

*Auroville*

# NEWS & NOTES

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## PONDERING

Of those who possess a true value the power of Yoga will increase the value, but from one who has only some false appearance of art, even that appearance will vanish or else lose its appeal.

*Divine Mother,*

*Do you wish us to try and intensively spread the Yoga in America?*

Yoga can not be spread by any exterior means.

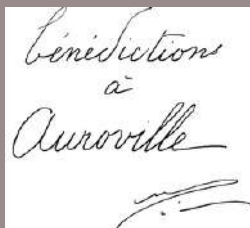
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# THE MOTHER ON AUROVILLE



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The city the earth  
needs.

## DIVINE INITIATION

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1. *Who has taken the initiative for the construction of Auroville?*
  - The Supreme Lord.
2. *Who participates in the financing of Auroville?*
  - The Supreme Lord.
3. *If one wants to live in Auroville, what does it imply for oneself?*
  - To try to attain the Supreme Perfection.
4. *Must one be a student of yoga in order to live in Auroville?*
  - All life is yoga. Therefore one cannot live without practising the supreme yoga.
5. *What will be the Ashram's role in Auroville?*
  - Whatever the Supreme Lord wants it to be.
6. *Will there be camping-grounds in Auroville?*
  - All things are as they should be when they should be.
7. *Will family life continue in Auroville?*
  - If one has not gone beyond that.
8. *Can one retain one's religion in Auroville?*
  - If one has not gone beyond that.
9. *Can one be an atheist in Auroville?*
  - If one has not gone beyond that.
10. *Will there be a social life in Auroville?*
  - If one has not gone beyond that.
11. *Will there be compulsory community activities in Auroville?*
  - Nothing is compulsory.
12. *Will money be used in Auroville?*
  - No, Auroville will have money relations only with the outside world.

13. *How will work be organised and distributed in Auroville?*

- Money would be no more the sovereign lord. Individual value would have a greater importance than the value due to material wealth and financial position. Work would not be there as the means for gaining one's livelihood, it would be the means whereby to express oneself, develop one's capacities and possibilities, while doing at the same time service to the whole group, which on its side, would provide for each one's subsistence and for the field of his work.

14. *What will be the relations between the inhabitants of Auroville and the outside world?*

- Each person is allowed full freedom. The external relations of residents in Auroville will be established for each one according to his personal aspiration and his activities within Auroville.

15. *Who will own the land and buildings of Auroville?*

- The Supreme Lord.

16. *What languages will be used for teaching?*

- All the spoken languages of the earth.

1965, 1969

*If you ask Mother for news of Auroville, She will answer: Auroville is going well and is becoming more and more real, but its realisation does not proceed in the usual human way and it is more visible to the inner consciousness than to the outer eye.*

+Jan , 1966



***Trust in the Divine***

Most indispensable for the impulsive vital. -- The Mother

*Asystasia gangetica* (L.) Anderson. [*A. Coromandeliana* Nees. ], *Acanthaceae*

# NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

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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



Dear Community,

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Thank you for your continued support!

In community,

The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

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# WORKING GROUPS NEWS

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

### **ES # 232 DATED: 28-10-2024**

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 Aurovillian 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**

- **Satheesh Kumar GAJENDRAN (Indian)**
- **Rahul SHARMA (Indian)**

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

- **Parthiban IYYANAR (Indian)**

### **NOTE:**

- A Newcomer becomes an 'Aurovillian' once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.
- The date of becoming 'Aurovillian' is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian 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 WORKING COMMITTEE

### CLARIFICATION ON RECENT ARTICLE ABOUT MHC JUDGEMENT ON AUROVILLE WORKING COMMITTEE

Dear Community,

Below is a letter that was sent by us to the editor of The Hindu today in response to an article that appeared in the 24th October 2024 edition.

If you have any questions please free to contact us at [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services) or visit us during open hours on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm.

In service,

The Working Committee of the RA

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

To: Mr. Suresh Nambath,  
Editor,  
The Hindu, Chennai



Dear Respected Sir, In response to the article in your publication titled, 'Attempts to regulate Auroville's functioning are met with resistance and litigation says Madras HC', we request you to please take note of the following clarification and publish this as a letter to the editor or, ideally, as a new article, in order to provide a balanced perspective on this matter.

Recent press releases and various communications across media platforms, including in your publication, have suggested that the Madras High Court order issued on 01.08.2024 and uploaded only last week by a single bench, has given legal sanctity to the 7 members of the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation recognized by the office of the Secretary to the Governing Board. In consultation with our lawyers, we would like to clarify the following:

- The order issued by the single bench does not provide a final or conclusive validation of the composition of the Working Committee. It merely states that the members cannot be disqualified through a Quo Warranto petition, indicating that the legal tool used in this case was procedurally unsuitable. Importantly, the order explicitly states:

*"This Court cannot, and it is not inclined to go into the aspect of whether the respondents or, for that matter, the members of the petitioner Committee have earned any disqualification on this score."*

- The petitioner in this case is the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly, and the court seems to have expressed inability to decide that issue in light of the facts and circumstances recorded in the judgement.
- Moreover, we are advised to state that the single bench order does not, and cannot, override the previous orders of the division bench led by the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. Notably, the division bench order dated 23.02.2024 states:

*"Until further orders, the functioning of the Working Committee under Section 20 of the AVF Act shall not be interfered with by the Committee constituted under the impugned regulations and the Working Committee shall be one as constituted under Section 20(3) of the Act."*

- It remains our stand that since the 7 respondents in the writ petition filed do not enjoy the confidence of the Residents Assembly, they cannot represent the Residents Assembly of Auroville.

- Additionally, the single bench order of 1.8.2024 reiterates that the directions issued by the division bench on 4th September 2023 will govern the management and functioning of Auroville. The court recognizes that:

*“The Residents' Assembly may carry out its functions as provided in Sections 18, 19, and 20 of the Auroville Foundation Act without any interference.”*

- To reiterate, Section 20 of the AVF Act, 1988, provides for the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of Auroville to be elected by the Residents' Assembly alone. This order mandates no interference with the Residents' Assembly and their Working Committee. Therefore, we are advised to state that the single judges order would be in conflict with the judgement of the division bench.

In light of these points, we are taking steps and measures to ensure that clarity is restored on this matter.

Sincerely,

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation

Aravinda Maheshwari, Chali Grinnell, Ilayabharathy Somasundaram, Mael Shanti Vidal (TOS), Matthieu Gardelle, Prashant Hedao, Valli Senthilkumar



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

## **REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2024**

Dear Auroville Community,

We are pleased to share with you our report, covering our activities for August & September 2024.

This report provides updates on several important areas, including:

- Interactions with the Governing Board and International Advisory Council
- Residents' Assembly activities
- Visa issues affecting residents
- Land exchanges and related concerns
- Financial and asset management matters
- Legal matters and court cases
- Communication and media engagement
- Safety and security issues

We invite all residents to read the full report, which contains detailed information on these topics and others. The report can be accessed [here](#).

If you have any questions or need further clarification on any points in the report, please feel free to contact us at [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services) or visit us during our Open House hours on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

In Service,

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly  
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Mael (TOS), Matthieu, Prashant, Valli



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





# FROM THE THE FOREST GROUP

## SILVER FUND - EIGHTH REQUEST

MON 21ST OCTOBER 2024

***“Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations”***

To BCC / FAMC & To Whom it may concern,

As FAMC, you have chosen to put this quote at the bottom of your emails: *“Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations”*.

Let us explore in detail its esoteric significance in relation to your exoteric refusal to grant the "Silver Fund" to our 6 forest pioneers over 70 years old:

- This quote *“expresses a positive and hopeful outlook towards the future, suggesting confidence in what's to come.”* But under your administration, in fact this optimism is postponed, confidence is declining, and trust is destroyed.
- *“The use of “boldly” implies facing the future with bravery and determination, without fear or hesitation”*. Without fear and hesitation you have removed, among other things, more than 200 maintenances. Bravo Bravo for your courage and determination.
- *“Spring towards” conveys a sense of energetic movement and advancement, implying rapid and enthusiastic development.”* Here too, your enthusiasm for impoverishing us has been phenomenal. We can only admire your sense of rapid repressive tactics.
- *“Future realisations” suggests new ideas, concepts, or achievements that have yet to be attained, hinting at innovation and breakthrough... We look forward to your managerial innovations which will not fail to be the fraternal expression of your administrative soul, individual and collective.*
- The quote speaks to *“a clear vision or goal, implying a purposeful direction for growth and development.”* That's right! You embody this avant-garde vision of "Business of All, by All and for All " And for that, humanity as a whole will forever thank you.
- The quote likely refers to *“collective action and shared aspirations of its community.”* Alas! This is your weak point. Your superiority complex isolates you and prevents you from having shared aspirations but at the same time ennobles you and makes you a remarkable plutocratic elite. *“It conveys a sense of grand ambition and the pursuit of lofty goals.”*



Would you like us to elaborate on any of these points or provide more context about FAMC / BCC policies?

While waiting without suspense for a clear-sighted and spiritual response from you, we hope that you will not drag us backwards towards bygone and harsh winters.

Fraternally,

The Forest Group of the Residents Assembly of the Auroville Foundation

*These are they who are conscious of the much falsehood in the world; they grow in the house of Truth, they are the strong and invincible sons of Infinity.*

**Rig-Véda. VII. 60. 5.**

## 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 1050

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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

## COMMUNITY SHARING

### ARRIVAL OF BABY GIRL, AIRA



Dear Community,

We are happy to announce the arrival of our baby girl, **Aira**, born on October 16th! We are filled with joy and gratitude as we welcome her into our family.

Thank you for the love and support we received from many in the community during this special time!

A big thank you to the team Morning Star (more detailed gratitude to follow separately) who made this journey smooth, adventurous and loveable for us.

With love,  
Ganesh & Shivangi



### AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

MONTHLY TRANSPARENCY REPORT OCTOBER 2024

#### Overview

- New admissions: 29 (322 since April 2023 - 18 tiny puppies dumped over the gate!)
- Rabies suspect cases: 1
- Adoptions and Releases: 7

- Vaccinations administered: approx. 100 (900 since start of the vaccination drive)
- ABC shelter dog sterilizations: 19 (129 since February)
- Deworming: approx. 100

## Donations

This month was a huge challenge as we had started with Rs. 1.3 lakh in the minus from the expenses of last month. We also had to pay Diwali bonus to our workers. Our medicine stock is still depleted, so we cannot treat certain diseases as we need more money to order new stock at the moment. We cut all unnecessary expenses and even had to ration food for our dogs. We did whatever we could to fundraise, but not enough donations came in. Despite the severe budget situation, we continue our expansion project in a fight against the monsoon, working hard to finish the construction of the backside area to finally move some dogs and free up some urgently needed space. This October, Rs. 224,904 arrived in our FS account and Rs. 239,500 in our bank account, which includes Rs. 50,000 from BCC and also donations sent by AVI USA (USD 512) and AVI Germany (EUR 130). The donation amount also includes Rs. 47,500, which we have received for the paid sterilizations we conducted at cost price.

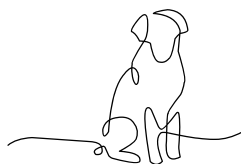
## Expenditures

*Animal Food:* This month we had to reduce the food amount we give to our dogs as we didn't have enough funds. We fed our dogs 1.6 tons of rice, 1.5 tons of chicken, and 700 eggs, supplemented with donated food items like vegetables and daal which cost us approx. 0.8 lakh.

*Staff Costs:* Despite the serious funding situation, we decided to show appreciation to our hard-working staff and paid a Diwali bonus to every member who was entitled to it. Total staff costs for this month for our workers paid animal care staff, 2 veterinarians, and volunteers were approx. Rs. 1.98 lakh this month.

*Medical Costs:* This month, we could only buy urgent medicines and spent Rs 4,000. Our stock of medicines is exhausted after the last two months' free treatment program of 900 dogs and cats during our vaccination drive, and we require immediate funds to procure more. We have another Parvo outbreak among rescued puppies and don't even have the medicine to treat them.

*Infrastructure Improvements:* Expanding the shelter to gain space for rescues and sterilization by building the HOPE area has stretched our finances to the maximum. After having utilized the TNAWBI infrastructure grant for phase one of the project, which has been completed (dog secure fencing, channel system, drainage pond, water supply, electricity) we had to use Rs. 554,492 this month for fences, cement, gravel, water pipes, bricks, granite pillars, sand etc and other building materials. We are still lacking funds for 200 meters of fence (Rs. 28,000) so that we can open our new enclosures for our beloved residents.



## Expansion of HOPE: Serenity Building Improvements and Sterilizations

As part of our shelter temporary expansion, as we have to spend another monsoon season in the old crumbling shelter, we're happy to report on the recent improvements and plans underway to increase our

sterilization efforts. Thanks to Youth Center and Youth Link, we received 20 dog houses, which our dogs love! To enhance these houses further, we reached out to Matrimandir for additional plastic cutoffs from the lake project to create more durable flooring for the dog houses.

In addition, our Serenity Building is undergoing a significant transformation. Previously, it housed six cells that, because of poor ventilation and a hot metal roof, were a horrible place for dogs to live. With the HOPE area nearing completion, we are able to make each of the six rooms in the Serenity Building into individual dormitories, each with a private garden and a dog house. These enhancements will allow the dogs to enjoy outdoor space and have a cozy and dry place to sleep at night while freeing up our smaller front enclosures for space to be used for post-sterilization recovery.

This shift opens the capacity to increase sterilizations from 4 to 20 per week, enabling us to reach 1,000 surgeries annually, a level that would finally solve the overpopulation issue for good. However, this increase requires an estimated Rs. 15 lakh in funding to cover the projected free-of-charge 1,000 sterilizations. We are doing all we can to fundraise to reach this goal, which will improve the animal situation dramatically in Auroville and the entire area.

### **Join the Auroville Dog Shelter Fundraising Team!**

We are using every free minute trying to raise essential funds for our shelter and dogs, yet the support we urgently need hasn't fully arrived. To expand our reach and impact,



we've created a dedicated fundraising group, and we're looking for passionate individuals to join us! If you have experience in fundraising, particularly with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), or simply want to help organize and execute creative fundraising activities (including street collections on weekends) on weekends), we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Let's come together, guided by the spirit of service and integral yoga, to make a difference! Be part of this change!

### **Support the Auroville Dog Shelter Petition**

In recent months, we've been reaching out to members of the Auroville administration to emphasize the urgent need for increased funding for the Auroville Dog Shelter. Currently, our monthly support stands at Rs. 50,000, which is insufficient to cover the Rs. 3 lakh necessary for basic survival. Despite our efforts, our appeals have so far fallen on deaf ears with the outgoing administration.

To amplify our message, we've started a petition, which has already gathered over 800 signatures in a short time. We hope this initiative will encourage the incoming Auroville administration and new members of working groups to reconsider their short-sighted stance and support the monthly funding needed for the municipal shelter so that we can continue to serve the AV Community. Once the new Auroville Dog Shelter is built we strive to become 100% self-sufficient by earning our own income to keep the shelter running and constantly evolving.

If you want to add your voice for Auroville's Voiceless and support our cause, please consider signing our petition (<https://www.change.org/AurovilleDogShelter>). You can choose to remain anonymous



## **Volunteers Needed: Be a Part of the Auroville Dog Shelter Team!**

It's that time of year again. With countless puppies being abandoned due to the lack of sterilizations, and with the arrival of monsoon season, our shelter is in greater need than ever.

We're calling for volunteers who want to make a difference, rain or shine, by joining us in caring for Auroville's animal friends. If you have a passion for animals, we have many ways for you to help! Join us in dog walking, puppy washing, wheelchair training, assisting our vets, or contributing in any other way that suits your skills. Reach out to us on WhatsApp for more information: Arthur - 81222 25266.

### **Resignation of Shelter Executive**

Joseba, who has served as an executive at our shelter, has announced his resignation due to personal reasons unrelated to the work and mission of our organization. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Joseba for his contributions and dedication during his time with us. Our current executive team comprises Tine and Mar, who remain fully committed to the shelter's mission and ongoing projects.

### **New Auroville Dog Shelter - update/no update**

The recent changes in Auroville's administration, with no new Auroville Secretary appointed as of yet together with the sabotage of the project by certain individuals have caused delays in releasing our already allocated Rs. 2 crore of government funds and issuing the building permission NOC for the RERS site. These approvals are crucial to moving forward with our long-delayed new Auroville Dog Shelter construction. We understand that significant changes within the Foundation's personnel are anticipated soon, and we remain hopeful that the upcoming administration will help us advance our plans for the new shelter swiftly.

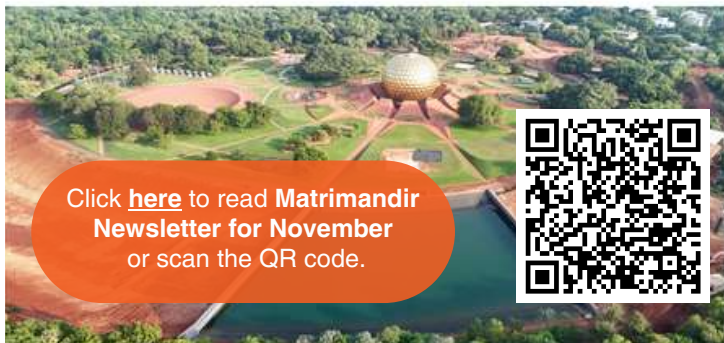
We are looking forward to continue serving animals and the Auroville Community

Auroville Dog Shelter Team  
Tine, Arthur, Marbles

## **MATRIMANDIR NEWSLETTER**

*Matrimandir*

November 2024



Click [here](#) to read **Matrimandir Newsletter for November** or scan the QR code.



## FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE

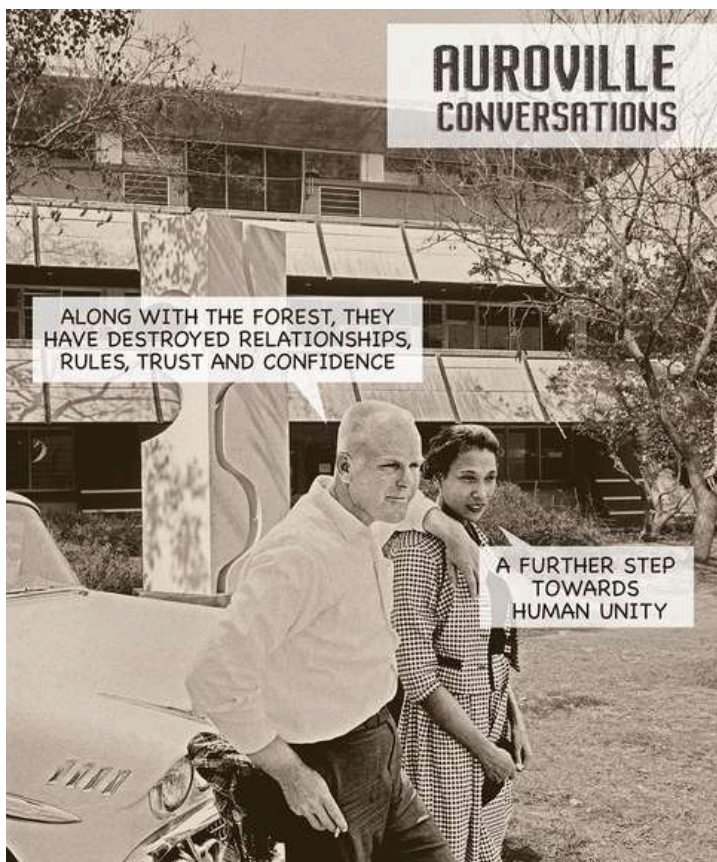


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## AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



ALONG WITH THE FOREST, THEY  
HAVE DESTROYED RELATIONSHIPS,  
RULES, TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

A FURTHER STEP  
TOWARDS  
HUMAN UNITY

*Submitted by an Aurovillian*

## INNER JOURNEY

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

**Tuesday 5th November, 9 am - 12 noon**  
**Focus: Practice – The Inner Being**

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)



## SEEKING OUR INNER BEING

ORGANISATION AND PSYCHIC

Dear Community,

The 'Seeking our Inner Being' Project is launching a series of discussions on the topic of: **"Organisation from a Psychic\* Perspective."**

These discussions are held in one's mother tongue, in order to cover a variety of languages in the Community, to capture the subtleties of experiences and to be accessible to a maximum of people.

The conversations are recorded by Auroville Radio and will be displayed soon to the community. So far, sharings have been hosted in French, Tamil and with YouthLink. English and Italian circles are coming up soon.

You can come forward if you wish to create your own group or join an already existing group, by sending an email to us.



Individual participation is also possible and you can share your personal ideas by replying to the 3 questions below that are guiding the circle conversations. The replies will be compiled and shared in a further stage to the community, with your name or anonymously, according to your preferences.

1. How do you personally relate to the 3 statements at the base of the creation of Auroville: the Dream, the Charter and To be a true Aurovilian?
2. What could be an organisation driven by a Psychic perspective?
3. How to hasten the shift of consciousness in the world and how could you personally and practically participate in it?

We thank you for your participation,

Dan, for the InnerBeing Team

[innerbeing.auroville@gmail.com](mailto:innerbeing.auroville@gmail.com) / <https://innerbeing.world>

*\* "The Psychic is placed behind the heart lotus, the centre of the emotional being, the Anahata chakra. It is therefore the opening of the Anahata that is most important for the unveiling of the psychic"*  
(CWSA Letters on Yoga: The Psychic Opening)

## RESIDENTS SPEAK



### PART 1 - VIKAS RADIAL WORK QUESTIONED

AUROCITY NEWS DESK

Sunday 27/10/2024

Communities along Vikas radial had many questions about the work that started on Wednesday. They sent emails with questions about the work, timeline, plan, and even how it was going to affect the trees.

Below is one letter that was sent after watching the maddening disruption for three days by one community. As of Tuesday, it was not answered.

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Auroville Foundation TDC

Townhall

Auroville

Dear Sindhuja/ Govind/ all,

We are disappointed that the work on the radial is happening without any prior communication to the communities impacted. And that our needs during this considerable work at the only road accessing our communities are being ignored.

We have learned that this work is estimated to last 3 months and we are concerned that this work is starting at the very beginning of the monsoon period. At the moment, there is no stable surface creating a precarious situation for our vehicles and emergency services to pass through or even access. The coming rains will only make this worse.

Recognizing that we have many elders for whom navigation on rough, unstable, or slippery surfaces is a challenge, we request that safe access be given to all communities during the interim and that the removal of the older surface and application of the new or temporary surface be done in phases so as to minimise disruption.



The Vikas Radial serves its residents well. If one of the main reasons is to create infrastructure connectivity between the 2 sides of the road every 25m, we request you to reconsider the need for the huge scale of this current workplan. The spacing between buildings is far more than 25m. We have seen how the Road



Service created the sewer line from Vibrance to the opposite side of the road with minimal disruption and cost. This model could work very well for the existing radial, while any new parts can use the new design.

We request someone from your team to meet with the impacted communities and provide an actual update on the plan, timeframe etc. and get input before any more work is done. It can happen Monday or Tuesday before Diwali, avoiding further disruption while minimising delay.

Thank you,  
For the Community  
Sunday 27 October 2024

## **PART 2 - VIKAS RADIAL WORK STOPPED**

AUROCITY NEWS DESK

Monday 28/10/2024

Tired of being ignored, actually more like purposely stomped on, Auroville residents affected by the sudden onset of the digging up of the most used road gathered at the site of work on the Vikas radial.

They prepared a list of questions to be relayed to Town Hall by the supervising engineer at the site. The young man was most courteous but unable to answer questions or get any of the people in charge of the project to come and answer.

The people had a long list of questions that needed to be answered:

1. Why were not there any announcements about the activity informing the affected population and allowing users to prepare alternatives?
2. Considering the large number of people who are uncomfortable driving two-wheelers on bumpy, muddy, unstable, or slippery surfaces, access and alternatives (including diverting heavier traffic) need to be provided.
3. Vikas Radial was the best road in Auroville, what was the need to redo it? Trenches can be dug as needed for existing communities along road at much less cost and disruption.
4. Aurovilians wanted to know the basics of the planned road: how much wider? higher?
5. A major issue was about timing during the monsoon. The monsoon would cause havoc with the alternative paths and also delay the project. Why work on the busiest radial during the worst period of the year?
6. Some wanted full details of the project:
  - i. Detailed Estimates
  - ii. Cross-section of the road and the trenches
  - iii. Good For Construction Drawings
  - iv. Detailed Project Report

The CPWD website only has the following:

- i. Notice Inviting Tender
- ii. Letter of Authorisation
- iii. Letter of Commencement.

After watching a couple of truckloads of road being removed, the people asked for a pause until an answer via email or in-person was received.

Work was stopped and the supervisor got a roller to go over the exposed blue-metal layer and removed obstructions to the entry/exit paths of communities. The workers with their vehicles were sent to work on other radials.



## **PART 3 - PETITION TO STOP LAND EXCHANGES SUBMITTED**

AUROCITY NEWS DESK

Wednesday 30/10/2024

A group of concerned residents made a petition to the Sub-Registrar Vanur.

The Sub-Registrar politely received the petition and acknowledged that there is probably wrongdoings and he is aware that this matter is under investigation.

He assured the group that ever since complaints have been received, he has not carried out any further exchanges. He plans to continue to stick to the stance till the time clarity is received from his superiors that he can go ahead with registrations.

He also pointed out that recently one request for one exchange registration had come and he has already put that on hold and hold pending inquiry. An educated guess is that this is the reason for ex-Secretary Jayanti Ravi's visit. The residents are awaiting to see what pressure will be applied and what will be the result.



The Sub-Registrar also appreciated the representatives from the Residents Assembly preparing the petition, listing the facts and identifying the wrongs and who all are investigating it.

He had an idea to share the petition with whosoever comes for a land exchange registration.

As a follow-up action, the Resident Assembly group plans to send the petition to the other officials in the Land Administration of Tamil Nadu by our registered post. This includes the Inspector General of Registrations in Chennai, the District Registrar in Tindivanam, and the District Collector.

The petition included attachments like the newspaper announcement that Resident Assembly does not agree with the registration and letters by the local representatives, MLA, MP, asking them not to do this.

The news service will share all the files with all the residents in the next edition.

## **PART 4 - FOUNDATION INSIDERS PROTEST LAND ACTIONS**

AUROCITY NEWS DESK

Tuesday 29/10/2024

The Diwali season is clearly explosive in Auroville. In what has been an action-filled week, the latest outburst came from inside Town Hall itself.

A strongly worded letter signed by Selvaraj and Tine (members of the Not-the-Residents Working Committee), Rajavelu and Venkat (Not-for-Residents Land Service), Jacques, Jayendra (new members of the Not-for-Residents Land Service), and Satyakam (Consultant) protested against the extremely Auroville-draining land exchanges that have occurred.

The 4-page missive was uploaded to AuroNet and pulled down quickly by another of their colleagues. But the damage was done as a few residents downloaded the document and shared it over social media.

Excerpts from the document show the level of depravity emanating from Town Hall that even their own team is getting disgusted:

*... the Working Committee received one land exchange proposal which is ready to be registered, but not from the official AV Foundation side but from another source. The Working Committee has not been asked to give its recommendation.*

*Mr. Kabbali is supposed to receive very valuable Auroville land on the Tindivanam highway where 1 acre is worth 10 crores of rupees. The land Mr. Kabbali would offer to Auroville in exchange is not in the city as stated but in the greenbelt. Also, the 3 small pieces of greenbelt land are totally not important for Auroville's development.*

Other examples of the exchanges done were shared, addressed to: Honorable Chairman, dear Governing Board members.

The timing of the letter along with ex-Secretary Jayanti Ravi's visit does provide some fireworks during Diwali. And an unsigned request for a large amount of funds sent from the Not-for-Auroville FAMC email to the Financial Service hopefully also caused a large explosion there.

And the news that more and more dissatisfaction in the unauthorised committees with where the GB is taking Auroville and destroying the work and the dream is a candle of light for the Residents during the darkest night of the year.



## CATCHING UP

Modern humans are already catching up with the Avatar Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on the understanding of what is really behind the formation of cells, molecules, atoms, light, electricity and space-time, which are variations of the Five Great Elements or the Pancha Mahābhūtas. It is only proper as we are already in Circa 2024 and clearly the evolution of consciousness and life on Earth has switched on to fast-forward mode...

[Continue reading here.](#)

ॐ Zech . 2024.10.25

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LOOKING FOR

### VARIOUS ITEMS

Hi, I am looking for the following

- **Sneakers** to do brisk walk/ run (**size 6/ eu 39**)
- **Raincoat**
- **2 deck of cards**
- **Mixer grinder** with really tight jars i.e. no spills while using

Thank you for reading and looking into your forgotten corners for these.

Love, Deepa

[stigmatad@gmail.com](mailto:stigmatad@gmail.com) / 98115 74667 (sms/ call: no wa)

### HOUSE SITTING

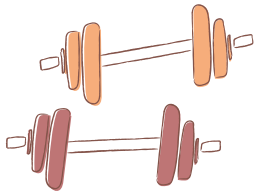
Hi, I'm Shola.

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+ DUMBBELLS

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)

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: JOIN OUR TAIZÉ MEDITATIVE SINGING GROUP

Do you love to sing and share in moments of peace and reflection?

I am looking to bring together a group of people who are interested in [Taizé](#) meditative songs—beautiful, simple, and repetitive chants that create a sense of serenity and community. We are planning to organize a special Taizé singing event at the **end of November**, and would love to form a small team to help with organizing this meaningful gathering. Whether you are familiar with Taizé or simply curious to learn more, your participation would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch!

Let's come together to create something beautiful for our community.

Ulrike Urvasi - 97515 13906 (messenger apps only, eg WA)  
[mothersworkforTheMotherswork@gmail.com](mailto:mothersworkforTheMotherswork@gmail.com)



## SUPPORT NEEDED

### SUPPORT FOR GIUSEPPE

We are in need of financial support to continue to pay for the people that give their time and energy to look after Giuseppe.

**Any smaller or bigger contribution is most welcome.**

For contributions you may use FS account nr. **102518** (Giuseppe). For additional information, call or send a Whatsapp 0091 94800 31935

We would like to thank you all for your support!  
Shivaya and Enrica



### 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



## ACTIVITIES AT SERENDIPITY

### SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Auroville - 605101, TN, India

Landline: 0091 (0)413 - 3509950

Mobile/Whatsapp: +91 93856 23342

Email: [serendipityauroville@gmail.com](mailto:serendipityauroville@gmail.com)

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville>



### REGULAR CLASSES:

#### Qi Gong - with Lhamo

- Every Monday - Wednesday and Friday 7 - 8:15am

Qigong can be described as a mind-body-spirit practice that improves one's mental and physical health by integrating posture, movement, breathing technique, self-massage, sound, and focused intent. Specifically, this form of gentle exercise is composed of movements that are repeated a number of times, often stretching the body, and building awareness of how the body moves through space. There are likely thousands of qi gong styles, schools, traditions, forms, and lineages, each with practical applications and different theories about Qi ("subtle breath" or "vital energy") and Gong ("skill cultivated through steady practice"). As Lhamo has a very extensive knowledge of many of them, she will explore different styles according to the students.

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### **Hatha Yoga with Ramesh**

- **Monday and Thursday from 5.30 - 6.30pm, and Saturday 7 - 8am, drop in class.**
- **(Restarting from Monday 4th November)**

Ramesh offers hatha yoga classes with some vinyasa flow and include pranayama, traditional sanskrit mantra chanting, and meditation. The style is gentle, adaptive and progressive where passive, gravity-assisted poses are mingled with dynamic vinyasa-style flow as needed. He places a lot of focus on breathing and body-mindfulness during the practice. It is ideal for beginners to intermediate-level practitioners. You will be exposed to authentic Sanskrit terms and their correct pronunciation. The practice will be rejuvenative and restorative. These specific classes will be on donation basis even for guests.

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### **Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia**

- **Thursday from 9 - 10am (Drop in class); and Friday from 5 - 6pm (Regular Students only).**

In the recitation of Sanskrit Mantras the sound is very important and the specific pitches and strict rules of intonation and syllabic length should be learned according with the tradition of the great masters of the past, who figured out how to use the voice to calm the mind and attune the practitioner to the more subtle levels of the "sadhana" or spiritual path. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the singing, the mind reaches more clarity, concentration and tranquility.

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### **Book Reading Circle - "Be as you are" by Sri Ramana Maharshi - with Debashish**

- **Wednesday from 6 - 7 pm**

The book beautifully explores the teaching of the sage of Arunachala. For him, the realization that "there is no reality other than the Self" was not merely a philosophical concept but a profound truth that shaped his life into one of boundless joy. And in time the world recognized the power of his grace. What was the essence of his wisdom that transformed countless lives and inspired generations of modern philosophers and spiritual teachers. Let's discover it together.

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## **THERAPIES:**

### **Shiatsu Massage with Sara**

- **On appointment only ( Sara +91 94436 17308 )**

Shiatsu is a manipulative therapy developed in Japan and incorporating techniques of anma (Japanese traditional massage), acupressure, stretching, and Western massage in order to maintain physical and mental well being, treat disease, or alleviate discomfort. It involves the uses of kneading, pressing, soothing, tapping, and stretching techniques and is performed without oils through light, comfortable clothing.

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### **Cheek Acupuncture with Lhamo**

- **On appointment only (+91 84380 53127)**

Cheek acupuncture works on the principle that in the face there is a holographic miniaturization system covering the whole human body. Very small needles are used solely on the face of the patient, which is a mirror of the whole being. It uses a very interesting and immediate way to assess the changes in the body.

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### **Gua Sha (Chinese Detox Scrub) with Lhamo**

- **On appointment only (+91 84380 53127)**

This is one of China's oldest treatments. The practitioner uses a tool like a flat piece of jade to scrub the skin to help release blocks, stagnant blood, energy and restore a natural flow. When the toxins in the deep layers of the body reach the surface through scraping, they get more easily released from the body. This treatment is also suitable for healthy people to detoxify, to purify and improve the metabolism of the whole body.

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### **Modern Trance Healing - Hypnotherapy with Lhamo**

- **On appointment only (+91 84380 53127)**

In modern hypnosis, the emphasis is put on our own relationship to our own creative unconscious. There are many different aspects and parts in our outer and inner life. And there are parts that don't have a positive appearance. In Modern Trance Healing, we can turn them into positive possibilities and let them teach us how to discover their positive meaning.

# CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AUROVILLE PHOTO CIRCLE

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Dear photographers,

Photo Circle meets again on  
**FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER at 5pm**  
in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines



The Photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers.

We share our own work, we show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques.

Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images.

Everybody's welcome

## IRUMBAI TEMPLE AS YANTRAM: TIMELESS UNION OF PHYSICAL AND SUBTLE PLANES

2ND LECTURE - TUE 5TH NOVEMBER

Auro Art World is organizing a series of 6 lectures at the Centre d'Art multimedia room in Auroville. These lectures, conducted by Dr. Christoph Kluetsch, will explore connections between art, philosophy, and spirituality, bridging Eastern and Western traditions to illuminate the enduring questions of existence, consciousness, and creativity. The series will be offered on the first Tuesday of every month.

**2nd lecture - Tue 5th November 2024 at 5pm:**

**Irumbai temple as yantram:**  
**Timeless union of physical and subtle planes**

by **Christoph Kluetsch,**  
**Veedushi Malik and Kalaivani**

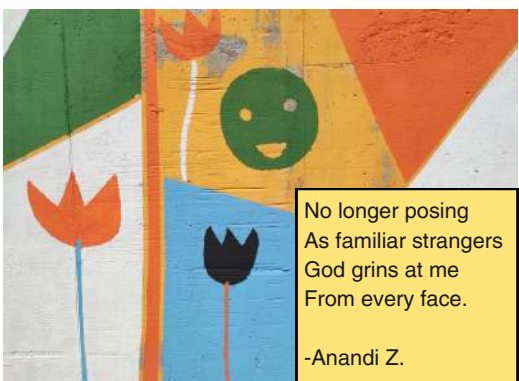
This session will explore the architectural and symbolic significance of Chola temples, focusing on the concepts of Vastupurushamandala and the intricate relationships between mantra, tantra, and yantra within the temple space, grounded in the Agamas.



Future Lectures

- **Tue Dec. 3rd 2024** - Retinal Art and the Ruins of Representation: Revisiting Plato's Cave and the Notion of Rasa in the Natyashastra
- **Tue Jan 7th 2025** - Who is Seeing When Seeing: The Kena Upanishad and the Sensation of Logic
- **Tue Feb 4th 2025** - Film is Thought: H. Bergson's Cinematograph and How J. L. Godard Shocks the Viewer into Reality
- **Tue Mar 4th 2025** - Reading Deleuze in India: Plane of Immanence, Rhizome, Brahman, and Conversations with AI

POETRY



No longer posing  
As familiar strangers  
God grins at me  
From every face.

-Anandi Z.

## To the Light We Cling

July 13, 2013

I sat beside a singing rill,  
The grass was cool and lush and green.  
I felt my soul with wonder fill  
At all the beauty I had seen.  
Winter in his cloak of white,  
A silent man whose heart was chill,  
On the frozen landscape of the night  
His blanket spread and all was still.  
Then Spring arrived, his grand design  
Melted by a warmth of love;  
A marvel-tinted world was mine  
As Summer like a dream of gold  
Came fragrant with each flower's birth  
And I remembered none of cold  
When Autumn came ablaze on earth.  
Though wintry years attend us all  
There lives in us an endless Spring,  
We harken to the song-birds call  
And joyous to the Light we cling.

-- 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

## FOOD

# FOOD FOREST TOUR

WITH VEGAN ICE CREAMS, GREEN SMOOTHIES and more...



EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY from 9:30 to 11:30

Come to an experience in my permaculture garden, learn about organic farming and get inspired to start growing your own food.

We are going to explore the wide diversity of edible plants that grow around us and harvest fruits, greens, herbs and flowers.

After the tour we are going to create delicious nourishing

**RAW VEGAN ICE CREAM BOWLS** with lots of toppings from the garden.



at La Ferme Community (5min from AV Bakery)

Sign up and more info [www.myfoodforest.in](http://www.myfoodforest.in)  
whatsapp Sarah 9047421044

For groups of min 4 people  
any other weekday is possible.



## ART EXHIBITIONS

### 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



Exhibition timings: Daily, except Sundays

8.30am - 12.30pm & 2.30pm - 5.30pm

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville 605 101 | info@pitanga.in | 0413 - 2522403, 9443902403

A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch | GSTIN: 33AAAF0037BY3N

### CENTRE D'ART CITADINES

#### SUNIL SREE - MORE THAN ONCE

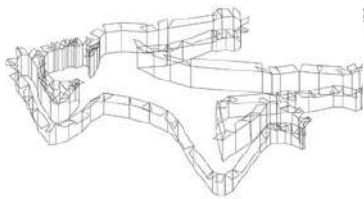
From **18 October** to **6 November 2024**.

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

- 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.

## SUNIL SREE

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



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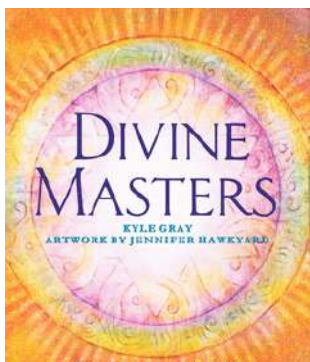
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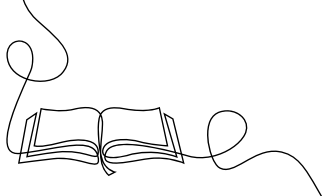
#### KYLE GRAY

#### ARTWORK BY JENNIFER HAWKYARD

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024

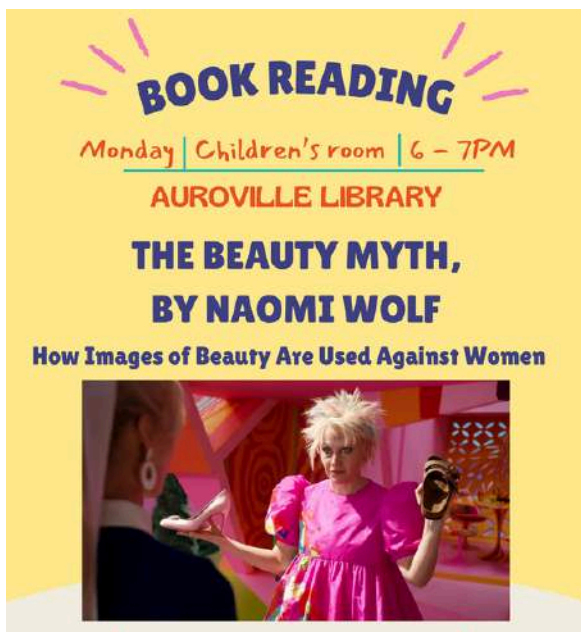
- At Aurelec Restaurant & Art Gallery.
- Open from 9 am - 5 pm.





## FOR THE BOOKWORMS

### AUROVILLE LIBRARY - READING CIRCLES



#### 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)

## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians,

Your favourite radio is always working for you. Stay tuned!

#### **Last published podcasts:**

- [Marlenka's weekly Offering – Ep.121. \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making Ep. 35 The Principles of Animation - Squash and Stretch \(Arts & Culture\)](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – Ep.470 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – 469 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)

....and more! on [www.aurovillerradiotv.org](http://www.aurovillerradiotv.org).

For more information write to [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

**[Please note, our domain has changed from aurovillerradio.org to aurovillerradiotv.org. Kindly update your bookmarks!]**

Peace and love.

# CINEMA



## CINEMA PARADISO PRESENTS

On Saturday, 9 November 2024 @ 8pm @ Cinema Paradiso, Auroville

Alessandra Silver's

### THE OWL-EYED GUARDIAN AND THE BANYAN DREAM



#### The Owl-Eyed Guardian And The Banyan Dream

India (Auroville and its bioregion), 2024, Dir. Alessandra Silver w/ Jayalakshmi Jayabal, Pavitra Jayamoorthy, Vibha Nirmalkumar, and others, Docu-Drama, 55mins, Tamil-English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

In the remote village of Kottakarai, Andhayee, a solitary woman, finds solace under a banyan tree after her husband's death. Her prophecy of global unity materialized in 1968 with Auroville's birth, an international township. As the Matrimandir's construction begins, Andhayee nurtures the community, blending traditions with new dreams. Her journey portrays connection, spirituality, and hope, inspiring future generations through her unwavering faith in a united world.

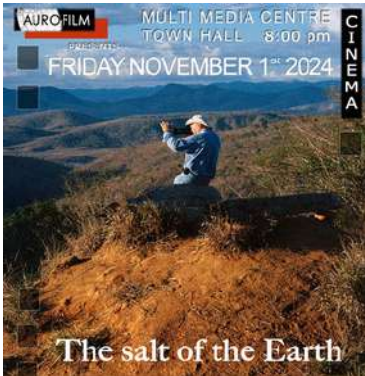
*This screening has been made possible via a generous sharing by the InLight, Auroville Team. The director and her team will be present for a brief Q&A at the end of this screening. We are all looking forward to it!*



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

Reminder : Friday 1st November at 8:00 pm

**"The Salt of the Earth"** Directed by Wim Wenders, Juliano Ribeiro Salgado, France, Brazil, 2014



**Overview:** The Salt of the Earth is a documentary film paying 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 Lélia'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...

*French Version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h50'*

And **Friday 8th November at 8:00 pm,**

**Note: There will be no film screening!**

# Cinema Paradiso



Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program : 4 November - 10 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 4 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • ANJAAMAI (FEARLESSNESS)

India, 2024, Writer-Dir. SP Subburaman w/ Vidharth, Rahman, Vani Bhojan, and others, Social-Drama, 121mins, Tamil w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Sarkar, a farmer from a village near Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, struggles to help his eldest son, Arundhavam, achieve his dream of becoming a doctor after the Union Government introduces the NEET exam. Joining forces with socialite Manikkam, the film explores their advocacy as Sarkar files a case against the authorities. The film emphasizes the father-son relationship, particularly as Arundhavam travels to Rajasthan, to take the exam amidst the challenges faced by families in Tamil Nadu.

## POTPOURRI – TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • PERSONA

Sweden, 1966, Writer-Dir. Ingmar Bergman w/Bibi Andersson, Liv Ullmann, Margaretha Krook, and others, B&W, Drama-Thriller, 83mins, Swedish-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-3)

After a stage actress named Elisabet withdraws into silence during her recovery, a nurse, Alma, is assigned to care for her. As they spend time together in a remote cottage, Alma becomes increasingly entangled in Elisabet's mysterious world. Their relationship blurs the lines between identity and reality, leading Alma to reveal her own inner struggles. This intense psychological exploration raises profound questions about self, connection, and the nature of communication.

## SELECTION – WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • THE PROFESSOR AND THE MADMAN

USA-Mexico-UK-France-Belgium-Iceland-Ireland-HongKong, 2019, Writer-Dir. Farhad Safinia w/ Mel Gibson, Sean Penn, Edie Marsan, and others. Biography-Drama, 124mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Professor James Murray undertakes the monumental task of compiling the Oxford English Dictionary, aided by inmate William Chester Minor. Their unlikely friendship bridges their worlds, transforming the dictionary and highlighting the profound power of language. *Amazing film, a must see!*

## INTERESTING – THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • NAME ME LAWAND

UK, 2022, Writer-Dir. Edward Lovelace, Documentary, 91mins, Kurdish-Sign Languages-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

In this acclaimed film, void of any language, communication or true sense of self, Lawand struggles to piece together his surroundings in his new home in Derbyshire, England after a traumatic and turbulent year of seeking asylum through Europe.

**INTERNATIONAL – SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:**

• **THE OWL-EYED GUARDIAN AND THE BANYAN DREAM**

India (Auroville and its bioregion), 2024, Dir. Alessandra Silver w/ Jayalakshmi Jayabal, Pavitra Jayamoorthy, Vibha Nirmalkumar, and others, Docu-Drama, 55mins, Tamil-English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

In the remote village of Kottakarai, Andhayee, a solitary woman, finds solace under a banyan tree after her husband's death. Her prophecy of global unity materialized in 1968 with Auroville's birth, an international township. As the Matrimandir's construction begins, Andhayee nurtures the community, blending traditions with new dreams. Her journey portrays connection, spirituality, and hope, inspiring future generations through her unwavering faith in a united world. *The director and her team will be present for a brief Q&A at the end of this screening we are all looking forward to!*

**CHILDREN'S MATINÉE – SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 4:00 PM:**

• **DRAGONKEEPER**

Spain-China, 2024, Dir. Jianping Li & Salvador Simó w/Bill Nighy, Mayaline Griffiths, Anthony Howell, and others, Adventure-Animation, 98mins, English-Chinese-Spanish w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

With the disappearance of the dragons and the rise of an evil Emperor, the fate of ancient China rests on the shoulders of one young girl, who must find the last remaining dragon egg and fulfill her destiny.

**NEW GERMAN CINEMA @ CINÉ-CLUB**

**CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER, 8:00 PM:**

• **DAS BOOT**

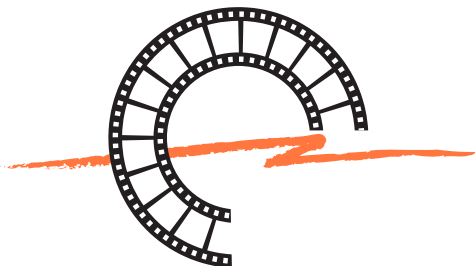
Germany, 1981, Dir. Wolfgang Petersen, w/ Jürgen Prochnow, Herbert Grönemeyer, and others, Drama – War, 146 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated:R.

A German U-boat stalks the frigid waters of the North Atlantic as its young crew experience the sheer terror and claustrophobic life of a submariner in World War II.

**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)



# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES

### AUROVILLE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES (FS)

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

### ELECTRICAL SERVICE (AVES)

- **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)

### WATER SERVICE

- Monitors water lines and supply within AV, undertakes water-related jobs.
- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8am - 12pm and 2pm - 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622877, 89035 53246
- **Email:** [avwaterservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:avwaterservice@auroville.org.in)

### ECO SERVICE (WASTE COLLECTION/MANAGEMENT)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8:30am - 12:30pm, and 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 94435 35172
- **Email:** [ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecoservice@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

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

## **OTHER 'SERVICES'**

### **HIVE COWORKING SPACE**

**OPEN HOUSE - EVERY FRIDAY**



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: **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!!!

# HEALTH

## SANTÉ SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 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	<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> Monday & Wednesday	<b>Adaptive Therapy (all ages) with Asita:</b> Wednesday & Saturday
<b>Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena – email <a href="mailto:adminsante@auroville.org.in">adminsante@auroville.org.in</a></b>	<b>Soundbed Session with Sandhya / Thilagam:</b> Monday to Saturday

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

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

## 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)



## DENTAL CLINIC - KUILAPALAYAM

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5pm daily
- **Phone:** 0413 2622007/ 2622265
- **Email:** [aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in)



# FROM RA NEWS & NOTES



## REMINDER - 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 team has decided to discontinue publishing the sections:

- Activities & Events;
- Food, Goods & Services; and
- Classes, Workshops and Healing Arts. ([See attachment](#)).

We are now limiting ourselves to content that **strengthens community-building** in Auroville, showcases service-oriented (and non-profit) initiatives, and enables a diversity of perspectives to be shared safely. More specifically, we will continue to include RA Working Groups' announcements and reports, as well as a link to contents from the Foundation Office groups (in a spirit of inclusivity and giving space to all perspectives), and also 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 & Notes despite being told by the Auroville Council that this legitimizes the censorship applied by the Foundation Office's News & 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.

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.

*(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)



## 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**