment:

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: Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday (except Wednesday)	Physiotherapy with Arun Monday to Saturday (except Friday)
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena: TOS	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.

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.

WELCOME AYURVEDA !

A unique presentation of what Ayurveda is and what it can do for your life and for your health

The three ayurvedic lady doctors from Auroville

Dr. Be, Dr. Sonia, & Dr. Geeta

+ one guest lady doctor from Kerala

Dr. Greeshma

will cross-fertilize their long experience of Ayurveda for you

Saturday 13 July

Tibetan Pavilion

4:30 to 6:00pm



AUROKIYA INTEGRAL EYE CENTRE @ ARKA



Aurokiya Integral Eye Centre
(An Auroville Activity)

EYE WELLNESS CENTRE



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

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

MINDFULNESS FOR STRESS REDUCTION (MBSR) - 1 WEEK INTENSIVE COURSE

Mon 8th July - Sat 13th July

This course synthesises ancient Eastern wisdom on mindfulness with Western neuroscience, mind-body medicine & positive psychology.

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

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

Timings are: **7.30-9.30am (Mon to Fri) & 9am - 4.30pm on Sat 13th July.**

The course is led by Helen. Message her on 7094753054 for booking & details or see innersightav.org The course is hosted by InnerSight (an Activity under Hospitality Trust)



VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

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



Mindfulness Kindfulness with Helen

Saturday, July 6, 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, July 6, 2:00pm – 04:00pm

Learn about your body's constitution (Tridosas) & 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.

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

Friday, July 12, 9:15am – 12:00pm

Pranayama is a system of breathing techniques that helps us to harness the power of our life energy. In this workshop we will focus our attention on pranayama and discover the effect of various techniques on our breath.

We will explore different pranayama practices, using some of these in a sequence of asanas and maintain observation of our breath in a guided meditation.

Awareness Through the Body: Exploration of the Element Space – with Amir

Saturday, July 13, 9:15am – 12:00pm

Awareness through the body (ATB) facilitates a space for introspection to reconnect with oneself, by exploring tools and giving opportunities for inner discovery. ATB offers a means to increase our capacity to be present. ATB is an eclectic practice developed in Auroville for more than 30 years, based on Integral Yoga. In this session, we will explore the element of Space to cultivate contact with oneself and the world in a more intimate way.

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Saturday, July 13, 2:00pm – 04:00pm

Learn about your body's constitution (Tridosas) & 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.

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

PITANGA



Program July 2024 Starting Monday, 8th July

DROP-IN CLASSES *Join without prior registration!*

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9am–10:30am, **Yoga for adults** with Lisbeth

Wednesdays

8:30am – 10am, **Yoga Therapy** with Gala

Thursdays

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

Fridays

6:45am–8am, **Pranayama** with François & Namrita, For former “The Art of Living” course participants
8:30am–10am, **Yoga Therapy** with Gala

Saturdays

2:15pm–4:15pm, **Truth Based Relationships** - Practical Sessions with Juan Andrés

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

Asanas for Teenagers with Lisbeth

- **Mondays, Wednesdays, 4pm – 5:15pm**

Lisbeth resumes the Teen Yoga classes from Monday 8th July onwards. These classes can be joined by teenagers from AV schools. Old students can join again and new students can register at the reception before class and try out some classes for the month of July before they commit for the school trimester. Best is to attend both classes but choosing one day is also possible.

You’ll be added to the TeenYoga app for communication.

Yoga for children, from 9 yrs. +, with Gala

- Saturdays 10am–11am

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

- Saturdays 11am–12pm

CLASSES – BY APPOINTMENT

Art Therapy with Gala

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

HEALING SPACE–BY APPOINTMENT

- Acupuncture by Heidi, starts 15/07
- Thai Yoga Massage by Juan

NEW DROP-IN CLASS

Yoga for adults by Lisbeth

- **Tuesdays 9am–10:30am**

Lisbeth resumes the adult Yoga class on Tuesday 9th of July. These classes concentrate on posture, pranayama, yoga nidra and asanas which are adapted to the level of the class. This is a drop-in class for all levels of practitioners.

WORKSHOP

Workshop “Born Free” with Ange Sabine Blanchflower

- **Monday 15–Friday 19 July,**
- **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 22 – Friday 26 July**
- **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



Aikido is a martial art created in the 1920s by Morihei Ueshiba, a master in traditional Japanese martial arts. Aikido is a path which aspires to the unity of mankind, the unification of the self with the universe, the union of Spirit and Matter. Seen as such, and in the perspective of the integral development of the being as emphasized by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, it is no wonder that Aikido has always been greatly valued in Auroville and introduced since the very early years. Both children and adults can enjoy and benefit from its complete practice. There are no competitions in Aikido. On the self-defense aspect of it, an aggressor's attack may be stopped without harming or injuring him/her.

Adult classes: The Aikido group at **Auroville Budokan (Dehashakti)** welcomes new practitioners, **Youth and Adult students**, and the ones who would like to revive an old (abandoned) practice! So, we are happy to share our schedule: **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday early morning from 6 to 7.30 am. Beginners most welcome. Girls and women** are especially called to join us.

To progress with the practice and feel its benefits, all students are encouraged to be regular and attend a minimum of 2 classes a week. Practice outfit: In the beginning, new students can wear long and comfortable pants and a T-shirt (no tight-fitting clothes). A white keikogi (practice suit) will soon be necessary to continue. We have some in stock and can lend them out.

Your Health Fund or private insurance are required, as well as a reasonable contribution for AV Budokan (SAIIER) are requested. Non Aurovilians will contribute per class or monthly according to status in Auroville (see the teacher in charge). **For children classes** please see separate announcement.

Contact for more info and registration: budokan@auroville.org.in and **83006 43963** (Philippe G. - WA) **99528 12843** (N. Murugan -WA) **83--1 89062** (Surya -no WA)

AUROVILLE AIKIDO - REGISTRATION OF CHILDREN/YOUNG STUDENTS



School year 2024-2025

Dear Parents, dear All,

Registration: We welcome all students (new and the already registered ones) from **8 years of age (3rd Grade)** to register for the Aikido classes. We restart the year on **Monday July 8th**, on par with Dehashakti Sports. As you may know, classes take place **at the Aikido Dojo at Dehashakti (the Auroville Budokan).**

Attendance: Students joining for the first time are given a one-two month trial period during which they can withdraw if they do not like or it is felt unsuitable for them at the moment. Then to integrate and progress with the practice, students of all ages are expected to be regular and attend **at least 2 classes a week** out of the 3 offered.

As in any school, a whole year commitment is required; presence is noted down and submitted monthly to the School Board/representative; parents are expected to communicate with us in case the child is/will be absent. Evaluations (kyu passage) will be held once or twice during the year, and possibly a workshop with (an) invited high-ranked Aikido master(s) will be organised if funds are available...

Timing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 5 pm (for the time being no Saturday 9 to 10 am class are offered. Let's see later this year if it is possible for us to organise it...)

Practice outfit: In the beginning, new students can wear long and comfortable pants and a T-shirt (no tight-fitting clothes). **A white keikogi (practice suit)** will soon be necessary to continue the practice. We have some in stock and will lend them out. Nandini can also make the keikogi for your child if needed and if you are a participant to the service.

Note: Please return the keikogi (with the belt!) to the Budokan if your child has stopped or if it needs to be changed. They will be re-used!

Conditions: 1/ Please note that all students need to be part of the **Auroville Health Fund or insured** by a personal insurance. 2/ We are maintaining the Budokan/Aikido Dojo ourselves (without city budget) and therefore all students (and the teachers too!) are asked to contribute Rs. 1650/- as an annual contribution, to be deposited in the "Aikido/Budokan" Account # 252731. Thank you for your attention to this. The annual contribution will need to be transferred shortly after the beginning of the school year, or after the successful trial period (August/September). A monthly contribution is asked from non Auroville children. For information, AV Budokan is a sub-unit of SAIIER.

For registration and further inquiries, please write to budokan@auroville.org.in contact : **0413-2622951** or **83006 43963** (WA Philippe G.) **83001 89062** (Surya -no WA)

With best regards,
Cristo, Rita, Surya, and Philippe

TAI CHI HALL @ SHARNGA

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

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| <p>Mondays & Saturdays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30-8:30am Chi • 8:30-9:30am Form | } | <p>Tuesdays - Fridays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30-8:00am Chi • 8:00-9:00am Form |
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We practice three forms (24, 108 and 127) in the Yang style, as taught by the Inner Way School - Stevanovitch Method (artduchi.com). All are welcome to drop in.

Our next beginner's intensive is from August 5 to August 24, 2024.

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



CAPOEIRA - MARTIAL ART AND MUSIC WITH GINGA SAROBA

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.



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.

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

NEW THERAPY OFFERINGS AT QUIET

Energy Healing with Reiki

Offered by Vyshnavi

Reiki is an ancient Japanese method for stress reduction, healing and relaxation. It helps easing tension and stress and supports the body to facilitate an environment for healing on all levels: physical, mental and emotional.



It reduces stress and pain, improves energy levels and mood, promotes sleep quality and clarity of thought, imparts self confidence and self love, improves the results of any medical treatment such as chemotherapy, surgery, child birth, psychological conditions and shortens the healing process. Reiki also works well together with other medical or therapeutic techniques to relieve side effects and promote quick recovery.



Holistic Foot Reflexology

Offered by Vyshnavi

Holistic Foot Reflexology is a deeply relaxing, healing and balancing tool for body, mind and spirit. It helps harmonising internal organs, blood circulation, nervous, hormonal & lymphatic systems, and boost your immunity and general well-being. It's found to be effective for various health issues such as asthma, colds and bacterial infections, sinus problems, back problems, infertility issues, digestive problems, menstrual issues, arthritic pain, chronic fatigue, migraines and headaches, nerve tingling and numbness from medication.



Integrated Energy Healing & Foot Reflexology

Offered by Vyshnavi

This treatment combines elements of Reiki and Holistic Foot Reflexology to integrate, circulate and revitalise your life energy. Reiki is an effective form of energy work, using spiritually guided life force energy to help easing stress and support the body to facilitate healing. Holistic Foot Reflexology stimulates the energy centres in the feet, thereby activating the lymphatic system and internal organs throughout the body.

Combined together, this integrated treatment stimulates the natural healing processes in the body and restores physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well-being.



Gravity Colon Hydrotherapy offered by Quiet's Colonics Team

This highly effective detox treatment offers a natural approach using gravity instead of machines to clean the colon through a continuous, gentle flow of warm water.



It is a manual therapy that allows for feedback and dialogue between the client, your body and the therapist.

The objectives of Gravity Colon Hydrotherapy are: eliminating waste matter; toning the musculature of the colon, and complete detoxification of body, liver and blood. It is especially useful for insomnia, diabetes, high blood pressure, digestive complaints, fatigue, brain fog, skin problems, and women's health issues.

Gravity Colon Hydrotherapy is considered one of the most effective ways to support the body regaining its natural capacities and experiencing greater vitality and health. As such, this therapy is for anyone who aspires to inhabit a healthier body, mind and spirit!

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 - for those who have attended at least one ten day Vipassana course 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 [here](#).

Vipassana

As taught by S.N. Goenka



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



AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

JULY 2024 SCHEDULE



Registrations are a must for all the program.

Email or WA us, to know about the fees structure and other details.

Contact – email – balaganesh.siva@gmail.com & WA(only) +91 98926 99804

Day	Time	Description
Monday to Friday	10 00 am to 11 00 am	Mobility with Karlakattai
Every Friday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas, Pranayama & Meditation
Every Saturday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas, Pranayama & Meditation
Every Sunday	5 30 pm to 7 00 pm	Vinyasa Flow Asanas, Pranayama & Meditation
July 10 to 14	6 30 am to 9 30 am, 10 am to 1 pm & 5 00 pm to 7 00 pm	5 days Yoga, Meditation, Pranayama and Yoga Nidra Workshop intensive
August 1 to 22	6 30 am to 9 30 am & 3 30 pm to 7 00 pm	200 Hr Vinyasa Flow TTC

AUROVILLE YOGA 200 HR TTC SCHEDULE:

200 hours-22 days- August 1 to 22, 2024

Timing - 6 30 am to 9 30 am - 3 30 pm to 7 00 pm

- Daily Hatha & Vinyasa flow yoga sessions along with Pranayama, Meditation, Kriyas.
- Yoga Philosophy of Patanjali and other texts.
- Sequencing skills, subtle anatomy, mantra chanting
- Not just Asanas, but a complete lifestyle experience in the International town of Auroville.
- Discover the joy of a disciplined, sustainable & injury free self practise and gain tools to teach others.
- Introduction to Kalaripayatu, Animal flow,
- Sound healing, Karma Yoga and more.
- Internationally recognised Yoga Alliance,USA accredited

5 day Auroville Yoga Festival- July 10 to 14,2024

Join us for this 5-day yoga festival celebrating life!

- Daily Asana Yoga - Vinyasa Flow
- In-depth study of Meditation and Pranayama practices
- Yoga Nidra - Theory and practice
- Sound healing journey
- Karma Yoga in Auroville Farms
- Introduction to Auroville lifestyle
- Fresh food and farm produce
- Visit and meditate in Matrimandir Gardens & Inner chamber
- Walk in Auroville Forests and more...



We invite you to take this opportunity to visit Auroville and give yourself the necessary pause. This is a non-residential course. We will guide you to find accommodation if you are from outstation. DM to know more.

Registration must **Auromode Yoga Space**
Email – balaganesh.siva@gmail.com WA + 9198926 99804



JOIN INTERACTIVE PSYCHOLOGY SESSIONS WITH YOUTH!

Empowering youth through open conversation; Creating a safe space for self-reflection and intentional learning

Facilitated by Juan Andres and YouthLink

- **Every Monday** (started 10th of June) 4:30 ~ 6:00pm
- At the request of the library, we will close the entrance at 4:45 PM. Please arrive before then.
- Auroville Library
- Age group: 16 ~ 30

MAKER SPACE:

Join us for our new youth maker space at the Youth Center, **Monday to Friday from 8.30am till 12.30pm.**

Discover the endless possibilities of learning, creating, and innovating with wood, metal and more, in our collaborative workspace.

A facilitator will be available to provide assistance in learning how to use the tools and technologies, as well as hands-on experience in bringing your ideas to life.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to be a part of our growing maker community.

What can you learn:

CUTTING BOARD/ LAMPS/ RENOVATION OF FURNITURE/ METAL & WOODWORK / WELDING/ ARTS & CRAFTS/ JEWELLERY/ UPCYCLING



SOUND JOURNEY @ THE ATELIER

For details please scan the QR Code or click this link: <https://svaram.org/sound-journey-the-atelier/>

ॐ SVARAM Team



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

IMPROVISATION CLASSES IN CRIPA

STARTS 6H JULY, 3:30 PM - 5:30PM

For queries write to: michaelsokolin@gmail.com

IMPROVISATION CLASSES

Starting 6th July
Every Saturday
15:30-17:30
in Cripa (small room)

Open ONLY to those who are here long-term as we are interested in on-going continuity to progress.

We will explore staying receptive to the space, to the moment and to ourselves to become more in tune with what is natural allowing it organically to come forth without performing, acting, effort or tension.

OFFERING BY MIKE
MICHAELSOKOLIN@GMAIL.COM

KARAOKE NIGHT AT YOUTH CENTER, 5TH JULY, 7 PM

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!

KARAOKE PIZZA NIGHT

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Youth Center
Friday 5th July

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

TANGO AUROVILLE

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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

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

HARMONY Bharat Nivas

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

MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

A CALL TO CO-CREATE MULTIDISCIPLINARY IMPROVISATION LAB

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

- Step beyond labels and redefine your art form.
- Embrace the unknown and explore the interplay between disciplines.
- Safe space for artistic exploration.
- Self-motivated creation.
- Spaciousness for individual expression.
- Recognition of equal value in every movement, sound, and word
- Emotional storytelling through embodied movement and music.

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

KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE

Integral Education Activities on Mother's 12 Qualities

At our Kulilai Creative Centre - AUROVILLE

	10am to 11:30am	12pm to 1pm	3pm -4:30pm
Monday	English Class	Mother's 12 QUALITY SESSION TAILORING - Flag Making	Mother's 12 QUALITY SESSION (Gardening)
Tuesday	TAILORING (Flag Making)	TAILORING - Flag Making	Mother's 12 QUALITY SESSION (Calendars Making)
Wednesday	Mother's 12 QUALITY SESSION (Painting)	TAILORING - Flag Making	Mother's 12 QUALITY SESSION (Mural painting on walls)
Thursday	English Class	TAILORING - Flag Making	Mother's 12 QUALITY SESSION (Embroidery work)
Friday	TAILORING (Flag Making)	TAILORING - Flag Making	Mother's 12 QUALITY SESSION (Book making)
Saturday	Physical, Craft and Art Activities, Bharat Naattiyam, Silambam, Up-cycling, and many more from 9:30am to 4:30pm with free snacks and lunch for 30 kids from age 8 to 15.		

All are FREE for everyone from the ages of 5 onwards, but please register through this link <https://forms.gle/VEY21LudE1PuV77> or scan or call us 8608473385 (WhatsApp)

NOTE: Free snacks will also be provided! Volunteers are most welcome!

EDIBLE WEED WALK

Tamil Nadu is experiencing a wet summer. Wettest in 20 yrs it seems. This regular sprays may not last for long, but enough to encourage some lush growth in wild weedy plants. Inspired by this rain announcing this special Edible Weed Walk on Saturday 13 July 2024, at 7:30 am. To join you would need to pre-register w/ contribution only through FS Account #251937 or via the UPI QR code on the poster. The walk will be at an easily accessible location within Auroville. Exact location will be decided after the registration closes. Registered participants will be informed. The walk will be guided along with the Edible Weeds coloring book. If you don't have a copy of the book, you will be able to borrow one during the walk.

However if the registration doesn't reach minimum 8 people, or if it rains at 7am on Saturday, 13th, the walk will be cancelled and by or before 10th all contribution will be refunded using the payment method used within 2 working days.

**A little bit of rain, trigger a lush growth
Let's Go for a Walk**

Saturday, July 13 th
7:30am to 8:30am (8:45am max)

Registration w/ contribution is required (min 8 max 10 in this walk)
Registration deadline : Friday, 12th @ noon

Location of walk within Auroville will be decided and shared with the registered participants on Friday evening

Contribution :
Rs. 500/person (for all).
Rs. 350/person for Aurovilian and SAVI-registered volunteers

Contribute only by : FS Account # 251937 or by UPI (scan QR code)

Edible Weed Walk @ NinaS
Boerhavia diffusa/Punarnava
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Page 15 in Edible Weeds book



If walk is cancelled contribution will be returned within 2 working days using same payment method used

WhatsApp +91 98409 36907

PERMACULTURE 360° FARM TOUR AT TERRA SOUL



terra soul
@ AUROVILLE
Permaculture 360°
Experience Permaculture Life at Terra Soul

Ever wondered what sustainable living looks like?
Join us
Saturday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for an immersive tour of our permaculture farm in Auroville!

- ✓ Guided tour of our lush permaculture farm
- ✓ A chance to connect with Nature and like-minded communities
- ✓ Delicious farm-to-table lunch made from our fresh harvest

CALL & BOOK A TOUR NOW
JUAN - 9443434182
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Limited spots available!

Register now to secure your place before coming and step into a world of sustainability.

FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

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



SATURDAY 6TH JULY FOODLINK MARKET

Dear community,
We are organising a market weekly on Saturdays between 10 am and 12.30 pm. Please drop by FoodLink to get freshly harvested vegetables, fruits, eggs, and milk from the Auroville farms.

Isabelle M for FoodLink team

Mobile and WhatsApp: +91 8300 268804 | [FoodLink basket order form here](#)



FOODLINK MARKET

Fruits, vegetables, milk & eggs from Auroville farms

6th July
Saturday
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

FoodLink
Solar Kitchen Complex
Crown Road, Auroville

Call/WhatsApp:
+91 83002 68804

No cash payments. All payments are to be made via AVFS account, AuroCard or UPI.

SATSANGA RESTAURANT

Combo Menu - Home delivery

European and Indian dishes: vegetarian, chicken, fish, prawn, meat, pasta, paneer cottage cheese and much more!

Call:
WA:8825801990 or 9080386900
Landline: 0413-2918553

Address: Auroville main road, next to HDFC Bank
Email: aurosatsanga@gmail.com



ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE



eco femme

Come learn about:

- Sustainable products like cloth pads, menstrual cups, period panties and cloth nappies
- Menstrual cycle awareness
- Ethical business in a women-led social enterprise
- Our not-for-profit menstrual health education

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
Every Thursday, 10:30am - 12:00pm
P.S. You can pick up all our eco-friendly products at a discount!

 Eco Femme Office
Auroshipam, Auroville
ecofemme.org | WA: +91 94871 79556

SOLITUDE FARM - FRESH LOCAL FOOD

Dear friends,

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

9843319260
solitudepermaculture@gmail.com



AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS

Auroville Library has resumed normal opening hours after the summer break.

Our timings are:

Mornings:

Monday - Saturday: 9am - 12.30pm

Afternoons:

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 2pm - 4.30pm

Tuesdays: 4pm - 6.30pm

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



HAIRCUTS

Hairdresser. For your and / or your child' s next haircut: inspired, striving-for-the-perfect, 12 yrs young artist Ahana looks after your and / or your child's hair and well being.

For an appointment kindly contact 9751513906 (all messenger providers, no calls) or essence.touch@yahoo.de



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

ARE YOUR TREES GETTING THE CARE THEY NEED!?

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

Contact us through +91 **90420 59890** or office@treecareindia.com.

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

Warmly,
TreeCare Team



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, while sharing a good time with Anitya's community members



Limited seats available

Every Thursday & Saturday- Contribution required



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

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

MUST book min. 1 day in advance: +918489760966

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



AURODENT OFFERS IN JULY



AURODENT EXPERIMENT

July Month Offer

Get your dental fillings on a donation basis!

We would want to conduct a research to determine how our clinic can pay all costs associated with delivering affordably priced dental care to anybody who wishes to get it in Aurodent. We believe someone who can donate more will help those who are struggling to afford it. We will be delighted to see you in Aurodent and join in this new experiences. Note: Donations are only accepted for filling treatments during the month of July.

BOOK APPOINTMENT NOW

**AUROMODE (OPPOSITE OF CSR), AUROVILLE 605101.
WHATSAPP 9629199328 LAND LINE: 0413-2622063**

LIGHT FISH

PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO AURELEC

Services:

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

Phone: 8279300821
sales@light-fish.com





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 **Kalpna office** from 10:30 till 16:00, Landline **2623030 (Monday to Friday)**. Saturdays on appointment only.

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

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

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

Some current offers: Armenia airways announces the commencement of its operation in India from Delhi to Yerevan weekly three days Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

- Air Canada expands service to Canada for winter 2024-25:
 1. Only non-stop Mumbai - Toronto route launches October 28th 2024, four-times weekly from Mumbai
 2. Delhi-Calgary flights via London Heathrow beginning October 28th 2024
 3. Delhi-Vancouver flights connect conveniently this winter via London Heathrow
 4. Delhi - Montreal flights are now daily.
- Air India has offer fare from Chennai to Milan, Copenhagen, London.
- Etihad airways offer fare is available from Chennai to Milan, Brussels, Madrid, Munich.
- Malaysian airways, Singapore airways & Thai airways special fare from Chennai to Seoul.
- Air visatara special fare from Chennai to Frankfurt, Paris.
- Oman airways offer fare from Chennai to Milan, Munich, London.
- Aerofloat flight offer fare is available from Delhi - Moscow - Delhi.

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.

Srilankan Tourist Visa 30 days single entry fees waiver scheme for citizens of China, India, Indonesia, Russia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Japan is valid until further notice. Indian Nationals can apply for E-tourist visa through the given link

<https://www.srilankaevisa.lk/> Indian Nationals are entitled to visa exemption for the purpose of tourism and short-term business engagements, for a period not exceeding 60 days. Visa on arrival at the immigration checkpoints on arrival for the purpose of tourism, for a period not exceeding 15 days.

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

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, [this LINK](#) 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

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.

Download link as shown below:

- Android**
<https://rb.gy/32zcx>
- iPhone**
<https://rb.gy/visp4c>
- Desktop**
<https://rb.gy/bpnud5>



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

Best regards, Sathish Arumugam / For Dropzy
Mobile: +91 8098144686 / www.dropzy.in

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

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



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

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

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

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

Regards, Julien.

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**.

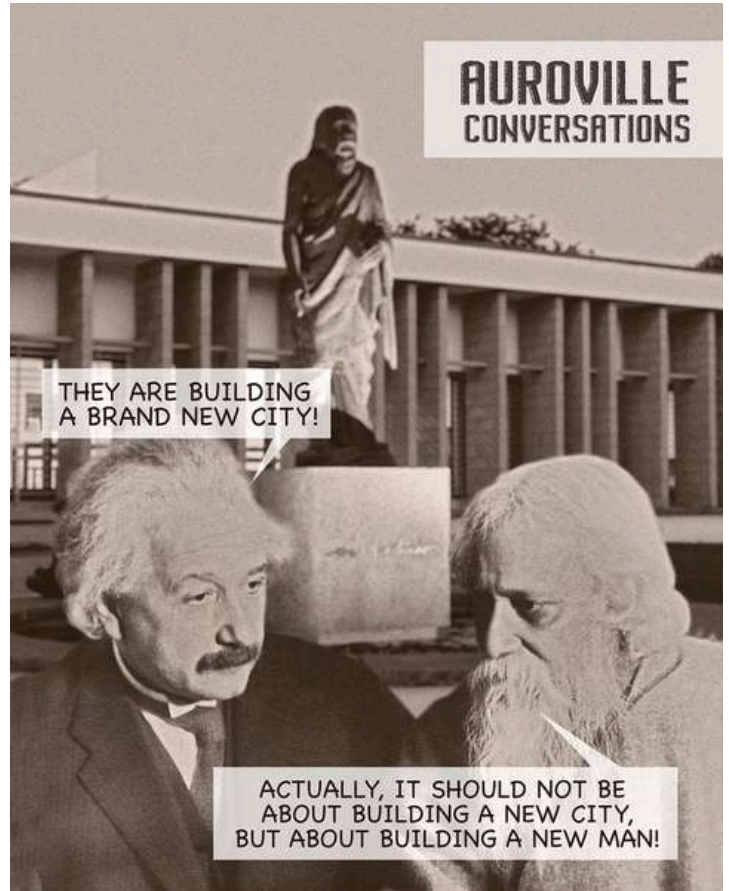
The unit can also undertake sub-contract of your production work on job work basis.

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

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



AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



LOOKING FOR

THAMARAI REQUEST FOR DONATION OF WEIGHTS ETC

Dear community,

Do you have any **weights/ dumbbells, kettle bells, medicine/ strength balls, resistance bands, punching bags and or gloves** etc that you are not using?



We could really make great use of these at the **Thamarai Learning Centre!**

- to support our wellbeing activities with the children in our after-school and weekend programs, as well as for health programs with local youth and adults.

Can you help? If so, please contact us at: thamarai@auroville.org.in or via WhatsApp: +91 9566936746

Or maybe you would like to donate for us to directly purchase this needed equipment? If so, we welcome with gratitude any contribution to FS account number: **251633**



With love and thanks,
Carla, for the Thamarai Team

TAXI SHARE



FROM CHENNAI TO AUROVILLE, 8 JULY

I arrive at Chennai Airport on 17.25 on the 8th of July and would be happy to share the taxi either way. If you want to reach the airport earlier in the day or would like to go from the airport at around 18.00 please do get in touch. Nandita, nandita@sharan-india.org, +91 9488483286

FRENCH NEWS & NOTES



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FO GROUPS NEWS

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FROM THE FO N&N 1033

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CINEMA



The Aurofilm team is happy to restart its **Friday film screenings** or you all at **MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)**

Friday July 5th – at 8:00 pm

“A SCENE AT THE SEA” (Original title's transliteration: "Ano natsu, ichiban shizukana umi")

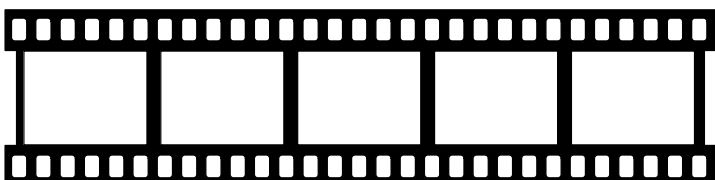
Directed by Takeshi Kitano (AKA Beat Takeshi) - Japan, 1991

With: Claude Maki, Hiroko Ohshima, Sabu Kawahara, Susumu Terajima, ...

Synopsis: Shigeru, a deaf garbage collector happens upon a broken and discarded surfboard. The discovery plants in him dreams of becoming a surf champion. Encouraged by his girlfriend, he persists against all odds.

Overview: This movie was a break from previous Kitano fare in that it features no gangsters (*yakuza*) or police! Here instead, Kitano develops his more delicate, romantic side along with his trademark deadpan approach. (its original title Engl. would translate in "That summer, the calmest sea"...). It is truly on the art side and with beautiful music by Joe Hisashi (who has composed for many of Miyazaki's *anime*).

Original version in Japanese with English Subtitles, duration 1h.41'



ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

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

Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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

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



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance (24/7):

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

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

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

Vandrevala Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program 08 July 2024 14 July 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.

Watch out, now some days are mixed up from the usual!

Indian – Monday 8 July, 8:00 pm:

- **KURANGU PEDAL (Monkey pedal)**

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Kamalakannan w/Prasanna Balachander, Nakkalites Chella, Jansan Diwakar, and others, Drama, 119mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

A feel-good nostalgic film, inspired by a short story 'Cycle' by Rasi Alagappan, is set in 1980's village in Salem, Tamil Nadu. Mariappan a fifth-grade student has a solid summer vacation plan, to learn how to ride a cycle, and then ride up to Ooratchi Koattai temple. He even manages to rent a cycle from the village's new cycle-shop, to learn. His father who himself doesn't know how to ride a cycle comes to know about this and is upset. How a ride becomes a life changing for both Mariappan, his friends and his father is the crux of this story. *Must watch!*

Potpourri – Tuesday 9 July, 8:00 pm:

- **THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CARING**

USA, 2016, Writer-Dir. Rob Burnett w/ Craig Roberts, Paul Rudd, Selena Gomez, and others, Comedy-Drama, 97mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Based on a novel by Jonathan Evinson, in this film Ben Benjamin, writer retires after a personal tragedy and becomes a caregiver for a Trevor Conklin, who suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy. When the two embark on an impromptu road trip, their ability to cope is tested as they start to understand the importance of hope and friendship. *A film to watch!*

Selection – Wednesday 10 July, 8:00 pm:

- **AMERICAN GANGSTER**

USA, 2007, Dir. Ridley Scott w/Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe, Chiwetel Ejiofor, and others, Biography-Crime, 157mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on true events, in this film, following the death of his employer and mentor, Bumpy Johnson, Frank Lucas establishes himself as the number one importer of heroin in the Harlem district of Manhattan. He does so by buying heroin directly from the source in Southeast Asia in a unique way. As a result, his product is superior to what is currently available on the street and his prices are lower. His alliance with the New York Mafia ensures his position. It is also the story of a dedicated and honest policeman, Richie Roberts, who heads up a joint narcotics task force with the Federal government.

Interesting – Thursday 11 July, 8:00 pm:

- **AND THE KING SAID, WHAT A FANTASTIC MACHINE**

Sweden-Denmark, 2023, Writer-Dir. Axel Danielson & Maximilien Van Aertryck w/ Chris Anderson, Felix Bergsson, Ulrika Bergsten, and others, Documentary, 88mins, Swedish-English-French-German-Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

From the first camera to 45 billion cameras worldwide today, the visual sociologist filmmakers widen their lens to expose both humanity's unique obsession with the camera's image and the social consequences that lay ahead.

International – Saturday 13 July, 8:00 pm:

- **AKU WA SONZAI SHINAI (Evil Does Not Exist)**

Japan, 2023, Writer-Dir. Ryūsuke Hamaguchi w/Hitoshi Omika, Ryô Nishikawa, Ryûji Kosaka, and others, Drama, 106mins, Japanese w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

In this slow-paced tale set in the rural Mizubiki, not far from Tokyo, Takumi and his daughter, Hana, lead a modest life gathering water, wood, and wild wasabi for the local udon restaurant. Increasingly, the townsfolk become aware of a talent agency's plan to build an opulent glamping site nearby, offering city residents a comfortable "escape" to the snowy wilderness. When two company representatives arrive and ask for local guidance, Takumi gets apprehensive of the impending assault on "nature", but is it only from outside but also within? *Don't miss!*

Children's Matinee – Sunday 14 July, 4:00 pm:

- **THE PEANUTS MOVIE**

USA, 2015, Dir. Steve Martino w/Noah Schnapp, Bill Melendez, Hadley Belle Miller, and others, Animation-Adventure, 88mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the whole gang are back in a heartwarming story. A new girl with red hair moves in across the street, and Charlie Brown falls in love. Now he tries to impress her, but he just can't do anything right. Snoopy in the meantime is writing a love story about his continuing battles with The Red Baron. In the midst of this Charlie Brown gets a perfect score on his standardized test and gets very popular; but he knows that there has been a mistake. Should he tell the truth and risk losing his popularity? Will he win the girl?

BLACK & WHITE CLASSICS @ CINÉ-CLUB

Ciné-Club Sunday 14 July, 8:00 pm:

- **MANHATTAN**

USA, 1979, Dir. Woody Allen w/ Diane Keaton, Mariel Hemingway, and others, Comedy – Drama, 96 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

Manhattan is a romcom which follows the romantic journeys of 42 year-old, divorced television writer Isaac Davis who is dating a teenager whilst problematically finding himself falling in love with his best friend's mistress. What pours more oil into the fire is the book which his ex-wife happens to be writing about their horrid time together.

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

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

Thanking You,
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