

*Auroville*

# NEWS & NOTES

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*A Red-Wattled Lapwing (Vanellus indicus) minding its step...*

## PONDERING

Constantly thinking of the hostile forces and fearing them is a very dangerous weakness.

As you say, it is the adverse force itself that must be conquered and destroyed, otherwise it will always find people to manifest it.

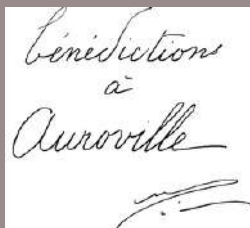
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## A DREAM THE IDEAL TOWN

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Is it possible to find a spot where the embryo or seed of the future supramental world could be created? The plan had come in all its details; but it is a plan which, in its spirit and consciousness, does not conform at all to what is possible on earth at the moment; and yet, in its most material manifestation, it was based on earthly conditions. This is the concept of an ideal town which would be the nucleus of an ideal country, and whose only contacts with the outside world would be purely superficial and extremely limited in their effects. Therefore already—but this, however, is possible—one would have to conceive of a power great enough to be a protection against both aggression or bad will—that would not be the most difficult protection to obtain—and against infiltration, mixture. But if need be, one can conceive of that. From the social point of view, from the point of view of organisation, from the point of view of inner life, these are not problems; the problem is the relation with what is not supramentalised, to prevent infiltration, mixture, that is, to prevent this nucleus from falling back into an inferior creation—it is a period of transition.

All those who have thought about this problem have always imagined something unknown to the rest of humanity, like a gorge in the Himalayas, for example, a place unknown to the rest of the world. But that is not a solution; it is not a solution at all.

No, the only solution is an occult power, but this implies that a certain number of individuals must have already achieved a great perfection of realisation before anything at all can be done. But one can conceive that if that can be done, one could have, isolated in the midst of the outside world—without any contacts, you see—an area thing, each person, each movement, is exactly in its place—and in

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its place in an ascending, progressive movement, with no relapse — that is, the very opposite of what happens in ordinary life. Of course, this supposes a kind of perfection, a kind of unity, this supposes that the various aspects of the Supreme can be manifested; and necessarily, an exceptional beauty, a total harmony, and a power great enough to command obedience from the forces of Nature; for example, even if this place were surrounded by forces of destruction, they would have no power to act; the protection would be sufficient. All this demands the utmost perfection in the individuals organising such a thing.

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*Q: Is it the Divine Will that Auroville should be born, or else does*

# The city the earth needs.

the Divine look upon the attempt to build Auroville as an experiment?

The conception of Auroville is purely divine and has preceded its execution by many years.

Naturally, in the details of the execution the human consciousness intervenes.

7.4.1969

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## SYNTHESIS OF CULTURES

... the unity of the human race can be achieved neither through uniformity nor through domination and subjection. A synthetic organisation of all nations, each one occupying its own place in accordance with its own genius and the role it has to play in the whole, can alone effect a comprehensive and progressive unification, which may have some chance of enduring. And if the synthesis is to be a living thing, the grouping should be done around a central idea as high and wide as possible, and in which all tendencies, even the most contradictory, would find their respective places. That idea is to give man the conditions of life necessary for preparing him to manifest the new force that will create the race of tomorrow.

... the cultures of the different regions of the earth will be represented here in such a way as to be accessible to all, not merely intellectually, in ideas, theories, principles and languages, but also vitally, in habits and customs, in art under all forms—painting, sculpture, music, architecture, decoration—and physically too through natural scenery, dress, games, sports, industries and food.

A kind of world-exhibition has to be organised in which all the countries will be represented in a concrete and living manner; the ideal would be that every nation with a very definite culture would have a pavilion representing that culture, built on a model that most displays the habits of the country; it will exhibit the nation's most representative products, natural as well as manufactured, products also that best express its intellectual and artistic genius and its spiritual tendencies. Each nation would thus find a practical and concrete interest in the cultural synthesis and collaborate in the work by taking over the charge of the pavilion that represents it. A lodging house also could be attached,



### **Power of Collective Aspiration**

A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances. -- The Mother

*Hoya carnosa* (L. f.) R. Br., Asclepiadaceae. Wax plant, Honey plant

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

### GB groups:

Working Committee (GB WC)  
Funds and Assets Management Committee (GB FAMC)  
Budget Coordination Committee (GB BCC / GB BCS)  
Auroville Town Development Council (GB ATDC)  
Housing Service (GB HS)  
Land Board (GB LB)

## NOTE FROM THE EDITORS



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In community,

The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

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# WORKING GROUPS NEWS

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

### **ES # 231 DATED: 21-10-2024**

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovilian in writing to [auroville.entryservice@gmail.com](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com).

*We thank you in advance.*

The Entry Board (Amy B., Don, Fabienne, Grace, Mirco, Sara, Sonja, Vadivel)

### **LEFT ON THEIR OWN**

- **Edoardo FASSI (Italian)**
- **Brigitte WARWIG aka Gitti (German)**

### **NOT ABLE TO JOIN AT THIS TIME**

- **Oleg TSYPARYNDI (Ukrainian)**

### **NOTE:**

- A Newcomer becomes an 'Aurovilian' once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.
- The date of becoming 'Aurovilian' is the date of confirmation. An Aurovilian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.
- The formal administrative step of entering new residents into the Register of Residents (RoR), is done by the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. For this, a B-Form is filled in and signed by the individual and a meeting with the Secretary is arranged by the Entry Secretariat. However, until such time as a new Secretary is appointed, the meetings of Confirmed Aurovilians with the Secretary will be pending.

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

Dear Friends, .....

As you may know, the Entry Service has been functioning with reduced capacity since January 2024.

The actions taken to stop the work given to the Entry Service by the Residents' Assembly persist. However, according to the Auroville Foundation Act, the power to admit and terminate names from the register of residents is within the exclusive domain of the Residents' Assembly. The new regulations were challenged before the Madras High Court and have been stayed, but have not been finally heard and disposed.

Be that as it may, the Entry Board team has been reconstituted according to the Residents' Assembly approved process and 3 ongoing members welcomed 5 new members. The team has been meeting regularly since May 2024.

*However, we have been advised not to process new applications for the time being.*

We intend to use this time to *take up pending work* such as requesting mentor reports, and Newcomer self assessments. We plan to resume completing the Newcomer processes, some of which have been left pending for over 6 months as soon as we are advised to do so.

We apologize for the delays however it has been due to circumstances beyond our control.

We pray for relief by the courts in due time.

Sincerely, The Entry Service & Board

# FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

## REPORT FOR JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER

Dear Community,

Our latest AVC report comes at a time of significant challenges for our community. The Council acknowledges the difficulties we face, but we want to remind all Aurovilians that our primary focus should remain on the **greater purpose** that brought us to Auroville: to create a universal township dedicated to human unity, peace, and sustainable living.

In Auroville, as the cradle of a new consciousness, it's not just about what we achieve, but how we go about achieving it. Our focus must be on the process, not merely the outcome. It's crucial that we work together to maintain the proper functioning of our internal organisation and uphold the principles of fairness and natural justice. The way we make decisions, resolve conflicts, and implement changes is as important as the decisions themselves.

By **embodying higher empathy, mutual respect, and adherence to our established methods in our day-to-day interactions and governance**, we're not just maintaining order—we're actively cultivating the elevated consciousness that is central to Auroville's mission. This approach of prioritising 'how' over 'what' is essential in our role as pioneers of a new way of living and being.

Let's not lose sight of our shared vision and values as we navigate through these difficulties. Together, we can demonstrate that our community's strength lies not only in our goals but in the compassionate and conscious way we pursue them.

### Community Connections

Our local Community meetings have been ongoing, reflecting our commitment to maintaining proper functioning and upholding the principles of fairness in our internal organisation. We are deeply grateful to the residents who have welcomed us and openly shared their views. These gatherings serve as vital platforms not only for discussion but also for disseminating essential information on various topics such as our internal organisational structure, collective decision-making processes, and the importance of adhering to established methods for change.



Many participants have expressed appreciation for the smaller, more intimate format of these meetings, where they feel comfortable expressing their thoughts and raising questions. This setting allows for a deeper exploration of how we can embody the higher empathy and mutual respect that are crucial to Auroville's mission, even as we navigate challenges.

We plan to continue these efforts, seeing them as opportunities to reinforce our shared vision and values. We hope to see even more new faces at upcoming sessions, as this initiative is only possible with your active participation. Your engagement in these discussions is vital to our collective growth and our ability to demonstrate that Auroville's strength lies not only in our goals but in the conscious and compassionate way we pursue them.

### Council Open House

The Council continues to host an open house every **Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**, in the Council room, embodying our belief that building Auroville is a collective endeavour that requires open dialogue and active participation. These sessions provide a regular, accessible platform for you to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns directly with Council members. We warmly invite all Aurovilians to join us during these hours to discuss any topics of interest, from day-to-day community matters to broader visions for our future.

## **RAS Membership**

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) is responsible for facilitating communication and decision-making processes within the community. It serves as a bridge between the residents and various working groups, ensuring that the voices of Aurovilians are heard and considered in the organisation of Auroville.

The RAS is tasked with organising and conducting the Residents' Assembly Decision-making (RAD) process, which is a vital mechanism for collective decision-making in Auroville. Through the RAD, residents can propose, discuss, and vote on important community issues, ensuring that decisions reflect the collective will of the community.

With their trial period concluding on October 23rd, Franklin, Pala, and Vignesh are **now official members** of the Residents' Assembly Service. Their journey with us is just beginning, and we're eager to see the positive changes they'll inspire. Let's unite in supporting them to enhance our collective organisation, as we move forward together in Auroville.

## **New Selection Process Proposal**

The Council recently received a proposal from a resident regarding a new selection process. Recognizing the importance of thoughtful consideration and community approval, we advised the individual to submit the proposal through the Residents' Decision-Making (RAD) process. This ensures a fair and transparent review by the wider community.

Residents interested in initiating an RAD proposal are reminded that they need to gather **60 signatures** in support of their proposal. The RAS is responsible for assisting residents in this endeavour, providing guidance and support to ensure the proposal is effectively presented and considered by the community.

We encourage such proactive participation in our collective organisation as it is essential for a healthy community, fostering engagement, inclusivity, and building trust in our decision-making processes

## **Entry Service**

We are pleased to see that the Entry Board has resumed its essential work in processing current Newcomers. This restart comes as a welcome development for our community, following the [recent legal opinion](#) that has provided clarity on the Board's ability to function under the 2020 Regulations. The Council fully supports this move and appreciates the Entry Board's commitment to addressing the backlog of applications and ensuring a smooth continuation of the entry process for those already in the process.



## **Council Maintenance and Budget**

Due to the recent budget cuts imposed by the Governing Board-appointed FAMC (Fund and Asset Management Committee), the Council has been facing significant challenges in securing financial support for its members. In response, a few Council members went to the GB FAMC office in August to discuss the matter. We met with Chandresh, who stated that the decision to cut our budget was not made by the FAMC but came from the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. We emphasised the importance of the Auroville Council, as it is a Resident Assembly-selected body mandated to serve a vital role in the internal functioning of Auroville.

## **[Auroville.org.in](#)**

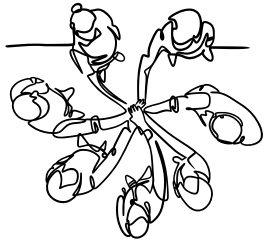
As you have probably been aware for a while, whoever controls the "[auroville.org.in](#)" domain has, as we understand it, censored anyone they do not agree with, such as the RA working groups, including the Council. This limits our official communication capacities with other entities. In order to bypass this limitation we had to resort to using our members' personal emails. We are mentioning this because some recipients of our emails refuse to



acknowledge our communications on this basis.

## **Dehashakti**

In July, the Council received a letter from the former Dehashakti team expressing concerns about the lack of genuine collaboration with the newly established AVPEB. Despite numerous efforts and a willingness to collaborate, they reported that no true partnership was realised. A proposal for meaningful collaboration—developed jointly by the Dehashakti team, SAIER, and the Teacher's Centre—was apparently disregarded. While we acknowledge the intent to enhance the teachers' knowledge and skills, we question how this process was managed, particularly concerning those who were dismissed due to failing assessments or being unable to attend the training course.



On August 28th, we met with the executives of Dehashakti, to discuss the events that transpired there involving the Auroville Physical Education Board (AVPEB). During our conversation, it was evident that the teachers have a deep commitment to their work at Dehashakti, with some members having dedicated over 15 years of service. Despite this dedication, some of the teachers faced dismissals following a training course and assessment. There was a palpable sense of hurt from not being recognized for their sincere contributions to the team. There was also doubt expressed about whether the AVPEB board was formed with due process.

In light of the recent issues between the Dehashakti team and AVPEB, it's pivotal to recall Mother's emphasis on goodwill and unity. The initiative by SAIER and AVPEB to provide fresh training opportunities signifies a step towards reconciliation, inviting all parties to foster an environment of collaboration and understanding, embodying the true spirit of Auroville.

## **Compliance with community processes**

In recent times, we've noticed a concerning trend: an unusually high number of executive replacements across various Auroville units. These changes have been implemented without providing sufficient explanations to the outgoing executives or those directly impacted by the transitions. Moreover, there has been no evident improvement in the performance or operations of these units following these leadership changes. This pattern raises questions about the decision-making process and the overall effectiveness of such abrupt organisational shifts.

As the Auroville Council it is our duty to bring to the attention of those responsible that according to the Code of Conduct 2017 there are certain procedures required for the dismissal of executives, and it would appear that these have not been followed in many cases, including those concerning PTPS and Afsanah Guesthouse. The Auroville Council's mandate encompasses ensuring fair decision-making processes within community groups, overseeing the proper functioning of internal organisation, and upholding principles of natural justice for all Aurovilians.

## **Afsanah Guest House**

The Auroville Council heard with concern that the management of Afsanah Guest House was being changed. It is of concern that despite the team's highly successful management and multiple requests to be appointed/confirmed as executives, no valid reasons were ever given for not doing so.

We were concerned that their success had not been fully appreciated by the trustees, nor by the GB appointed FAMC themselves, and that this decision was made without any due process to replace them. The GB-FAMC also instructed Financial Services to freeze all accounts of Afsanah Guest House, and the Afsanah team was not informed of this action.

Numerous emails were sent by the Council and the existing management team to all parties involved, clearly explaining the current situation. Despite our repeated attempts to emphasise the importance of due process, this unfair treatment towards fellow Aurovilians continues. The Council sent an email to the GB FAMC, expressing their serious concern and seeking a response, but none has been received so far. You can review the contents of the [email here](#)

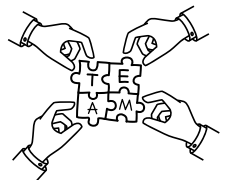
In the meantime, GB-FAMC appointed executives, contacted PTPS and HERS, requesting them to stop providing groceries for the Guesthouse ordered by the guest house team. Additionally, the internet connection, telephone services, and funds were cut off, and maintenance suspended. The Council sent emails to various service providers requesting them to support the ongoing team until the situation is clarified. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the services that have continued to support the Guesthouse and the RA process during this period.

The Council met with the guest house team to hear their views. The Council also invited the GB-FAMC appointees to present their perspective as Aurovilians; however, we have not received any response from them. Similar invitations were extended to GB-FAMC appointed guesthouse trustees who responded without any spirit of cooperation.

The Council wishes to make it clear that we welcome dialogue, and are willing to listen to any perspective on this or any other issue. Our aim is to find a solution which can accommodate the different perspectives, while honouring the values which Auroville stands for.

### **PTPS (Pour Tous Purchasing Service)**

The Auroville Council heard with great concern that an executive from PTPS was dismissed before the completion of his term in March 2025. We understand that no written reasons were given for his dismissal and that he was asked to leave at very short notice. We also understand that he performed his job as an executive with considerable skill and care and that significant improvements in the service have resulted from his appointment, with considerable praise being received from community members, as well as acknowledgment and support from the PTPS staff. We also noted that his appointment and the conversion of the unit to a service was the result of a participatory community process, which we believe should be respected.



It was apparent that the Code of Conduct 2017, was not followed. Accordingly, the Council wrote to the GB FAMC questioning the dismissal and requesting them to ensure that the correct process is followed. [\[link to email\]](#)

On a purely human level we question the rapid dismissal/replacement of any person from a post in Auroville without a proper process. In this case it appears that the dismissal may be the result of disagreements with a trustee. The Auroville Council is always ready to assist with any such disputes and proper community approved processes exist for the resolution of disputes, which aim to resolve such matters to the satisfaction of all parties, and with the care and compassion we all seek as Aurovilians

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

We recognize the urgent need to revive our community's conflict resolution services, which have been inactive since the beginning of this year. We are currently exploring ways to evolve and improve this essential service. As part of this process, we are considering renaming it to "Goodwill Restoration Services" to better reflect its purpose and approach.

To ensure a comprehensive approach, the Council is actively consulting with former CRC members and previous Council members. We've identified the creation of a secretariat as a key

priority and are eager to progress in this direction.

To support this initiative, we recently reached out to the community seeking volunteers for a Secretariat group. We are pleased to report that one member has already stepped forward, and we need more support to make this service truly effective. We warmly encourage Aurovilians with experience in conflict resolution or those passionate about fostering harmony in our community to join us in this important endeavour. If you feel inspired to contribute, please reach out to us at [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services). We appreciate your understanding that, due to budget constraints imposed by the GB-FAMC, we are still exploring options for providing maintenance for this work.

In preparation for this important work, the Council has recently undergone specialised training sessions with a facilitator. These sessions focused on handling conflict cases with the utmost care and sensitivity, and have greatly enhanced our team's capabilities.

Additionally, with members, who are experienced in our internal organisation, we're working closely to analyse and harmonise the various groups and their mandates. This step is crucial for creating a more cohesive and effective conflict resolution framework.

### **CRP3**

CRP3 (Conflict resolution policy section 3) is a group that includes members of the AV Council, the Working Committee of the RA, and the wider community. This group is dedicated to addressing urgent cases that do not fall under the purview of any Working Groups, such as cases involving domestic violence or other immediate threats.

### **Security Issues**

The Council is looking into the issue of Auroville Security to ensure that an active security response is available to all residents at all times, from a dedicated Aurovillian team. The present GB security team, established after the Auroville team was dissolved by order of the Foundation Office, do not appear to be actively pursuing internal issues. Instead please contact the RA-Working Committee directly.

If anyone is interested in being part of re-establishing an Auroville security team, please contact the Council.

### **Conclusion**

As we close this report, we want to express our deep appreciation for the dedication and resilience of our community during these challenging times. The issues we've addressed - from governance and decision-making processes to specific concerns about Auroville units - reflect the complex nature of our collective journey.

We remain committed to fostering open dialogue, transparent processes, and fair resolutions to the challenges we face. Our strength lies in our unity and our shared vision for Auroville. We encourage all residents to stay engaged, participate in community processes, and continue to embody the values that make Auroville unique.

Looking ahead, we will continue to work diligently on improving our conflict resolution mechanisms, enhancing community connections, and ensuring that our internal organisation functions in alignment with Auroville's ideals. We invite your ongoing feedback and participation in these efforts.

Together, we can navigate these challenges and emerge stronger, always keeping in mind the higher purpose that brings us together in Auroville. Let us move forward with renewed commitment to our shared goals, mutual respect, and the spirit of human unity that is at the core of our community.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in building the Auroville of our dreams.

In community,

The Auroville Council

Ashwini, Lucas, Martin, Ramesh, Samrat, Sathiya

## **MEETING NOTES WITH MATRIMANDIR TEAM**

WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2024

*Present:*

**AVC:** Riju, Lucas, Sathiya and Claudine RPs

**MM:** Judith, John, Antoine, Jothi, Sundar and Shiva

Intention of this meeting was to see where we are since the last meeting we had in April. There was an agreement from the MM team to improve the communications with the community.

### **1. Follow-Up on Communication:**

- Since our last meeting, there has been increased communication with the community. Recently reels are being made regularly by the AV media interface. Jaya is following it up and so far it is not clear where these reels are being shared. It's uncertain if they are being published. This task adds to MM's workload.
- They continue to publish quarterly newsletter and get it published on both the News & Notes editions.
- These quarterly newsletters are published online as Matrimandir bulletins also.

### **2. Excavation Progress:**

- Development is stalled due to weather conditions.
- Work will resume quickly once the rain stops. Currently focusing on lining the two walls for the test pond. A team from Germany is expected to assist. The second part of the work will start after January.
- Water levels were suitable before the rain, but now the lake is too full for welding work and it needs to be pumped out.
- Water is currently healthy with no algae.
- Plans are underway to beautify the edges of the lake walls and explore floating islands.

### **3. Design Evaluation Panel**

- The panel is still active and involved in the evaluation process of the Gardens.
- The Garden of Light is inaugurated tomorrow.
- Reviews are also ongoing for the Garden of Wealth and Garden of Utility.
- Blue Palm removal is planned to improve views as per Roger's vision.
- Would it be possible for the MM team to get the feedback from the Community on the Garden Every two years, gardens will be reviewed based on community feedback.
- Ongoing work on beautification of the shoreline and moving the MM workshop. Ganesh and Sonali are working on site permissions from ATDC and will present the building design next week.

### **4. Road and Hill Access**

- CPWD is responsible for MM soil for road construction.
- Access to the hill area is being sought. Passage across village land is complete; access through AV requires coordination with ATDC.
- Planning for Western Bridge access.

### **5. MM Website:**

- The website is being developed as a communication platform. It will help with donations and showcase text and pictures.

### **6. New Projects:**

- Golden Door project is in collaboration with IIT.
- AC installation is also complete.

### **7. Reception Pavilion**

- The pavilion and bridge will be reviewed by the evaluation panel and will be positioned on the west side. AVlian Architect will be approached for building design.

## 8. Garden Reviews

- Revealing the names of those who worked on the garden to the community - Riju pls elaborate.

## 9. Access Roads and Visitor Management:

- Potential changes to the access road could involve Crown and Ring Road. The Western Bridge will be the main access point.
- Visitors will mostly use tram and train services in future. The viewing point will remain on the line of goodwill in future and for time being its in the same place where it used to be.

## 10. Safety, Security, and Community Engagement:

- Safety and health issues within MM are being reviewed.

## 11. MM access to bio region people

- A group is working on reconnecting with the bioregion. Consideration is needed to make MM more accessible for the bioregion people.
- MM workers have a special visiting day on the first Tuesday of every month for 30 minutes. Options for workers' families and friends to visit is something MM team will reflect on.
- Workers and family are invited for the bonfire without a pass. But also, if one feels so strong to visit MM, they can always do the booking like any others or even approach the access team for it.

In community,

The Auroville Council

Lucas, Martin, Ramesh, Rju, Samrat, Sathiya

## FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

### BRIEF NOTE ON RECENT WRITTEN ORDER FROM THE MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dear Community,

On Friday, 18th October, the Madras High Court issued the full written judgment on the Quo Warranto case (the judgement had been pronounced on 1st August, 2024 but the full judgement had not been uploaded) filed by us against the seven residents calling themselves the Working Committee and recognized by the Governing Board. This written judgement also addresses the perjury case against Hemant Lamba. Both of these cases were dismissed on 1st August 2024. The full text of the order is available at this [link](#).

Although we are very satisfied that the wrongful case of perjury against Hemant was dismissed, we are, of course, not satisfied with the outcome of the Quo Warranto case because it was dismissed on technical arguments and had some factual errors. Still, the final order recognizes that "till such time the Regulations are finalized, the directions issued by the First Bench on 04.09.2023 would govern the field qua the management and functioning of Auroville", as has been highlighted [in a recent legal opinion by our lawyer](#). This order does not legitimize the group recognized by the GB as they have not been selected by the RA as per Section 20 of the AVF Act.

We are in consultation with our lawyers about possible next steps to be undertaken to once again have full recognition of the legitimate groups selected by the Residents' Assembly.

In service,

The Working Committee of the RA

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Maël (on leave), Matthieu, Prashant, Valli

## NEW LETTER BY THE IAC TO THE GB

Dear Community,

We are sharing with you a [new letter](#) by three members of the International Advisory Council (IAC) to the Governing Board (GB), about controversial land exchanges in Auroville. The data sheet referred to in this letter can be found [here](#).

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We take this opportunity to again thank Michel Danino, Gabi Gillesen and Dena Merriam for their continued support in questioning the opaque and dubious land exchanges being carried out by the Secretary's Office with the approval of the GB. We are grateful that these three members of the IAC have offered valuable ideas on an alternative way forward, which we hope will be followed by the GB.

We continue to trust that with goodwill from all sides, and with real collaboration between the three pillars of the Auroville Foundation, a positive way forward can be found.

In service,

Your RA Working Committee

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



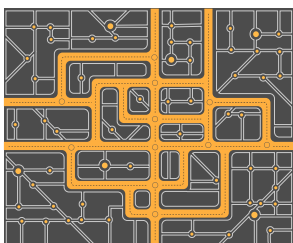
**WORKING COMMITTEE**  
of the Residents' Assembly  
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

## FROM L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE

### CONCERNS REGARDING CURRENT ROAD AND MOBILITY PLANNING PRACTICES

As we all know, there are pressing concerns regarding the current practices in road and mobility planning in Auroville. Indeed, the approach undertaken has repeatedly lacked the necessary rigour and foresight essential for sustainable urban development.

Firstly, it is imperative that road and mobility planning be based on thorough traffic modelling to accurately assess movement needs. These needs are dynamic and evolve over time, necessitating prioritisation that reflects current realities. Presently, there is insufficient justification for a high need for vehicle movement that would warrant extensive planning interventions. Specifically, there is no indication of unacceptable severity or regularity of traffic congestion, nor is there a pressing need to facilitate access for sequential urban development. Sustainable planning principles dictate that priority should be given to sites that are already developed or co-located with existing infrastructure, thereby minimising reliance on private vehicular movements. The absence of supporting evidence in this regard is deeply concerning.



Furthermore, any land clearing activities must only occur following a comprehensive and participative planning process, which results in statutory recognised plans and subsequently obtains appropriate site approvals from the planning authority, namely Tamil Nadu.

This process must include thorough assessments of alternative routes and options, taking into account environmental constraints and projections of future mobility needs. Additionally, once routes have been established, it is crucial that planning restrictions are implemented on proposed movement corridors to prevent certain types of development. This strategy is vital to ensure that both strategic and long-term mobility needs are met without premature land clearing. Regrettably, there is a lack of evidence supporting adherence to these critical planning protocols.

It is also essential to acknowledge the repeated statements from the Residents' Assembly, which has unequivocally expressed its disagreement with the manner in which implementation of so-called "plans" is being carried out. (See more about the Master Plan Perspective 2025 [here](#).) The concerns raised by the community highlight a significant disconnect between the developments being undertaken and the needs of the residents.

In conclusion, we strongly urge all stakeholders to reconsider current strategies in road and mobility planning. We must prioritise sustainable practices that reflect community needs, environmental considerations, and long-term urban growth.

In Service

**L'avenir d'Auroville** (Anan, Divya L, Dorle, Island, Lata I, Natasha S, Tom G)

**The Auroville Council** (Lucas, Martin, Ramesh, Samrat, Sathiya)  
**Working Committee of the RA** (Aravinda, Chali, Ilayabharathy, Matthieu, Prashant, Valli)



## PROJECT COORDINATION GROUP (PCG)

### CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

Regarding grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting de Zaaier in December 2024 and the Foundation for World Education in 2025: a two part-grant application and budget request form is available on request from [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in).



All documents related to this purpose are to be submitted in these prescribed forms as attachments emailed to [pcg@auroville.org.in](mailto:pcg@auroville.org.in) latest by **Monday, 11 November**. Questions and early submissions are most welcome any time.

Pala, For the Project Coordination Group

## FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

### FROM THE FO N&N 1049

Please click [HERE](#) to read the FO groups news





## FROM RA NEWS & NOTES

### RESTRUCTURING AND NEW PUBLISHING GUIDELINES



Dear Community,

As [announced on 11th September 2024](#), the RA News & Notes has been going through a restructuring over the last weeks. After one year and a half of publishing, we are now feeling a need to **focus on truly becoming a community edition of the News and Notes.**

In a nutshell, the RA News & Notes will no longer publish contents that were previously included under the sections “Activities & Events”; “Food, Goods & Services”; and “Classes, Workshops and Healing Arts”. **We are now limiting ourselves to contents that strengthen community-building in Auroville.** More specifically, we will continue to include working group announcements and reports, residents' voices and personal sharings, some cultural events, and information from essential services.

There are three main reasons for this decision:

1. Many residents have continued publishing their events in both News and Notes despite being told by the Auroville Council that this legitimizes the censorship applied by the Foundation Office's News and Notes.
2. This not only discourages us but also creates a situation where there is a lot of duplication of work. This duplication of work is not something we can sustain on a long-term basis.
3. Entering contents under the specific categories we are now discontinuing was taking a good part of our time while our team has very limited resources, both human and financial.

In general, we wish to **focus on content that strengthens community-building in Auroville, showcases service-oriented (and non-profit) initiatives, and enables a diversity of perspectives to be shared safely.**

If you have questions about our new publication guidelines, and what can or cannot be included, you can read [this Frequently Asked Questions document](#).

We are aware that this new editorial policy may impact some of you and we are sorry for any inconvenience caused. This duplication of work made no more sense for us, and taking this decision was our only way to continue editing this publication, at the service of the community.



### RA News & Notes Frequently Asked Questions

Last updated on 19th October 2024

*(Note: We can make exceptions to our new publication rules for contents that are submitted only to the RA News and Notes (and not to the other one), as this would not be a case of duplication of work. If this could interest you, please clearly indicate in your submission to us that you are only publishing your content in the RA News and Notes. We will treat these requests on a case-by-case basis.)*

**Thank you for your understanding and support.  
It means a lot to us.**





In Community,  
The RA News & Notes editors

To receive the RA News & Notes and download the previous issues, follow this link: [www.auroville.media/newsandnotes](http://www.auroville.media/newsandnotes)

## COMMUNITY SHARING

### AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

#### A TIME FOR COMPASSION: AUROVILLE'S CALL FOR TAKING RESPONSIBILITY



Once again, it is that time of year when countless puppies are born and abandoned like trash in Auroville or thrown at night over our fence. "Out of sight, out of mind. Let it be the shelter's problem!" This happens at least twice a year when dogs reproduce, and our shelter becomes overwhelmed with too many rescues. Daily we are receiving more and more calls, some friendly, some even threatening to take in these helpless animals, but our shelter is operating beyond full capacity with barely any funds, not enough staff, almost out of food and medicines, and no volunteers to help as its rainy season. Despite all our efforts to expand the back area of the shelter to free up space for rescues and sterilizations, we are unable to do more without receiving support.

And then there are always the voices of those who assert that Mother declared: "No dogs in Auroville!" **It's simply not true.** Maybe contemplate on what Mother said whenever you see a puppy dumped in the streets: "...Personally, I could do praam before a puppy dog, mon petit, in all sincerity—seeing the Lord in it. You only have to think of the Lord, no?" (Agenda 3:343)



It is time for us, as a spiritual community, especially those in Auroville's administration, to realize that raising funds for the municipal dog shelter is a collective responsibility and not solely the shelter's burden. This is not just about money and budgets; it is about **compassion, responsibility, and reducing the suffering of living beings.**

We urgently need Auroville's backing to ensure that the shelter can continue its mission to keep the Community safe from dangerous diseases like rabies and be finally able to solve the puppy problem for good by systematically sterilizing all dogs to end the suffering and limit the overall dog population. Auroville must stand up to its responsibility and provide at least the basic monthly running costs of Rs. 3 lakhs until the new Auroville Dog Shelter becomes self-sufficient by earning its own income. Let the ideals on which Auroville is based, the words of The Mother, not just be empty words but a daily reminder to extend our love and care to all living beings.

***"One can have the true attitude only when one has attained the consciousness of the divine Oneness; meanwhile it is good always to treat animals with respect, love, and compassion."***

(Collected Words of Mother 17:103)

Please sign our petition to show your support to help us secure the necessary funds to keep the shelter alive: [Auroville Dog Shelter Petition](https://www.change.org/AurovilleDogShelter) : <https://www.change.org/AurovilleDogShelter>

By signing this petition you can choose to remain anonymous. **So far over 800 signatures have been collected!** Please support us with your donation. For donations in kind, we have a barrel in front of Pour Tous in Kuilayappalam or donate to our **FS 251391** or [www.aurovilledogshelter.com](http://www.aurovilledogshelter.com) for alternative options.

## OFFERING ADAPTIVE THERAPY AT SANTÉ

Asita will be offering Adaptive Therapy at Sante for all age groups, from young children to the elderly, including for issues at school, stress, insomnia, social challenges and more.

Please contact Sante reception at (0413)-2622803.

Asita has a Master's in Sociology from Pondicherry and specialisation as a Behaviour Technician from the USA.

## COME CHECK ECO SERVICE TREASURES

Dear Community,

We are delighted to offer a variety of valuable items at Eco Service, like plates, PVC pipes, repair materials, mirrors, glass bottles, and much more.



We welcome all recyclers or anyone needing such items to take them anytime from **Monday to Saturday between 10:30 am - 12:30 pm and 3:00 - 4:30 pm.**

It's best to call Sumit at 63796 69034 to confirm his availability before you come by.

See you soon!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Remember in the Lion King when Scar cheated to win the title as king?  
And the pride land was overrun with the hyenas?  
And all of the lions lost everything they had built and maintained?  
Just asking. No reason.**

## FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE



Auro - Traductions

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



## AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS

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ALONG WITH THE EARTH  
THEY MOVED EVEN  
THE MATRIMANDIR

NOW IT'S CALLED  
THE BONKEMANDIR

*Submitted by an Aurovilian*

## INNER JOURNEY

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

**Tuesday 29th October, 9 am - 12 noon**

**Focus: Practice - The Sunlit Path**

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/Whatsapp: 94891 47202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



### SAVITRI SATSANG WITH NARAD

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 04:30 - 05:15PM

*Savitri, this prophetic vision of the world's history, including the announcement of the earth's future.*

We will begin with Book 1, The Book of Beginnings, Canto 1, The Symbol Dawn.

**At Savitri Bhavan - Square Hall.**

### OM CHOIR

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 05:30 - 06:15PM

Please join us in this collective aspiration, in the form of united prayer.

No prior singing experience is required.

**At Savitri Bhavan - Square Hall.**

- Narad.



## AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditation at sunset with SAVITRI,  
Sri Aurobindo's long mantric poem, read by Mother to  
Sunil's incredible music.

Every THURSDAY  
5.30 to 6.00 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

## 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 87909 82210 (available on WA)  
[sanjay@auraauro.com](mailto:sanjay@auraauro.com)

## RESIDENTS SPEAK

### THE ISSUE OF TODAY IS FASCISM

ADAPTED FROM A TIMOTHY SNYDER TALK

So let me start with the word.

The word was made up by the fascists themselves. The word was made up by Mussolini. It was meant positively. It became negative after the fascists lost the Second World War. The far left, the communists, the Soviets used the word fascist as a general criticism. And now we're at this curious new place in the 21st century where fascists call other people fascists.

There's the word and there's the thing. So what is the thing? The thing is hard to define because the thing has always been about resisting reason, resisting logic, so resisting definitions, resisting clear concepts.

***Fascism is about precisely unreason. It's about emotion. It's about will. It's about will over everything else. And will of everything else means that institutions don't mean anything, constitutions don't mean anything, laws don't mean anything. The only thing that matters is the person who has the strongest will, who of course is the leader.***

And so, fascism is characterized by a cult of the will and then also a cult of a particular leader. And the leader is usually at the head of a single party. Because it's a cult of will and because it's about a leader, power ultimately then is going to reside in some kind of big lie, some kind of huge alternative reality in which everyone can reside.



That can very often be a conspiracy theory, (for example, the idea that the Crown Road is a Yantra or that we need 50,000 people to bring about the Supramental change). but it's going to be some

kind of big falsehood, like, you know, I represent the RA or FAMC in an election that I lost or was nominated by the Secretary, that sort of thing. And fascism is going to depend ultimately on violence, and it's not going to have a problem with violence, because after all, if politics is about will, politics is about the leader, politics is about lies, then making the world **match the lies to conform to the will of the leader is what followers are going to have to do. And that always means violence.**

Fascism is going to end up betraying you. So, I mean, that fascism already exists is a betrayal of me and a betrayal of people like me who think that Auroville should be for individual freedom, and that people should have the right to choose their representatives and participate in its development.

Fascism will end up betraying you. You might think that your leader is going to be around forever, but they won't. They never are. And when you create a fascist state in you community, what you're doing is you're putting your whole community in the hands of a leader who will eventually fail and fall, which means that you're making your own community very vulnerable.

**When you choose fascism, you're choosing against all the institutions and all the rules, and that can seem really attractive because you could think, yes, the system was terrible, and now we can finally do what we want. But when everyone can do what they want, and when it's just a matter of spectacle and will and violence and all these things,** most people are going to end up being worse off than they were before, and you're going to be one of those people. You're going to be worse off than you were before in pretty much every single way.

And then another thing which is bad about fascism is what it ends up doing to the people. Because of course, right now, you can just say to yourself, well, I'm voting for somebody or fascism, why is that bad? (or not voting in our case- which is then used by AVFO and supporters to call into question the communities voice and will).

Well as the evil continues, **you will be drawn into it and you will do things which you will then maybe not be able to explain, not one will explain, rationalize till the day you die and your children and your grandchildren are going to have to be the one's who try to figure it out** and pick up the pieces after you in the remnants of this community if there still is a community. And finally, last but not least, fascism is always going to mean, in the end, that you're living a lie, that you're living in somebody else's story.

You might feel what fascism does is it gives you this feeling that, hey, I'm on the right side. I'm with the tough people. It gives you this feeling that you're somebody because you're against something else. But ultimately, that's an empty story.

Ultimately, in that politics of us and them, the them suffer, but the us suffer in a different way. Because in fascism, you turn out not to be anybody at all. In fascism, **you turn out just to be a tool, just to be someone who's turned against other people.** You turn out not to have any definition at all, and you turn out to be a person without any qualities. **You turn out to be just a character in somebody else's story.**

So these are the personal things. Leaving aside the fact that fascism was why we fought the Second World War.



# AN AUTHORITARIAN GUIDE TO UTOPIA: AVFO EDITION

Ever wondered how to turn a peaceful spiritual community into a bureaucratic nightmare? Look no further than the Auroville Foundation Office's handy guide:



**Step 1:** Ignore 50+ years of community-led development. After all, what do residents know about building their own city? Their decades of sustainable practices, innovative solutions, and deep connection to the land are clearly inferior to a shiny new PowerPoint presentation based on outdated plans.

**Step 2:** Bulldoze first, ask questions later. Trees, schmrees! Who needs oxygen when you have perfectly circular roads? Remember, Mother Nature is no match for Mother Bureaucracy. If a forest gets in your way, just pretend you didn't see it. Oops!

**Step 3:** Redefine "consultation" as "we'll tell you what we're doing after we've done it." Surprise is the spice of life! Why waste time on boring things like community input or environmental impact assessments? Real visionaries act first and deal with the consequences... never.

**Step 4:** Master the art of selective hearing. Community concerns are just white noise to be filtered out. Invest in some quality earplugs - they're cheaper than actually listening to people.

**Step 5:** Turn "human unity" into "human uniformity." Conformity is the new diversity! Why celebrate different perspectives when you can have everyone marching to the beat of your own drum? It's so much tidier that way.

**Step 6:** Embrace creative accounting. Why sell valuable land at market rates when you can give it away for peanuts? Think of the karma points! Plus, it's a great way to make new friends in high places. Win-win!



**Step 7:** Practice yoga - specifically, mental gymnastics to justify every decision. Become an expert at twisting logic until it screams for mercy. It's not gaslighting if you truly believe your own nonsense.

**Step 8:** Remember, the Auroville Charter is more of a gentle suggestion than a founding principle. Feel free to interpret creatively! "Belongs to humanity as a whole" clearly means "belongs to whoever we say it belongs to." Don't worry about that pesky "human unity" stuff - we're pretty sure it means "unite behind our vision, or else." After all, building bridges "between past and future" is nothing quite like bulldozing the present!

**Step 9:** When in doubt, form a committee... to oversee the committee... that's monitoring the taskforce... analyzing the working group. If you create enough layers of bureaucracy, no one will ever be able to trace a decision back to you. It's foolproof!

**Step 10:** If all else fails, claim it's for the "greater good." Works every time! Just don't specify whose greater good you're talking about. That's on a need-to-know basis, and nobody needs to know.

**Bonus Step:** Master the art of doublespeak. Call your actions "progress" while moving backwards, label authoritarian decisions as "participatory," and refer to community resistance as "a few miscreants." George Orwell would be proud!



Follow these steps, and you too can transform a unique experiment in human unity into a monument to bureaucratic



overreach. Who needs dreams when you have regulations? Utopia, here we come!

*(Disclaimer: Side effects may include community outrage, environmental destruction, and a complete loss of the plot. But hey, at least the roads will be perfectly circular!)*

Aurorrific, an Aurovillain with a pen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OBITUARY



#### **AUROSHASTRI : 04.07.1975 - 11.10.2024**



Born in Pondicherry at Cluny Hospital on July 4, 1975, his father Gerhard asked Nolini for his name and received Auroshastri, meaning "he who has knowledge of the divine law." He spent his early years happily alongside many friends — Aurosyllé, Sukrit, Ritam, John Bosco, Mukta, Auralice, Angiras and others while living at Isai Ambalam in Auroville.

When he was six, the family moved to Germany for a few years before returning to Auroville in 1989. He attended Kodaikanal International School and at the age of 17 he went back to Germany, where for some years he lived and worked with his father in the clothing industry, travelling a lot. Then their work took them to England for several years before he came back to live in Auroville in 2000 at the age of 25. Among many other things his father taught him to play GO which he continued to enjoy throughout his life.

In later years, he was deeply fascinated by water and dedicated much of his time to researching it. Living waters and natural energies were passions that consumed Shastri, driving his curiosity and commitment to understanding the world around him. He wasn't content with simply reading about concepts—he had to test them, experience them firsthand, and make them his own. Whether it was an experiment he devised or a theory he tested on himself, he held fast to his convictions, even when others didn't understand his thinking.

Walking barefoot on the earth and swimming in the sea were his natural ways of reconnecting, balancing his body in harmony with nature. He explored every new healing technique with deep dedication, diving into its depths until he fully grasped it before moving onto the next discovery. He understood the importance of water for health and the vitality of life itself, recognizing the negative impacts of unnatural, tainted waters long before many others.

Auroshastri had strong convictions and was full of bold, unconventional ideas. He embraced his eccentricity, often enjoying life on the fringe of society. He thought in ways that transcended his time, envisioning a world that others could not always see. He followed his own path and wrote his own life. Throughout his successes and failures he touched many hearts and minds. He is dearly loved and will always be missed. Love never dies.



Bobby, Suryan and Alok

## REMEMBERING JAIRAM

J. Jayaraman, Jairam for those who knew him, joined Auroville at a very young age in 1970. He was born in Alankuppam (1959) and his childhood in the village had been a difficult one. He had ended up staying with his grandmother in Kottakarai, who was also hardly able to look after him. As soon as he heard that Auroville was coming, he applied to join. With Varadharajan as an intermediary, he was accepted by The Mother and began living with Daniel (an American pioneer Aurovilian) on his farm in Kottakarai.



All he aspired to do in Auroville was being of service. Very early on he worked with Paul Vincent as a tractor driver, ploughing some newly acquired fields which later became Djaima, and started Volunteering at Matrimandir with Ruud (another pioneer Aurovilian), and also as a tractor driver, and in MM construction work. Later one could find him at the entrance to the Chamber and served under the guidance of Arjun Puri and John H.

While he worked at Matrimandir he stayed at the Matrimandir Camp for many years, then later moved to Shanthi Community.

He got married to Boomadevi and had a daughter, Vijaya and a son, Viji (Vijaykumar).

Unfortunately, he lost both his legs due to gangrene, and his only sadness was that his body would not allow him any longer to be of full service to Auroville. But he did not give up, even though he had to go through multiple operations due to health issues.

Many people driving or cycling past the Matrimandir during the past few years would have seen Jayaraman sitting on his wheelchair on the side of the road close to the Matrimandir gate near the big Peepul tree. He would lovingly greet passers-by and chat with them, and also guide guests who wanted to go to the Matrimandir or were looking for other locations in Auroville. He did this service for a long time, till very recently when, due to a head injury caused by a fall, he passed away on Friday 11th October 2024, aged 65, at his residence. The funeral took place at the Auroville Cremation Ground the next day, Saturday 12th October.

(Written by Annemarie, with input from D. Vijaya)

On **Saturday October 26th at 7.30pm**, a video portrait of Jayaraman, made last month by Yatra Arts Media & Svaram, supported by AVI USA, will be shown at Shanthi community, at Jairam's home. More information will follow.



## BABU, FOR THOSE WHO REMEMBER HIM



Bhabani Prosad Lahori, also known as Babu, recently passed away due to a heart attack. Babu lived in Auroville for a short while in the late 1980s or early 90s, when married to Aurovilian Rosa. After Rosa left her body, Babu ran a boutique in Pondy called Art Naturelle, and gradually contact was lost.

Babu was a long-term devotee of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Farewell, Babu.

(Submitted by Annemarie)



## LOOKING FOR

### HOUSESITTING

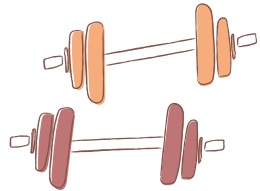
Hi, I'm Shola.

I've been part of the Auroville community for 8 years and am looking for a house-sitting opportunity starting at the **end of November**. I'm a clean and

responsible person who will take good care of your home. If you have a place available for short- or long-term sitting, please contact me on WA 82202 89812.



### LOOKING FOR 5KG+ DUMBELLS



Dear Community Members,

I hope you're all doing well! I'm reaching out to see if anyone has a **set of 5kg or heavier dumbbells** that they aren't using and would be willing to lend for a few months. I would really appreciate it and will take good care of them.

If you have any available, please let me know, and I can arrange to pick them up at your convenience. My whatsapp number is +91 86905 86909. Thanks so much in advance!

### A/C STABILISER FOR 1.5 TON

Also looking for A/C stabiliser for 1.5 Ton.

Kindly whatsapp me on 86905 86909



Warm Regards,  
Ankita (Fraternity)



### SECOND-HAND MONITOR

Looking for a second-hand monitor as the screen on my laptop broke.

Thanks, Frederick.

94864 75457 - [frederickcert@gmail.com](mailto:frederickcert@gmail.com)

## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### ECO FEMME IS LOOKING FOR VIDEO EDITOR/ CONTENT CREATOR

Eco Femme is looking for a passionate Video Editor / Content Creator to join our team part-time. If you are driven by the idea of producing impactful content that reflects our brand values of sustainability and empowerment, we'd love to hear from you.

In this role, you will be responsible for shooting and editing video content (both short and long form) for our social media channels and website, as per ideas and guidance from the Communications Team Leader.

#### Proven experience required:

- 1+ years of experience in film-making and editing for social media platforms
- Strong video editing skills using tools like Adobe Premier, Final Cut Pro, or mobile editing apps
- Basic understanding of graphic design principles
- Familiarity with Google Drive Suite
- Competent written and verbal English

We are based in Auroshilpam. Starting date: Immediate, this position requires the candidate to be present at our office on a daily basis.

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!

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## ECO FEMME IS LOOKING FOR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT MANAGER:

Eco Femme is looking for a creative individual to join our team as a Part Time Social Media Account Manager. If you're passionate about making a positive social impact, love working across a range of social media platforms and skilled in coordination and organization, this may be your ideal role!

### Proven experience required:

- 1+ year experience in account management of Instagram, Facebook and YouTube
- Word press (website updates)
- Google Drive suite
- Graphic / aesthetic sensitivity
- Competent written and verbal English

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!

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*"Revaluing menstruation: because Life depends on it "*

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

### ENGLISH TEACHING WITH REACH FOR THE STARS

Reach for the Stars in Auroville is seeking English teaching volunteers for **weekly classes** held on **Sundays from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM**. If you're passionate about education and making a difference, join us in empowering students through English language skills.

#### Requirements:

- Fluency in English
- Enthusiasm for teaching
- Long term commitment - at least 1 year.



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

Make a difference with Reach for the Stars!

## SUPPORT NEEDED

### COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED FILM THEATERS: CULTURAL AND SOCIAL HUBS

AN APPEAL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT, MULTIMEDIA CENTER-CINEMA PARADISO

Community-supported film theaters play a vital role in enriching culture, building social connections, and boosting local economies. By offering free screenings and low-cost venues, they make quality films accessible to all, with a lasting impact on education, society, and cultural awareness. Unlike commercial cinemas, they feature independent, international, and classic films, offering unique experiences beyond mainstream entertainment. These spaces foster discussions and collaborations, strengthening the social fabric.

Even in large cities like San Francisco and Chicago—and here in Auroville—these theaters are cherished cultural spaces. They attract diverse audiences and help local businesses like restaurants and guesthouses. Funded by donations, memberships, and volunteers, these theaters focus on accessibility, inclusion, and a far-reaching impact on culture and education.

## Why Community Film Theaters Deserve Support

- ★ 1. **Education:** Offering workshops and educational programs that enrich learning in unique ways.
- ★ 2. **Community Engagement:** They foster bonds and create shared cultural experiences.
- ★ 3. **Cultural Enrichment:** Providing access to films that enhance cultural diversity.
- ★ 4. **Economic Impact:** Drawing visitors and supporting local businesses.
- ★ 5. **Versatile Event Spaces:** Ideal for hosting presentations, discussions, and community events.

### A Perfect Fit for Auroville

Auroville's emphasis on human unity, education, and cultural diversity makes it an ideal setting for a community film theater like Cinema Paradiso. It aligns with Auroville's ethos, enriching the cultural landscape, supporting educational programs, and boosting the local economy.



### An Open Call for Support: Let's Thrive Together

We need your support to not just survive but thrive. Here's how you can help:

- 1. **Financial Contribution:** Consider contributing Rs. 1000/month or more to cover essential costs and continue our programs.
- 2. **Ideas and Connections:** Share ideas, links, or resources that help us bring films we can't currently afford or upgrade our equipment.

Your support will ensure we continue offering high-quality films for free and maintain the professional space you've come to expect – even as we transition to become a Unit. To contribute, set up an automatic monthly payment at Financial Service (**FS Account # 105106**) and email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment!  
Team MMC-CP

## AURORA EYE'S FILM AND INSIDE INDIA

We are very excited and grateful to announce the following Cooperation between Aurora Eyes Film and Inside India:



Karsha nuns of the Gelugpa (Yellow Hat) sect, led by the Dalai Lama, live in harmony with nature, dedicating their lives to Buddhist study, practice, and a deep sense of community.

We aim to bring 10 nuns from the remote Karsha Nunnery in Ladakh to Auroville, with filmmaker Serena Aurora documenting their transformative journey.

This project has been approved by AV International USA and is currently on their platform to raise awareness and funds...

***We are asking for some extra support from whoever would like to...***

A special FS Account has been made for that very purpose on: **252230...**

Les petites rivières font les grands fleuves, do not hesitate to contribute even little amounts as it will make a difference...

Thanks a lot for your attention and interest,

Love,

Aurora Eye's Films & Inside India Team



## CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POETRY

Book of Life  
No copyright  
Infinite copies left

-Anandi Z.

**In Tibet**

11/21/02

When I first read about the butter lamps  
I could smell the smoke that filled the spacious halls  
And darkened tapestries on temple walls.  
I heard the call of bells in far-off camps

And stars like candles in the frozen night  
Appeared as on the table of a King,  
I knew the song the spinning prayer-wheels sing  
And recognized this strange familiar site

As one who passes through a childhood town  
Remembers lanes forgotten by the rest,  
Knows secrets no adult has ever guessed  
And every path his feet have travelled down.

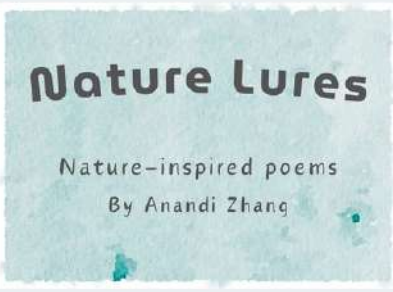
I saw in vision's clear awakened eye  
The coloured flags flapping in the wind  
The saffron robes native to my kind  
And awesome statues of the Deity.

I lived and loved in that transparent air  
And rode beneath her skies of ideal blue,  
I died in fields where orange lilies grew,  
Upon my lips an ancient Buddhist prayer.

-- Narad

**POETRY - BOOK LAUNCH**  
TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

**POETRY BOOK LAUNCH**



**Nature Lures**

Nature-inspired poems  
By Anandi Zhang

Are you Poetic & Playful?  
Come!

Tuesday 5th November 5-6pm  
Square Hall, Savitri Bhavan, Auroville

**ART EXHIBITIONS**

**CENTRE D'ART CITADINES**

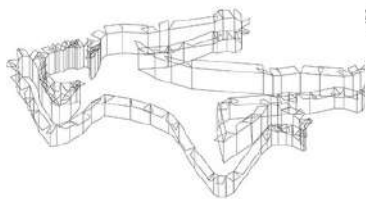
SUNIL SREE - MORE THAN ONCE

From 18 October to 6 November 2024.

"More Than Once" examines the themes of repetition, resilience, and transformation through the lens of the everyday.

**SUNIL SREE**

Opening 18 October 2024 at 4.30 pm  
18 Oct - 6 Nov



- Tuesday - Friday 2 - 5.30, Saturday 10 - 12.30, 2 - 5.30.
- Monday by appointment only - [centredart@auroville.org.in](mailto:centredart@auroville.org.in).
- Guided visits on Saturday at 10.30.

MORE THAN ONCE

**LISTENING BEYOND - LUCAS POSADA**

30TH OCT - 26TH NOV 2024, PITANGA

**Listening Beyond**



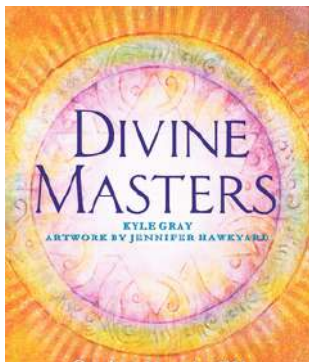
**Lucas Posada**

Art Exhibition  
30 Oct - 26 Nov '24

**OPENING:**  
Wednesday, 30 Oct  
4 - 6pm  
Pitanga Cultural Centre  
Auroville

**DIVINE MASTERS -  
KYLE GRAY  
ARTWORK BY JENNIFER  
HAWKYARD**  
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024

- At Aurelec Restaurant & Art Gallery.
- Open from 9 am - 5 pm.



**AUROVILLE SINGING FESTIVAL - CRIPA**  
SAT 26TH - SUN 27TH OCTOBER



**Auroville Singing Festival 2024**  
Cripa Saturday 26 October @ 7.30pm  
Cripa Sunday 27 October @ 7.30pm  
Two days, two different programs

**FOR THE BOOKWORMS**

**AUROVILLE LIBRARY - READING CIRCLES**

**BOOK READING**

Monday | Children's room | 6 - 7PM

**AUROVILLE LIBRARY**

**THE BEAUTY MYTH,  
BY NAOMI WOLF**

**How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women**

**New book reading circle at Auroville Library**

**The Beauty Myth by Naomi Wolf.**

Explore how society's beauty images affect women's lives, self esteem, and well being.

Mondays 6 - 7pm in the **Children's Room.**

Contact Sohela for more information: +91 82332 77556

## Our other reading circles:

- Mondays 6 - 7pm, main building - **The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran**, hosted by Malcolm (+91 90801 59721)
- Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30pm, main building - **A New Earth by Eckhart Tolle**, hosted by Debashish (+91 76782 08825)
- Thursdays 6 - 7pm, main building - **When Things Fall Apart by Pema Chodron**, hosted by Helen & Serena (+91 70947 53054 / +91 84897 60966)

## THE FRENCH PAVILION AND UNICORN COLLECTIVE PRESENT: THE ART OF STORYTELLING BY MIREILLE

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2024



Telling a story is much more than just speaking words. It's about using your own words, reclaiming a narrative, playing with your voice, your gestures, and your entire body to captivate the audience. It's an art that draws on the storyteller's authenticity while creating an intimate connection with those who listen.

After studying psychology, Mireille discovered her passion for storytelling, combining her understanding of human emotions with the art of narration

For 25 years, she has worked alongside renowned storyteller M. Hindenoch, exploring oral traditions. Mireille has shared her stories in France, Italy, Ladakh, Chandigarh, and Rajasthan, captivating diverse audiences. She also leads workshops for both children and adults, helping them find their narrative voice, and occasionally incorporates paper theater to enhance the storytelling experience.

- **Free workshop for adults every 15 days.**
- Booking required: +33618709157 (Whatsapp)
- **Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 4:30 - 6pm**
- At French Pavilion (opp. Visitor Centre)

**AuroFilm  
continues  
after  
Paradiso!**

## CINEMA



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

**Reminder : Friday 25th October at 8:00 pm**

**"The African Queen" - Directed by John Huston, USA, UK, 1951**



**Synopsis:** Samuel Sayer (Robert Morley) and his sister Rose (Katharine Hepburn) are English Methodist missionaries in German East Africa (now most of Tanzania) in August 1914. Their post and supplies are delivered by a small steamer named the African Queen, helmed by the rough-and-ready Canadian mechanic Charlie Allnut (Humphrey

Bogart). After Rose's brother is assaulted by a German soldier at the beginning of World War I, The steamer captain saves prim, sober Rose. Under many quarrels and struggles they have to survive a treacherous African river journey... *A brilliant, funny and exiting adventure film with wonderful dialogues!*

The film was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry in 1994, and the Library of Congress deemed it "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant. And Humphrey Bogart won the Academy Award for Best Actor!

*Original version in English with English subtitles. Duration: 1h45'*

# Cinema Paradiso



Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program : 28 October - 03 November 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 28 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:**

- **STREE 2: SARKATE KA AATANK (WOMAN 2: TERROR OF THE HEADLESS)**

India, 2024, Dir. Amar Kaushik w/ Bhumi Rajgor, Pankaj Tripathi, Rajkumar Rao, and others, Comedy-Horror, 147mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

In the original film, a ghostly woman abducts men from Chanderi, and local tailor Vicky teams up with friends to protect the village, eventually falling in love with the spirit. In the sequel, fear has faded, but a new threat arises as Sarkatta, a headless man, targets women. Villagers think Vicky has gone mad for his ghostly love. Following clues from the vanished woman, Vicky and his friends explore the haunted house and confront Sarkatta, uniting once more to save the women.

## **POTPOURRI – TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:**

- **THE SIXTH SENSE**

USA, 1999, Writer-Dir. M. Night Shyamalan w/ Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment, Toni Collette, and others, Psychological Thriller, 107mins, English-Latin-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

A child psychologist, Malcom Crowe, receives an award the same night he is visited by an unhappy ex-patient. He takes on the challenge of helping a young boy named Cole Sear, who "sees dead people," spending time with him to the concern of his wife, Lynn. Cole's mother, struggling with her son's issues, sees Malcom as her child's only hope. *A must-see again film! BTW this was the debut film of the director who was born in Pondicherry.*

## **SELECTION – WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:**

- **GEDO SENKI (TALES FROM EARTHSEA)**

Japan, 2006, Dir. Gorô Miyazaki w/ Timothy Dalton, Willem Dafoe, Mariska Hargitay, and others, Fantasy-Adult Anime, 155mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In Earthsea, where magic is everyday life, a strange force causes chaos. Crops wither, and dragons re-emerge. Lord Arch-mage Sparrowhawk and troubled prince Arren must uncover the truth behind this imbalance. They embark on a perilous journey to save the realm, battling lurking evil. Will Arren fulfill his destiny or fall to darkness?

## **INTERESTING – THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:**

- **DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (THE DAY OF THE DEAD)**

USA, 2019, Dir. Dignicraft (Ana P. Rodriguez-Jose. L. Figueroa-Omar Foglio-David Figueroa-Aranceli Biancarte), Artbound (PBS)- Season 10-Episode 3, Documentary, 57mins, English (no subtitles), Rated: NR (G)

Día de los Muertos has been adapted for centuries from its pre-colonial roots to the popular depictions in mass media today. Inspired by Oaxacan traditions, it was brought to East Los Angeles in the 1970's as a way to enrich and reclaim Chicano identity through a small celebration at Self Help Graphics and Art. Since then, the celebration has grown in proportion with renditions enacted globally. *This film highlights that cultures across the world are so similar!*



## **INTERNATIONAL – SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:**

### **• THE CONJURING**

USA, 2013, Dir. James Wan w/ Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga, Ron Livingston, and others, Mystery-Horror, 112mins, English-Latin w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In 1971, Carolyn and Roger Perron move their family into a dilapidated Rhode Island farmhouse, where they soon encounter escalating strange occurrences and nightmarish terror. Desperate, Carolyn reaches out to renowned paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren. They uncover a dark haunting targeting the Perrons and must use all their skills to confront this malevolent force that threatens the family. Based on true events.

## **CHILDREN'S MATINÉE – SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER, 4:00 PM:**

### **• COCO**

USA-Mexico, 2017, Dir. Lee Unkrich & Adrian Molina w/ Anthony Gonzales, Gael García Bernal, Benjamin Bratt, and others, Animation-Fantasy, 105mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector, and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. *A much-acclaimed wonderful film!*

## **NEW GERMAN CINEMA @ CINÉ-CLUB**

### **CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:**

#### **• DIE EHE DER MARIA BRAUN (THE MARRIAGE OF MARIA BRAUN)**

Germany, 1979, Dir. Rainer Werner Fassbinder, w/ Hanna Schygulla, Peter Märthesheimer, and others, Drama, 120 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

This movie follows the life of a young German woman, married to a soldier in the waning days of WWII. Fassbinder has tried to show the gritty life after the end of WWII and the turmoil of the people trapped in its wake.

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

***To organize a seminar/program at MMC kindly email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in). Our projector is crawling towards the end of its life, making us to look for a new one. We request you to financially support through a one-time or recurring donation to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution.***

Thanking You,  
MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,  
[mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in)

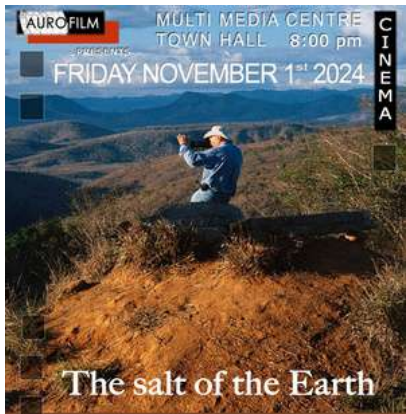


And Friday 1st November at 8:00 pm

“The Salt of the Earth”

Directed by Wim Wenders, Juliano Ribeiro Salgado, France, Brazil, 2014

**Note:**  
Contributions  
are very  
welcome! -  
Aurofilm  
Collection  
Acc. No.  
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**Overview:** The Salt of the Earth is a documentary film that paid a tribute to one of the most important photographers of his generation "Sebastião Salgado's". His black and white photographs illuminate how the environment and humans are exploited to maximize profit for the global economic market. The film traces 40 years of Salgado's work, which took him from South America to Africa, Europe, the Arctic, and back home to Brazil, and focuses on international conflicts, starvation and exodus, and natural landscapes, both pristine and in decline. The film won Special Prize "Un Certain Regard" 2014 Cannes Film Festival.

**Synopsis:** After leaving Brazil for political reasons in the late 1960s, Sebastião Salgado began a career in France as an economist. When his wife, Lélia, bought a camera, however, he discovered a love of photography, and changed professions. With Lelia's support, he began working full-time as a photographer in 1973, initially doing photojournalism before transitioning to a more documentary style. Salgado's own photos and videos are used to illustrate his life and work, beginning with his exile from Brazil and subsequent transition from economist to artist and explorer...

*In French and other languages, with English subtitles. Duration: 1h50'*

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES

#### **AUROVILLE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES**

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 9am - 12:30pm, and 3pm - 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622171
- **Email:** [financialservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:financialservice@auroville.org.in)

#### **AVES (AV ELECTRICAL SERVICE)**

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8am - 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622132/ 9488868747 for fault works, repair works and job works  
0413 2622264 clarifications reg. electricity bills, job & repair works bills
- **Email:** [aves@auroville.org.in](mailto:aves@auroville.org.in)

#### **GAS BOTTLE SERVICE**

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622452
- **Email:** [avgasservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgasservice@auroville.org.in)

## POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE (PTDC)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622746/ 2622796
- **Email:** [ptdc@auroville.org.in](mailto:ptdc@auroville.org.in)

## POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE (PTPS)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- **Phone:** (0413) 2622152

## AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS

### Our timings are:

#### **Mornings:**

Monday to 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!**



### **Karma Yoga:**

*The system of spiritual discipline which takes work (dedicated to the Divine) as its basis.*

-- Sri Aurobindo, *Lights on Yoga*, 1981 Edition  
<https://motherandsriaurobindo.in/Sri-Aurobindo/books/compilations/lights-on-yoga/>

## EDUCATION

### **AUROVILLE AIKIDO AT AV BUDOKAN (DEHASHAKTI)**



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

*The AV Aikido group welcomes new practitioners, Youth and Adult students, and the ones who would like to revive an old (abandoned) practice!*

#### **Adult classes:**

- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 6 - 7:30am, early morning. Beginners are most welcome. Girls and women are especially called to join us.
- **NEW:** we are happy to announce **an additional class on Wednesdays from 5.30 pm till 7:pm.** The first class will be on Wednesday 30 Oct. Welcome!

#### **Children/ young students:**

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 - 5pm
- For the time being no Saturday 9 - 10am class are offered.

Contact us for more info and registration: write to [budokan@auroville.org.in](mailto:budokan@auroville.org.in) or WA 8300643963 Philippe G. or call 9952812843 N. Murugan.

Cristo, Surya, Murugan, Rita and Philippe  
for Auroville Aikido

# HEALTH

## SANTÉ SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2024



### Working Hours:

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

### Tests and Sample collection:

Monday - Friday : 8:30am - 12:00pm.

No sample collection on Saturday.

### For emergencies, contact:

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

Government Ambulance (24/7) - Phone : 108

### Appointment

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

<b>Doctor Consultation with Dr.Senthil &amp; Dr.Pavan:</b> Monday to Saturday	<b>Nurse Care - Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana &amp; Sandhya:</b> Daily: no appointment needed
<b>Ayurveda with Dr. Be:</b> TOS until January	<b>Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres:</b> Monday to Friday
<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>Midwifery &amp; GYN Care with Paula:</b> Tuesday & Wednesday	<b>Soundbed Session with Sandhya/ Thilagam:</b> Monday to Saturday
<b>Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena – inquiry through email</b> <a href="mailto:adminsante@auroville.org.in">adminsante@auroville.org.in</a>	<b>Adaptive Therapy (all ages) with Asita:</b> Wednesday & Saturday

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

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

## HEALTH CENTER KUILAPALAYAM

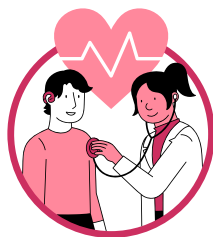
**Contact:** (0413)-3509942 / 3509943

### Pharmacy:

- 8:00am - 5:30pm Monday to Saturday

### Doctor Consultation:

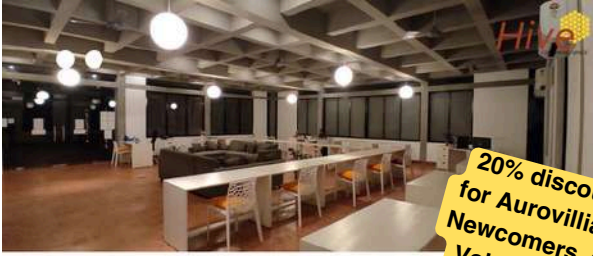
- 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday  
(1 - 2pm Lunch Break)
- 8:30am - 1pm (Saturday)



## OTHER 'SERVICES'

### HIVE COWORKING SPACE

OPEN HOUSE ON 25TH OCTOBER (EVERY FRIDAY)



20% discount  
for Aurovillians,  
Newcomers, and  
Volunteers on  
subscription plans!!

# Hive Coworking

FREE ON EVERY FRIDAY

## OPEN HOUSE

FREE COFFEE | FREE FAST WI-FI | FREE DESK

Are you looking to work, study, create or simply connect with like-minded professionals in a serene place? Step into Hive and experience the Cosy workspace with super-fast Internet, Coffee - **All for FREE** on our Open House.

- Venue: Hive, Auromode
- Time: **25th October, 9 am - 5 pm**
- Visit us at [www.auromode.in/hive-coworking](http://www.auromode.in/hive-coworking) for more details on our plans and facilities.
- For inquiries: [auromodehive@auroville.org.in](mailto:auromodehive@auroville.org.in) / +91 70921 97375 (WA) / +91 90427 59540 (WA) or drop by.

All are Welcome!!!



## 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.

**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**