

Auroville

# NEWS & NOTES

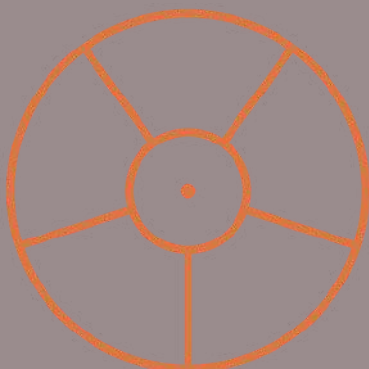
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Wildlife Museum, Bharat Nivas, July 2024



## PONDERING

The Mother was asked about the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides in Auroville. She replied:

NO NO NO

Auroville should not fall back into old errors which belong to a past that is trying to revive.

~ March 1971

<https://dream.books.prisma.haus/en/auroville-in-elaboration#life-aspects>



As one drowned in a sea of splendour and bliss,  
Mute in the maze of these surprising worlds,  
Turning she saw their living knot and source,  
Key to their charm and fount of their delight,  
And knew him for the same who snares our lives  
Captured in his terrifying pitiless net,  
And makes the universe his prison camp  
And makes in his immense and vacant vasts  
The labour of the stars a circuit vain  
And death the end of every human road  
And grief and pain the wages of man's toil.

One whom her soul had faced as Death and Night  
A sum of all sweetness gathered into his limbs  
And blinded her heart to the beauty of the suns.  
Transfigured was the formidable shape.

His darkness and his sad destroying might  
Abolishing for ever and disclosing  
The mystery of his high and violent deeds,  
A secret splendour rose revealed to sight  
Where once the vast embodied Void had stood.

Night the dim mask had grown a wonderful face.

The vague infinity was slain whose gloom  
Had outlined from the terrible unknown  
The obscure disastrous figure of a god,  
Fled was the error that arms the hands of grief,  
And lighted the ignorant gulf whose hollow deeps  
Had given to nothingness a dreadful voice.

As when before the eye that wakes in sleep  
Is opened the sombre binding of a book,  
Illumined letterings are seen which kept  
A golden blaze of thought inscribed within,  
A marvellous form responded to her gaze  
Whose sweetness justified life's blindest pain;  
All Nature's struggle was its easy price,  
The universe and its agony seemed worth while.

As if the choric calyx of a flower  
Aerial, visible on music's waves,  
A lotus of light-petalled ecstasy

Took shape out of the tremulous heart of things.

There was no more the torment under the stars,  
The evil sheltered behind Nature's mask;  
There was no more the dark pretence of hate,  
The cruel rictus on Love's altered face.

Hate was the grip of a dreadful amour's strife;  
A ruthless love intent only to possess  
Has here replaced the sweet original god.

Forgetting the Will-to-love that gave it birth,  
The passion to lock itself in and to unite,  
It would swallow all into one lonely self,  
Devouring the soul that it had made its own,  
By suffering and annihilation's pain  
Punishing the unwillingness to be one,  
Angry with the refusals of the world,  
Passionate to take but knowing not how to give.

Death's sombre cowl was cast from Nature's brow;  
There lightened on her the godhead's lurking laugh.

All grace and glory and all divinity  
Were here collected in a single form;  
All worshipped eyes looked through his from one face;

He bore all godheads in his grandiose limbs.

An oceanic spirit dwelt within;  
Intolerant and invincible in joy  
A flood of freedom and transcendent bliss  
Into immortal lines of beauty rose.

In him the fourfold Being bore its crown  
That wears the mystery of a nameless Name,  
The universe writing its tremendous sense  
In the inexhaustible meaning of a word.

In him the architect of the visible world,  
At once the art and artist of his works,  
Spirit and seer and thinker of things seen,  
Virat, who lights his camp-fires in the suns  
And the star-entangled ether is his hold,  
Expressed himself with Matter for his speech:  
Objects are his letters, forces are his words,  
Events are the crowded history of his life,  
And sea and land are the pages for his tale.

Matter is his means and his spiritual sign;  
He hangs the thought upon a lash's lift,  
In the current of the blood makes flow the soul.

His is the dumb will of atom and of clod;  
A Will that without sense or motive acts,  
An Intelligence needing not to think or plan,  
The world creates itself invincibly;  
For its body is the body of the Lord  
And in its heart stands Virat, King of Kings.

In him shadows his form the Golden Child  
Who in the Sun-capped Vast cradles his birth:  
Hiranyagarbha, author of thoughts and dreams,  
Who sees the invisible and hears the sounds  
That never visited a mortal ear,  
Discoverer of unthought realities  
Truer to Truth than all we have ever known,  
He is the leader on the inner roads;  
A seer, he has entered the forbidden realms;  
A magician with the omnipotent wand of thought,  
He builds the secret uncreated worlds.

Armed with the golden speech, the diamond eye,  
His is the vision and the prophecy:  
Imagist casting the formless into shape,  
Traveller and hewer of the unseen paths,  
He is the carrier of the hidden fire,  
He is the voice of the Ineffable,  
He is the invisible hunter of the light,  
The Angel of mysterious ecstasies,  
The conqueror of the kingdoms of the soul.

*(to be continued next week)*

— **Sri Aurobindo, Savitri A Legend and a Symbol**  
Book Eleven: The Book of Everlasting Day  
Canto One: The Eternal Day: The Soul's Choice and  
the Supreme Consummation

<https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/34/the-eternal-day-the-souls-choice-and-the-supreme-consummation>

With love and gratitude,  
Gangalakshmi (HOMA)



# NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:**  
**TUESDAY 5PM**

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

## How to submit material:

- Max size of posters should be 1 MB, JPEG format. Bigger posters will be reduced or cropped to fit.
- Please AVOID CAPS letters
- Material (no pdf files, please) may be sent in English only to [newsandnotes@auroville.services](mailto: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](mailto:@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](mailto: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](mailto:auroville.entryboard@gmail.com)

## FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

### NEW MEMBERS OF THE RAS

Dear Community,

We are happy to inform you that three new members have been selected for the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS). These members were chosen jointly after a call to the community.

The new members, who will be on a trial period of three months starting from 23th of July, are:

- Pala - Invocation
- Franclin - Humanscape
- Vignesh - Humanscape

The ongoing members are:

- Tatiana
- Peter. L

Kind regards,

The Auroville Council and the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly

For the Auroville Council

Ashwini, Martin, Luca Ramesh, Riju, Samrat and Sathiya

And Working Committee of the RA

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

## FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

### REGARDING THE PROJECT TO BUILD ACCOMMODATION FOR 1000 BEDS

Dear community,

We would like to bring to your attention the [attached document](#), which was prepared by some of our resource persons. This paper comments on the statement and announcement by Governing Board appointees that a [project](#) to build 1000 beds is ongoing, and that a loan of 100 crores has been negotiated with HUDCO for this purpose. The attached paper illustrates the AVFO appointees' tendency to make statements and claims without having studied the feasibility of their projects beforehand, and without consulting with all the parties involved.

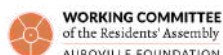
We take this occasion to remind everyone, including appointees of the Governing Board, that applying for such loans cannot be done without consulting the Residents' Assembly or its representatives. Once again, this was not done in the case of this 100 crore loan request to HUDCO, which thankfully was not approved by the Ministry of Education.

It is important to note that the economic setup for such a loan to be repaid by maintenance seems hardly feasible. A detailed financial analysis and approval by the residents (who would ultimately be held responsible to repay the loan) is a minimum requirement in a shared economy.

Sincerely,

Your RA Working Committee

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



## RA NEWS & NOTES: CALL FOR SUPPORT

Dear Auroville community,

We are reaching out because the Community edition of the News & Notes (aka RA News & Notes) needs your help.

It has been nearly a year and a half since the RA News & Notes was created with the intention of providing uncensored content to the community of Auroville. In these challenging times, we remain committed to upholding the voices of residents and their appointed representatives.

While most members of our team volunteer their time, we do have recurring costs, primarily for printing and distribution. Our operating expenses are estimated at around 18,000 Rs monthly.

**If you are able to support us regularly, even with a few hundred rupees, or with larger one-time donations, it would be extremely helpful.** The continuation of the RA News & Notes depends on our collective effort.

To read all our issues or to subscribe, please visit: <https://auroville.media/newsandnotes/>

**To donate, please make a transfer to Financial Service account number #252150.**

Thank you for your support and your weekly contributions. We're honoured to be serving the community by enabling this essential service to continue.

In service,

The RA News & Notes Editors



## COMMUNITY SHARING

### SRIMA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**Srima** needs your help!

Srima is calling for volunteers to help stop the erosion, people are needed everyday to help with the Geo Textiles during low tide.

To help, please join the WhatsApp group where daily Timings & Updates will be shared.

For further questions, call: +91 94437 02716

Join the WA Srima Group by clicking the Link below or scan the QR Code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BvFUJBrXp1uES3ey85r6b1>



# AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

## MONTHLY TRANSPARENCY REPORT JULY 2024

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

### Overview

New admissions: 14 (250 since April 2023 - among them 4 dumped Labradors and a pug!)

Rabies suspect cases: 1

Adoptions and Releases: 2

Vaccinations administered: 35

ABC shelter dog sterilizations: 12 (86 since February)

Deworming: 50

Bravecto given: 220 doses

### Donations and Newsletter

This month, our funding situation has improved thanks to several kind hearted donors who saw our calls for support and decided to open their hearts and help our shelter. Unfortunately FAMC confirmed that they will not increase their meagre funding of Rs. 50,000 for 280 shelter dogs, not now and not in future. Sadly animal care is not on their priority list.

We have started a monthly Auroville Dog Shelter Newsletter to reach our donors (who are not following our social media posts directly) via email and keep them updated about the many improvements and activities of our shelter. If you want to subscribe to our newsletter, please drop us a mail at [aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in)

This month, Rs. 324,596 arrived in our FS account, which includes FAMC Rs. 50,000 and also donations sent by AVI USA (USD 594.46) and AVI Germany (Euro 446.50) covering our basic monthly running costs of Rs. 3 lakh. Additionally, Rs. 148,500 in donations were received in our AV Foundation - Auroville Dog Shelter account from generous local donors which we use to purchase medicines, vaccinations and improve the shelter infrastructure. We are also very grateful for the donation of 120 kg of pedigree food, some used roof sheets which we could use to make an enclosure and also for the donation of a small quantity of rice.

### Expenditures

**Animal Food:** This month we fed our dogs 1.9 tons of rice, 2 tons of chicken, and 750 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 buy urgently some medicines and spent Rs 30,391 on it. We were also able to purchase for Rs. 96,000 urgently needed BRAVECTO medicines to keep our dogs tick free and safe from tick fever after the number of cases surged dramatically. We also acquired a small stock of vaccinations to continue offering our cost-price-vaccination service for Rs. 300 at our mobile clinic and shelter.

### Acts of Dog Cruelty

We are deeply appalled by the recent surge in dog cruelty and the abandonment of pets in Auroville. This month, we received a distressing rescue call about a dog whose face had been eaten by maggots. Tragically, there was nothing we could do for this poor dog, which died minutes after our team arrived. We discovered that this dog had been chased away by people nearby from Verite Community instead of being helped. Such cruelty and indifference to the suffering of other beings is unacceptable.

This month alone, we have rescued four Labradors and one tiny pug that were heartlessly abandoned in Auroville. We are actively gathering information about these animal abusers and will file legal charges. There can be no tolerance for animal abuse in Auroville.

### New Temporary Enclosures

To address 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've already completed one enclosure for a very aggressive dog, Ollie, who loves his new space!

It took us a week to manually clear a previously unused and overgrown area of the shelter, transforming it into a dog forest where we can place dog houses, fence it, and expand the living space to improve the quality of life for our beloved canine residents.

We kindly ask Aurovilians, dog lovers and AV Units to assist us with their time, energy, and donated materials to help build these new enclosures and 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. We really need your help!!!! We have a donation barrel at Old Pour Tous in Kuilapalayam to receive donations in kind like food or cloth.

### Partnership with Maneka Gandhi of People for Animals

We are thrilled to announce a promising partnership with India's foremost animal activist, the esteemed Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, who is also the chairwoman of India's largest animal charity, "People for Animals." This collaboration between our animal care organizations will significantly enhance the quality of care for all animals in Auroville and the entire bioregion. Additionally, sharing valuable knowledge will greatly benefit the construction of the new Auroville Dog Shelter.

### Bollywood Spotlight on Auroville's Canine Stars!

Twenty of our fabulous dogs recently shared the limelight with renowned Bollywood actress Chandrika Ravi during a film shoot at Rock Beach in Pondicherry last Friday. Chandrika Ravi, a passionate animal lover, visited our shelter with the director and crew to meet our dogs and instantly fell in love with our dog residents! She has pledged to use her platform to promote our shelter, raising awareness and funds, and is eagerly anticipating her return to Auroville for the big opening of the new Auroville Dog Shelter.

### A Final Call for Auroville's Responsibility

As a city, Auroville is responsible for managing its municipal services, including the dog shelter. The shelter's operation is essential for public health, preventing the spread of diseases such as rabies and canine distemper. Additionally, it ensures community safety by managing the stray dog population through sterilization programs, while also ensuring that every animal is healthy and cared for.

Auroville has had a dog shelter since 2005, it has one now, and it must continue to have one in the future. Please support us in maintaining this vital service to keep Auroville, its residents and animals safe!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your unwavering support of the Auroville Dog Shelter.

Despite ongoing resistance, we remain optimistic and look forward to beginning construction on the new shelter soon.

With gratitude,

Auroville Dog Shelter Team  
Tine, Joseba, Arthur, Mar



## THANK YOU

### FROM WASTELESS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for having joined us in celebrating our achievements, learning about everything waste, and offering your generous support! We are deeply grateful to be part of this wonderful community that consistently cheers us on.

In case you missed our Fundraiser event but still would like to help, contact us at [info@wastelessindia.org](mailto:info@wastelessindia.org) or donate directly to our Financial Service account: **251252**

Your contribution, big or small, makes a real difference in our mission to empower children to become the change makers of tomorrow!

With deep gratitude,  
Chandrah & Ribhu - WasteLess Founders

# THANK YOU

for being WasteLess Superheroes!

Your support at our Fundraiser empowers us to continue our mission to inspire children to become future advocates for our planet.

Our hearts are filled with joy, love and deep gratitude!

The WasteLess Team



## OBITUARY



### IN MEMORIAM - BINDU MOHANTY PASSED AWAY

Bindu Mohanty passed away on July 28th in a hospital in Germany at the age of 55. Bindu had joined Auroville in 1994 and was working in Auroville as the Lead Faculty of the American Living Routes - Study Abroad Programs in India for more than 11 years. She gained a Ph.D. in Sri Aurobindo studies from the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) in 2008 with her thesis "Spiritual ideals and social psychology of Auroville: A transdisciplinary interpretive inquiry." In later years she was also active as Senior Coordinator (Research and Partnerships) of the Indian Revitalizing Rainfed Agriculture Network. She was also one of the contributors of Auroville Today.

In 2023, she went to Germany to be with her German husband Karl-Heinz, where it was discovered that she had cancer. She then shared this reflection.

#### A brush with mortality/immortality

"As kids, my brother and I would lie for hours on the terrace of our house, captivated by the star-studded skies of summer nights. Even though I was in awe of this majestic splendour, I would wonder what's beyond. It depressed me slightly that I could not escape the universe. I would always be contained by it.



In retrospect, I believe that these childhood thoughts laid the foundations of the alternative life I built for myself. Job, career, husband, and children, all seemed a bit mundane, attracted as I was by the deep mysteries of Life, Death, and an inexplicable ever-expanding universe. And while I have had peak experiences, moments of great tranquillity, where I felt united with some universal primal force, it was never really a daily lived experience. And given the inexorable demands of life, like most people, I allowed myself to be chained to the hum-drum routine of work and feeding myself 3 times a day.

Then, out of the blue, while treating a persistent cough and chest pain, the doc announced that I had a malignant tumour that needed to be operated on. I had already gone through other scary prognoses of pulmonary fibrosis, pulmonary embolism etc., but cancer? Cancer was in its own league, and had the evil, ultimate ring of something life-threatening and terminal (even though most forms of cancer are treatable). And while I may have grandiose thoughts and experiences, I was a coward when it came to pain. I did not want to live out the rest of my days dealing with pain and disease management. All my plans for the future, of reinventing my life in Germany, crumbled before me, as I was forced to confront this death sentence that had been laid on me.

I did not know then, and I do not know still, how bad the cancer is. But I found myself pondering on the reasons to live, whittling down all sentimental thoughts. For instance, I know I have a very, very caring circle of friends and family, but I also know with the relentless passage of time, I will soon fade away from the memories of my loved ones. Truly, everything in this life is marked by mortality . . . if we put aside all religious and spiritual explanations of death, death seems to be a nihilism. A negation of all that one's life stood for, and that kind of makes the struggle to live pointless.

I found myself, as I did as a kid, wondering about the immortal primal forces of our universe, and our connection to it. On days when I struggled with pain, discomfort, and sheer lack of energy, I struggled with fear and on good days, I held on to hope. I smiled at myself for oscillating thus between dualities—hope and fear; life and death. And I told myself that the ultimate miracle would be to be free from the grip of these dualities that run through all existence.

Coming out of anaesthesia after the surgery, my first thought was that "I am part of the force that started this universe." And that was the most comforting and freeing thought I had.

Death comes to all—sooner or later. But the power that made the universe could well be immortal—this seems to be borne out by science as well—and well, if one were part of this force then death would merely be a change from one dimension to the other. As mentioned earlier, there are times when I have felt a calm, vast, primordial force, transcendent and yet united with my being. And I realised that knowing this force intimately, being able to connect with it at will, would be a reason to live. It would endow whatever days I have left in this life with meaning."

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A silent gathering in memory of Bindu was held at the Matrimandir Banyan Tree on July 30th.

Please find a video interview with Bindu here:

<https://youtu.be/ZzYRPFFU8lk?si=zZSTkTbkAueYRufh>



### PRATEEK

Tejaswi and Prateek were long term volunteers in Auroville from 2021 to 2023 and had worked with Auroville units such as Talam and Yuvabe during their stay. They got married in 2023 and moved to Bangalore and later to Chennai. They were planning to move back to Auroville on 28th July and were in Auroville last week to finalize their move



In a very tragic and shocking incident on Tuesday 23rd July, Prateek suffered a heart attack and passed away. He was 34 years old and had no known health issues. The incident took place in the Grace community. The news is still sinking into the ones close to them. His last rites were concluded in Bangalore.

Prateek was a very generous, caring and loving person. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family. Please keep him, Teja and their family in your thoughts and prayers. We pray for The Mother's Grace.

We also want to thank the AV Emergency Services team, AV Security & Working Committee for the prompt support provided during this time.

Love and light,  
Friends of Prateek and Teja



## AWAKENING SPIRIT

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

Tuesday, 6th August, 9 am - 12 noon  
Focus: The Inner being

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



### AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation at sunset with SAVITRI, After the summer time with our meditations with Sunil's New Year Music, we restart the cycle of Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's long mantric poem, read by Mother to Sunil's incredible music.

Every THURSDAY  
6.00 to 6.30 pm

(weather permitting)



Enjoy the beautiful open space, 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 to use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc. No photos.

Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you –Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5. 45 pm and the time of the meditation. Thank you.

Surya, Velmurugan and Vinay

### THE OM CHOIR IN SAVITRI BHAVAN

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

- Narad



### OPEN-CIRCLES FOR PSYCHIC BEING

Dear Friends,

With regards to the 'Open-Circles', previously announced, on the topic of the Psychic Being that will take place on:

- **Wednesday 24/08**, from 3.30 to 5pm in **English** at the Pavilion of Tibetan culture

Please find below a few guidelines that we would like you to take into consideration, to ensure a smooth and respectful sharing:

- Booking in advance is recommended in order for us to be able to wait for anyone arriving (not too) late. Arriving on time shows respect to the rest of the participants :)
- There is no obligation to share in the circle, however, we would like to encourage a fully present and deep listening audience
- The circles will not be recorded as our intention is to create a sacred and confidential space for the individual sharings.

Looking forward to meeting you at our upcoming circles,

Warm regards,  
Dan, for the InnerBeing team



### SRI AUROBINDO'S ROOM DARSHAN

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 2024

Dear friends,

To celebrate Sri Aurobindo's Birthday, the Sri Aurobindo Ashram will keep Sri Aurobindo's Room open for Darshan on 15-08-2024..

Sri Aurobindo's Room Darshan is **open to all**.

These are the available options to have a Room Darshan on the 15th of August:

- 1. *Early morning: You may join the general Darshan queue from 4am onwards. No tokens are required until the meditation in the Samadhi begins.*
- 2. *After the meditation: From 6.40am onwards, a token is required for entry. You can get your token at the booth near the Ashram Post Office. In this case, you will probably have to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.*
- 3. *If you are a resident of Auroville, you may book your token for the afternoon hours from 12pm to 3.30pm at Pitanga in advance. Please read below how to register.*

To facilitate the visit to Sri Aurobindo's Room after 6.40am, the Ashram will distribute tokens. **Aurovilians and Newcomers** will have the opportunity to pre-register for a token. Volunteers and guests of Auroville may collect their tokens at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram directly.

The days and timing for the REGISTRATION of the tokens will be

Tuesday 6th and  
Wednesday 7th Aug:  
9am - 12pm &  
3pm - 5pm



Please come in person to register your token and identify yourself as a resident if you are not known to the organisers.

Residents who are unable to come to Pitanga themselves can send someone with a request note stating the name(s) and number(s) of tokens required. We will do our best to meet your needs. We remind you, dear friends, that we do not accept requests by email or telephone. (Sorry for the inconvenience).

Transportation: Darshan day is on Thursday.  
*Please see Paulette's announcement below*

Venue for the registration of tokens is: Pitanga, Samasti.

We are grateful to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram for continuing its cooperation with Auroville on the Darshan days.

With love,  
from Pitanga's team.

### TRANSPORTATION - DARSHAN DAY

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 2024



August 15th is Sri Aurobindo's birthday, and also India's Independence Day. The SAIER bus will leave from Matrimandir at **3 p.m.** via the ordinary route and will return from Pondy at 6 p.m., to allow those willing to use AV's collective transport the visit of Sri Aurobindo's room.

**Tokens are required**, see Pitanga's arrangements.

*This is not a commercial bus and the offer is for Aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers wishing to have darshan in Sri Aurobindo's room.*

Paulette

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## A SATSANG ON THE INTEGRAL YOGA

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

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

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

Facilitated by Zech Joya

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

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

### 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.

### CHANTING - BHAGAVAD GITA

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024



## श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता

Chanting the entire Bhagavad Gita

We invite all to come together with a harmonious collective aspiration and immerse in the Bhagavad Gita. We will chant all the 700 shlokas in Sanskrit. All are welcome to join anytime (whether for few minutes or entire duration) and chant together or simply listen and soak in the sacred vibrations.

**Date:** 18th August, 2024 (Sunday)

**Time:** 6:00 am to 9:30 am

**Venue:** Savitri Bhavan, Auroville

For details write to: [devabhasha@auroville.org.in](mailto:devabhasha@auroville.org.in)

With Sincerity and Gratitude,  
Samskritam Auroville and Savitri Bhavan Team



## SATSANGA ON LIVING LOVING TRUTH

4TH AUGUST - 15TH SEPTEMBER

Welcome to a Satsanga on

### Living Loving Truth

A collective learning space to integrate the wisdom from the Bhagavad Gita + Dhammapada in daily life.

4th August to 15th September

[bit.ly/livinglovingtruth](http://bit.ly/livinglovingtruth) | [devabhasha@auroville.org.in](mailto:devabhasha@auroville.org.in)



"Truth alone can give to the world the power of receiving and manifesting the Divine Love." -The Mother (CWM-15, pp. 189)

What is Truth? What is Love?

How can we live and grow together in loving truth?

To explore such questions deeply, we warmly invite you for an online Satsanga on Living Loving Truth from 4th August to 15th September. The Sanskrit word सत्संग / Satsanga can have various interpretations, we refer to it in the context of "associating with Truth" or being in company of friends who are receptive to (Loving) Truth.

More details are on: [bit.ly/livinglovingtruth](http://bit.ly/livinglovingtruth)

Grace and Gratitude,  
Deven

On behalf of Vidyamandir and Samskritam Auroville Team

## LA VITA DIVINA, READING IN ITALIAN

Dear Italian friends, although Auroville Radio is going through a difficult period and is currently unable to continue publishing podcasts, I want to reassure you that you can still enjoy listening to Sri Aurobindo's **The Life Divine** in Italian. The reading is posted regularly on the Gate Of Dreams Italia YouTube channel. Find it by clicking on: <https://www.youtube.com/@gateofdreamsitalia8047>



LA VITA DIVINA: Cari amici e care amiche d'Italia, nonostante la Auroville Radio stia attraversando un periodo di difficoltà e non riesca ad andare avanti con le pubblicazioni dei podcast, voglio rassicurarvi sulla possibilità di poter continuare ad usufruire dell'ascolto de La Vita Divina di Sri Aurobindo. La sua lettura viene postata regolarmente sul canale YouTube di Gate Of Dreams Italia. Lo potrete trovare clickando su: <https://www.youtube.com/@gateofdreamsitalia8047>

## POETRY

The children  
Dressed differently  
In skins and skirts  
Walk across fields of play  
Hand in hand.

A seamless view.

- Anandi Z.



### By the Grace of God

13.8.2023

In all our human history  
A singular opportunity  
Is given by the Grace of God,  
A New World dawns before our eyes,

A world of purity and bliss,  
A world of consciousness and truth,  
Powerful and filled with light,  
A world of loveliness and joy.

A world where Truth dwells supreme,  
Available to all who care  
To rise from ignorance and sloth,  
Where no duality exists,

A world where all is clothed in light,  
An evolutionary leap  
From animal to superman  
Where our blessed Mother reigns.

- Narad

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### OFFERING WORK

#### ECO FEMME IS LOOKING FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SALES COORDINATOR!

Would you like to join our **Sales team**, working with International retail customers?  
We are looking for a **full-time** member.

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Skills and experience required:

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- Ability to speak other languages, specifically European languages, is a plus.

We are based in Auroshilpam. **Starting date:** Immediate.

For more detailed information and applications, please write to [maha@ecofemme.org](mailto:maha@ecofemme.org) with your updated CV. Looking forward to hearing from you!

**SVADHARMA : FOUNDATIONS OF A SPIRITUALISED SOCIETY**

In 1997, with a grant from the Government of India, I published "Immortal India – Towards the Ideal Society", under the sponsorship of the Sri Aurobindo 125th Birth Anniversary Group. Significantly, the book was presented on behalf of the Centre for Indian Culture. A Summary of the various chapters was included, stringing together statements by Sri Aurobindo, and a Sanskrit Glossary. This first publication was funded in the perspective of Auroville as the ideal society the Mother' envisions. Below is an excerpt from the Preface.



In referring to ancient India, Sri Aurobindo refers to a state of society that was a beginning of the ideal society. Focusing upon that spiritualised society as a preliminary attempt, "Immortal India – Towards the Ideal Society" contained a selection of Sri Aurobindo's texts on *chaturvarna*: the ethical and societal perfection inherent to the fulfilment of the four *varnas* (orders of society) required to be lived by each individual, as the "Bhagavad Gita" demands; this Vedantic canon contains the essence of perfection, individual and collective, and the last section of this book presented extracts from "Essays on the Gita" by Sri Aurobindo. The four *varnas* or social classes were intended as service – and not as the political, social or cultural domineering of one class over the others. To whatever *varna* one belonged, *moksha* was the ultimate aim of life: liberation, Self-realization. This being the goal, serving society according to one's *varna* played an essential role.

Those were the foundations of a democratic society in the etymological sense of the word – government by the people – where *dharma* was equally binding for all and even the king was a servant. If he betrayed the people and the *dharma*, the king could be killed "like a rabid dog" Sri Aurobindo points out, quoting Manu the legislator. The individuals' perfection manifested also as *svadharma*, *svabhava* and *adhikara*: fulfilling, respectively, one's *dharma*, natural predisposition and spiritual urge.

The reasons for the decline and the modes of resurgence of the soul and genius of India, land of the *sanatana dharma* or 'eternal religion', were also examined.

Mother India, *Bharata Mata*, "the guru of nations", is the country hosting Auroville.

[Submitted by Paulette]

**THE CORE VISION-GOAL BEHIND HUMAN UNITY IN AUROVILLE**

In the context of the Core Vision-Goal of Auroville, we can clearly see the dilemma from the ongoing contrasting narratives of Human Unity that must be properly understood and harmonised in accordance with the Integral Supramental Yoga of our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

- human unity only to maintain the old pitiful ways of the transitional mental human being
- Human Unity to prepare for the advent of the new apex species the Supramental being Do you see the glaring distinction?

Thus the Integral Supramental Vision-Goal must be properly understood, especially for all invited participants who are seriously engaging in Auroville. Otherwise the undivine false-separative mental call for Human Unity is hollow, dispersed, without cohesion, without the Unifying Power and Spirit of the Supramental, the Divine Truth-Unity Consciousness-Force.

Please read again and again, and understand deeply Auroville's Three Core Ideals in their integrality for proper application in conscious action:

<https://auroville.org/page/core-documents>

Continue reading [HERE](#)

☞ Zech, 2024.07.29 – <https://zechjoya.blogspot.com/>

**NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON LAND EXCHANGES**

**Felicity**

On 5th July, the main access to Felicity community was fenced by the new landowners, leaving Felicity residents without access. According to a resident of Felicity, they now have to enter the community through a gap between a pillar and a tree, making the community inaccessible for 4-wheelers and emergency vehicles. While approaching the AVFO 'Land Board', Felicity residents were reportedly met with verbal violence; their written letters remain unreplied.

**AuroOrchard**

On 9th July, a resident of AuroOrchard shared [an update](#) on the situation in the farm. The update detailed ongoing challenges with the land exchange, including unfulfilled promises to replace vital infrastructure, inadequate construction of a new cow shed, and increasing harassment by Mr. T. Kannan, the new landowner. The resident reported a blocked access to work areas and their home, and a sudden pressure to relocate from one day to the next despite previous assurances. This situation further escalated on 18th July when Jasmin, a resident and farmer, found herself fenced in her house while her partner Aravinda was blocked outside. The same day, AuroOrchard residents reached out to the police and the Deputy Secretary of the AVFO for their intervention. On 19th July in the afternoon, several residents came on site to show support to AuroOrchard and the local press covered the issue ([Metro news](#), [Oscar news](#) and [Ragava vision](#)). The day ended with another attempt to reach a temporary agreement, that the fence be reopened for a duration of one month, to sort out administrative matters. However, six days later, there is still no opening in the fence, which forces Jasmin and Aravinda to reach their home by scaling the fence. Additionally, on 20th July, the drinking water supply to the entire farm was stopped due to the removal, on Mr. Kannan's land, of electric fuses for the water pump. The fuses came back three days later. According to a [massbulletin](#) by the RA WCom on the matter, published on 25th July, "The situation remains absolutely distressing and uncertain." They added: "We invite community members to show their support by visiting AuroOrchard. Your presence can help demonstrate our collective concern and solidarity." The RA WCom also sent a [letter](#) to the GB and IAC on 22nd July, calling for their urgent intervention. As of yet they have received no reply.

**Sri Ma**

On 15th July, residents of the Sri Ma community received an "Emergency Evacuation Notice" signed by K. Swarnambika, Deputy Secretary of the AVFO, mentioning that "the sea erosion has reached a critical situation today and the buildings may collapse at any moment". The notice "advised that all the residents and establishments running in the Srima community shall be evacuated immediately so that loss to life and property is avoided". While it is true that sea erosion has affected Sri Ma [dramatically](#), over the last few months, there is mistrust in the AVFO's motives due to their many land exchanges and rumours that Sri Ma may be targeted. This has raised questions about the emergency notice, and if there are other intentions associated regarding the evacuation for safety.

Sri Ma community have requested daily assistance with laying the geotextile to help slow down the erosion. If you are able to attend please join the Whatsapp group where daily timings are shared: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BvFUjBrXp1uES3ey85r6b1>.

Please bring your own gloves if possible.

**Other ongoing exchanges**

Earlier in June and July, unofficial reports indicated that the AVFO was planning on further exchanges in Eternity (located on the coast), Jardin de Mère (Auromodel area) and Forecomers. Surveyors were seen in some of these areas, however exchanges are yet to be confirmed.

## RESULTS FROM THE ERAD ON LAND EXCHANGES

On 8th July 2024, the [results](#) of the emergency RAD initiated by the RA WCom against ongoing land exchanges deals showed that 98% (933 residents) voted in favour of the resolution to halt, review, and reverse land deals undertaken by the Secretary with the authorisation of the GB. As a total of 945 valid votes have been submitted, the number of participants has significantly exceeded the 10 per cent quorum required to validate the decision (currently 240 as of July 2024). The RA WCom will now approach the relevant authorities, seeking to review and reverse these land exchanges and ensure that future exchanges respect due processes. You can read the RAS report [here](#).

On 6th July 2024, prior to the end of the voting period, a community gathering with a potluck dinner was arranged at the Certitude Sportsground to share information about these land exchanges. People gathered around a flower mandala that visually depicted the Master Plan, including outlying communities of Auroville that are at risk of being exchanged, to give a sense of what is at stake for Auroville's physical body. About 1000 residents and friends attended this event.



## MAINTENANCE CUTS CONTINUE

The AVFO 'BCC' have continued with their program of stringent maintenance cuts. It is estimated that the number of Aurovilians who have now been affected has reached over 170. Recently, members of the AV Council and the Entry Board had their maintenances removed. AVFO 'BCC' also [requested](#) that the Financial Service stop the children's maintenances for approximately 100 families who did not fill in a [google form](#), but apparently this request was not completed in full as many continue to receive the funds.

Additionally, the AVFO 'BCC' & 'FAMC' are refusing most requests for waivers of the Auroville contribution, even to [those](#) who have had their maintenance cut and have no income whatsoever, or to [those](#) who work for the community in a voluntary capacity. Whereas in the past it was accepted that people could make a contribution to Auroville 'in kind' through their work, it now seems that only a financial contribution is recognised.

The refusal to waive the contribution particularly affects foreigners who rely on a visa, since the AVFO will not proceed with a request for a letter of recommendation until they receive a 'no dues certificate' of confirmation from the AVFO 'BCC' that confirms that there is no money owed. A number of people have been pursued by the AVFO 'BCC' for many lakhs that are deemed to be 'owed' even when there was a waiver agreed in the past.

Since April 2024 the AVFO 'BCC' has begun to release a [monthly statement](#) of Auroville's accounts, in a similar format to that which was previously used by the RA BCC. The figures show that there is partisanship in the allocation of community funds. For example, the AVFO 'RAS' (Ramanarayana & Hans), who were formed by the AVFO by an [Office Order](#) in April 2023, receive a monthly budget of 37,600 rs which includes one full maintenance. This is despite the fact the AVFO 'RAS' have never organised a single meeting and have not sent a single communication to the community since [November 2023](#). In contrast the legitimate and community-endorsed RAS have continued to work diligently despite having their budget and office removed, and their FS account emptied, by the AVFO.

## CHANGES IN AVFO APPOINTEES

Recent months have seen several changes in the composition of the AVFO and their appointed 'groups'. Here are some of these changes:

- The Secretary of the AVFO, Dr Jayanti Ravi, ended her three-year term on 4th July 2024. Sources indicate that her term has been extended by one additional year, but no written evidence has been published so far. Over the past weeks, letters were signed by K. Swarnambika, Deputy Secretary of the AVFO, as "Secretary-in-charge". This is likely due to the Secretary having been on leave over the summer months.
- Governing Board: On 19th March, Tamilsai Soundararajan, former Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry and member of the Governing Board, resigned. The new Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, [C. P. Radhakrishnan](#), seems to be replacing Tamilsai in the Governing Board as a permanent invitee.
- AVFO 'WCom': In recent months, two 'members' of the AVFO 'WCom', Srimoyi and Partha, have removed their names from the signature of the group's massbulletins, which could indicate their resignation; however there has been no communication with the community in this regard as would be usual practice.
- Housing: A new committee, called the 'Housing Committee', was constituted by the GB on 12th March. This committee comprises GB members, the AVFO Secretary, and additional staff members and officials from the AVFO. With a 'Housing Committee' exclusively composed of non-Aurovilians, the approach to housing in Auroville seems to have radically changed. Venkatesh, a resident of Auroville working for the AVFO and previously in charge of the Housing Service, has been appointed as principal of Auroville's New Era Secondary School (NESS).
- New AVFO staff members: The AVFO, which was until recently running with less than 10 employees, has grown into a larger administrative structure. Sources indicate that it now has about 50 employees, many of whom are active or retired government officials. Among the many questions raised by this sudden increase in AVFO membership, one concern is housing as it seems that several Auroville assets, including the homes of deceased Aurovilians and the SAIER teachers' staff quarters, were repurposed and granted to these AVFO employees instead of Aurovilians and Newcomers on the housing wait list. There also seems to be an increasing trend in these well-paid officials demanding discounts and advantages for their friends and families when using Auroville services.
- AVFO 'Fellowship' program: In February 2024, the AVFO posted [on its website](#) an [advertisement](#) for an 'Auroville Fellowship' program launched with the support of the Ministry of Culture. This appears to be a series of work offers for several key positions in Auroville, such as "General Management", "Social Media", "IT", "Medicine and Health Management", and more. The advertisement also mentioned that "Auroville Foundation will provide the selected fellows - accommodation, food, and internal movement facility along with a basic stipend" - while increasing numbers of Aurovilians currently don't have access to these.

The new AVFO 'Fellowship' program and the rapid increase in AVFO staff members, who are progressively replacing Aurovilians in key positions such as land management, housing or town development, has led an Aurovillian to publish, [in the 6th June 2024 RA News & Notes](#), that "the residents of Auroville are progressively being replaced".

## RA WORKING GROUPS & RAS MEMBERSHIP

On 27th & 28th April 2024, the selection process to appoint new members to the RA WCom, AV Council and Entry Board took place. As a result of the selection process, these groups are now composed of the following members:

- **RA WCom:**
  - Ongoing members: Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Mael, Valli
  - New members: Matthieu, Prashant
- **AV Council:**
  - Ongoing members: Ashwini, Riju, Samrat
  - New members: Lucas, Martin, Ramesh, Sathiya
- **Entry Board:**
  - Ongoing members: Grace, Sara, Sonja
  - New members: Amy, Don, Fabienne, Mirco, Vadivel

The new, ongoing and outgoing members of RA Working Groups presented themselves at a community meeting at Kalabhumii on 30th April.

This latest selection process did not include the RA FAMC, as the RA had voted on 10th March that the RA WCom would "coordinate the functions of the FAMC until such time as the circumstances allow for the selection and functioning of a new FAMC of the RA" (see [RAD results](#)). On 8th May, the RA WCom published in a [massbulletin](#): "We have identified a team of resource persons who are ready to actively support us in this. If you have a question, would like advice, or would like to put something on record regarding any funds and assets related matter, please write to [famc@auroville.services](mailto:famc@auroville.services), which will be monitored by members of the WCom. And if you have ideas and experience related to alternative economies and financial management systems, we would be happy to hear from you as well."

On 18th June, the AV Council published a [massbulletin](#) about the RAS membership. They announced the resignation of Manas and the arrival of Peter L, the RAS team "now comprises Peter and Tatiana, with the support of resource persons as and when needed". They invited new residents to apply and join this service, which is essential to the good functioning of the RA. If you are interested, please send an email to the Auroville Council at [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services).

## DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

The group of Aurovilians and other well-wishers who have been keeping vigil in the Town Hall AV Council room, recently marked two full years of continuous presence in the space. Since the 2nd July 2022, when the AVFO 'ACUR management team' sent its first email to the AV Council ordering them to vacate the room immediately, a team of dedicated community members have kept a 24 hour presence, therefore keeping the space available for working groups and residents. People are always needed to assist, if you would like to help please contact [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services) or WhatsApp 94430 03617 to sign up. See [here](#) for more information.

The most recent attempt to retake the space for the AVFO 'working groups' took place on 11th March 2024. A [notice to vacate](#) was sent to several (at that time) current and former AV Council members, ordering them to vacate the premises by 15th March 2024, threatening that "strict action will be taken against such violators and unauthorised users". The RA WCom responded via a [massbulletin](#) on 15th March, reaffirming that "this room has always been utilised by groups selected by the Residents' Assembly and this will continue".

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- House allocated to an AVFO employee in Swayam community: In June, the house of the late Shakuntala in Swayam community was allocated to Mollika Ganguly, non-Aurovillian and project coordinator at the AVFO. This allocation was done by the new AVFO 'Housing Committee' and it is unclear whether this was done pro-bono. Swayam community members were not consulted in this decision.
- New AVFO 'Help Desk' in Solar Kitchen: On 10th May, the AVFO published a [notice](#) announcing that a "help desk has been set up at Solar Kitchen... to sort out the issues pending with the different wings of the Auroville Foundation, other matters in Government and any other grievances". The help desk would be attended by officers from the AVFO, and members of the AVFO 'WCom', 'ATDC' and 'FAMC'. It would be open, the notice said, every weekday between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. However, on many occasions since its launch, the help desk has been reported empty at the indicated timings.

- AVFO 'Media Interface' produces inaccurate statements: On 14th April, 'Media Interface' [posted](#) on Facebook that Pondicherry University students had recently "completed a 21-day internship" in the Auroville Earth Institute (AVEI). AVEI [responded](#), indicating that "while students dropped in for a brief campus tour of about 30 mins, there hasn't been any involvement in internships at AVEI". They also reported several other discrepancies in the post by 'Media Interface'.

## MEDIA & OTHER LINKS

- 30th January 2024, [Statement on Auroville's current situation](#) written by two IAC members and endorsed by eight international personalities
- 31st March 2024, RA News&Notes 1021: [A financial year balance for Auroville](#) by Jasmin
- 6th June 2024, RA News&Notes 1030: [Auroville in Crisis: A Call to Resistance and Resilience](#) by Aurorific
- 6th June 2024, RA News&Notes 1030: [Strengthening the Auroville they cannot touch](#) by Jasmin
- 27th June 2024, RA News&Notes 1033: [An Urgent Appeal to Every One of Us](#) by an Aurovillian
- 4th July 2024, RA News&Notes 1034: [Wake Up, Auroville!](#) by A Guardian of the True Galaxy
- 20th July 2024, video clips in Tamil covering the situation in AuroOrchard were released by [Metro news](#), [Oscar news](#) and [Ragava vision](#).

## HEALTH

### SANTÉ SERVICES IN AUGUST 2024

#### Working Hours:

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

#### Tests and Sample collection:

Mon - Fri : 8:30am - 12:00 pm.

No sample collection on Saturday.

#### For emergencies, contact:

Auroville Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: +(91) 94422 24680  
Government Ambulance (24/7) : Phone: 108

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

<b>Doctor Consultation with Dr.Senthil:</b> Monday to Friday	<b>Nursing Care:</b> Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana, <b>Sandhya: Daily</b> No appointment necessary
<b>Ayurveda with Dr.Be:</b> Mon/ Tue/ Wed/ Fri	<b>Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres:</b> TOS
<b>Acupuncture with Andres:</b> TOS	<b>Homeopathy with Michael:</b> Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday
<b>Physiotherapy &amp; Massage with Galina:</b> Monday to Friday	<b>Physiotherapy with Arun</b> Monday to Saturday (except Friday)
<b>Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena:</b> TOS	<b>Soundbed Session with Sandhya/ Thilagam:</b> Monday to Saturday

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- Personalized eye exercise training, eye yoga sessions, and vision therapy sessions. Both morning and evening slots are available

**Contact:** [aurokiya@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurokiya@auroville.org.in); [aurokiya@gmail.com](mailto:aurokiya@gmail.com)  
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Private 1:1 sessions are a powerful and intimate container to work on your deep emotional healing and self-discovery.

Anything, and everything is welcomed.

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

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

## EDUCATION

### ITALIAN CLASS

Hello!

If you want to learn Italian from scratch or have already studied it but would like to continue practicing it, know that **Francesca** will start giving individual or group lessons from now! And because Francesca is intimately connected to the world of art and culture, the lessons will not only explore the use of the Italian language but will be an enjoyable introduction to different aspects of Italian culture, art and history.

If you'd like to practice your Italian with me, this is the email [avgateofdreams@gmail.com](mailto:avgateofdreams@gmail.com).

Arrivederci!

### 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.

## 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!

### Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate 8-Hour (Monthly)	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tuesday & Thursday
	Learn English through theatre 8-Hour (Monthly)	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Complete Beginner	TBA	TBA
	Beginner and Intermediate	4:20 pm - 5:20 pm (Fri) 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Sat)	Friday & Saturday
	Intensive German Class	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate (A1-A2)	9:30 am – 11 am	Tuesday & Saturday
	Persian Language and Poetry	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Thursday
	Beginner	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Thursday
French Conversation	Beginner	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Wednesday
	Spoken Beginner	09:30 am – 10:30 am	Tuesday and Friday
German	Spoken Intermediate	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Saturday
	Reading & Writing	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Saturday
Persian	Beginner	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Monday & Wednesday
Sanskrit	Intermediate	To Be Announced	TBA
Hindi	Beginner	To Be Announced	TBA
Tamil	Spoken Beginner	09:30 am – 10:30 am	Tuesday and Friday
	Spoken Intermediate	9:00 am – 10:00 am	Saturday
	Reading & Writing	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Saturday
Spanish	Beginner	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate	To Be Announced	TBA
Italian	Beginner	To Be Announced	TBA
	Intermediate	To Be Announced	TBA

### 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@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org) and [tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org)

## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

### 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@auraauro.com](mailto:sanjay@auraauro.com)

## VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

### Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @  
0413 2622045, 2622606, 9363624083 or  
[programming@verite.in](mailto:programming@verite.in), [www.verite.in](http://www.verite.in)



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

**Saturday, August 3, 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.

### Food is Medicine: Lifestyle Health Practices – with Parvathi

**Saturday, August 3, 2:00pm – 4:00pm**

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

### Introduction to Ayurveda & Panchakarma – with Dr. Geeta

**Saturday, August 10, 2:00pm – 4:30pm**

This workshop takes you along the journey of Ayurveda, the ancient Indian medical system and Panchakarma, which is a set of five cleansing procedures. Through this workshop you will learn the appropriate use of and principles behind the following practices, which aim to detoxify, rejuvenate, and restore balance to body, mind and spirit.

## THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED - WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST - SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

The Theatre of the Oppressed (TO) describes theatrical forms that the Brazilian [theatre practitioner Augusto Boal](#) first elaborated in the 1970s, initially in Brazil and later in Europe. In the Theatre of the Oppressed, the audience becomes active, such that as "spect-actors" they explore, show, analyse and transform the reality in which they are living.

**YouthLink** in collaboration with facilitators from "**zero to one**" organisation will offer for the first time in Auroville as a three-day intensive course. "**Zero to one**" is a consultancy company based in Trivandrum, Kerala which dedicates their revenue for NGO work, largely in experimenting and researching into social and emotional learning.

This course will offer participants the opportunity to be able to open their perspectives and observations to different kinds of oppression, how it impacts individuals, and to get an embodied sense of how it feels.

It will also provide tools to recognise oppression and to be able to deal with them in the future and give the possibility to heal from previous oppression related traumas.

This program can only accommodate a limited number of participants (**max 30**) due to its nature. Please make sure you can participate over the 3 days before signing up.

Date: **Friday 30th August until Sunday 1st September.**  
Location: **CRIPA.**



## LIVING LETTERS - WRITING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST, TABOO BOUTIQUE



'LIVING LETTERS'  
WRITING WORKSHOP  
WITH IFFAT NAWAZ  
SUNDAY 11/8 4-6PM  
AT THE TABOO BOUTIQUE  
AUROVILLE

Dear Auroville, join us at @taboo.auroville for the 'Living Letters' workshop (Auroville Edition) Sunday August 11th. ...And what about that unresolved love? Shall we write them a letter...a living eulogy? We often wait till someone is no more to write long tributes to them – publicly or privately. What if we don't wait as long as we do to write those tributes? What if we share what we feel and see in a dear one before they are gone... departed?

In the "Living Letters" writing workshop we will do just that.

We will choose someone (preferably someone from whom we often hold back from expressing fully) to write a letter to and express the things we want to tell them while they are very much part of this earth. The letter does not have to reach them, sometimes it's enough that we have jotted it down for ourselves. This will not just be about writing a letter of appreciation nor that of love - though both love and appreciation can be a part along with more complex expressions and emotions. This process might require us to resolve a few things in our inner psyche. Death often triggers sudden epiphanies, while in this case we will use other methods as triggers, to get to an honest space where we can write the letters to the living, with the voice we want them to remember us by. Come join us for this celebration of living loves with an open heart. We will aim for an intimate setting while creating a safe space. 4:00- 6:00 pm Sunday, August 11, 2024 Taboo Boutique, Auroville.

The event is free but registration is required:  
<https://forms.gle/wYefgEQWBo5uppyNZ>

## CREATIVE WRITING



Writing from Within is a session to learn how to use the writing as a tool to get to know oneself, one's different sub-personalities, the unconscious strategies by which we sabotage ourselves and also the spontaneous resources we harbour inside to overcome obstacles and evolve.

Moreover, many other creative writing exercises can also be practiced during the session, such as experimenting with sounds and rhythms of the words, rediscovering the innate talent of storytelling, reactivating lost creativity, exercising the inner muscle of imagination through memory, and much more.

Duration of the session: **1h30min.**

For Info and to book your session, write at [ijustwannawrite.email@gmail.com](mailto:ijustwannawrite.email@gmail.com)

If you want to know more about me, check my Vlog "I Just Wanna Write" at <https://www.youtube.com/@IJustWannaWrite.channel> Or my blog <https://ijustwannawrite.com>

Let's keep up with the good writing!  
Francesca

## PITANGA



### Program - August 2024

**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  
5:30pm – 7pm, **KoTree Yoga** with Grace Gitadelila

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Thursdays

4:30pm – 5:30pm, **Aviva Exercise** with Suriyagandhi  
5:30pm – 7pm, **KoTree Yoga** with Grace Gitadelila

#### Fridays

6:45am – 8am, **Pranayama** with François & Namrita, For former "The Art of Living" course participants

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

#### Saturdays

4pm – 5pm, **Odissi Classical Dance**, a beginners' class especially for children, with Agila, assisted by Rekha  
4pm – 5:30pm, **KoTree Yoga** with Grace Gitadelila, not on 24/8

### 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
- Shiatsu by Patricia G
- Thai Yoga Massage by Juan

### NEW ACTIVITIES

**Odissi Classical Dance** with Agila, assisted by Rekha

- **Saturdays 4pm–5pm**

"After the very successful performance of the Odissi dance class from Pitanga at CRIPA, on 30th March, we received several enquiries from parents for a beginner's class, especially for children.

We are happy to say we will be starting this from August 3rd from 4-5 pm every Saturday. It will introduce a yoga-based approach to centring, alignment and basic steps in the Odissi classical dance style taught by Agila, assisted by Rekha. The sessions will also be suitable for drop-in explorations by adults!" – Rekha Tandon

**KoTree Yoga** with Grace Gitadelila

- **Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30pm–7pm, Saturdays 4pm–5:30pm**

KoTree Yoga is a feminine form in which asana sequences, movements and held poses, with attention to the breath, lead to create fluidity of fascia, muscle tonus, supple spine, and inner deep peace.

This is a drop-in class for all levels of adult practitioners.

**Yoga for adults** with Lisbeth

- **Tuesdays 9am–10:30am**

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 adult practitioners.

**Shiatsu Sessions by Patricia G.**

Patricia dedicates her Shiatsu work to the seniors of Auroville, either in the various senior services of Auroville or in their homes. She has decided to free up time from her primary work once a week to offer Shiatsu to other people in need at Pitanga. If you would like to make an appointment with Patricia, please contact the reception desk.

*Pitanga supports a cashless economy in Auroville. If you are hosting guests who would like to participate in our activities, please inform them that contributions must be made cashless.*

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

*See you at Pitanga, with a smile !*

Pitanga Cultural Centre  
2622403 / WA 9443902403  
[info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

### 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.



## SVARAM SOUND JOURNEY



We are back for our 2024-2025 Season!

Every Wednesday in August  
5:30 - 6:30 pm  
Unity Pavilion, Auroville

In the meantime, we continue to offer our personalised Sound Experiences. Please scan the QR Code below for details



## 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

## CHILDBIRTH PREPARATION CLASSES

WEDNESDAYS, CREATIVITY

Childbirth preparation classes, including fathers, are offered throughout the year, at **Hall of Light, Creativity** community on Wednesdays. We received much appreciation for our childbirth classes, which help pregnant mothers, and their families understand pregnancy from a more holistic perspective. Each week, we have different themes and concepts. You're welcome to join us for a consultation and then enroll in classes.

**5 pm to 6 pm** - Movement classes like Yoga, dance, breath work, etc

**6 pm to 7 pm** - Theory on various aspects of pregnancy

Like to join the classes? Join our whatapp group here <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HbXJDKuUDGw9CsmhIkVlEL> or send message to Bala +91 9892699804 to add you in the group



All classes are drop in – out, if you are few minutes late or need to leave early we understand.

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

Our goal is to bring respectful maternity care to all.

If you like to know more about our work email us - [morningstar@auroville.org.in](mailto:morningstar@auroville.org.in) and general administrative queries to Bala ( WA only ) + 91 9892699804.

## TAI CHI HALL IN SHARNGA

Presents

THE ART OF CHI – Stevanovitch's method



TAI CHI CHUAN INTENSIVE

Aug 5 to Aug 24  
Monday to Saturday, 7.30 – 10.30 am

**Beginners:** Chi and Tai Chi basics

Three weeks, three steps through the discovery of the Chi work and the full 24-posture form.

Led by Krishna, the work is essentially directed towards: Concentration techniques to stay focused; Mastery of the body through breathing and muscular relaxation; Improvement of movement through balance and coordination; Learning to mobilize Chi. First perceiving it, then guiding it in one's body with the use of three factors: will, imagination and muscular activity.

For information and booking, contact Krishna at 0413-2623187

E-mail: [taichi@auroville.org.in](mailto:taichi@auroville.org.in)

Website: [taichi.auroville.org](http://taichi.auroville.org), [www.artduchi.com](http://www.artduchi.com)

This is a recreational activity.

## AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

Awareness Through the Body  
intro & exploration



with Vega & Honor

3rd August (Sat) 9.30am - 12.30pm

advance registration required:

[dancingtree.smile@gmail.com](mailto:dancingtree.smile@gmail.com)

whatsapp: 9159856148

To register, please fill in this form:

[ATB registration. 3rd August, 2024. - Google Forms](#)

Submitted by Vega



## AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

### AUGUST 2024 SCHEDULE



Registrations are a must for all the programs.

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

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

Day	Time	Description
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	10 00 am - 11 00 am	Fusion of Time: Dynamic Mobility
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	5 30 pm - 7 00 pm	Vinyasa flow Yoga - Asanas, Pranayama & Meditation
August 10, Saturday	4 00 pm - 5 pm	Tamil Literature Series- Kamba Ramayanam
August 1 - 22 except Sundays	6 30 am - 9 30 am & 3 30 pm - 7 00 pm	200 Hr Vinyasa Flow Yoga TTC

### Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Bala–August 2024

Traditional yoga practices are characterized by discipline, and Bala believes in the power of showing up. Therefore, we intend to create the time and space and offer you the choice of practice every day of the week except Wednesdays.

The class will be suitable for beginner to intermediate levels. Please bring your own yoga mats. Vinyasa Yoga is a gradual progression that connects one pose to another, unifying breath and movement for a smooth flow.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
Time - 5 30 pm to 7 00 pm

Registration must

Please WA to know information about cost and other details

**Auromode Yoga Space**

Email – [balaganesh.siva@gmail.com](mailto:balaganesh.siva@gmail.com) WA + 91 98926 99804



### Fusion of Time: Dynamic Mobility - August 2024

Inspired by the ancient martial art forms of Kalaripayattu and Karalakatti, contemporary styles of yoga, and the modern movement practice of Animal Flow, this class offers a comprehensive approach to fitness. Our sessions are designed to improve overall fitness, strength, endurance, and flexibility.

Bala, a seasoned practitioner of these mixed modalities, will guide you through an hour-long exploration and fusion of these traditions to create a unique style of body conditioning aimed at enhancing your overall health and happiness.

Join us to transform your body and mind through this innovative fusion of time-honored practices.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
Time - 10 00 am to 11 00 am

Registration must -Please WA to know information

**Auromode Yoga Space**  
Email - [balaganesh.siva@gmail.com](mailto:balaganesh.siva@gmail.com)  
WA + 91 98926 99804



### DISCOVERING TAMIL LITERATURE SERIES - KAMBA RAMAYANAM

SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 2024

"அறம் வெல்லும் பாவம் தோற்கும்" – Dharma shall prevail and unjust will fail.

This profound statement encapsulates the essence of the Kamba Ramayanam. Join us as we delve into the nuances of Tamil poet Kambar's epic poem, Ramayanam.



Through this talk, we will explore Kambar's reflections on various philosophies of yoga, lifestyle, and other Tamil traditions that inspire and motivate us to embody a Dharmic lifestyle.

#### Why Attend?

This talk aims to introduce the philosophical, social, and cultural messages from the Kamba Ramayanam to a broader audience, particularly the Western world, where such knowledge is not widely available. It serves as an introduction to the rich poetry and literature of Tamil traditions and cultures. Join us for an enlightening evening and immerse yourself in the beauty and wisdom of the Kamba Ramayanam.

Date: **Saturday 10th August, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

### REGENERATION LISTENING CIRCLE



## NEW TIME

Learn the ways of Silence and how to utilize its Power  
**Saturday at 4:30 pm**

#### 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" - Aurovillian

Limited seating - Location will be shared after your reservation under  
+49 1638041124 WhatsApp - Session duration: 1.5 h

Group booking for the Consensus Circle is possible on request

Submitted by Nadim

### LEAP TOWARDS THE FUTURE - 6 & 7 AUGUST

We remember Her words: "Auroville will be ... despite all the oppositions" ... and this is like a buoy, but obviously not enough to navigate.

This program is an invitation to everyone concerned; we aspire to look dearly together for the masterful questions which will guide us to make a LEAP toward the future.

You feel the call?

You are new to Auroville or Aurovillian ?

Come and join this program of twice one and half day

29 & 30th July / 6 & 7 August

Register at [leap@auroville.services](mailto:leap@auroville.services)

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## QUIET HEALING CENTER



Quiet Healing Center, Auroville 605 104, Tamil Nadu, India  
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Mobile & WhatsApp: +91 9488084966

## AUGUST PROGRAM

### Watsu Basic with Fred : Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August (8:45am - 6.30pm)

In this 2-day course, you'll be introduced to the basics of Watsu, an aquatic bodywork modality that offers a wonderful opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, and - ultimately - for freeing body and mind in a flow unique to each person.



You'll learn and practice Watsu's basic series of movements, body mechanics, and qualities, which are required to securely support and move another person in water. You'll experience floating others and being floated on the surface, thereby creating space for deep relaxation of body, mind and spirit. Participants in this course often appreciate the group space, which fosters deep, meaningful and nurturing connections.

**Prerequisites:** no previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim).

### WOGA (Yoga in Water) Class with Friederike & Tamara : Friday 9th August (4:30 - 6.00pm)

WOGA is based on classic yoga poses and stretches, modified for standing in pool water, which is waist-to-chest high. Classes are structured like their yoga equivalent on land: breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period.

The substantial decrease of gravity in warm water allows greater ease of movement, unblocks articulations, lengthens & melts muscles, and removes negative tensions, thereby preventing stress, insomnia and anxiety.

**Prerequisites:** no previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim!).

### OBA Basic - Liquid Joy with Fred : Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August (8:45am - 6.30pm)

OBA (Oceanic Bodywork Aqua) is an aquatic bodywork modality developed in the mid 80's. It combines elements of light movements, stretching, massage, and joint mobilisation in connection with breathing and energy work conducted both on the surface and under water.



In this 2-day course, you'll learn a series of simple movements both on the surface (with and without cushion and pool noodles) as well as under water (with a nose clip), which you'll be able to share with friends and relatives afterwards. You'll also practice basic techniques and qualities of being (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) while moving another person in water. At the same time, you'll experience floating others and being floated both on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

**Prerequisites:** no previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim).

### Baby Watsu Class with Friederike : Monday 12th August (9:30 - 11.00am)

A special opportunity to connect with your baby! You'll be guided how to hold, feel and move your baby, using the qualities of warm water, so that you and your baby can feel safe, at ease, and enjoy this quality time together.



You'll learn and practice the basics in the group, while you stay focused on your baby's needs in the moment. In the end, there is free playtime.

Please bring towels and a closing swimming pant for your baby.

For babies between **2 and 12 months** with their parents.

### OBA 1 - Fluid Body with Fred Monday 13th - Sunday 18th August (8:45am - 6.30pm)

In this 6-day course, you'll learn to combine elements of soft stretching, aquatic deep tissue massage, and joint release, as well as energy and breath work in a unique way above and under water (with a nose clip). You'll also be introduced to a fluid sequence, including especially designed movements, which allow the whole spine to swing and energy to flow.



OBA 1 focuses mainly on underwater movements, which are both emotionally revealing and deeply relaxing. You'll also learn more about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible. At the end of this 50-hour course, you will be able to offer friends and acquaintances a complete OBA session.

**Prerequisites:** OBA Basic or Liquid Flow Basic or Watsu 1 or Healing Dance 1 or WaterDance 1.

### BASIC ANALOGUE PHOTOGRAPHY AND DARKROOM WORKSHOP BY SASIKANTH SOMU

8-9-10 AUGUST 2024

CENTRE D'ART GALLERY, CITADINES,



#### Program & Timings:

- Thursday 8th: 02.00 - 05.00pm: Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- Friday 9th: 09.00am - 02.00pm: Film photo shoot (in your own time), 02.00pm - 05.00pm: Develop your roll of film.
- Saturday 10th: 09.00am - 12.30pm & 02.00 - 5.00pm: (one can choose either of these sessions) Printing Contact Sheets & photos in the darkroom.

For Registration Contact: [centredart@auroville.org.in](mailto:centredart@auroville.org.in)

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### AUROVILLE YOUTH SUMMIT 2024

SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH

Who am I, where am I, and what am I doing here?



**17 AUG**  
Saturday  
10am-4pm



Register here!



Register for a day of co-creation, contemplation, discussion, and connection on the topic of Youth and Auroville

Join us in celebrating **International Youth Day** with the Auroville Youth Summit, a one-day event dedicated to sharing and discovering diverse perspectives and values among the youth of Auroville.

The day will be filled with energising activities and collective games, story-sharing sessions, value discussions, contemplations on Auroville and our lives, and a fun exercise: "If I were the president of Auroville, I would..." etc.

For this third edition of Youth Day, we are delighted to invite the

youths to engage in various activities and enjoy a delicious lunch together. All youth who feel the call to connect, exchange ideas, and embody the power of change in Auroville are welcome to join us. [Registration is required.](#)

The event will be held on **Saturday, August 17th, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.** @ Mukta's house (Our new working space), **Aurodam**

### CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL BREASTFEEDING WEEK FROM 1ST TO 7TH AUGUST!

Breastfeeding is a sacred act that nourishes not only the body but also the spirit, connecting us to the timeless cycle of life and the shared essence of humanity. It is a profound reminder of our common journey and the divine bond that unites us all.

#### Special Events:

- **Thursday, 1st August:** Presentation on Breastfeeding from 4.30 - 6.00 pm
- **Sunday, 4th August:** Poetry and Stories Sharing, Enjoy a beautiful morning from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm. "Golden Milk" will be served during this event.
- **Wednesday, 7th August:** Presentation; "Birth - Entry into the Physical World. Significance and Miracle" 4.30 PM to 6.00 PM.

Warmly welcome!

Contact: Ulrike Urvasi 9751513906

[mothersworkforTheMotherswork@gmail.com](mailto:mothersworkforTheMotherswork@gmail.com)



*"It is the Divine presence that gives value to life. This Presence is the source of all peace, all joy, all security. Find this Presence in yourself and all your difficulties will disappear."*  
The Mother in Words of the Mother - II

### NEW BOOK READING CIRCLE - STARTS THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST

#### 'When Things Fall Apart : Heart Advice for Difficult Times'

by Pema Chodren. Join us in reading this heart based guide on how to deal with life's challenges.



**Thursdays 6 - 7pm** at Auroville Library. **Starting 8th August.**  
For details WA Helen on 7094753054 or Serena on 8489760966.

## GUIDED TOURS IN AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS

From the 20<sup>th</sup> of July to the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2024



*Come walk with us!*  
Guided Garden Tour

### Auroville Botanical Gardens

Wednesdays and Fridays - 9.30 am (about 1<sup>1/2</sup> hour walk)

Be on time - Bring your water bottle and a hat - Meeting point at BG Kitchen  
Please send us an email to: [avbg tours@gmail.com](mailto:avbg tours@gmail.com) to book your walk

[avbg tours@gmail.com](mailto:avbg tours@gmail.com)



### EARTH SHASTRA OFFERING

21ST - 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024



In Partnership with



## EARTH SHASTRA

Community in the times of Ecological Crisis

📅 21st - 29th Sep, 2024

Applications **Live Now!!!**

**Auroville**  
Tamil Nadu

A 9 day experiential leadership journey to discover the interconnections between ecology & economy.

Contact us for more details: - [connect@youthallianceofindia.org](mailto:connect@youthallianceofindia.org)

Earth-Shastra is a **9-day immersive journey** that will bring together 20 young changemakers from across India and 10 from Auroville, to slow down with a community of like-hearted people and make sense of the climate emergency and converging crises of our times. The focus is to develop the capacity to understand the global and climate crisis, and the humility to start with small actions. It also involves focus on personal transformation and nurturing a deep community over the 9-days and beyond. It is a leadership experience to orient one's life path as a response towards greater harmony with oneself, others and nature.

The immersive journey will involve nature connects, reflective circles, hands-on activities, content sessions and mentoring. This 8th edition will happen in Auroville, from **21st - 29th September, 2024**. This (8th) edition of Earth-Shastra by [Youth Alliance](#) (NGO based in Delhi) is being co-created with [Flourish](#) and [YouthLink](#).

This program can only accommodate a limited number of participants (**max 30**) due to its nature. Please make sure you can participate over the 9 days before signing up.

The last date to apply is **11th August!**  
To learn more or apply, scan the QR code.



**ROOFTOP AT MARCS CAFE  
THIS FRIDAY 5-9 PM**



CHRIS THE CAT will mix music for you & Ishay will brew coffee on the spot !!

**ROOFTOP AT MARCS CAFE  
THIS SUNDAY 5-9 PM**



**Paradise  
Box  
14  
Feat Bombie**

LIVE RECORDED MIX SESSIONS

**YOUTH CENTER**



**A JOURNEY  
THROUGH MUSIC  
FRIDAY @ 6:00PM**



**DESCRIPTION: RANDOM CLIPS FROM THE '60S TILL NOW, SHOWCASING MUSIC THAT HAS SHAPED CULTURE, ART, AND SOCIETY OVER THE LAST 70 YEARS.**

**MOVIE SCREENING: THE COMMITMENTS  
DIRECTOR | ALAN PARKER  
TIME | 8:00 PM**

**FOOD | CHICKEN PLATTER | FALAFEL**

**Register now:** Slots are limited for this exclusive Event. Secure your spot by registering with this link:

<https://forms.gle/Qm6ir6RoiiipUmCUy9>

**YOUTH CENTER - NATURAL BUILDING OPEN HOUSE**  
FRIDAY 2 AUGUST, 2:30PM - 5:30PM

We warmly invite you to our Natural Building Workshop Open House on the **2nd of August (Fri) from 2:30pm - 5:30pm**, at YouthCentre! This open house aims to engage with our community, showcase our sustainable building efforts, and brainstorm together on future projects.

This is a perfect opportunity to learn, share, and contribute to our vibrant community.

Let's come together with time and patience to create something beautiful and sustainable for our future!

## Natural Building : Open House



**2:30 PM - 5:30 PM**  
Youth Center  
Friday 2nd August

**Hand Sculpted Bench, Dorodango, Bamboo wall & more**

Time and Patience Come Together:  
Sustainable, Recycled Creations Await!



**YOUTH CENTER IS HOSTING  
A CLOTH SWAP THIS  
SATURDAY NIGHT!**

Come enjoy delicious pizza, good music, and great vibes.

Bring your styles to swap for new ones—anything is welcomed.

Donate and take, just donate, or just take—everyone is welcome!

**From 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**



SUSTAINABLE  
**CLOTH SWAPPING**

**WITH PIZZA NIGHT**



**3RD AUG**  
At Youth Center, Auroville.

**ZERO WASTE / PLASTIC FREE FESTIVAL**

YOUTH CENTER, AUROVILLE

@youthcenterauroville

# SVARAM - SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED PLACE

FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2024

## Recording sacred music in a sacred place

a case study on the music of  
Hildegard of Bingen



Join **Kim Cunio** and **Heather Lee** as they unveil their latest recording of Hildegard von Bingen's ethereal music, captured in the very place she composed nearly a millennium ago. Experience the beauty of Hildegard's compositions, delicately crafted for women's voices, resonating like angelic hymns. Learn about their unique outdoor recording project, blending music with nature's symphony.

*Heather Lee: A soprano specializing in early and cross-cultural music, Heather Lee has performed at prestigious venues such as the UN and the White House.*

*Kim Cunio: Composer and Head of the School of Music at ANU, Kim Cunio is recognized for his Grammy Long listed compositions and extensive international performances.*

2nd August, 2024, Friday

5:30 pm - 7pm

Svaram Atelier, 2F, Utsav building



Book your slots

For registration, please contact: +91 8056058269  
svaramprograms@auroville.org.in

# FOODS, GOODS & SERVICES

VÉRITÉ CAFÉ



## TASTE OF YOGA

NOW OPEN AT VÉRITÉ

9:00 - 12:00

13:00 - 16:30

Monday to Saturday

Taste of Yoga offers a simple, quiet space to read, reflect and nourish oneself. Delicious healthful snacks, treats & drinks (*all free from animal products, gluten, caffeine, and added sugars*) have been designed with utmost care, integrating sattvic principles to promote overall well-being.

## 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](mailto: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  
Auroshilpam, Auroville

ecofemme.org | WA: +91 94871 79556



## 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.

## NEWS FROM SUDHA'S KITCHEN!

We specialize in **Mediterranean cuisine** and local food; we bake variety of cakes and chocolate items including our special truffles. We cater for birthdays, gatherings and lunch meetings. We make our own PITA breads.

You can find more about us on:  
Instagram "Sudhaskitchenav" & Dropzy app.

We are open from: **Monday - Saturday**  
**(8am to 9pm)**

Contact number: +0413 3509884  
+91 7094358547

E-mail ID: [sudhaskitchen14@gmail.com](mailto:sudhaskitchen14@gmail.com)



## AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS

### 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!**



## 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.

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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](http://joyofimpermanence.in)



## SARVAM COMPUTERS OFFERS RELIABLE SERVICE

Dear Community,

we are happy to inform you that Sarvam Computers has moved to the newer location in Utsav Complex. And we would always like to provide you with fast and reliable service.

Sarvam Computer offers all types of computer sales and service, data recovery, all types of Apple device sales and services, office network and server setup, monthly and annual maintenance etc.

### **Contact:**

Bala

Sarvam Computers

Utsav Phase—1 A, First Floor, Vérité Radial, Auroville

- 0413 2622050, 9443211891, 9786953603
- [sarvamcomputers@auroville.org.in](mailto:sarvamcomputers@auroville.org.in)



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

Loganathan working at Mahasaraswati Shop (near PTPS, Aspiration area) is a long term Aurovillian 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



## 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](mailto:essence.touch@yahoo.de)

## TRAVEL NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA

Namaste, Bonjour, Hello and Vanakkam from Inside India.



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

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

We can also help all Indian citizens with the hassle of renewing their passport...

Our door is open from **10am till 5pm.**

Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant will be at our **Kalpna office** from 10am till 5pm, Landline **2623030 (Monday to Friday)**. Saturdays on appointment only.

He can also be contacted anytime via mobile or WhatsApp: +91 **98945 98686**

And by e-mail: [travelshop@inside-india.com](mailto:travelshop@inside-india.com)

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

### Some current offers:

- Air India has offer fare from Chennai to Milan.
- Oman airways business class special offers are available on selected class from Chennai to Paris, London, Frankfurt, Milan, Munich, Zurich and Moscow except domestic and codeshare flight.
- Malaysian airways and Thai airways special fare from Chennai to Seoul.
- Aerofloat flight offer fare is available from Delhi - Moscow - Delhi.

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:

- **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/>
- Effective 1 July 2024, all inbound travellers to **Cambodia** will be required to submit an electronic arrival card at least seven days prior to their arrival. Known as the 'Cambodia e-Arrival' (CeA), this initiative aims to expedite and modernise the entry process. The digital card replaces the traditional paper-based immigration form, health form and customs declaration, consolidating them into a single, convenient online portal. Travellers can access the e-Arrival system through two channels: **Official Website:** The official government website, <https://arrival.gov.kh/>, allows for online submission of the e-Arrival card. **Mobile App:** The Cambodia e-Arrival app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. It offers a convenient mobile platform for completing the e-Arrival card.
- The Embassy of India in **Bangkok, Thailand**, issued a press release stating that the Government of India has announced a visa fee exemption scheme (e-Tourist visa) for ordinary Thai passport holders. The exemption applies to e-Tourist visas and will be effective from July 1 to December 31, 2024. The new scheme allows Thai tourists to visit India for up to 30 days with double entry without paying any visa fees. However, e-Tourist visas must still be applied for in advance through the designated website: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>.

## Important Notice for travelers applying for Schengen visa in West & South India.

- For families applying together, it is permitted for just 01 of the parents to book an appointment slot under their name and for the rest of the family members to accompany them on the same appointment booking / appointment letter.
- Your familial relation must be verified via your passport, child's birth certificate, marriage certificate.
- As per directive received from the Belgium Consulate in Mumbai, a family would be considered as Husband, Wife & their children under the age of 25 only. Visa Application Centre's would not permit entry to additional familial relations / accompanies such as grandparents, siblings, house help, nanny etc. unless they have their individual appointment booking / letter.
- Travelers from West and South India who wish to apply for a Belgium visa under the below mentioned category can walk-in to their respective Visa Application Centre in the jurisdiction of the Belgium Consulate in Mumbai and do not need to book an appointment.

Several travelers were "boarding denied" as check-in staff didn't accept the **e-FRRO Stay Visa** as valid document without it being backed 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.

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

And be aware that **Corona is NOT fully dead yet** so some places may have some new "relaxed" restrictions mostly regarding the usage of masks in public places... this [map](#) will show you the "official" stands of most countries in the world but it might be good to search the specifics of the countries you are planning to visit before hand...

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



## SATURDAY FOODLINK MARKET

<https://foodpathsauville.com>



Fruits, vegetables,  
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every SATURDAY  
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Crown Road, Auroville

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

## SURABHI SUPPLIES

Dear Auroville Community,

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: +91 98438 46458 (WhatsApp/Call)

Sincerely,  
Surabhi Supplies

## RAPID CARE SERVICES RCS

Dear Residents,

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

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



Category	Services
Metal Works	Channels , Doors , Piping , Fabrication
Plumbing	End to End, Job works
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Masonry	Repairs, Renovations and Remodulation
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Installations	Washer and Dryer, Air Conditioner, Inverter, Dth, Security Camera
Electrical Works	Wring, Meter box, Lights, Switches & Sockets, Motion sensor.

Contact: + 91 8270071581 / +91 7639810621

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

Secondary Email: [rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com](mailto:rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com)

Instagram handle: @rapidcare1

For Rapid Care, Balaji & Arun

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

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Regards, Julien.

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

## WE CAN HELP TO FIX ALL YOUR BROKEN ITEMS

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

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

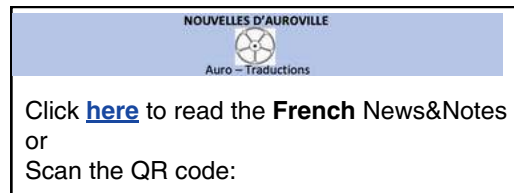
If you have any requirements, please contact Dhandapani, Executive at 0413-2622295,

Mobile 9443090082 / 8098193820 or via

e-mail to [newwaves@auroville.org.in](mailto:newwaves@auroville.org.in)



## FRENCH NEWS & NOTES



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



## FO GROUPS NEWS

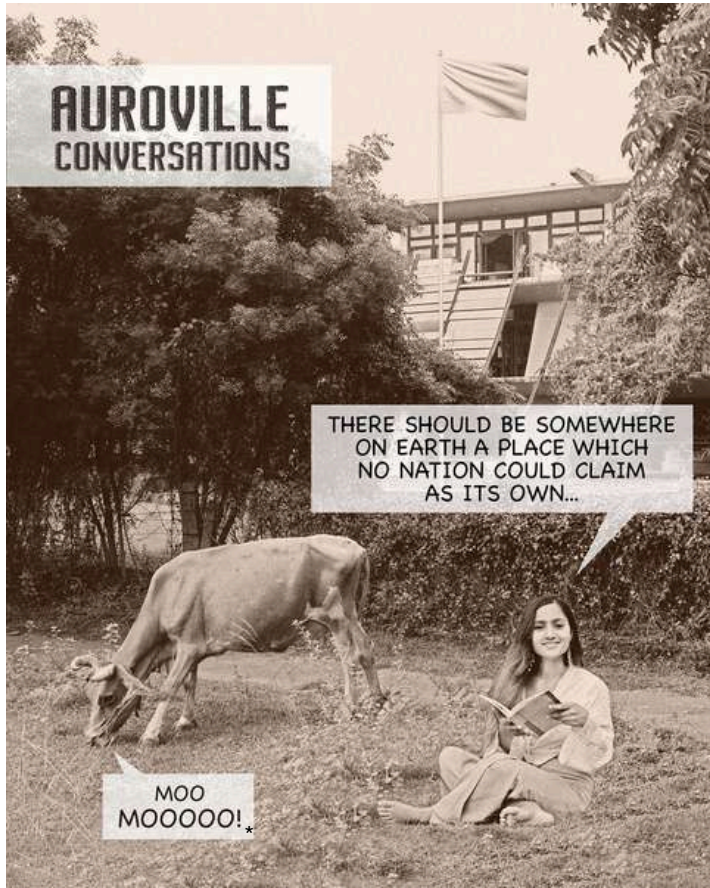
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FROM THE FO N&N 1037

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



# AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



\*\*"Agree A-greed" - said the cow

## CINEMA



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

Reminder: **Friday August 2nd 8:00 pm: "THE BOY AND THE HERON"** Directed by **Hayao Miyazaki**, Japan 2023.

And **FRIDAY AUGUST 9th, 8:00 pm:**

**"STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN" (A Matter of Life and Death).** Directed by **Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger**, UK 1946.



**Synopsis:** this film is the remarkable British fantasy that became the surprise hit of 1946. David Niven stars as Peter Carter, a World War II RAF pilot who is forced to bail out of his crippled plane without a parachute. He wakes up to find he has landed on Earth utterly unharmed...which wasn't supposed to happen according to the rules of heaven.

Will the celestial court allow Peter to live out his love on earth?

*Original version in English with English subtitles. Duration: 1h44'*



## ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

[avbus@auroville.org.in](mailto:avbus@auroville.org.in) / +91 94430 74825

### 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: 5 August 2024 - 11 August 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 5 August, 8:00 pm:

- SHARMAJEE KI BETI (Daughter of Mr. Sharma)

India, 2004, writer-Dir. Tahira Kashyap Khurrana w/ Shakshi Tanwar, Divya Duatta, Saiyami Kher, and others, Comedy-Drama, 116mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

In this feature directorial debut by the director, best friends Swati and Gurveen, in their early teens and on the cusp of puberty, are trying to come to terms with who they are. Swati thinks her mother, a hard-working-tutor Jyoti, has no time for her. Gurveen's mother, Kiran, struggles with urban loneliness and an absentee husband. At its core it is a humorous and heart-warming tale of resilience, aspirations, and coming-of-age.

### Potpourri – Tuesday 6 August, 8:00 pm:

- DUNE: Part One

USA, 2021, Writer-Dir. Denis Villeneuve w/Timothee Chalamet, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya and others, 155mins, SciFi-Adventure, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

The film follows Paul Atreides, a brilliant young man destined for greatness, who must journey to the universe's most dangerous planet to secure the future of his family and people. As malevolent forces clash over the planet's exclusive supply of a precious resource that unlocks humanity's potential, only those who conquer their fear will survive.

### Selection – Wednesday 7 August, 8:00 pm:

- TRAFIC (Traffic)

France-Italy, 1971, Writer-Dir. Jacques Tati w/Jacques Tati, Marcel Fraval, Honoré Bostel, and others, Satire-Comedy, 96mins, French-Dutch-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G  
At Altra Motors, Mr. Hulot designs an ingenious camper car with lots of clever features. A lorry hauls the prototype to an important auto show in Amsterdam, with Mr. Hulot alongside in his car and a spoiled, trendy PR exec, the young Maria, in her sports car packed with designer clothes and her fluffy dog. The lorry has every imaginable problem, delaying its arrival. A flat tire, no gas, an accident, a run-in with police, a stop at a garage, and numerous traffic jams showcase vignettes of people and their cars. Through interactions with these down-to-earth folks, Maria gradually loses her imperious conceit, becoming much more relaxed and fetching.

### Interesting – Thursday 8 August, 8:00 pm:

- TIGER 24

USA, 2022, Writer-Dir. Warren Pereira w/ Warren Pereira, Valmik Thapar, Yogesh Sahu, Documentary, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

When a wild tiger kills men who enter his territory, he is declared a man-eater and locked up in a zoo. This galvanizes massive social uproar, and activists take their cause to the streets, online, on to billboards and all the way to the Supreme Court. 29 July is International Tiger Day. We celebrate the occasion with this film.

### International – Saturday 10 August, 8:00 pm:

- CABRINI

USA, 2024, Writer-Dir. Alejandro Monteverde w/Cristiana Dell'Anna, John Lithgow, David Morse, and others, Biography-Drama, English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

This is a powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

### Children's Matinee – Sunday 11 August, 4:00 pm:

- THE INSEPARABLES

Belgium-France-Spain, 2023, Dir. Jérémie Degruson w/Eric Judor, Jean-Pascal Zadi, Ana Girardot, and others, Fantasy-Animation, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

A runaway puppet with boundless imagination and an abandoned stuffed animal toy in need of a friend cross paths in Central Park and pair up against all odds for an epic adventure of friendship in New York City.

### BLACK & WHITE CLASSICS @ CINÉ-CLUB

#### Ciné-Club Sunday 11 August, 8:00 pm:

- IDA

Poland, 2013, Dir. Pawel Pawlikowski w/ Agata Kulesza, Dawid Ogrodnik and others, Drama, 82 mins, Polish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13.

Anna, an orphan brought up by nuns in the convent, is a novice. She has to see Wanda, the only living relative. Both women start a journey not only to find their family's tragic story, but to see who they really are and where they belong. They question what they used to believe in.

**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.

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