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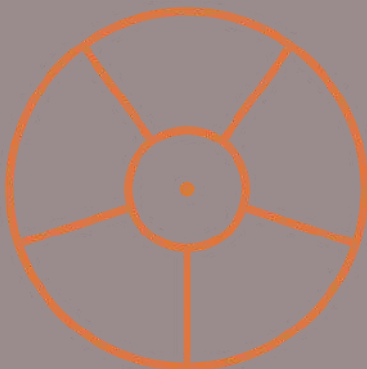
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PONDERING

It is the heart that has wings, not the head.

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THE MOTHER ON AUROVILLE



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CONCEPTION AND BIRTH : NEW CONSCIOUSNESS

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(Mother goes through the text sentence by sentence)

"Auroville will be a self-supporting township": I want to insist on the fact that it will be an experiment, it is for making experiments—experiments, research, study. Auroville will be a city that will try to be, or will tend to become, or attempt to be 'self-supporting', that is to say...

Q: *Autonomous?*

"Autonomous" is understood to mean some kind of independence which breaks off relations with others, and that is not what I mean.

For example, those who produce food, like Aurofood—of course, when we are 50,000 it will be difficult to provide for all the needs, but for the moment we are only a few thousand at most—well, a factory always produces far too much, so it will sell outside and receive money. 'Aurofood' for example wants to have a special relationship with the workers; not at all the old system, something which would be an improvement on the communist system, a more balanced organisation than sovietism, that is, something which does not err too much on one side at the expense of the other.

There is one thing I wanted to say: the participation in the well-being and life of the town as a whole is not something calculated on an individual basis, that is, this individual should give so much, is is not like that. It is calculated according to the means, the activity, the capacity for production; it is not the democratic idea which cuts calculated according to one's means: one who has much gives much,

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one who has little gives little; one who is strong works hard, one who is not strong does something else. You see, it is something truer, deeper. That is why I make no attempt to explain now, because people will start to make all kinds of complaints. All this must come about automatically, so to speak, with the growth of the city, in the true spirit. That is why this note is extremely concise.

For example, this sentence: "All who live there will participate in its life and development." All who live there will participate in its life and development according to their capacities and means, not mechanically—so much per unit. That's it, it must be something living and true, not a mechanical thing; and according to each one's capacities, that is, one who has material means, such as those provided by a factory, should give in proportion to its production, not so much per individual, per head.

The city the earth
needs.

"The participation may be passive or active.": I do not understand what 'passive' means; I said it in French and it has been put into English. What could that mean, 'passive'?... It would be something more like planes or different levels of consciousness.

Q : *You meant that those who are wise, who work within, do not need to...*

Yes, that's it. Those who have a higher knowledge do not need to work with their hands, that is what I meant.

"There will be no taxes as such, but each one will contribute to the collective welfare in work, kind or money." So that is clear: there will be no taxes, but each one will have to contribute to the collective welfare by his work, in kind or in money. Those who have nothing but money will give money. But to tell the truth, 'work' can be inner work—but one cannot say that, because people are not honest enough. The work can be an occult, completely inner work, but for that, it must be absolutely sincere and true, and with the

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capacity for it: no pretension. But not necessarily a physical work.



Power Aspiring to Become an Instrument for the Divine Work

Power, opening to a higher consciousness, awakens to the need of being at the service of the Divine. -- The Mother

Passiflora vitifolia HBK., *Passifloraceae*.
Passion flower



NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Community,

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In community,

The RA Community Edition News and Notes Team

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TUESDAY 5PM

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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)

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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)

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FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 235 DATED: 16-12-2024

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.

We thank you in advance.

The Entry Board

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

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED

- Kaia NIGHTINGALE (Canadian)
- Louis RADAKIR (Canadian)

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.

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

NOTE REGARDING MATRIMANDIR LAKE WALL

Dear Community,

With his permission, we are sharing with you a statement by Jan (Akashwa) regarding the breach of the wall of the Matrimandir Lake. Jan was the engineer for the Test Lake and was a member of the Lake Task Force that was endorsed by us to review the plan for the Lake, the performance of the Test Lake and propose an alternative and integrated design for the next phases. The results of the work of the Task Force, in the form of an alternative design concept prepared by Mr. Mohan Rao, were presented to the Matrimandir Executives and the 'Lake Team' headed by Michael Bonke but were not integrated or accepted.

We very much hope that the issues with the current design and approach that have become obvious now will lead to positive change.

Sincerely,

The Working Committee of the RA

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



Matrimandir Lake Dam

Up to date I have not seen a satisfying answer to why and how this could have happened. A few days ago a 14 page write up "The sliding Lego Wall" and the similar text through Matrimandir Bulletin was circulated. It attempts to describe the failure of the dam. The name Jan appears several times in the article. I find the article technically not accurate and it leaves out some important points.

In my opinion the design of the dam was up to standards. If the technical instructions for building and maintaining the dam would have been followed then this disaster would not have happened - even with the intense rain that we experienced.

Therefore I am giving here an account of what circumstances have led to the unfortunate event.

The sliding Lego Wall at Matrimandir- a series of unfortunate events?

As Google doc

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As pdf

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Sincerely

Jan

REGARDING THE STANDING ORDER ON RESIDENCE CRITERIA AND THE 'HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICE'

Dear Community,

We would like to offer further clarifications regarding the Auroville Foundation (Residence Criteria) Standing Order, 2024, which was issued on November 25, 2024, and the 'Human Resource Service (HRS)' announced by the 'GB FAMC' on 16th of December. **This Standing Order and the HRS have no legal basis and raise serious concerns regarding their alignment with Mother's vision for Auroville.**

First, we must point out that this Standing Order appears to have been issued **without proper legal authority**. The order is not issued according to the procedures established in the Auroville Foundation Standing Order Regulations published in the Gazette of India on 5.3.2011.

Moreover The Auroville Foundation Act does not grant the Governing Board powers to establish residence criteria, and the Order was issued without obtaining the required advice from the International Advisory Council and without the required consultation with the Residents' Assembly.

The Order's interpretation of Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's vision is severely flawed. It selectively uses quotes without context and presents a distorted interpretation of their writings, particularly regarding the nature of Auroville as a spiritual experiment. The Mother consistently emphasized the importance of flexibility, plasticity, and suppleness in the development and governance of the community. The rigid and dogmatic nature of these regulations contradicts this fundamental principle of freedom and self discovery.

We also find many practical aspects of the order, and the HRS, simply wrong. The requirement for residents to participate in mandatory "Spiritual and Material Refresher programs" goes against the core principles of spiritual freedom that both Sri Aurobindo and the Mother emphasized, and for some people to think this is the way forward is shocking. The restrictions on guests, the requirement for permissions for absences over two weeks, and the limitations on external work are neither practical nor aligned with Auroville's reality



The Order also contains provisions that infringe on basic human rights and constitutional freedoms. The restrictions on freedom of expression, assembly, movement, and association raise serious ethical and legal concerns. The threat of expulsion for various infractions, without clear due process, is not in accordance with the legally established regulations of the Auroville Foundation and the orders of the Madras High Court, and therefore is invalid.

On the planning front, we remind the community that Roger Anger, as the Chief Architect of Auroville appointed by the Mother, stated that the physical construction of the city was of "absolutely no importance" compared to building a new humanity.

We invite community members who have questions or concerns to visit us during our open house hours, every Tuesday between 10 AM and 12 PM, in our office opposite the Auroville Library or to write to us at workingcom@auroville.services.

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



FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1056/57

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

OBITUARY



RICHARD PIERRE PÉREZ PASSES AWAY

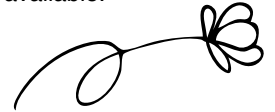


This is to inform the community that Richard Pierre Pérez, living with his partner Marie-Christine in Auromodel, passed away yesterday (17.12.2024) evening in a hospital in Chennai.

His body will be brought to Farewell.

Details regarding viewing and funeral will be shared when available.

~ OM ~



COMMUNITY SHARING

AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER



What to Do If You Find a Puppy or Kitten in Auroville

A recent incident involving a guesthouse dumping a puppy "for the safety of its guests" highlights the ongoing challenges faced by Auroville in managing its animal welfare responsibilities. This action upset a guest deeply and serves as a reminder that dumping puppies is not only unethical but also illegal under Indian law, punishable under the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960**.

When you dump a small puppy or kitten carelessly on the street, you condemn it to suffer and die a slow agonising death, because it can't survive on its own. Please help it for a few months until it is bigger and can live its life as a normal stray dog or cat without your help.

We encourage all Aurovilians to be inspired by the Mother's teachings, to treat all living beings with loving kindness, respect, and compassion, because also our furry canine friends are fellow inhabitants of this wonderful city of the future.



Auroville Dog Shelter's Current Challenges

The Auroville Dog Shelter is operating beyond its capacity. The shelter, already struggling with collapsing infrastructure, suffered further damage during the recent cyclone. Despite these hardships, we survive on a meagre monthly budget of ₹50,000 from Auroville, which is far below the required ₹3,00,000 to meet basic expenses. While we are doing everything we can to fundraise and provide support, the situation remains dire. We urgently need to start the construction of our new shelter but funds and the building permission have been held back for almost a year.

Thanks to support from AVI USA, we completed a mass vaccination drive in August, vaccinating so far over 1000 dogs, puppies and cats after several confirmed rabies cases. Our long-term plan includes sterilizing at least 1,000 dogs (20 per week) under the guidance of the Department of Animal Husbandry. However, this ambitious project requires both funding (Rs. 15 lakh) and the upgrading of our basic surgery room and adding new ABC enclosures.

Until we achieve sustainable solutions to solve the puppy problem finally for good, we encourage all residents to act responsibly and compassionately if they encounter a stray puppy or kitten:

- 1. Check for its mother.** Look around for the mother, as she may be nearby searching for food. If she's present, provide her with food and a safe environment to care for her puppies or kittens.
- 2. Create a Shelter.** Use a simple rain-protected box lined with cloth to provide warmth and safety.
- 3. Feed the Puppy.** Avoid cow milk, which can cause diarrhea. Instead, use milk powder from the pharmacy and feed the baby 2 to 4 times a day, depending on its age. You can also make a porridge with oats or powdered ragi and a bit of jaggery and milk powder. Older puppies can be fed cooked rice or ragi with chicken or occasional wet food pouches. Always ensure fresh water is available.
- 4. Seek Veterinary Help.** While our shelter cannot take in more puppies due to overcrowding, the shelter offers free vet checkups and vaccinations (parvo, rabies) as long as stock lasts.

Why Sterilization Is Crucial

Mass sterilization is the only long-term solution to Auroville's stray dog population issues, ensuring the safety of both residents and animals. We urge the AV community and Auroville administration to prioritize this initiative and provide adequate funding for sterilizations and vaccinations to keep the AV residents, visitors, and guests safe.

A Call for Action

Together, we can create a better Auroville for both humans and animals. Compassionate actions, community support, and sustained funding will pave the way for effective solutions. Dumping puppies is not just inhumane—it is illegal. Let us work together to foster a community that reflects the spirit of care, kindness,

and unity, aligned with the Mother's vision. If you like to support our shelter or have further questions, please visit our website at www.aurovilledogshelter.com

With gratitude,
The Auroville Dog Shelter Team



COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE GRATITUDE FARM EXPERIMENT

A group of Auroville farmers recently found out that the Gratitude Farm project has been discontinued early and the keys handed back to the GB-FAMC. We have been unable to find any explanation for this and the land has not been handed back to Demo Farm, as was agreed at the beginning when Gratitude Farm took over the land in 2022/23. Instead it appears that a member of the Farm Service has taken over and is using the land. This is being done with no agreed process or communication with anyone about how the land is to be used.

Below is the email a group of farmers sent to the GB-FAMC which includes links to the original project proposals and the MOU that was signed prior to the project starting. This was meant to be a project with benefits for Auroville farming, but from the information received these have not materialised.

This email was sent on July 18th 2024 and as usually happens, there has been no reply.

We thought the community should know about what is happening

here. If you have further questions or any ideas about the best way to proceed, please let us know by writing to aurovillefarmgroup@gmail.com.

Dear members of the 'FAMC',

It's recently come to our attention that the keys to the half acre of land from Demo Farm allotted to the Gratitude Project in October 2022 were handed over to Farm Service last month. This leaves us to conclude that the project has been abruptly terminated.



Please share the reasons as to why, despite the MoU between yourself and the Gratitude Project clearly stating its timeline as 2 years, has ended in 1.5 years?

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From the onset, despite our doubts regarding the project, we have attempted to work together with yourselves and the project holders in the interest of our shared aim - growing healthy food for Auroville. Upon studying the Annual Report of the project after it completed its first year, we also shared with you our reservations on the report to request reasons for the inconsistencies in the actual crop harvest and projected yield (>20%), and information on the training in Natural Precision Farming promised in the project proposal and MoU. We are yet to receive a response but hope this email reminds you of the same and we can know more about the execution of this innovative pilot project.

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As mentioned, we were interested in staying connected for the next phase of the project, so we would like to know more about why it has abruptly ended. We assume an amendment may have been made to the MoU as per its Amendment clause which states 'Any changes, modification, revisions or amendments to this MOU, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the Parties to this MOU, shall be incorporated by a written instrument, and become effective when executed and signed by both the Parties to the MOU'. We hope you share this amended MoU with the community for the sake of transparency, but more importantly, we would like to know how you intend to evaluate this project so we may collectively learn from this model.

<https://drive.proton.me/urls/SD4H64G1VR#ygfScplzhDBh>

We would also like to know how Farm Service intends to proceed with work on this land, or if it will be returned to Demo Farm. We look forward to hearing from you or meeting with you to examine this project and working together for the present and future of Auroville's food security.

Thank you,
The Core team of the Auroville Farm Group
Charlie, Juan, Tomas, Velmurugan, Sathyavanan



KINDERGARTEN - 40TH YEAR CELEBRATION

FRI 20TH - SAT 21ST DECEMBER



KINDERGARTEN CENTRE FIELD IS CELEBRATING ITS 40th BIRTHDAY!

And the 20th Birthday of the Play of Painting

All are invited to the **open house** at Kindergarten on:

- **Friday 20th from 1:00 to 3:00pm and**
- **Saturday 21st from 9:00am to 1:00pm**

The exhibition will be displaying the work done by children this year and a photo exhibition of the past 40 years of the Kindergarten.

Ex-students (and their parents) are especially welcome to rediscover their younger self and their classmates on our yearly photo albums.

AUROVILLE INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY :

20TH ANNIVERSARY SHARING

I believe that we as a community should show to all the negative minded that we are doing good community work and that it functions, in-spite of dragging everything Auroville community did in the negative and defaming it.

We must not allow them to further depress the community in resignation. This way they want to win against the community.

What we see in the standing order is the mindset of the decision makers, who believe that they need to put such restrictions on Aurovilians for the growth of Auroville.

But without people you may build roads or houses but not the city we once were dreaming of. For that we need a spirit of positive mindset, people who think creatively "out of the box" , people who are authentic and live for what Auroville stands for.

We built Auroville as it is today with community participation and without the Govt. of India intervention. What I see now is depression, and resignation.

We missed Auroville community presence at the anniversary .

In today's (18th Dec) function FAMC, WC nominated by AVF and AVF itself were absent.

We had an excellent anniversary function in the presence of the Registrar of PU Prof R.Bhutani, MD of MANATEC (Mr. KalaiChelvan), POCLAIN(Mr. Vijay Ganesh), LE BRACS (Mr.Nandakumar) and representatives of Appasamy and GT-Electronics India.

This shows how AIAT is seen by others, but unfortunately not by AVF and maybe by a few Aurovilians.

With Regards,
Lavkamad

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AIAT Annual Report Winter 2024



*Dear friends, well-wishers and supporters of the Institute of Applied Technology/AIAT
College - ITI*

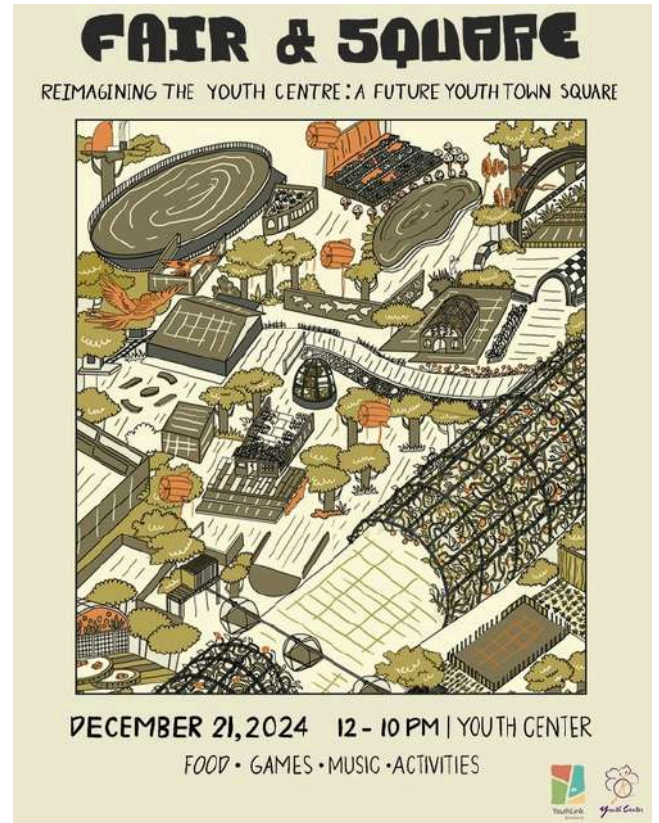
FAIR AND SQUARE: RE-IMAGINING THE YOUTH CENTER

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER

★ *Fair & Square is here!* ★

Dear community members, join us at the **Youth Center** on **21st December** from **12pm to 10pm** for a day filled with **music, art, games, food**, and connection.

Let's re-imagine the Youth Center as a vibrant town square of the future – a space for creativity, joy, and togetherness.



21st December 2024

12:00pm to 10:00pm

Youth Center

Let's create the future, together!

With the biggest smiles and enthusiasm,
Youth Center and YouthLink Crew



RESIDENTS SPEAK

HEEDING THE SILENCES OF THE MOTHER

What Mother said causes problems if generalized or extended in time. To carry her values forward we have to discern them in her words. To help us, we have to listen to her silences. There are many types of silences of Mother and listening to them will cause discomfort as we will have to drop some of her words.

Listen
TO THE
SILENCE

To fulfill Auroville's destiny, we have to absorb her silences. They are often far more important than her words.

That is true of the communication of all enlightened beings.

Rajesh

<https://aandolan.medium.com/heeding-the-silences-of-the-enlightened-ones-4992643d87b4>

To read the full essay,
click on the link,
or scan the QR code



- Assume that 200 white-gloved volunteers trained in the Japanese train system push sadhaks along from the entry petal to an exit petal.
- Assume that the white-gloved volunteers work in one long shift with no bathroom or lunch break.
- Assume no socks used on that day.
- Assume a continuous line of 50,000 sadhaks is established from the entrance.



The answer was 23,400. The maximum number of people who can visit the inner chamber in one day. And if any of the assumptions break, e.g. socks are not optional, then the number crumbles fast.

So a meeting was called for and the MM team invited ideas from the community, as they were completely stuck. How to get 50,000 people thru the inner chamber?

The first proposal was a conveyor belt. It was 2 people wide and would zoom from the entire path. People could keep their shoes on. It could zoom 46,800 but if you extended visitor hours to 24 hours a day, it could do 86,400. Of course, assume no glitches, no transfers from one belt to another and 8 seconds is enough in the inner chamber.

This led to a sarcastic suggestion to use a high-speed train zooming a hundred people past the crystal in 2 seconds.

The Mother's challenge is serious. So the meeting ended, but with an opening for more ideas.

A person walking past the broken lego dam had a brilliant insight. Since the current MM is not designed for this kind of traffic, what if we built another MM?

Recall the pyramids of Giza. There are three of them. The ancient Egyptians improved their earlier designs and built three pyramids increasing the size each time. Why couldn't India build three spheres?

The current lake would be the perfect location. One can imagine many versions of two gold spheres in a blue tub.

The first sphere was built entirely with private funds; Auroville could invite support from the state and national reservoirs to build the next two. They could be bigger, and they could be slightly customized. A state sphere could attract Tamilians and the national sphere could attract North Indians and Hindu devotees.

Quickly, the MM team mobilized. Concepts were drawn up, two of which are shown. One thing was constant, there had to be a sphere with a light beam. The pillars were optional as were carpet and socks. The object was to maximize the number of people exposed to the crystal light. So innovation in people transportation was the key.

One design uses a road, so popular amongst the VIPs and the spenders. The other has a rail, popular amongst technocrats.

The first draft to invite the powers with big money is getting ready. A healthy competition for the two spheres is a good thing. It could be Tamil Nadu v Delhi. It could be Adani v Ambani v Tata.

Of course what to name the spheres is important. MM2? Pitamandir? Secretarimandir? Should Auroville leave it to the sponsors?

SOLVING THE 50K PROBLEM

It seems that Mother gave us a tricky problem.

When she cut Roger's population projections short by limiting it to 50,000, it was first a problem of definition. To some it was a way to just cut Roger short but keep him in the project. To others it was a number carved in stone or gold.

Depending on which material it was carved in created another problem. If it was to be 50,000 people of raised consciousness or any 50,000 people. The easier path was to just get to 50,000 residents and await the next unfolding.

Even on this path some Aurovilians continue to have bad dreams.

One had this dream that the target of 50,000 residents was finally achieved. But nothing happened. After a week, after a month ... nothing different. Then a realization came that it has to be 50,000 sadhaks who pass thru the Matrimandir for the supramental to descent. This woke up the person at 2am in a sweat and get onto their computer.



Some calculations were in order:

- MM is open from 6am to 7pm.
- That means 13 hours.
- That means 46,800 seconds
- Assume that a person takes 16 seconds to shuffle thru the inner chamber from one door to another.
- Assume that from the entry petal to an exit petal, sadhaks can be herded in pairs, still from end-to-end there will be a gap of 2 seconds between people.



Those with the number 50,000 tattooed somewhere inside are holding their breath.

by Aurosatire

POWER AND NECESSITY

The Necessity of the Experience of the Destitution and Limitations of the Ignorance with the Supramental Knowledge and Action as Solution

ॐ "128) Live according to Nature, runs the maxim of the West; but according to what nature, the nature of the body or the nature which exceeds the body? This first we ought to determine.

129) O son of Immortality, live not thou according to Nature, but according to God; and compel her also to live according to the deity within thee.

130) Fate is God's foreknowledge outside Space & Time of all that in Space & Time shall yet happen; what He has foreseen, Power & Necessity work out by the conflict of forces.

131) Because God has willed and foreseen everything, thou shouldst not therefore sit inactive and wait upon His providence, for thy action is one of His chief effective forces. Up then and be doing, not with egoism, but as the circumstance, instrument and apparent cause of the event that He has predetermined.

132) When I knew nothing, then I abhorred the criminal, sinful and impure, being myself full of crime, sin and impurity; but when I was cleansed and my eyes unsealed, then I bowed down in my spirit before the thief and the murderer and adored the feet of the harlot; for I saw that these souls had accepted the terrible burden of evil and drained for all of us the greater portion of the churned poison of the world-ocean.

133) The Titans are stronger than the gods because they have agreed with God to front and bear the burden of His wrath and enmity; the gods were able to accept only the pleasant burden of His love and kindlier rapture.

134) When thou art able to see how necessary is suffering to final delight, failure to utter effectiveness and retardation to the last rapidity, then thou mayst begin to understand something, however faintly and dimly, of God's workings."



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click [here](#),
or scan the QR code

ॐ Zech, 2024.12.15

<https://zechjoya.blogspot.com/>

AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



Submitted by an Aurovillian

FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE



Auro - Traductions

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



INNER JOURNEY

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday 24th December, 9 am - 12 noon
Focus: The Collective Yoga

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

VIBRATIONAL SOUND BATH

SOUL NURTURING MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN SINGING BELLS

These are sounds of the Beginning
These are sounds that cradled the worlds

Harmonious play of rich powerful tones and strongly resonating overtones invokes a profound state of inner peace, tranquility and self-healing, bringing deep physical and psychological relaxation.

Open Group - Everyday 3:00 - 4:30pm

At Mirabelle Education Center, Auromodele,
Kuyilapalayam

Led by Vera (Instagram - [Vera.Auroville](https://www.instagram.com/Vera.Auroville)) and Ashesh Joshi

Please register in advance

Ph/WhatsApp: +91 94891 47202, +91 94862 47202

(Private sessions on request at other timings)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECO FEMME - OPEN HOUSE

EVERY THURSDAY

eco femme



Looking for an Auroville experience?

Come and visit Eco Femme's open house
Thursday 10.30 - 11.30 am to learn about menstrual health, cycle tracking and our social enterprise.

Organic cloth pads, nappies and cups
available at special rates.



Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Auroshilpam 605 101, Auroville

ecofemme.org



Revaluing menstruation... because Life depends on it!

Dear Friends,

Come join our Open House **every Thursday at 10:30am**. We hold these at our office in Auroshilpam, just behind Auromode.

We'll teach you about sustainable menstrual products and our not-for-profit programs, and you can pick up discounted cloth pads, cups and period panties!

See you soon!

The Eco Femme Team

AUROVILLE MARATHON

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Community Members and Runners,

Warm greetings!

We are thrilled to announce that preparations for the 15th edition of the Auroville Marathon 2025 are in full swing.

This event has always been a celebration of togetherness, health, and the vibrant spirit of Auroville, and we look forward to another memorable year with all of you.

Mark your calendars!

Auroville Marathon: 16th February 2025

- **Online Registration:** Opens on 9th December 2024 and closes on 25th January 2025.
- To register online, please visit: <https://www.aurovillemarathon.com/register/>
- **Manual Registration:** Available from 20th December 2024 to 25th January 2025.
- For manual registration, please visit Saracon between 10:00am to 12:00pm and 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

For Auroville Community Members and Residents of the Bioregion:

The registration fee is waived, but a coupon is required to participate. To obtain a coupon, please send an email to

marathon@auroville.org.in with your details, and we will provide the coupon via email. Alternatively, you can visit the Saracon Office during the specified times to collect it in person. Once you have the coupon, you can complete your registration for the Auroville Marathon 2025.

For your information: This year, we have added an option to purchase T-shirts for runners on the registration page. You can select your preferred T-shirt size while registering for the marathon. Please note that runner T-shirts are not included in the registration fee and need to be purchased separately.

Let us come together to celebrate the joy of running and the camaraderie that makes this event so special.

"RUN FOR THE JOY OF RUNNING"

We eagerly await your participation and support to make this marathon another resounding success.

Warm regards,
Prabhu & Marathon Team



SUPPORT NEEDED

LILALOKA - A PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO BLOSSOM!
FUNDRAISING SUPPORT



Children open the way to the future. To develop new educational approaches and places for all, based on free choice, creativity and non-judgment, is a demand expressed by many families in many parts of the world, where such initiatives are a beginning of an answer to the major human crises of today.

Lilaloka is working towards becoming such a place.

Dear Lilaloka supporters,
We are reaching out in fundraising spirit.

Your Donations are instrumental to the manifestation of this environment in Lilaloka.

We are grateful to Auroville International USA that will Match donations in the month of December, doubling our blessings.

give.aviusa.org/page/lilaloka

A MEMORIAL BENCH FOR JAYARAM



Some community members want to place a stone bench with Jayaram's name (in Tamil and English) in the shade of the big Enterolobium Cyclocarpum tree he used to sit under all day and greet everyone from (near the Matrimandir).

A special account has been made to collect funds for this: **251950**.

Please donate, and help spread the word.

With gratitude, in community
Tineke and Tanisha



LOOKING FOR

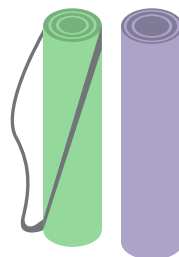
**CORTICA SANDALS -
MADE AND SOLD ONLY IN INDONESIA**



Dear ALL,
If you know someone **who's going towards INDONESIA**, I need your kindest help to get a pair of Cortica sandals, that are made and sold only in Indonesia. I'm suffering, from a severe spinal cord problem and those sandals are indeed very comfortable for just 9 USD. Please contact.

Thanking you very much in advance, Sunny.
Please WhatsApp +34685673777 or e-mail: srimaa221@gmail.com

YOGA MATS



Dear ALL,
I'm looking for **2 thick YOGA MATS** (or something similar) for my spinal cord problem. Shall give it back to you in the end of March.

If you have any spare and wish to share them, please contact.. Thanking you very much in advance, Sunny.
Please WhatsApp +34685673777 or e-mail: srimaa221@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES AT SERENDIPITY

SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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Mobile/Whatsapp: +91 93856 23342
Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com
<https://serendipity.auroville.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville>



REGULAR CLASSES:

Qi Gong - with Lhamo

- Monday - Wednesday and Friday 7 - 8:15am, drop in class

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.

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.



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.

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.

Creative Communion with Anandi Zhang

- Saturday from 5 - 6:30pm (drop in class)

Creativity is universal. Living creatively is a conscious choice and needs aligned practices. Here, we explore individually and together, through breath, sounds, movement, poetry, painting, games, word play, story relay, body music, improvisation, observation and reflection... Each session has an emerging theme; the creative expressions will be diverse, and converge into creative communion.

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.

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.

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.

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.

AURO ARTWORLD - LECTURES

Auro Artworld 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**.

Future Lectures

- **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.

MARCO SAROLDI'S HAPPY NEW YEAR

13-28 DECEMBER 2024, CENTRE D'ART



As he does every year at the end of December, Marco Saroldi is getting ready to send his 38th greeting card to a circle of family, friends and acquaintances who eagerly await each new creation and collect them with fervour.

It all began as a game almost 40 years ago. A young photographer from Turin, bored with the idea of having to call family and friends for the never-ending chore of New Year's greetings, decided to take a photo of himself with his girlfriend and send it as a greeting card.

It would be the first self-portrait in a series that would span his entire life, different eras and even continents, since after 2015, when Marco moved to Auroville, the wishes would travel from India to the West and not the other way round anymore.

The game of self-portraiture is gradually becoming less self-referential and more sophisticated. Marco developed a passion for this pastime, which over time turned into a real project.

The figure of the photographer becomes a mirror of time, a punching bag, an identikit for the traveller of our time, which he stages with aplomb, humour and ferocity.

Nothing can escape his merciless gaze, from our technological and consumerist manias to the socio-political blunders of our governments, from ecological concerns to the catastrophic and ridiculous triumph of human individualism, from cloning to the mafia.

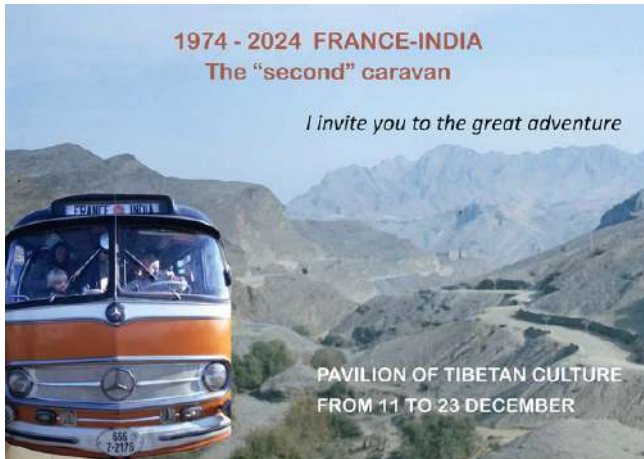
He hijacks religious and advertising icons - Nike, Che Guevara, Botticelli, United Colors of Benetton - to create his own personal theatre, sometimes featuring his own family and friends.

A magic lantern in the beam of which Marco Saroldi's self-portraits scroll past, projections of us, his contemporaries, captured in our ironic and slightly desperate essence.

- **Dates:** 13 - 28 December 2024
- **Timings:** Tue to Fri 2 - 5:30pm, Sat 10am - 12:30pm, 2 - 5:30pm
- **Location:** Centre d'Art, Citadines

PARIS - AUROVILLE 1974 - 2024 : PHOTO EXHIBITION

11 - 23 DECEMBER, TIBETAN PAVILION



The French Pavilion is pleased to announce a photo exhibition dedicated to the second French caravan to Auroville: "I invite you to the Great Adventure" that opened on December 11 at the **Tibetan Pavilion**.

Fifty years ago, on December 20, 1974, a caravan consisting of a bus, three vehicles, and around thirty people, mostly youth from France, arrived in Auroville to live a Dream. Some are still here....

The exhibition will be on **till the 23rd of December**.
Photos by Dominique Darr & Michel Cortella.

THE AUROVILLE HARMONIES - WOMEN CHOIR

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Saturday 21 Dec. 10:30am to 1:00pm
Town Hall, PTDC, Visitors Center, ...



Singing Christmas Carols from different countries in different places like Town Hall, PTDC, Visitors Center...

Saturday 21st December between 10:30am and 1:00pm.

TAIZÉ CHANTS - SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER



TAIZÉ CHANTS

AN EVENING OF SONG & STILLNESS

SUN 22 DEC

FROM 5:45 PM TO 7:15 PM

@ CRIPA's Little Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME

For prior Informal Practice Evening
Join us on **Monday, 16th of December**
from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
at the Hall of Light, Creativity.

Let us get-together in simplicity & harmony
through shared songs.

We look forward to your sharing and presence.

RSVP to Ulrike Urvasi
whatsapp - (91) 9751513906

Sweet family!

We invite you to a special evening of meditative and multilingual songs from the Taizé tradition. This gathering offers a space to come together in simplicity and harmony through shared songs. The multilingual songs from Taizé are simple, repetitive, and meditative, inviting stillness, reflection, and a sense of unity.

Contributions are welcome if possible from your side. It would be wonderful if you could prepare a little bit in advance: contact us for further details.

We look forward to your sharing and presence.

Ulrike Urvasi and team: 97515 13906,
mothersworkforTheMotherswork@gmail.com

Date: **Sunday 22nd December**

Time: **5:45pm - 7:15pm**

Venue: **CRIPA's Little Hall**



AUROVILLE RADIO



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

Last published podcasts:

- [Seeking Our Inner Being Group Discussion, Ep. 1 \(French, Part 1\) \(Spirituality\)](#)
- [Soul Tracks S.6, Ep.4 \(Music\)](#)
- [La Vita Divina Ep.46. LIBRO II - CAP. V PARTE IV- L'illusione cosmica; Mente, Sogno e Allucinazione. \(Sri Aurobindo\)](#)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering – Ep.123. \(Literature\)](#)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making Ep. 39 - "The Pre-World War II Sound Era Post-Synchronization" \(Arts & Culture\)](#)

Last Youtube Videos:

- [Seeking Our Inner Being Group Discussions, Ep. 1 \(French, Part 1\) \(Dubbed in English\)](#)
- [Seeking Our Inner Being Group Discussions, Ep. 1 \(French, Part 1\)](#)
- [Discover the Magic of the Champu Ramayana! Ep.1 by Dr. Rajalakshmi Srinivasan](#)
- [Sacred Echoes - Nature's Spiritual Essence by Pujasree Burman at Centre d'Art, Auroville](#)

....and more! on www.aurovillerradiotv.org.
For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in

Regards,
Sai Priya
For Auroville RadioTV



ART EXHIBITIONS

NATHALIE, PITANGA

29 NOVEMBER - 31 DECEMBER

Art Exhibition
Nathalie
29 November - **Extended**

Extended until
31 December 2024, 12pm.

Exhibition timings: Daily, except Sundays
8.30am - 12.30pm & 2.30pm - 5.30pm
Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville 605 101 | info@pitanga.in | 0413 - 2622403, 9443902403
A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch | GSTIN: 33AAATA00378Y3N

FOOD

FOOD FOREST TOUR - EVERY SUNDAY

FOOD FOREST TOUR

WITH VEGAN ICE CREAMS GREEN SMOOTHIES and more...



EVERY SUNDAY from 9:30 to 11:30
(for groups of min 4 people any other weekday is possible)

Come for a morning experience in my permaculture garden, learn about organic farming and get inspired to grow 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 and nourishing

VEGAN ICE CREAMS

with lots of flavourful toppings from the garden and our homemade produce.

La Ferme Community (5min from AV Bakery)
Sign up and info www.myfoodforest.in
whatsapp text Sarah 9047421044

MARC'S CAFE - EVERY TUESDAY

SPECIAL BREAKFAST AT MARC'S

Greetings from Marc's Café!

Join us every **Tuesday from 8:00 - 12:00 pm**
for a special breakfast at Marc's.

Celebrate the Auroville spirit and connect with the community
over a cup of coffee, dosai, and freshly baked croissants.

Exclusive Offer: Enjoy a 50% discount
on the mentioned items for all Aurovillians,
Newcomers, and SAVI Volunteers.

See you soon!

Marc's Team



FERMENTARY WORKSHOPS - MARC'S CAFE

EVERY SATURDAY

Fermentary Workshops
Check what's coming each Saturday!

23 Nov	07 Dec	30 Nov	14 Dec
Essence of Xmas		Sauerkraut party (bring your cabbage)	
21 Dec		28 Dec	
Around the world through fermented drinks		Kombucha, beet Kvas, wild sodas and ginger ale	

Booking RSVP

SATURDAYS - 10am
Reserve your spot:
contact@marcscoffees.com

MARC'S CAFE
Auroville Road,
Kuilapalayam, TN

Dear JCB,

You move through
This land, this body,
Like a spoon through
Ice cream.

A moment to admire
The enormous power on show —
Man and machine
In perfect harmony.

As a tree falls over this head,
A fleeting brush with nonexistence.
A wail song emerges,
Submerged, unconsolable,
In a moment of witness.

Ice cream spoon on land, on body,
Scooped out of breath —
Effortless, mindless, thorough.

Rest.
Your work is done.
A moment to digest.

Shivers, vibrations, tremors.
What more to say
In this brush
With yet another
Expression Of God.



Nikethana

The Timeless Picture Book

There is a picture book somewhere
Whose pages show
Where you have been,
Where you will be.

All that's ever been wrought is in that book.
The untrained phrases that curves like song,
Things that in your life-long mind
You've never even thought to note
Though now they strike the depths of you.

And all is there
That can't be learnt
Or written down
Or e'er forgot
Except by mind,
Except by the blindness of the mind.
Nor is it ever what you think.

There sometimes errors writ
In bold and crushing lines
Turn inside out and are the very core of truth,
The virtues of the fold and crease of life.

But once you close the book,
Beware!
For habit of the mind is hard
And else you have the book before
All things will blink and blur and fade
And when you try to see again
By time and place you'll be betrayed.

The book goes on
And you may turn the pages left
As well as right
And see as well as where you've been
The things that lie not in the past,
But, as they say, the things to be.
And here not differently you'll see
That close and known as your own hand
You know the land

You've never trod
And you will say,
When in the sunlight shines
The pool, in which there lies a body drowned,
It was for that I built the pool.
It had to be.

It unwinds like a spool — your life:
The wives you take, the sons beget the books you write
The gods that sit unmoved, yourself a god,
While loved ones lie in pain and die.
You understand: when you yourself had lost your way,
In total darkness walked a world
Where light had never shone
And then the day love won and light at last
That told you they had come to stay.

"A dangerous book" is it you say?
No, not; for lest you have the page before,
God's mercy wipes it all away.

Maggi Lidchi-Grassi (1930 - 2024)
from her book "Seeds"

Coming of the Overman

Jan. 22, 2011

What have we done to this fair and lovely world?
Consuming hatred, inconceivable greed
Have blinded us to beauty and the truth
That calls to us from inner depths to see
That what is now shall soon no longer be.

Earth's revolt is certain and has begun.
Still, the nuthatch in the ancient oak
Presses a seed within the furrowed bark
And, upside down, enjoys his tender meal.

The robins listen with an amplified ear
To catch the lowly worm at work in earth.

I watch the stalking heron on still legs,
No move betrays his silent lethal skill,
The hawks on updrafts circle round the sky
With eyes evolved beyond our human sight.

All seems idyllic and in balance held
Until we witness the unspeakable acts
Of man in his misuse of a sacred trust.

In India detritus lines the streets,
Paper waste and plastic the Mother's body
Despoil and rampant pollution threatens lives.

In other countries people cannot breathe,
So foul the air a thin miasma creeps
Into the lungs as a toxic yellow fog
And oil spills foul the oceans of the world.
When shall we wake from somnolence to change,
Recover joy in the simple and unique.

We must undo the damage we have wreaked
Or earth will overturn the life of man,
Heal her wounds, annihilate the foe
And wait the coming of the Overman.

Narad



FOR THE BOOKWORMS

AUROVILLE LIBRARY

READING CIRCLES

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS

Current book reading circles at the Auroville Library :

- 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)



THEME OF THE MONTH

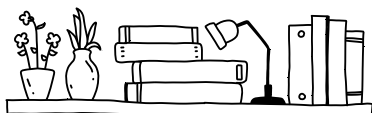
Every month, we choose a topic and set up a display of books from our collection.

This month's theme is **JAPAN**

Please come by to check out our selection!



If you have any suggestions for a theme, let us know!



CINEMA

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

Friday 13th December at 8:00 pm

"MUSTANG"

Directed by **Deniz Gamze Ergüven**, France, Germany, Turkey, 2015

With: Güneş Şensoy, Doğa Doğuşlu, Elit İşcan, Tuğba Sunguroğlu, İlayda Akdoğan

ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEE
— BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM 2016 —

mustang



Synopsis: It is the beginning of summer. In a remote village in Turkey, Lale and her four sisters come home from school playing with boys and trigger a scandal with unexpected consequences. The family home gradually turns into a prison, homemaking classes replace school and marriages begin to be arranged. The five sisters, driven by the same desire for freedom, circumvent the limits imposed on them...

Presented at the Directors' Fortnight of the 2015 Cannes Film Festival, Mustang then won a shower of awards at various prestigious festivals, including four Césars in 2016: Best Original Screenplay, Best Editing, Best Music and Best First Film.

Original Turkish version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h37'

Note: Contributions are very welcome!
Aurofilm Collection
Acc. No. 252658

Friday 20th December at 8:00 pm

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS TIME!

"THE GRINCH"

Directed by **Scott Mosier, Yarrow Cheney**, United States, 2018

The Grinch, also known as Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, is an American animated Christmas film produced by Universal Pictures and Illumination. Based on the children's book by Dr. Seuss- How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Synopsis: It follows the Grinch, a cranky, solitary creature who attempts to thwart the public's Christmas plans by stealing Christmas gifts and decorations from the homes of the nearby town of Whoville on Christmas Eve. Miraculously, the Grinch realizes that Christmas is not all about money and presents...



Funny, heartwarming, and visually stunning, it's a universal story about the spirit of Christmas and the indomitable power of optimism!

Original English version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h25' - **For all ages!**



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program: 23rd December - 29th December 2024



Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is operating at 100% seating capacity. Seating starts about 15mins before screening and stops as the film starts. Kindly arrive in time.

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

INDIAN – MONDAY 23 DECEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• MERRY CHRISTMAS

India, 2024, Dir. Sriram Raghavan w/ Katrina Kaif, Vijay Sethupathi, Tinnu Annand, and others, Drama-Mystery, 144mins, Hindi-Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

On Christmas Eve, Albert returns home after years away, grieving his mother's loss. Seeking cheer, he meets the mysterious Maria and her mute daughter. As they share long walks and conversations, an undeniable magnetism forms. For Maria, Albert is a dream come true, and for Albert, Maria is a Christmas miracle. But as the night unfolds, romance turns into a nightmare.

POTPOURRI – TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• IT'S A WONDEFUL LIFE

USA, 1946, B&W, Dir. Frank Capra w/ James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, and others, Holiday-Family, 130mins, English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

George Bailey has spent his life helping others in Bedford Falls. On Christmas Eve, his uncle loses \$8,000, leading George to believe he'll go to jail and Mr. Potter will take over the town. Desperate, he contemplates suicide, but his guardian angel, Clarence, shows him how valuable his life truly is. *This beloved classic reminds us of all that Christmas wouldn't be complete without George's heartwarming story.*



SELECTION – WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• JOHNNY

Poland, 2022, Dir. Daniel Jaroszek, w/ David Ogrodnik, Piotr Trojan, and others, Biography-Drama, 119, Polish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

Patryk Galewski, an ex-criminal, receives a court order to work at a hospice in Puck. There, meets Fr. Jan Kaczkowski, the compassionate priest who runs the hospice and who himself is dying of cancer.

INTERESTING – THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• KATIYABAAZ

India-USA, Dir. Deepti Kakkar & Fahad Mustafa w/ Ritu Maheshwari, Loha Singh, Irfan Solanki, and others, Docu-Drama, 84mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

In a city with 15hr power cuts, hundreds risk their lives stealing electricity. With the first female chief of the electricity company vowing to eliminate all illegal connections, the lines are drawn for a battle over power. *A film to watch!*

INTERNATIONAL – SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• DEN FØRSTE JULEN I SKOMAKERGATA (CHRISTMAS ON COBBLER STREET)

Norway, 2023, Dir. Mikal Hovland w/ Jan Sælid, Kåre Conradi, Kristoffer Olsen, and others, Family, 95mins, Norwegian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Just before Christmas, 11yr old Stine arrives on Cobler Street all by herself and seeks shelter with Shoemaker Andersen, a grumpy old man who just wants to be left alone. Their meeting changes everything for both.

CHILDREN'S MATINÉE – SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER, 4:00 PM:

• THAT CHRISTMAS

UK, 2024, Dir. Simon Otto w/ Bill Nighy, Brian Cox, Guz Khan, and others, Computer-Animation, 91mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Based on Richard Curtis's award-winning trilogy, this film interweaves tales of family, friends, love, and Santa Claus's big mistake during Wellington-on-Sea's worst snowstorm. The unforgettable Christmas, filled with unexpected twists and an enormous number of turkeys, highlights how the storm alters everyone's plans and brings the townsfolk closer together.

SIDNEY LUMET CINEMA @ CINÉ-CLUB

CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• NETWORK

USA, 1976, Dir. Sydney Lumet, w/ Faye Runaway, William Holden and others, Drama, 121 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In the 1970s, terrorist violence dominates nightly news, and UBS Television Network's corporate structure is changing. Howard Beale, the aging news anchor, loses his strong ratings and is fired by the network. Beale reacts unexpectedly.

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

To organize a seminar/program at MMC kindly email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. Our projector is crawling towards the end of its life, 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

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

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

GAS BOTTLE SERVICE

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622452
- **Email:** 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

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

POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE (PTDC)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622746/ 2622796
- **Email:** 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

Children's Storytime! All ages welcome!

- Every **Saturday** between 10am - 11am.



Helping Others:

Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.

Dalai Lama

EDUCATION

DEHASHAKTI NEW YEAR'S TOURNAMENT

3 - 4 JANUARY 2025

Dear Parents and Friends,

AVPEB and Dehashakti are happy to announce

**Dehashakti New Year's Tournament,
3rd - 4th January 2025!**

A series of fun, competitive, and inclusive sporting events aimed at promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy activity among our children. This event is open to children of Aurovillians, Newcomers and Volunteers. Parents/Trainers can come together to form teams and apply for entries in the open category for the following:

Under 13 and Under 18 Team Sports :

- Futsal, 7+3 players
- Basketball, 5+3 players
- Frisbee, 7+3 players
- Volleyball, 6+3 players (under 18 only).

Individual Athletic Events :

- Long Jump
- Sprint - 60 mtrs.

Important dates to remember:

- **Final Tournament Dates:** Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th January 2025
- **Last Date to send entries:** Friday 6th Dec 2024 at 3:00pm
- **Supportive Coaching and Practice sessions from AVPEB & Dehashakti teams:** 26th - 27th-28th Dec 2024

The main goal is for children to work independently toward building their teams and organising their practice routines with some support from the parents/facilitators/trainers.

From the time of receiving this mail till Dec 25th children can start working on building their teams and athletes.

AVPEB and Dehashakti team members will be in communication with one adult representative of each team in the coming months to support the children. Interested parents/coaches please write to avpeb@auroville.org.in and we will make an appointment with you to share the details.

Lijun and Saravanan for
AVPEB and Dehashakti Teams



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 or WA 8300643963 Philippe G. or call 9952812843 N. Murugan.

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

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- Venue: Hive, Auromode
- Time: **9 am - 5 pm**

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

- Visit us at www.auromode.in/hive-coworking for more details on our plans and facilities.
- For inquiries: auromodehive@auroville.org.in / +91 70921 97375 (WA) / +91 90427 59540 (WA) or drop by.

All are Welcome!!

HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2024

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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.

Doctor Consultation with Dr.Senthil & Dr.Pavan: Monday to Saturday	Nurse Care - Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana & Sandhya: Daily: no appointment needed
Ayurveda with Dr. Be: TOS	Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday
Acupuncture with Andres: Monday to Friday	Homeopathy with Michael: Monday / Wednesday / Saturday
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday	Physiotherapy with Arun: Monday to Saturday (except Friday)
Midwifery & GYN Care with Paula: Monday & Wednesday	Adaptive Therapy (all ages) with Asita: Wednesday & Saturday
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena – email adminsante@auroville.org.in	Soundbed Session with Sandhya / Thilagam: Monday to Saturday

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

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

HEALTH CENTER - KUILAPALAYAM

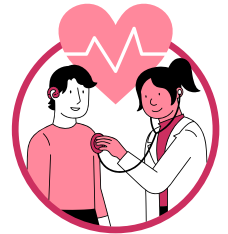
Contact: (0413)-3509942 / 3509943

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

ACCESS TO THE PARK OF UNITY AND MATRIMANDIR

The Park of Unity

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

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

The Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir

The Matrimandir is a place for silent individual concentration.

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

The Petals of the Matrimandir

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

Access to Matrimandir for Visitors and Guests Matrimandir Viewing Point

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

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

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

The Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir

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

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

Awaiting update on trip prices/monthly schemes!

Thank you for your patience.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance (24/7):

Auroville 94422 24680	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 89038 36246
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Mental Health 24/7 Support:

Vandrevala Foundation +91 99996 66555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108