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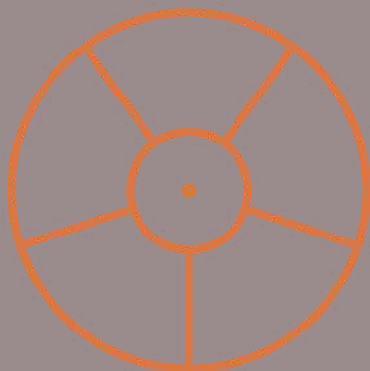
NEWS & NOTES



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PONDERING

Hostile forces are tolerated in the world only because they put man's sincerity to the test. The day that man becomes integrally sincere, they will pass away, for there will no longer be any reason for their existence.

The Mother, 13 March 1949, Adverse Forces, THE WORDS OF THE MOTHER III
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CONCEPTION AND BIRTH : NEW CONSCIOUSNESS

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"Sections like industries which participate actively will contribute part of their income towards the development of the township; or if they produce something (like foodstuffs) that is useful to the citizens, they will contribute in kind to the township, which is responsible for feeding its citizens." This is what we were just saying. The industries will participate actively, they will contribute. If these industries produce articles which are not constantly needed and therefore in amounts or quantities that are too great to be used within the city, but which will sell outside, they, of course, should participate with money. And I give food as an example; those who produce food will give what they produce to the town—in proportion to what they produce, of course—and the town is responsible for feeding everyone. That means that people will not need to buy food with money; but it must be earned.

It is a sort of adaptation of the communist system, but not in a spirit of levelling; according to the capacity, the position—not the psychological or intellectual, but the inner position of each one.

What is true is that materially every human being has the right—but it is not a 'right'... The organisation should be such, should be so arranged, that the material needs of everyone are assured, not according to ideas of rights and equality, but on the basis of the minimum needs. And once that is established, each one should be free to organise his life according to—not according to his financial means, but his inner capacities.

"No rules or laws are being framed. Things will get formulated as the underlying Truth of the township emerges and takes shape progressively. We do not anticipate." What I mean is that usually, —always so far, and now more and more—men lay down mental rules according to their conceptions and ideals, and then they apply them (*Mother brings down her fist to show the world in the grip of*

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mind), and that is absolutely false, it is arbitrary, unreal—and the result is that things revolt or wither and disappear... It is the experience of Life itself that should slowly elaborate rules which are as flexible and wide as possible, to be always progressive. Nothing should be fixed.

That is the great error of governments; they make a framework and say 'There you are, we have set this up and now we must live by it'; and so of course they crush life and prevent it from progressing. Life itself must develop more and more in a

*The city the earth
needs.*

progression towards Light, Knowledge, Power, little by little establishing rules that are as general as possible, so that they can be extremely flexible and change with the need—and change as quickly as the needs and habits do.

The problem finally comes down to this: to replace the mental government of the intelligence by the government of a spiritualised consciousness.

+ 30.12.1967

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... That is how life in Auroville should be organised, but I doubt whether people are ready.

Q : That is to say that it is possible so long as they accept the guidance of a sage?

Yes. The first thing that should be accepted and recognised by everyone is that the invisible and higher power—that is, the power which belongs to a plane of consciousness that is mostly veiled, but which is within each; a consciousness which can be called anything,

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by any name, it does not matter, but which is integral and pure in the sense that it is not false, it is in the Truth—that this power is capable of ordering material things in a way that is truer, happier and better for everyone than any material power. That is the first point. Once people agree on that...



Connection Between the Light and the Physical

Physical centre touched by the Light. Awakens to the necessity of growth and blossoming. -- The Mother

Canna Xgeneralis L.H. bail., Cannaceae. Canna lily

NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 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)

GB groups:

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

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS



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Thank you for your continued support!

In community,
The RA Community Edition News & Notes Team



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FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 236 DATED: 23-12-2024

The Entry Board, in consultation with the mentors concerned, has not accepted the following Newcomers joining Auroville. The reasons have been communicated to them.

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

NOT READY TO JOIN

- Yash SHETTY

NOTE:

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

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



FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1058

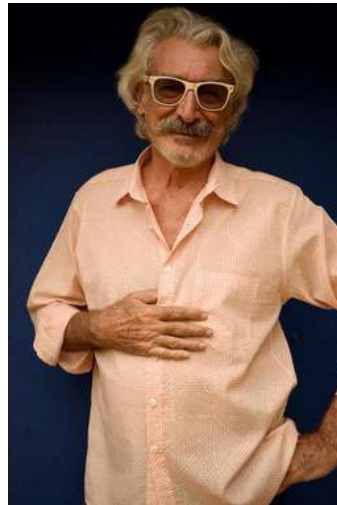
Please click [HERE](#) to read the FO groups news

COMMUNITY NEWS



OBITUARY

MARCO FEIRA PASSES AWAY



This is to inform the community that Marco Feira, Sharnga, passed away.

The burial of Marco Feira's remains will be tomorrow December 27th at 3:30pm at the Auroville Burial Ground.

Liliana, Ambra, Alessio, Igor, Ramon, Diego



NAVROZ PASSES AWAY - 21.12.2024

Dear friends,

Navroz Kersasp Mody, a long time Aurovilian, has passed after facing health issues.

Our gratitude to The Mother's fearless soldier, Navroz Mody.

He has bravely defended, often singlehandedly, Auroville's spirit and manifestation in many fields, through personal appearances, letters and articles, and in legal actions.

He has been instrumental in ecosystems restoration, environmental justice initiatives.

Navroz was cremated on Thursday 26th December at the Auroville Cremation Ground.

~ OM ~

Shanti Shanti Shanti



JONATHAN LUCKSTED PASSES ON

This is to inform the community of the passing of Jonathan Lucksted, brother of Amy from Fertile and son of John from Udumbu. He passed away in the UK suddenly but peacefully in his sleep, from complications arising from pneumonia.

He spent several periods here in Auroville since the early 2000s, staying in Fertile and volunteering at Botanical Gardens. He will be deeply missed by his UK and AV family.

Safe travels Jon.

~ OM ~



RICHARD PIERRE PÉREZ



Richard (Richard Pierre Pérez) was born in southwestern France and spent much of his life in Paris with his partner Marie Christine. They visited Auroville for the first time in 2008 and then returned every year for a short period of one month until their permanent settlement in 2017. Richard had been working at the Botanical Garden since then, where his manual skills, generosity, and availability were fully expressed. His smile, his radiance, his simplicity, and his sincerity will remain in the hearts of all those who met him.

Richard was cremated on Monday 23rd December at the Auroville Cremation Ground.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Farewell Aurovilians

Tatiana Tolochkova
Franca Crocetti
Sylvia Zimmerman
Shakuntala N. Patel
Subramaniam M.
Josette Tardivel
Lorraine Freeman
Martin Zbinden
M. Velmurugan
Krishna
Tia Pleiman
Mahalingam
Etsuko Shimabukuro
Goupi
Gajendran
Kratu
Lakshmanan
Bindu Mohanty
Yuval
Marry Kroon
Soham
J.Jayaraman
Shastri
Jean-Luc Buro (Bureau)
Victor Plotnikov
Karuna Periyarswamy
Richard Pierre Pérez
Navroz Kersasp Mody
Marco Feira

Farewell Friends of Auroville

Dominique Giraud
Christel Quévieux
Eveline Preibsch
John Mandeem
Aswathaman Chandrasekar
Prateek
Agia Ram Lamba
Kuppammal
Danielle de Diesbach
Vaishali
Aurienne Fator
Maggi Lidchi-Grassi
Bhabu (Bhabani Prosad Lahori)
Jonathan Lucksted

Remembering
those that passed
in
2024



DEHASHAKTI NEW YEAR TOURNAMENT - 2025

COME FOR THE GAMES, STAY FOR THE AV SPIRIT!!!

Dear Auroville Community,

We are excited to announce the first ever **Dehashakti New Year Tournament** and everyone is warmly invited! Teams will be competing for Futsal, Basketball, Volleyball, Long Jump and Sprint 60 mtrs.

**Dehashakti New Year's Tournament,
Saturday 4th January 2025!**

The Mother said this about **A Good Sportsman** -

- IS COURTEOUS

...**On the field** he does not jeer at errors; he does not cheer at the opponent's defeat; he treats them as guests, not enemies.

- IS MODEST

...**On the field** he works for the good of the team rather than for individual honour; he will even sacrifice his own prestige for his team; he is a gracious winner.

- IS GENEROUS

...**On the field** he applauds the good play of his opponents.

- IS GAME

...**On the field** he plays hard; he fights though he may be already defeated; he accepts adverse decisions; he is a good loser.

- IS OBEDIENT

...**On the field** he observes the rules of the games.

- IS FAIR

...**On the field** he competes in a clean, hard-fought but friendly way; he helps an injured opponent.

We invite everyone to come and embody this spirit as spectators. Cheer and uphold the spirit of an excellent sport, a good player, a fair game!

It is by example that we will inspire the next generation of Aurovillians.



- Date: **Saturday 4th January 2025**
- Time: **2:30 - 6:30pm**
- Venue: **Dehashakti.**

Dehashakti and AVPEB Teams

NOTICE FROM SERENDIPITY GUEST HOUSE

NEW GATE LOCATION

We want to inform the community that we are in the process of shifting our gate location.



As the Crown road is passing through the campus, we are shifting the gate further down the road. The "old gate" will be fully closed and the only entrance will be through the new gate only. Please drive carefully.

Warmly,
Serendipity Team





NEW YEAR AT MATRIMANDIR

TUESDAY 31.12.2024

*" In the vast golden laughter of Truth's sun
Like a great heaven-bird on a motionless sea
Is poised her winged ardour of creative joy
On the still deep of the Eternal's peace."*



- **4:30 - 9pm:** The Inner Chamber will remain open for Aurovilians and Newcomers for their concentration before the New Year.
- **5 - 5:30pm:** Silent Gathering under the Banyan Tree to bid farewell to the year that is ending and prepare ourselves to receive the coming year. All are to maintain complete silence under the Banyan Tree.
- **5:30 - 6:15pm:** *"May we never forget..."* - Sound Offering by Svaram Team at the Unity Pond. Entrance from the Office Gate. Visitors and guests are requested to carry their **Aurocard** along with them.
- **11pm - 12:15am:** Matrimandir will remain open for midnight meditation for **Aurovilians and Newcomers only**. All are requested to be seated in the Inner Chamber latest by 11:45pm.

WEDNESDAY 1.1.2025

- **6:30 – 7am: New Year Meditation under the Banyan Tree.**

Entrance from the Office Gate, open at 6:15am. Guests are requested to carry their **Aurocard** with them. Last entry for guests and Aurocard holders at 6:30am.

Evening Program at the Amphitheatre

5:30 to 6pm:

New Year music 1976

" To Thee our infinite gratitude..."

Bonne Année and Happy New Year to All!

MATRIMANDIR ACCESS INFORMATION

Dear All,

Please note that the Matrimandir Access team has made some small changes to the Access Policy.

- Firstly all Pass Holders and Aurovilians bringing guests will have to sign into a register at the Office Gate.
- Secondly Aurovilians can bring their close family members to the Gardens 4:30pm to 6:30pm daily as long as they inform before 11am on the day of the proposed visit to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in.
- Thirdly, all guest houses and home stays please note: Guests only holding Aurocards, who wish to attend the Savitri Readings in the Amphitheatre on Thursday evenings will have to book one or two days in advance at mmconcentration@auroville.org.in.
- The Matrimandir Access team also wishes to remind all Aurovilians acting as guides for visitors or guests that your guests can not be treated as friends and brought to the Park of Unity at any time. All Tours and guided individuals and parties should be taken to the Viewing Point.

- The Matrimandir Access team also wishes to remind anyone running workshops and camps that visits to Matrimandir or the Park of Unity are not to be included in the itinerary. All group visits should be to the Viewing Point only. Individuals attending these events who wish to concentrate in the Inner Chamber are welcome to make a booking in the normal way at auroville.org.

Access to the Park of Unity

The Park of Unity:

- The Matrimandir, the Petals, the Lotus Pond and the Banyan Tree are areas of SILENCE.
- The Park of Unity is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers daily, 6am-7:30pm.
- Aurovilians may bring close family and friends to the Gardens daily, 9am-3:30pm.
- Aurovilians wishing to bring close family to the Gardens at any other time should inform mmconcentration@auroville.org.in before 11am on the day of the proposed visit.
- Savi registered 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, registered Newcomers, Volunteers, Pass holders and Guests. Guests should bring their Aurocards.
- Savitri Readings on Thursday evenings: Guests holding only Aurocards wishing to attend should book at mmconcentration@auroville.org.in one or two days in advance.

Access to the Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir

The Matrimandir is a place for silent individual concentration. The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers:

- Monday-Saturday: 6-8am, 4:30-7:30pm. Sunday: 6am-12pm, 4:30-7:30pm.
- The Inner Chamber is open to SAVI registered Volunteers: Wednesday-Monday, 8-8:40am. Arrival at 7:45am at the Office Gate.
- The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 5 close family members 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: 8-8:35am. Arrival at 7:45am at the Office Gate.
- The Inner Chamber, the Petals and the Gardens are open to the Children of Auroville and the Outreach Schools: Tuesday 9-11am.
- Auroville units can bring their staff to the Inner Chamber with a prior booking to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in Tuesday 8-8:30am.

The Petals of the Matrimandir

- The Petals are open to Aurovilians, registered Newcomers and Pass holders:
- Daily 7-8am, 5-6pm.



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, 9am-5:30pm.

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, or to go to the website: auroville.org
- 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.

COMMUNITY SHARING



AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

THE YEAR 2024 IN REVIEW

MONTHLY TRANSPARENCY REPORT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Due to Cyclone Fengal, which made landfall on the Pondicherry coast on the evening of November 30th and caused huge destruction in our shelter, we could not publish a transparency report for November.

Overview (November and December)

- New admissions: November - 18, December - 41 (381 since April 2023)
- Rabies confirmed case: 1
- Adoptions and Releases: November - 2, December - 12
- Vaccinations administered: approx. 150 (approx. 1050 since the start of the vaccination drive)
- ABC shelter dog sterilizations: November - 25, December - 0 (154 since February 2024)
- Deworming: approx. 50

Donations

Even though we prepared as well as possible for Cyclone Fengal, the destruction was immense. Thanks to the help from our partner organization, People For Animals Chennai, "Donatekart", an Indian fundraising platform, adopted our shelter to raise funds to rebuild the shelter. So far, Rs. 35 lakhs has been collected, which will be given in kind in the form of construction materials, medicines, and food. AVI USA launched its matching donation month in December and we are grateful for the many donations that have been received. The exact amount we will know in January.

We want to express our extreme gratefulness to hundreds of Aurovillian residents, dog lovers, and friends who have supported us with their donations, messages of hope, and prayers during the enormous challenge and destruction Cyclone Fengal brought upon

our shelter. Some brave people even walked on the day after the cyclone on foot to the shelter to give our dogs rice and clothes. We will never forget your compassion, love, and help! Thank you so much!

Thank you
very much!

Expenditures

- **Animal Food:** In November and December we fed each month our dogs 1.6 tons of rice, 2 tons of chicken, and 700 eggs, supplemented with donated food items like vegetables and daal, which cost us approx. 1 lakh. 250 kg of pedigree dry food has been donated besides milk powder and rice
- **Staff Costs:** Total staff costs for this month for our workers and paid animal care staff, 2 veterinarians, and volunteers were approx. Rs. 1 lakh for each month.
- **Medical Costs:** Thanks to a grant from the Department of Animal Husbandry and AWBI for food and medicine we were able to start restocking our medical supplies. An exact number we can provide in January.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Our new Serenity Building has been finished but it is not opened yet as we have been waiting for almost 2 months now to receive 50 truckloads of Earth from the Matrimandir Lake to lift the entire area, which turns into a lake. Constant rain prevented the delivery. We hope to open very soon.

Project "Sterilising 1000 Dogs in 1 Year"

Despite the hardships we have been facing and lack of support from Auroville authorities, who still only support us with Rs. 50,000 per month, we are determined to realize our project goal to sterilize 1000 dogs in just one year, which will make an enormous difference in the entire area. Together with the Department of Animal Welfare, we have worked out a project plan and started to fundraise Rs. 15 lakh to turn our goal into reality. As the cyclone has destroyed our already rotten electrical system, we need to improve the infrastructure first to start this project. It requires an update to our surgery room with a power inverter, operation lights, and running water. To reach our goal of 20 sterilizations per week, we have to construct 13 additional ABC kennels for post-operation treatment and hire an experienced surgeon and veterinary assistant on a one-year contract. We are determined to achieve this goal, as mass sterilization is the only way to end the suffering of too many puppies being born and dumped all over Auroville.



Rabies Dog Caught

On December 19th several distress calls reached us from AV residents that a female white dog was attacking and biting people and animals in the area of Bharat Niwas. Our rescue team raced to search for the dog and managed to catch it near the Tibetan Pavilion. The dog displayed several symptoms of rabies and was extremely aggressive, even biting one of our staff members. The next morning, the dog passed away, which indicates that it had been highly virulent already for at least 10 days. A specialized veterinary team from Mettupalayam College confirmed the rabies infection and submitted a report to the Department of Animal

Husbandry. Immediately, we issued mass bulletins to inform everyone who had come in contact with the dog to seek medical help. The following day our team started a vaccination drive in the entire area going from house to house. Auroville has been declared a rabies outbreak area and despite having vaccinated over 1000 dogs and cats in the last few weeks, the danger of rabies is far from over.

New Auroville Dog Shelter

The Auroville Dog Shelter's construction has stalled for nearly a year due to a withheld building permit and already allocated funds not being released. We cannot disclose details about the delay, but we are negotiating with the Auroville Foundation and are hopeful that we will soon find a solution to build the new shelter. We tried to submit the petition which had been signed by over 800 supporters to demand from FAMC that at least our basic monthly running costs be covered so that we can continue our essential service to the AV Community, but it has been rejected so far.



The Year 2024 in Review

We are full of gratitude to the many dog lovers, friends, and supporters who have helped our shelter get through this tough year. We had hoped to have already been able to build our new dog shelter, but the construction of the shelter has been delayed now for almost a year. This brought upon us enormous challenges, especially with funding. Despite our best efforts, in some months, it just wasn't enough, and we had to survive day by day with barely sufficient food and almost no medicines. The big rabies outbreak for which we received no support from Auroville officials depleted our finances and medicines entirely but after the darkest hours, there is always light. Compassionate people, units, and organizations with enormous hearts stepped up and helped us to get through these tough challenges. The list would be too long, but we want to thank especially Auroville's young folks, from the Youth Centre and Youth Link who immediately stepped up to build dog houses for us and AVI USA, who not only supported us all year long but saved Auroville by providing instantly the necessary funds to start a mass vaccination drive in Auroville and in the surrounding villages to curb the rabies outbreak.

Here is a small monthly overview of the YEAR 2024

- **January** - Arthur took on the responsibility as manager of the Auroville Dog Shelter. Our team worked hard and built out of recycled and scrap materials 15 dog houses to provide shelter for our residents.
- **February** - On February 4th, we invited dog lovers to the first Auroville Puppy Fair, which we organized together with the Puppy Camp. Over 450 visitors made this event a tremendous success with children painting our dog houses. Watch out for Puppy Fair 2 in February 2025!
- **March** - On March 26th and 27th, the first Auroville Canine Care Camp took place under the honorable presence of the Dean of Mettupalayam (RIVER) College, Dr. V. Sejian who brought 15 veterinary students to support our team and volunteers to microchip, vaccinate, register and deworm all our dogs.
- **April** - Successful Inspection by the Department of Animal Husbandry who rewarded the shelter with several grants, allowing us to purchase an ambulance, and receive funds for food, medicine, and infrastructure improvements.

- **May** - As the infrastructure of our old shelter was deteriorating rapidly an electrical fire broke out in our clinic highlighting the urgent need to start constructing the new Auroville Dog Shelter.
- **June** - At the beginning of June, we launched a soft trial run of a new service we provide to the Auroville Community every Friday at the parking lot in front of Solar Kitchen. Our mobile vet clinic where we provide free veterinary service was an instant success with the AV Community. We are right now looking for a rain safe location to continue operations during monsoon. A MoU with the renowned Mettupalayam Veterinary College was signed turning the Auroville Dog Shelter into a place of education, learning, and research for veterinary interns and students.
- **July** - We are happy to enter a partnership with India's biggest Animal Care Organisation, Maneka Gandhi's "People for Animals".
- **August** - After having the privilege to visit Dr. Shiranee Pereira's shelter near Seethanjeri in northern Tamil Nadu, we are excited to enter into a partnership with her organization to help and support each other. The renowned animal lover and activist Dr. Shiranee Pereira is the head of People for Animals Chennai Charitable Trust and supports our shelter a lot. We are extremely grateful! End of August we had caught within a few days several dogs in Auroville that had tested positive for rabies, and had bitten Auroville residents and also children. The danger of a huge outbreak in Auroville was imminent. As we did not have any funds to buy the necessary vaccinations and the Auroville Foundation simply ignored our pleas for emergency funding, we started a desperate call to fundraise. AVI USA, when they heard our call for help and realized the potential danger, instantly stepped up and provided us Rs. 5 lakh to buy the necessary vaccinations. Our team set up a mass vaccination drive in Auroville and many villages surrounding it, vaccinating over 1000 dogs and cats and providing basic veterinary care. Our initiative was monitored by the Department of Animal Husbandry and received a huge media echo and support by locals and Aurovilians for keeping Auroville safe.
- **September** - We are immensely grateful to Youth Centre and Youth Link for instantly agreeing to help us build 20 dog houses to help us keep our dogs dry from the incoming monsoon.
- **October** - Expansion of HOPE: Serenity Building Improvements and Sterilizations. Our team worked hard to clear a previously unused 0.3-acre area of the shelter from overgrowth and renovated and upgraded in record time an old building to turn it into a beautiful dormitory with private garden access for our dogs. This helps us tremendously to improve the living quality of our residents.
- **November** - We launched a [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition to demand Auroville to increase their meager funding of Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 3 lakhs per month to cover at least our basic running costs in order for us to maintain our services to the Community. Within a short time, over 800 residents, dog lovers, and friends have signed.
- **December** - Beginning of the month Cyclone Fengal brought devastation to the shelter. Many trees fell down, destroying several already crumbling facilities, injuring and killing some dogs, and taking out our infrastructure. Our team literally worked day and night to restore water, electricity and food supply for our dogs, clearing debris and restoring basic operations. We had to suspend our sterilizations in December but hope to continue in January 2025.



We are looking forward to continuing serving animals and the Auroville Community in the new year 2025 and have many projects lined up. Despite all the resistance and hardships we had to face this year, our spirit remains unbroken and we will not give up our daily fight to improve the lives of all animals for a better and brighter and more compassionate future of our beloved Auroville

Auroville Dog Shelter Team
Tine, Arthur, Mar



MISSING PUPPY- FROM ATITHI GRIHA GUESTHOUSE



Hi. I am offering a reward for anyone who knows the whereabouts of this puppy that has disappeared from Atithi Griha guesthouse. The puppy went missing anytime **after the morning of Wednesday the 11th of December.**

Someone must know something of what happened to this puppy and where it is.

The reward I am offering is INR 8000.

Please come forward with information as I am looking to adopt this puppy.

Please note it is very frightened of people but will not bite. It is only about 8 weeks old. I am no longer in Auroville but can make arrangements to pick up the puppy when found.

Please reach me by email at judyajojo@hotmail.com or phone message on WhatsApp - 1 604 518-3523

Judy

NEW YEAR SPECIAL : WORLD GAME - SANDPLAY (FOR GROWN UPS!)

★ Hello dear Aurovilians! ★

As we step into the New Year, I'd love to invite you for a special *World Game - Sandplay* session. It's a beautiful, creative way to reflect, dream, and set intentions for the year ahead—like crafting your own vision board, but in the sand!



This is my free gift to you for this January month ♥

★ Priority will be given to long-term Aurovilians ★

Maybe you remember exploring this game in the early days of Auroville? It's a chance to reconnect with that spirit and rediscover the magic of this simple yet profound practice.

Curious to play?

Contact me on my Whatsapp to schedule your session - message, no calls: 94880 84952.

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RESIDENTS SPEAK

AUROVILLE'S NEW POLICIES: A CLEAR BREACH OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTY OF MOVEMENT

The recent directives from Auroville's Human Resources Service (HRS) represent not just a shift in community management but a significant breach of fundamental human rights, particularly the right to liberty of movement. These policies mandate that every resident, newcomer, and volunteer must notify or obtain permission from HRS for any absence from Auroville, which is a direct infringement on the freedom to move freely both within and outside one's country.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, under Article 13, explicitly states that "Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state" and "Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country." However, Auroville's new regulations impose conditions that arguably contravene these rights by requiring residents to seek permission for extended absences and even to report short-term departures.

This isn't merely about administrative oversight; it's about controlling individual movements in a way that seems to go beyond what is necessary for community management or security.

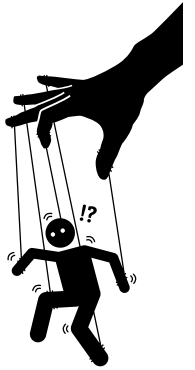
Moreover, the requirement to manage one's living space through enforced house-sitting and the need for special permissions to host family members for extended periods further erode personal autonomy and liberty. These rules suggest a level of control over personal life that is more characteristic of authoritarian regimes than a community founded on the ideals of human unity and freedom.

This development in Auroville does not align with the community's original vision or international human rights standards. It raises serious questions about the direction in which Auroville is heading, where the concept of 'liberty of movement' is being overshadowed by bureaucratic control. The forced centralization and these new restrictions are not only unnecessary but also potentially illegal under international human rights law, which Auroville, as an international community, should aim to uphold rather than undermine.

As residents of India, Aurovilians are entitled to the protections and freedoms granted by the Indian Constitution, including the right to freedom of movement under Article 19. The new HRS policies in Auroville, which require residents to seek permission for absences or inform about short trips, directly contravene these rights. Indian law does not support such restrictions on citizens' or legal residents' movements unless they are for specific, legally justified reasons like national security or public health emergencies. Auroville, being an experimental township within India, cannot legally impose these controls without aligning with or exceeding Indian legal frameworks.

This treatment of residents as if they are under some form of curfew or needing state-like approval for personal travel is not only a departure from Auroville's ethos of liberty but also potentially

illegal under Indian law. Moreover, these policies could be seen as discriminatory or punitive, especially if they apply uniquely to Auroville residents and not to other Indian citizens or residents in similar



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situations. This could lead to legal challenges or scrutiny under Indian human rights and constitutional law, emphasizing that Auroville, despite its unique status, must operate within the legal boundaries of India, respecting the rights and freedoms guaranteed to all its residents.

Guardian of the Dawn

A LIVING SYMBOL



A creative Consciousness-Force envisions a symbol and begins to manifest it.

With a sculptor as a symbolic example of a creative Consciousness-Force, a Creative Power, the question follows: Is the intentional progressive damage done to the original raw stone not part of the evolutionary process of the perfection of the envisioned symbol?

Now apply that to a One and Only Eternal and Infinite Source, a Divine Consciousness-Force, and Its ongoing sculpting of Its own perfected symbol, starting from scratch — a 'Big Bang', a 'Let there be Light', an 'In the beginning was the Word', a 'Let the Games begin', a 'Start from Zero' — hammered in increasing complexity, reaching the current yet transitional as still imperfect human form that has become aware of its Source, consciously and progressively unfolding towards an eventual Divine Manifestation, a living Symbol of Its own inherent perfect divinity.

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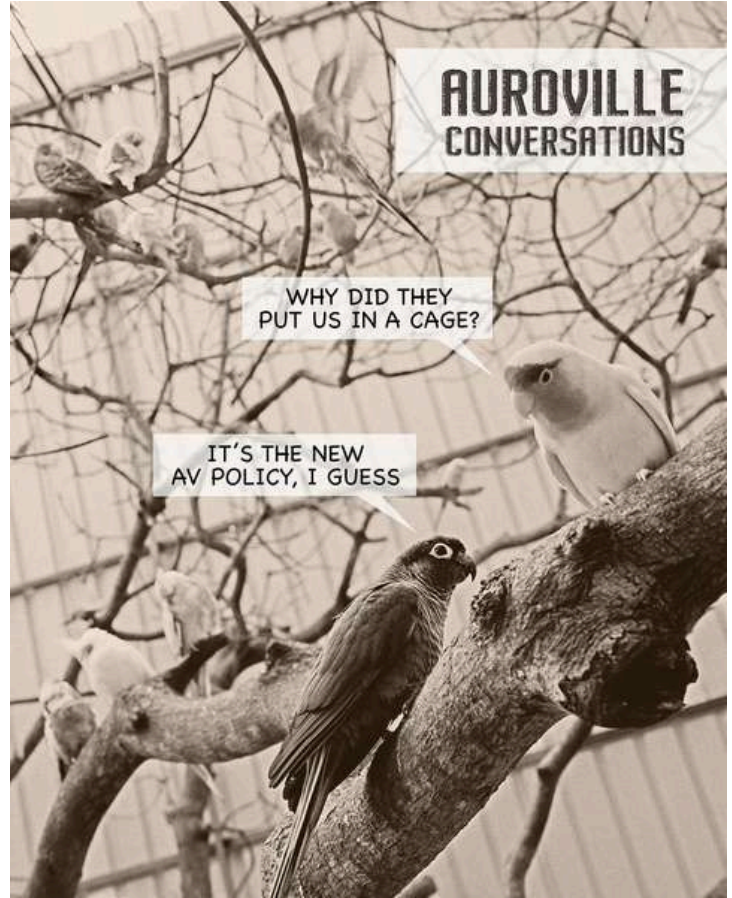
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Zech, 2024.12.22

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

To read more of Zech's work, scan here

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 31st December, 9 am - 12 noon
Focus: The Divine Mother

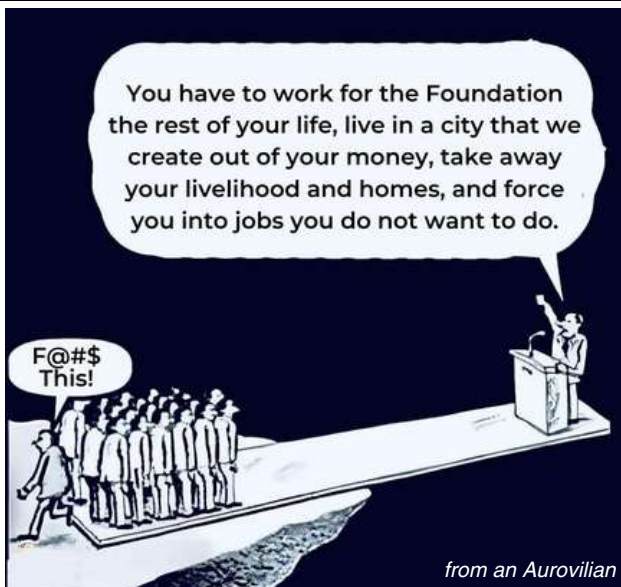
Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele
Ph/Whatsapp: 94891 47202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



from an Aurovillian

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@aurauro.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



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

TAXI SHARE

MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER



Looking to share a taxi for **Monday 30th December from Auroville to Chennai airport**, reaching there at **6:40 am**.

Contact: Jagrata WA +49 171 9355661

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE AUROVILLE POTTERS MARKET

The Auroville Potters Market needs assistance from volunteers for a few days.



- Sat 11th Jan - Tues 14th Jan
- Mon 20th Jan - Sat 28th Jan

To support this wonderful event, please email your name, contact number, and availability to aurovillepottersmarket@gmail.com

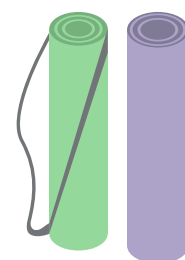
CORTICA SANDALS - MADE AND SOLD ONLY IN INDONESIA



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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<https://serendipity.auroville.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville>



REGULAR CLASSES:

Qi Gong - with Lhamo

- Monday - Wednesday and Friday 7 - 8:30am, 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.

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.

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.

Facial Gua Sha (beauty treatment) with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 84380 53127)

Facial Gua Sha reduces puffiness, lymphatic drainage, facial tension, helps tighten firm and lift skin, cooling, durable skin care. This treatment helps to detoxify, to purify and improve the metabolism as well.

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.

FACIAL GUA SHA WORKSHOP

Gua Sha is an ancient natural treatment popular in Chinese medicine to increase blood circulation, detox & stimulate the meridians for a better energy flow.

Through the workshop we will not only learn the correct way to use Gua Sha tool to stimulate meridians but also the connection between our facial features and our organs; our face is like a mirror of our organs conditions. The workshop will also include ancient belly techniques to balance spleen & liver.

Facial Gua Sha reduces puffiness, lymphatic drainage, facial tension, helps tighten firm and lift skin, cooling, durable skin care.

The participant need to have ones own Gua Sha tool.



Participants are required to attend all 4 days.

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT WORKSHOP AND TOOLS CONTACT: +91 9443617308

AT SERENDIPITY GUEST HOUSE



WORKSHOPS

FELDENKRAIS WORKSHOP ACTIVATING THE PELVIC FLOOR 5 - 6 JANUARY 2025



The pelvic floor is essential to many vital bodily functions, working quietly to support, protect, open, close, and stabilize. It collaborates with other muscle groups to maintain posture, balance, and breathing while stabilizing the hips, spine, and abdominal organs. As part of an interconnected system, the pelvic floor's functionality is closely linked to movement quality, breathing, vocal expression, sexual health, and more. Despite its importance, this area often receives little attention, even though its proper functioning is crucial for maintaining overall psychophysical balance.

This workshop emphasizes developing awareness of the pelvic floor through experiential anatomy and somatic exploration using the Feldenkrais Method.

Participants will explore their pelvic floor muscles in various positions, connecting these movements to everyday activities. This newfound awareness will then be integrated into the dynamic functioning of the entire body, fostering balance and vitality.

- with Simonetta Alessandri
- 30 years of teaching experience
- 5th, 6th January 2025
- 2 afternoons from 1pm to 4pm.

INFO AND REGISTRATION:

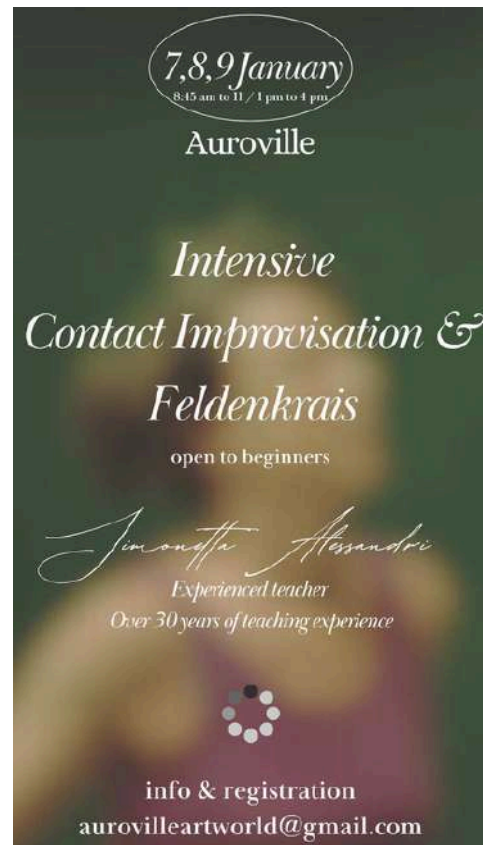
- aurovilleartworld@gmail.com
- limited spaces

DISCOVERING INNER AWARENESS THROUGH CONTACT IMPROVISATION & FELDENKRAIS

7, 8, 9 JANUARY

Presented by Simonetta — A Dance Artist and Somatic Educator

In the heart of Auroville, we invite teachers, educators, bodyworkers, and those passionate about movement and self-discovery to a workshop that explores the synergy between **Contact Improvisation** and the **Feldenkrais Method** within the framework of **Integral Yoga**. This workshop, facilitated by Simonetta, a seasoned dance artist with over 30 years of experience, offers a journey into movement as a pathway to consciousness, self-awareness, and a more profound connection with others.



What You'll Explore:

- **Contact Improvisation:** Through shared weight, balance, and spontaneous movement, participants will experience the art of "physical conversation" and explore relational dynamics. Exercises such as giving and receiving weight offer insights into how we "carry" others professionally and personally, mirroring the dynamics within teaching teams and student interactions.
- **The Feldenkrais Method:** This approach invites you to discover habitual movement patterns, gain freedom from unconscious tensions, and embrace a more fluid, adaptable body. Participants will be guided to identify and release patterns of tension, leading to a greater alignment of body and mind.

Why This Workshop?

This experience combines movement and observation to foster a holistic connection between mind, body, emotions, and spirit. Integral Yoga teaches that each aspect of our being plays a role in evolving our consciousness. By bringing these dimensions into harmony, we aim to align with our inner guidance, creating a space of authenticity and acceptance.

In this workshop, participants will explore awareness through movement, ATM Feldenkrais, and beginner exercises from Contact Improvisation. They will discover how movement can channel their inner landscape, unveil patterns, foster self-awareness, and re-pattern sequences of movements—liberating movements. This approach resonates with Integral Yoga, where every inner potential is nurtured, and our journey toward consciousness creates a harmonious environment that supports collective growth.

Connecting to Integral Yoga and Integral Education

This workshop encourages us to cultivate presence within ourselves and with our family, community, colleagues, and students. As we gain self-knowledge and bodily awareness, we contribute to a nurturing environment where we feel connected to our inner guidance. Integral Education fosters autonomy and authenticity. It emphasizes that as teachers become more conscious of their physical and emotional patterns, they can inspire trust and mutual respect in their students, creating a space of growth and unity in diversity. We encourage Teachers in Auroville

Simonetta is an Italian dance artist and a somatic educator based in London. She applies the Feldenkrais Method in dance and movement training and performance making. She teaches at Trinity Laban, Goldsmiths University, and London Contemporary Dance School.

Her work is based on more than 30 years of dancing, teaching, and choreography. Her choreography has been for dance companies, student pieces, large-scale opera, improvised performances, site-specific, and movement direction for theatre.

She taught for over 20 years in Italy and kept Contact Improvisation alive in Roma for 10 years with her classes and jams. She was one of the few dance practitioners in Italy who began working with Contact Improvisation in the 90's. She has been a guest teacher in Germany, Colombia, the UK, Norway, Israel, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, and Taiwan.

She obtained her Post Graduate Diploma at London Contemporary Dance School; she is a qualified teacher of the Feldenkrais Method and holds the Teacher Certificate from the Royal Academy of Dance. She is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She is one of the founders of CI@Goldsmiths, an association of dance artists dedicated to promoting and disseminating Contact Improvisation in London and the UK.

- With experienced teacher Simonetta Alessandri. Over 30 years of teaching experience.
- **Open to beginners.**
- **7th, 8th, 9th January. 8:45am to 11am / 1pm to 4pm.**
- Info & registration - aurovilleartworld@gmail.com

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO CIRCLE

FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2025



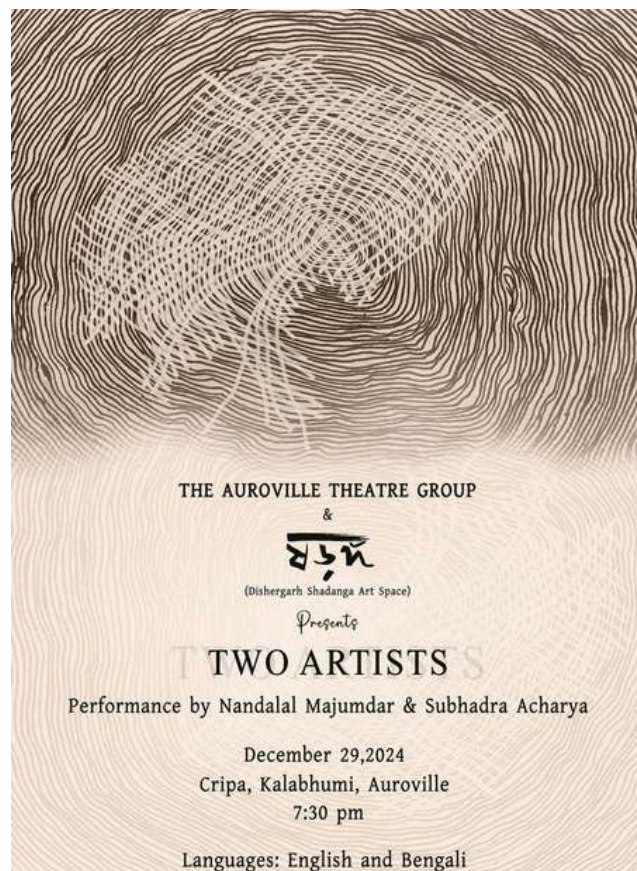
Photo Circle meets again on **FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY 2025 at 5pm** in the **Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines.**

The Photo circle 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. You are all welcome.

THE AUROVILLE THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS TWO ARTISTS: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY BETWEEN THE ARTIST AND SOUL

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2024, CRIPA



The concept of "a spiritual journey between the artist and soul" is taken from a narrative called "Two Artists" by a renowned writer Shibabrata Barman. The story depicts a surreal concept of an artist, who realizes there's someone on the other side of the canvas, who slowly is developing the painting along with him. He says the canvas feels like a tunnel or a rope which is connected between two parallel worlds like an umbilical cord of twins.

How we perceived the idea to give it a pictorial and kinetic form is what if two artists are not only living beings but also could be the inanimate symbol or the connection between a pure inner self and outer self or a submerged thought in the memory, looks like endless repetitive patterns which appears so often in dreams.

We shall give it a non-narrative shape with an intimate performance, background sound and a visual of a transparent sheet, which will gradually take abstract shapes. The performance will be a bodily and psychologically engaging representation where viewers also become part of the process. The process will be developed with time and space following a meditative journey between the artists and the viewers.

- With Nandalal Majumdar & Subhadra Acharya
- **Sunday December 29th 2024, 7:30pm**
- **CRIPA, Kalabhumi, Auroville**
- Languages: English and Bengali

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.**



WHO IS SEEING WHEN SEEING: THE KENA UPANISHAD AND THE SENSATION OF LOGIC

TUESDAY JAN 7TH 2025



Who in our consciousness experiences sensations? How are sensations synthesized? How do matter, vibration, consciousness, and self connect? And how can we share sensations through art? Aurobindo introduced the uncommon notion of intermixture at a central point in his interpretation of the Kena Upanishad. This concept invites deeper speculation about the power of art and provides a profound tool to understand postmodern theories like Gilles Deleuze's provocative reinterpretation of the notions of concept, percept, and affect. The Logic of Sensation (Deleuze) is an analysis of the forces in modern painting as an encounter. It will become clear that Aurobindo's interpretation of the Kena Upanishad as a key text of the Vedanta can hold space for one of the most profound rhizomatic postmodern thinkers.

On a deeper level, I want to explore how Aurobindo's idea that sensations can 'operate without bodily organs' relates to Deleuze's notion of body without organs (BwO). Both philosophers point at the forces of consciousness on a plane of immanence.

Tue Jan 7th 2025, 5pm Multimedia Room at Centre D'Art

MARCO SAROLDI'S HAPPY NEW YEAR

13-28 DECEMBER 2024, CENTRE D'ART

**Marco Saroldi's
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

From 13 to 28 December
Tue to Fri - 2 to 5.30
Sat - 10 to 12.30 - 2 to 5.30

centredart@auroville.org.in

SINGING CIRCLE

SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY, CREATIVITY

**Hall of Light
CREATIVITY**
4 January 2025
4 to 6 pm
Singing circle
Warm up exercises
Vocal improvisation
Vocal jamming

Creating music through improvisation and collaboration, challenging participants to play, dancing, sing, invent, imagine and explore.

Some rhythm and harmony singing is necessary

Registration Lola WSP 9443069335

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: 33AAATAD037BY3N

AUROVILLE RADIO



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

Last published podcasts:

- [Soul Tracks S.6, Ep.6](#) (Music)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making- Ep.40 "What Is Color Contrast In Art"](#) (Arts & Culture)
- [Seeking Our Inner Being Group Discussion, Ep. 3 \(French, Part 3\)](#) (Spirituality)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – Ep.474](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Seeking Our Inner Being Group Discussion, Ep. 2 \(French, Part 2\)](#) (Spirituality)
- [Soul Tracks S.6, Ep.5](#) (Music)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering – Ep.124](#) (Literature)

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

Regards,
Sai Priya
For Auroville RadioTV



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,
Kuilalpalayam, TN

POETRY

Great Birds

Where are the great birds that fly all night into the night?
Why do they cry? Who are they?
Why do the birds cry in my sleep?

Sleep, child, sleep.
These are the carriers of the deep thoughts.
These are the carriers of the dream,
Over the ocean of the dark they fly into the dark
To weave the lighting the night,
Delight into sorrow,
To shed the tender flame,
To wed yesterday to tomorrow.

They remember the sunken beginning
And with cries of victory pluck
Jewels from the forgotten rock,
Carry rubies of fire to set stars and oceans singing.

With the dip of their wings
They signal the message of the
Friend to the friend.
While we sleep they beat
Their hard wings within us
And fly over the deserts of our fears
To spread their radiance in the core of midnight
And draw forever
In their great bills the golden thread
Of the secret fabric that drains the word of tears.

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

Sri Aurobindo Ashram Jan. 21, 2011

And we by an incalculable grace
Are here among the blessed of the blest,
With time to undo the karmic knots of past,
Unfinished deeds and dramas yet to come
In future births in a world that shall outlast
Man's greed and savagery and shall contest
His very existence, the future of the race.

We being called by an inexorable sound
As if the OM of all the ages heard
In the dim and listening spaces of the soul
Brought forth the aspiration to travel home
Gravitating and seeking towards a goal
So vast and true, the ineluctable Word
Implanted here in this sacred ground.

Narad

**THEME OF THE MONTH
@ AUROVILLE LIBRARY**



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!*

**Piles of cow dung
Excretions of the past
Abundant compost
For a new dawn.**

Anandi Z

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)

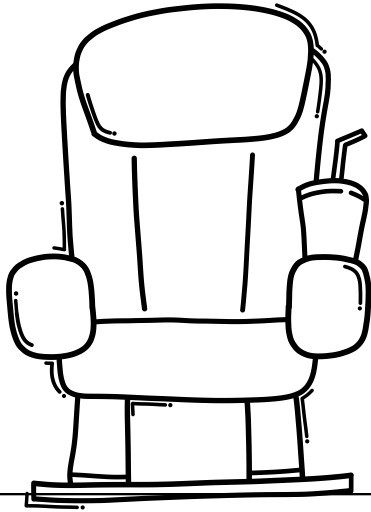


Friday 27th December at 8:00 pm

“CINEMA PARADISO” (Original title: Nuovo Cinema Paradiso)

Directed by **Giuseppe Tornatore, Italy, 1988**

With: Philippe Noiret, Jacques Perrin, Antonella Attili, Pupella Maggio, Salvatore Cascio



CINEMA

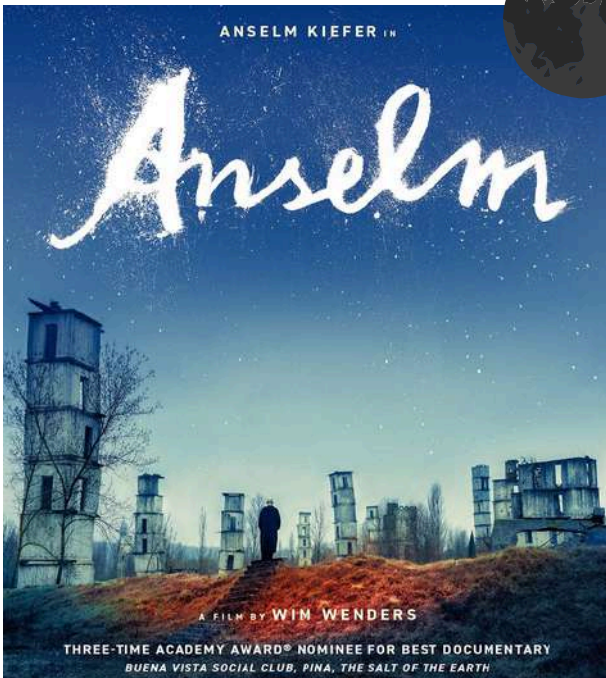
NEW MOON MOVIE AT CENTRE D'ART

MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER

Dear Friends,
Due to the heavy rains of the cyclone, the last screening of the movie was attended by 4 people only. So we will screen it again this Monday, the last new moon day of the year.

Every **NEW MOON Day**, Art movie screening at Centre d'Art. The time it will be on **Monday 30th December at 5pm** in the Multimedia room at Centre d'Art.

ANSELM, by Wim Wenders, 2023 – 93 min.



In Anselm, Wim Wenders creates a hypnotic portrait of **Anselm Kiefer**, one of the most innovative and important painters and sculptors of our time. The film presents an immersive cinematic experience of the German artist's work, which explores the overawing beauty of human existence, landscape, and myth while confronting the horrors of his country's history and seeking to undo the postwar silence in which both artist and director came of age.



Synopsis: Rome, at the end of the 1980s, Salvatore has just learned of the death of his old friend Alfredo. With this news, his entire childhood comes back to the surface: his native village in Sicily, when he was called Totò and he divided his free time between the church (where he was an altar boy) and the parish cinema, where Alfredo reigned, the projectionist who, through the films he showed, taught him about life and reveals to him the mysteries of moviemaking, beginning his lifelong love affair with cinema... "Here is the masterpiece of Giuseppe Tornatore which represents in itself a moving slice of life and a dazzling cinematic interlude. Indeed it was very difficult to tell a story whose main actor is the 7th art! But it was without counting on the talent of the filmmaker to juxtapose this story of love with passion on the big screen"

It was nominated for 11 BAFTA Awards and won five; including Best Actor, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Foreign Language Film

The film will be introduced by Dr. Alexander Pereverzev!

Original Italian version with English subtitles. Duration: 2h35'

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

Note:
There will be no film screening on Friday 3rd January 2025.

We wish you a Luminous and prosperous New Year!!!



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program: 30 December 2024 - 5 January 2025

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 30 DECEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• KISHKINDHA KAANDAM

India, 2024, Dir. Dinjith Ayyathan w/ Asif Ali, Vijayaraghavan, Aparna Balamurali, and others, Mystery-Thriller, 133mins, Malayalam (primarily) w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In this highly acclaimed film, in a monkey-inhabited village, strange events prompt newlyweds Ajay Chandran and his wife Aparna to investigate. They uncover hidden truths about Ajay's father, Appu Pillai, a widowed ex-military man hiding his cognitive impairment. The plot reveals the mystery behind Ajay's missing child from a previous marriage. [For the uninitiated, in the Ramayana, one of India's major epics, Kishkindha Kand or Kaandam is the section where Lord Rama meets his disciple Hanuman, and the events that follow. Present-day Anegundi in Karnataka was known as Kishkindha].

Two days in a year, 31st December and 1st January,
Cinema Paradiso remains closed.
We will resume on 2 January 2025.



'... let all thyself be light.
This is thy goal.'

Sri Aurobindo



Multimedia Center- Cinema Paradiso Team Wishing you
a healthy, peaceful, and harmonious New Year!



INTERESTING – THURSDAY 2 JANUARY, 8:00 PM:

• I AM: CELINE DION

Canada-USA, 2024, Dir. Irene Taylor w/Céline Dion, Nelson Angéil, Eddy Angéil, and others, Biography-Documentary, 103mins, English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

This is a raw and honest behind-the-scenes look at the iconic superstar's struggle with a life-altering illness. Serving as a love letter to her fans, this inspirational film highlights the music that has guided her life while also showcasing the resilience of the human spirit. A film to watch!



INTERNATIONAL – SATURDAY 4 JANUARY, 8:00 PM:

• THE BRAID

France-Canada-Italy-Belgium, Writer-Dir. Laetitia Colombani w/Mia Maelzer, Sajda Pathan, Nepal Gautam, and others, Drama, 121mins, English-Italian-Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Three women's lives intertwine across different continents: an Indian woman facing widowhood and caste discrimination, an Italian lawyer battling cancer, and a Canadian hairdresser seeking self-discovery. Their journeys of resilience and hope connect through a shared symbol: a braid of hair, representing strength and unity.

CHILDREN'S MATINÉE – SUNDAY 5 JANUARY, 4:00 PM:

• FIREHEART

FRANCE-CANADA-UK, 2022, Dir.Theodore Ty & Laurent Zeitoun w/Alice Pol, Vincent Cassel, Valérie Lemerrier, and others, ComputerAnimation-Comedy, 92mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Georgia Nolan, 16yrs old, dreams of being the world's first-ever female firefighter. When a mysterious arsonist starts burning down Broadway, New York's firemen begin vanishing. The Mayor of New York calls Georgia's father Shawn out of retirement to lead the investigation into the disappearances. Desperate to help her father and save her city, Georgia disguises herself as a young man called "Joe" and joins a small group of misfit firefighters trying to stop the arsonist.

DAVID LEAN FILM FESTIVAL @ CINÉ-CLUB

An English film director, producer, screenwriter, and editor widely considered one of the most important figures of British cinema. He directed the large-scale epics. He also directed the film adaptations of Charles Dickens novels as well as the romantic dramas.

CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 5 JANUARY, 8:00 PM:

• BRIEF ENCOUNTER

UK, 1945, Dir. David lean, w/ Celia Johnson, Trevor Howard and others, Drama – Romance, 86 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

At a café on a railway station, Laura Jesson meets Dr. Alec Harvey. Although they are both already married, they gradually fall in love with each other. They continue to meet every Thursday in the small café, although they know that their love is impossible.

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

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 83006 43963 Philippe G. or call 99528 12843 N. Murugan.

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



OTHER 'SERVICES'

HIVE COWORKING SPACE
OPEN HOUSE - EVERY FRIDAY

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



NEED A PLACE TO WORK?

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More Info : +91 90 42 75 95 40 | www.auromode.in

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 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 JANUARY 2025



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) 262 2803 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: Wednesday & Friday	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

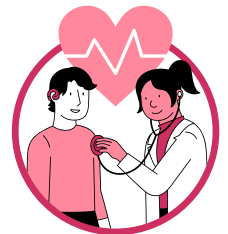
Contact: (0413)-3509942 / 3509943

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 12.00 PM
- Volunteers and Pass holders 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.

TO BE UPDATED!

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.

ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS			
 avbus@auroville.org.in / +91 94430 74825			
Auroville TO PONDICHERRY			
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Svaram Musical Center	7:00	8:50	14:50
Vérité Guest House - Junction	7:02	8:52	14:52
Town Hall - Main Parking	7:06	8:56	14:56
Solar Kitchen (Ex Round About)	7:10	9:00	15:00
Certitude Entrance	7:12	9:02	15:02
New Creation Road	7:17	9:07	15:07
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	7:19	9:09	15:09
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	7:23	9:14	15:14
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	7:26	9:17	15:17
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	7:36	9:30	15:30
Ashram Road Junction	7:38	9:33	15:33
Ashram Dining Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35
Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE			
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dining Hall	8:00	12:15	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	12:17	18:12
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	8:07	12:22	18:17
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	8:17	12:32	18:27
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	8:20	12:35	18:30
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	8:25	12:40	18:35
New Creation Road	8:27	12:42	18:37
Certitude	8:32	12:47	18:42
Solar Kitchen (Ex Round About)	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town Hall - Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Vérité Guest House - Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

Awaiting update on trip prices/monthly schemes!
Thank you for your patience.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS 		
Ambulance (24/7):		
Auroville 94422 24680	PIMS 0413 2656271	
Security (24/7):		
Auroville Police Station 0413 2677318	Kottakuppam Police Station 0413 2236148	Vanur Fire Station 0413 2677368
Health:		
Health Center 0413 3509942 & 3509943	Santé 0413 2622803	Farewell 89038 36246
Mental Health 24/7 Support:		
Vandrevala Foundation +91 99996 66555		
India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108		