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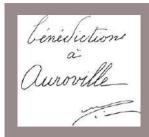


#### **PONDERING**

Among human beings, the most widely spread disease is mental narrowness. They understand only what is in their own consciousness and cannot tolerate anything else.

*The Mother*, Weaknesses, Words of the Mother II <a href="https://incarnateword.in/cwm/14/narrowness-and-one-sidedness#p10">https://incarnateword.in/cwm/14/narrowness-and-one-sidedness#p10</a>

## THE MOTHER ON AUROVILLE



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#### **AUROVILLE IN ELABORATION**

A TALK IN JUNE 1965

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From the construction point of view, it will depend on Roger's plasticity; the details are all the same to me—only I would like this pavilion to be very beautiful. I can see it. For I have seen it, I have had the vision of it; so I shall try to make him understand what I have seen. And the park too, I have seen it —these are old visions which I had repeatedly. But that is not difficult.

The greatest difficulty is the water, because there is no river nearby, up there. But they are already trying to channel the rivers; there was even a project to channel water from the Himalayas across the whole of India: Louis had made a plan and had spoken about it in Delhi; they objected that it would be rather expensive, obviously! But, anyway, even without such grandiose things, something must be done to supply the water. That will be the greatest difficulty; that will take the most time. All the rest, light, power, will be done on the spot in the industrial section—but water cannot be made! The Americans have seriously thought of finding a way to use sea-water,

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because the earth no longer has enough drinking water for man—the water which they call "fresh": it is ironical; the amount of water is not enough for the needs of man, so they have already started chemical experiments on a large scale to transform seawater and make it utilisable—obviously, that would be the solution to the problem.

But that already exists.

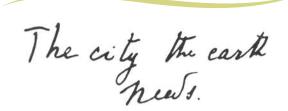
It exists, but not on a sufficiently large scale.

It does in Israel.

Do they do that in Israel? Do they use sea-water? Obviously, that would be the solution—the sea is there.

We shall see.

It would have to be brought up.



A yachting club would be rather nice?

Ah! certainly, with the industrial section.

Near your port, there.

It will not be a "port" but, well.... Yes, the visitors' hotel with a yachting club nearby, that is an idea. I shall add that. (Mother writes it down.)

It will surely be a success.

Now look! A shower of letters, my child! From everywhere, from all over the world, people are writing to me: "At last! This is the project I was waiting for", etc. A shower.

There is also a gliding club. We have already been promised an instructor and a glider. It is a promise. It will be in the industrial section, on top of the hill. Of course, the yacht club will be on the sea, not on the lake; but I had thought—because there is much talk of deepening the lake, it is almost filled up—I was thinking of a hydroplane station, there.

We can also have boating on the lake?

Not if there are hydroplanes. It is not big enough for boating.



#### Divine Knowledge

It is succulent, nourishing, strengthening. - The Mother

Mangifera indica L., Anacardiaceae

Mango Mango

## **NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES**

#### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:**

**TUESDAY 5PM** 

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#### **RA NEWS & NOTES - A OUICK GUIDE**



#### What We Publish

- · Working group announcements and reports
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- · Free cultural events open to all residents
- · Information from essential services
- · Content that strengthens community-building in Auroville

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- · It is submitted exclusively to RA News & Notes
- · It has significant community benefit
- It aligns with our service-oriented focus

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- Content must be community-building focused:
  - Open and accessible to all community members
  - Not profit-oriented
  - · Contributing to collective growth or well-being
  - · Promoting Auroville's ideals and values
- For further information, please <u>click here u</u> to view our complete FAQ document.
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- AVF (Auroville Foundation),
- · AVFO/FO (Auroville Foundation Office),
- GB (Governing Board),
- RA (Residents' Assembly)

The following groups are divided in two categories: The groups selected by the Residents' Assembly through Community decision making Processes and the groups put together by the GB and the FO (not recognised by the Residents' Assembly).

#### Working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly:

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

#### GB groups:

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



#### NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

NEWS &NOTES

Dear Community,

#### Here is some important information:

- If you wish to support the N&N community Edition, you can donate at this account no: FS #252150.
- Content sent through @auroville.org.in mail ID will only reach us if you use this <u>FORM</u> to submit your content.
- The mail ID to submit content is: newsandnotes@auroville.services
- To request a PRINTED COPY, send us your name and community to our email!

Thank you for your continued support!

In community,

The RA Community Edition News & Notes Team

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## WORKING GROUPS NEWS

#### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

#### ES # 253 DATED: 26-05-2025

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 Aurovillians, Returning Aurovillians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovillian in writing to auroville.entryservice@gmail.com.

We thank you in advance.

The Admission Committee aka the Entry Board of the Residents Assembly, under section 19 of the Auroville Foundation Act

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

#### **AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED**



 Ponniammal Meena VENKATESAN (Indian) staying in Abri Forest and working at Abri Forest and Matrimandir



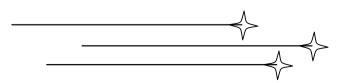
 Chetana DEORAH (Indian) staying in Maitreye and working at Rachana Artworks, Matrimandir and Deepanam

#### **AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED**

- Olga MERCHANTE (Spanish)
- Kavitha VELMURUGAN (Indian)
- Eliahu MAGEN (Israel)
- Shaily SHAH (Indian)
- Pranav KUMAR (Indian)

#### 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 the court has made its ruling about Admission and Termination Regulations 2023, the meetings of Confirmed Aurovilians with the Secretary will be pending.





#### **FO GROUPS NEWS**

(not selected by due Residents' Assembly process)

#### FROM THE FO N&N 1080

Please click **HERE** to read the FO groups' news

## COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **COMMUNITY SHARING**

### [REMINDER AND UPDATE] PETITION FOR AN EMERGENCY RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY **DECISION (E-RAD)**

Dear Aurovilians,

The Governing Board (GB) is currently attempting to impose changes to the processes of admission and termination of residents' status, among others. While the GB may have the authority to create certain committees, it has absolutely no right to decide or interfere in matters of 'entry' or 'exit' of residents. These are the exclusive responsibilities of the Residents' Assembly (RA) as defined by the Auroville Foundation Act.

This is not just a matter of principle — it is a legal duty clearly defined in the Act, and one of the RA's core functions. The GB's current actions are thus in direct contradiction of this Act.

Please take a moment to read the aim of this E-RAD and its Resolution.

If you haven't already, sign the petition here:

https://tinyurl.com/erad2025

To move forward with the E-RAD process organised by the Residents' Assembly Service (RAS), we need a minimum of 300 signatures from registered Aurovilians (Newcomers and youth under 18 are not eligible).

Please note that your signature will be kept strictly confidential.

Your participation is crucial in these challenging times for Auroville.

In Community,

The Ongoing E-RAD Petitioners team



Dear Community,

This is inform all of our our new landline number:

#### 0413 350 9191

#### Thank you. Auroville Library Team

#### **UPDATE ON AUROVILLE NET NEUTRALITY**



We would like to thank all those who have so guickly joined our voice. We crossed 100 signatures within the first hours and the list keeps growing.

With many people out of station and multiple ongoing petitions. please sign this petition if you have not https://forms.gle/FfYWv5qXL53jdqi9A

Aurinoco has harassed people trying to get alternative connections using the cabling they paid for, terming it as "hacking". And since the start of the petition, Aurinoco has gone so far as to report numerous people for Exit Review!

Yet, Aurinoco has not provided supporting documentation on the OSD's order. They only shared a partial recording of oral discussions; a recording that seems to have been obtained covertly and without the knowledge of others in the discussion.

On Friday, 23rd of May, numerous newly installed BSNL cables were 'mysteriously' cut.

We are adding all these points to our documentation of Aurinoco's monopolistic methods.

We disagree with Aurinoco targeting our right to freedom of choice, our right to privacy on communication channels and reject coercive and monopolistic actions. We encourage everyone to avoid direct confrontation, and to document every action, especially if you witness people pulling down or cutting the overhead fibre cables that are being brought to individuals dwellings.

Please contact us for feedback, to share materials, or for anything at all on: auroville.net.neutrallity@gmail.com

We thank you for your support ANN team

#### **AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER**

### INVITATION TO WRITE TOGETHER: "THE AUROVILLE ANIMAL CHARTER"



Recent heartbreaking cases of severe animal neglect and abuse highlight a painful truth: Auroville, a city meant to be guided by the Mother's infinite love, compassion, and respect for all living beings. still lacks a clear framework defining our relationship with all sentient beings. It's time that we do something about it.

Drawing from the Mother's deep compassion, wisdom, and guidance, this charter should become a framework for how to live in a harmonious co-existence with all sentient beings in Auroville.

This vital document must be born from our collective consciousness and the Mother's guiding spirit, and can only be written if we put our collective consciousness and minds together. It will define how humans and animals thrive side by side in our shared evolution, upholding the rights and ensuring the place of all sentient beings in our Community, while unequivocally stating that violence or harm towards beings cannot have a place in our City of the Future.

Do you want to contribute to writing this essential charter? I am planning to start weekly meetings to work on it together.

81222 25266 or

Contact Arthur through WhatsApp message: Email: aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in

#### **JOIN OUR WEB SERIES ON THE MATRIMANDIR**

AURORA'S EYE FILMS





For the past four years, the Aurora's Eye Films team has been creating a web series that releases a new video each month, featuring Aurovilians sharing their personal connection to the Matrimandir.

We are now inviting more Aurovilians to be part of this journey! The only requirement is that you must be an Aurovilian — beyond that, everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Serena at 84897 60966 for more information.

You can also visit our website: www.matrimandirandi.com.

#### THE MOTHER'S SYMBOL IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES



Available for reading and download: <a href="https://auroville.org/page/the-mother-s-symbol">https://auroville.org/page/the-mother-s-symbol</a>

Over the years, the Mother's symbol and Her Powers has been translated into 46 languages, including the four languages of Auroville, i.e. Tamil, French, Sanskrit and English, as well as indigenous languages

and those used across the world, including Afrikaans, Amharic, Arabic, Assamese, Bahasa Indonesia, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Esperanto, German, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Korean, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Niugini Pisin, Norwegian, Odia, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Telugu, Tibetan, Ukrainian, Urdu.

The longer file with quotes for each of Her Powers are currently available in seven languages: Chinese, English, French, Italian, Nepali, Spanish, Tamil.

#### Have it in your language?

If your language is not on the lists above, would you like to have it translated into your mother tongue and/or other language(s) of proficiency by volunteering yourself or recommending someone else?

Please write to Anandi Zhang at <u>symbol-in-translation@auroville.org.in</u>

Thank you.

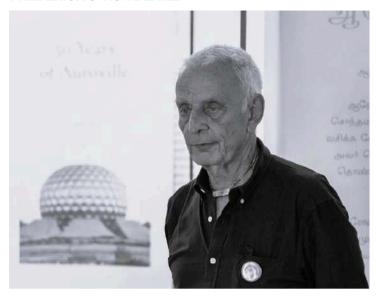
#### **MATRIMANDIR**

MAY NEWSLETTER



## A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY

#### FREDERICK'S VISA DENIED



Frederick was informed in April 2025 that his application for a visa extension, which had been left pending since July 2024, had been rejected and he was ordered to upload a flight ticket on the FRRO's website within 7 days. Frederick is one of Auroville's longest-serving residents, having first come to Pondicherry and the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in 1960, and settling permanently in 1966. He was among the first to be admitted as an Aurovilian by the Mother herself, and worked closely with her during Auroville's formative years. Over his nearly six decades in Auroville, Frederick has been instrumental in numerous foundational projects. Now 86 years old, Frederick has dedicated his life to the development and vision of Auroville. Please find <a href="here">here</a> a document that outlines some of Frederick's contributions to Auroville over the years.

Several residents appealed to the AVFO 'WCom' to support Frederick during this difficult time. In response, AVFO 'WCom' member Anu released a <u>statement</u>, claiming that "Though the decision is not in our hands - in view of all that has happened, if Frederick makes a step to offer a sincere and genuine apology to the Govt of India, the Governing Board, the Secretary and to Auroville, the Working Committee is willing to support him". However Frederick's repeated requests for the reasons behind the visa denial have been met with silence and he has made it clear that he does not know what he may need to apologise for. Anu subsequently shared an <u>anonymous article</u> making several unsubstantiated accusations about Frederick's actions over the years.



Several hundred people came to celebrate Frederick's 86th birthday at Certitude on 13th May. On the same day a video was released by Auroville Media Liaison Service, featuring Frederick talking about how he had not been given any indication as to why his visa extension had been refused. To date, the video has received over 130k views across social media platforms. The following day, a Times of India article was published containing incorrect claims from AVFO-appointee Sindhuja Jagadeesh that Frederick had received a 'Leave India Notice' from the Ministry of Home Affairs. She also stated that "The notice was a result of an inquiry committee's report", however without providing any reference to an actual inquiry. A further interview with Frederick was shared by News 9 the following day.



Click here to watch the video

#### **Petition for Frederick**

To date, over 3,000 Auroville residents and other well-wishers have signed a <u>petition</u> appealing against the decision not to renew Frederick's visa. The petition has now been sent to the relevant authorities however it is still open and taking signatures.

#### **RA WCOM EVICTED FROM OFFICE SPACES**

Executives of Kailash youth accommodation received emails from the AVFO 'FAMC' in May 2025 demanding that all of the current residents and the users of the office space vacate the building and they must hand over the keys to the AVFO 'Housing Service'.

Kailash currently houses 15 young people, many of whom are aged under 18, some of whom have no other place to call home. The office space has been occupied by the RA WCom since the AVFO takeover of the Town Hall building. The email stated that the AVFO 'Security Team' would be occupying the office space from May 12th and that the residents should vacate before the end of the month. Residents above 18 were requested to "approach housing" with no other alternative given, while those below 18 were requested to go back to their families, bypassing the fact that in some cases this is no longer a possibility.

RA WCom released a <u>massbulletin</u> sharing the news of the eviction, stating that "We have agreed that under the circumstances it would be best for Kailash that the Working Committee moves out of the office space and finds another place from which to work". Six days later, they <u>announced</u> they had found a new space to work and hold their open house, however within a few days of the announcement the executives of that unit also received threats from the AVFO 'FAMC'. To avoid repercussions for the executives, RA WCom agreed to move out, as announced in their May 23rd massbulletin titled 'Homeless Again'.

#### **AVFO 'ATSC' UPDATE & ERAD PETITION**

The Madras High Court has vacated (lifted) the interim stay injunction that was in place on the GB-created Admissions and Terminations Regulations, which was published in the Gazette of

India in January 2024. The court case itself is still active but was adjourned for four weeks until after the court's summer break.

As acknowledged by the RA WCom in their <u>massbulletin</u> on April 30th 2025, the lifting of the stay order has implications for Auroville's residents because "this decision means that the new regulations on entry and exit that were previously stayed are now applicable until a final or a different order comes from the Madras High Court". A further WCom <u>massbulletin</u> on 7th May shared the <u>court order</u> and stated that "The order does, however, recognize the prerogatives of the Residents' Assembly as indicated in Section 19 of the Act and states that if any of the regulations contravene the function of the Residents' Assembly under Section 19 of the Act, then the Act would prevail."

Even prior to the court order lifting the stay, the AVFO 'Admissions and Terminations Scrutinizing Committee' (AVFO 'ATSC') had been functioning, claiming that the order only disallowed them from adding or removing people in the Register of Residents (RoR). Both before and after the judgement, several announcements of Newcomers and Aurovilians were sent out to the community for feedback.

The AVFO 'ATSC' have also communicated a number of threats to 'terminate' the residency of Aurovilians and Newcomers who have been deemed as not following the AVF Residence Criteria Standing Order. Several residents who are waiting for letters of recommendation from the Secretary have been ordered to attend meetings with the AVFO 'ATSC' and some have been told that they will have to sign a form agreeing to follow the AVF Residence Criteria in order to get their letter.

Other actions carried out by the group include no longer allowing long-term volunteers, insisting that anyone who wishes to remain in Auroville for over one year must begin their Newcomer process. This particularly affects those who are dependent on a visa to stay in Auroville, as their application to extend their visa will not be processed unless they apply to become a Newcomer through the AVFO 'ATSC'.

#### **ERAD Petition**

A group of residents have launched a petition for an ERAD on the legitimacy of a number of GB-appointed groups, including the AVFO 'ATSC', 'Human Resources' (HR), the 'Admission and Terminations Registry' (ATR) as well as the AVF Residence Criteria itself. If the petition is successful in raising 300 signatures from Aurovilians who are on the Master List then an ERAD will be launched. The ERAD organising team have lately added a resolution to the petition as was recommended by the RAS.

#### **AVFO RECRUITMENT ATTEMPTS**

An unnamed AVFO Officer on Special Duty (OSD) sent a massbulletin out to the Auroville community inviting self-nominations for serving in an AVFO group, service, unit or trust and stating that "The Auroville Foundation is keen to move forward in collaboration towards the building of the city and the right administering of Auroville".

Since the AVFO takeover of Auroville began in 2021, the Office of the Secretary has taken over all key institutions, ejecting teams of experienced people and replacing them with only those aligned with the AVFO's and GB's agenda, regardless of their prior experience or skill. This has resulted in a small number of people simultaneously serving several positions in different groups, concentrating the power in the hands of few who have not been selected by the RA.

Many of the institutions taken over by the AVFO are named on the <u>self-nomination form</u> which was shared in the massbulletin. It is not stated what the criteria for selection will be, what skills are required or who will be selecting people for the new roles.

#### CIRCULAR RE 'UNAUTHORISED GATHERINGS'

Possibly in response to the Kalabhumi meeting that was convened by the RA WCom in March 2025 in order to launch the ERAD on Section 19 committees, the AVFO sent out a <u>circular</u> stating that "certain residents continue to organise gatherings and conduct activities without prior approval". They claimed that such gatherings were organised by "illegal and impersonating groups", and that the AVFO 'WCom' were "constituted by the Residents Assembly" - which is factually false as four members were dismissed by the RA, and three were installed as 'interim members' in 2022.

The RA WCom <u>responded</u> by massbulletin, pointing out that "It is fully within the rights of residents to hold meetings to share information and experiences ... The community getting together and being united is precisely what we must do.". They also clarified that none of the so-called members of the 'WCom' endorsed by the GB have a legitimate claim to that title.

#### **68TH GB MEETING MINUTES**

On 16th April 2025, the RA WCom sent a detailed letter to the Governing Board concerning decisions taken during the 68th GB meeting held on 5th December 2024. The letter expressed serious concerns that the meeting minutes "directly contradict both the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988, and the foundational principles of the Auroville Charter." Among key issues raised were; proposed amendments to the Auroville Foundation Act that would alter its foundational legal framework, the lack of timely sharing of minutes with the Residents' Assembly, mischaracterization of Auroville's planning history, implementation of projects without proper consultation, and exclusion of the RA from decision-making processes. The RA WCom noted that the minutes characterize Auroville as having "tended towards an antithesis of its core objectives" and becoming "a refuge for some persons with vested interests," which they described as "empty and false statements" that dismiss the contributions of thousands of residents over 56 years.

The letter also highlighted concerns about the creation of new services under the Secretary's direct control, the functioning of the AVFO 'ATSC' despite a stay order from the Madras High Court (now lifted). The RA WCom concluded by reaffirming their commitment to the Mother's vision and requesting genuine consultation in future decisions.

#### PETITION ON AUROVILLE NET NEUTRALITY

A group of 16 Aurovilians have submitted a petition to several of Auroville's administrative bodies, Aurinoco, BSNL and the Auroville Telephone Service, regarding Aurinoco's decision to discontinue BSNL internet services over its fiber network. The petition was signed and submitted on 19th May 2025. The petition has arisen after Aurinoco announced on 3rd May that it would terminate BSNL connections, citing technical issues, followed by speed reductions and disconnections affecting over 200 users. The petitioners argue this violates net neutrality principles and individual choice of internet service provider. The petition highlights concerns including loss of significant individual investments in network infrastructure made on promises of provider choice, forcing users to pay nearly double monthly rates (800 rupees vs 449 rupees for BSNL), and potential regulatory violations.

The signatories request that Aurinoco restore net neutrality, process new BSNL applications, include resident representation in management decisions, and follow transparent tender processes. The petition is now open for broader community signatures through an <u>online form</u>, with personal details remaining confidential. Detailed documentation including the full petition text, annexures, and supporting evidence can be found linked in the <u>massbulletin</u> announcement.

#### **ELECTRICITY ARREARS PAID BY THE COMMUNITY**

The electricity bills of the users of the High Tension (HT) electricity network were unexpectedly <u>presented</u> with exceptionally high bills in April 2025, and were informed that this was their contribution to the audit arrear bill of 91 lakh that Auroville had been given by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. This has happened because, after an audit, TNEB have now decided that those using the HT line can no longer be on tariff meant for places of worship and educational institutions, and will instead be on a more expensive general tariff. Despite not having been consulted in any of the decisions made by the Auroville Electrical Service (AVES) regarding the matter, the burden of payment has been placed on the consumers.

The HT network has always been a controversial project in Auroville because every residence in Tamil Nadu is entitled to a 3-phase low tension connection that is subsidised (free for the first 100 units and only ₹4.80 for the first 400 units). However, in a bid to connect each AV residence with HT, the AVES has removed the choice of individuals to opt for subsidised schemes; this in spite of the fact that HT connections are not necessary for residences. Previous BCC teams and economic groups have questioned this decision, which will only lead to ever increasing electricity tariffs.

#### **FURTHER MOUS AND 'COLLABORATIONS'**

The AVFO has continued to make formal Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and other 'collaborations' with Indian institutes, engaging Auroville's name with no consultation with its residents - who only discover these new partnerships via press announcements. On 5th April 2025, an MoU with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) was announced in The Hindu. The MoU was apparently to "facilitate knowledge exchange in digital heritage preservation, language computing, Aldriven cultural initiatives, and sustainable technology development" and would be "executed in coordination with Auroville's Electrical Service, Water Service and Aurinoco in the coming months". A counter-piece that mentions the ostracization of the RA in such agreements was published in mathrubhumi.com.

Information about several other potential AVFO collaborations have been shared in The Hindu. An article on April 24th envisaged the construction of a "Madhya Pradesh Bhavan" in Auroville and shared that "Auroville has offered to train 100 selected teachers from Madhya Pradesh in holistic pedagogy during summer vacation". A further article from May 20th stated that the Ministry of Education was exploring "replicating Auroville's unique socio-economic model". The article claims that a ministry official met with 'stakeholders', and stated that she was "introduced to the diverse range of sustainable, artisanal, and socially responsible businesses that embody Auroville's ethos of conscious living". This continues an ongoing pattern by the AVFO of showcasing, appropriating and profiting from Auroville's achievements in the fields of environment, sustainable development, education and economy while simultaneously discrediting and dismantling the organisations and efforts made by the residents of Auroville who worked to create these innovations.

In another <u>Hindu article</u> entirely based on an AVFO press release, it was announced that the Secretary and other AVFO 'officials' had met with the Villupuram Collectorate to discuss development plans. The Villupuram Collectorate apparently agreed to "sort out the issues pertaining to revenue records and poramboke land" and the Secretary "outlined the plans to improve infrastructure for the 50.000 residents".

#### **AVFO COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

The AVFO and their 'Working Groups' have recently re-started their meetings with residents at Bharat Nivas. On 11th April 2025 a meeting with the main 'Working Groups' and 'AVF Legal', Mr. Seetharaman (OSD) and Mr. Koshy (Visa Officer) took place., You can find the YouTube video <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. A second meeting was held on 26th April, this time with the Secretary present. Please see <a href="here">here</a> for the YouTube video. After the second meeting, one resident emailed a response to the invitation, stating "Until things improve and we have an administration which respects the people that concern it and with people representing them, I see no value in attending anything of this sort and I will certainly not help you to build a positive image for the press on the lines of "we are consulting with the residents", which is basically what this all boils down to".

#### STAY UPDATED

Regular updates on events in Auroville can be found on the Telegram channel 'AV Development Announcements' and on the Auroville Community Updates WhatsApp group.

#### **MEDIA & OTHER LINKS**

- May 13th 2025, Auroville Stories, Youtube: <u>Early Days in</u> Auroville 1969-1976
- May 3rd 2025, Chloe Sanchez, Youtube: <u>The utopia I once</u> <u>called home (in French, with English subtitles)</u>
- April 16th 2025, The News Minute: <u>Inside Auroville: Power, profit, and plans for a federal enclave</u> (paywalled, <u>pdf here</u>).
- April 20th 2025, The News Minute, Youtube: <u>Chaos, conflict</u> and Hindutva: What is happening in Auroville?
- May 23rd 2025, Indian Express: <u>Lay down 'code of conduct' for officers appearing before courts to prevent 'sullying government image': Gujarat HC to state</u>
- May 13th 2025, The Hindu: <u>Auroville's summer workshops</u> <u>train youth in new technologies</u>



#### **RESIDENTS SPEAK**

#### THE GREAT GURU OF AUROZ - PART VII

(previous episode in the last N&N)

Farther down the Grey Slab Road, Dorothy stumbles upon mounds of red earth spilling like wounds onto the cement slabs. Someone—or something—has been digging feverishly. The path narrows as she skirts around the freshly upturned clay. Faint mumblings float upward from below: "Packet loss... dropped signals... corrupted handshake..."

Peering into a trench webbed with frayed cables and forgotten fibre optics, she spots a mole-like creature with soil on his spectacles and a cracked connector clutched tight in his paws. He's weeping, sniffling, murmuring to the wire like it's an old flame. "We need to reconnect to something bigger... though I forget what. The Cloud? The Core? The Campus? My calling?"

Dorothy kneels, offering a gentle word or two, but the creature—Mortimer the Mole only shudders and turns in on himself.

"They said I was essential—central! The backbone of the entire network! Then one maintenance cycle I wake up and—snff—



they've rerouted everything. Left me in the dark. Deprecated! Can you believe it? Obsolete!" He nestles into the cable tangle like it's a nest, whispering sweet bits and bytes as if they might one day spark again.

Beside him lies a broken signpost that once read "Central Node – Do Not Disturb" now half-buried and defaced with graffiti: "Latency Lair". Dorothy glances at the mess of blinking lights, unplugged routers, and looping error messages.



She wonders for a moment if this is another abandoned "Digital Reconnection Initiative," or perhaps Pinterest Project #7, before shaking her head. "No. Just a lost cause," she mutters.

With one last glance at the sobbing sysadmin servitor, she steps back onto the Grey Slab Road.

(next episode in a week!)

#### A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Community,

Like many of us throughout the years, Marie had to leave last week to get some work abroad in order to feed our family and maintain ourselves in Auroville.

Despite decades of collective efforts, sincere aspiration and dedicated work are not enough nowadays to live in Auroville, especially for families and raising kids in the light of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo is a daily challenge.

However, from the moment we announced that the family had to split, you were here:

Emotional support, material support, financial support... You offered the full range of whatever is humanly possible and we are deeply, deeply grateful for all the care you manifested..

With all our love and determination,

Julien and Marie, Mélusine, Célestin, Félicien, Valentin.

## Grateful, Thankful and Blessed

#### **AUROVILLE GREEN WORK C1978-1983**

NOTES BY JOEL H. GOODMAN MAY 20, 2025

There were very few trees in an eroding landscape in the 1970s. Most all of the valuable trees that we see being cut down in Auroville in 2025 existed by the very hard work of low-income men from the local villages. They would arrive early in the morning dressed only with a loincloth and a head wrap, carrying a pail of raggi. The work was very hard to dig a tree pit in the hard laterite soil, one meter cube. This was done for very little pay contributed by Aurovilians, non-profit organizations from other countries, grants, and small amounts from the Tamil Nadu Forest Department. The green work by these village men deserves respect. It must hurt to see their work cut down insensitively. These village men should be honored. They could be presented with the cut down trees that they helped to produce.

1970களில் அரிக்கும் நிலப்பரப்பில் மிகக் குறைவான மரங்களே இருந்தன. 2025 ஆம் ஆண்டில் ஆரோவில்லில் வெட்டப்பட்ட அனைத்து மதிப்புமிக்க மரங்களும் உள்ளூர் கிராமங்களைச் சேர்ந்த குறைந்த வருமானம் கொண்ட மனிதர்களின் மிகவும் கடின உழைப்பால் இருந்தன. அவர்கள் அதிகாலையில் ஒரு இடுப்பை மட்டும் உடுத்தி, தலையில் போர்த்தி ராகியை எடுத்துக்கொண்டு வருவார்கள். கடினமான லேட்டரைட் மண்ணில், ஒரு மீட்டர் கனசதுரத்தில் ஒரு மரக் குழி தோண்டுவது மிகவும் கடினமாக இருந்தது. இது ஆரோவிலியர்கள் வழங்கும் மிகக் குறைந்த ஊதியம், பிற நாடுகளைச் சேர்ந்த இலாப நோக்கற்ற நிறுவனங்கள், மானியங்கள் மற்றும் தமிழ்நாடு வனத்துறையின் சிறிய தொகை ஆகியவற்றிற்காக செய்யப்பட்டது. இந்த கிராமத்து மனிதர்களின் பசுமைப் பணி மரியாதைக்குரியது. அவர்களின் வேலை உணர்ச்சியற்ற முறையில் குறைக்கப்படுவதைக் கண்டு வேதனைப்பட வேண்டும். இந்த கிராமத்து மனிதர்களை கவுரவிக்க வேண்டும். அவர்கள் உற்பத்தி செய்ய உதவிய வெட்டப்பட்ட மரங்களை அவர்களுக்கு வழங்கலாம்.

1970Kalil arikkum nilapparappil mikak kuraivāna marankaļē iruntana. 2025 Ām āņţil ārōvillil veţţappaţţa anaittu matippumikka marankaļum uļļūr kirāmaṅkaļaic cērnta kurainta varumānam konta manitarkalin mikavum kaţina ulaippāl iruntana. Avarkal atikālaiyil oru ituppai mattum ututti, talaiyil põrtti rākiyai etuttukkontu varuvārkal. Katinamāna lēttarait mannil, oru mīţţar kanacaturattil oru marak kuli tontuvatu mikavum katinamāka iruntatu. Itu ārōviliyarkaļ vaļankum mikak kurainta ūtiyam, pira nāţukaļaic cērnta ilāpa nōkkarra niruvanankaļ, māniyankaļ marrum tamilnāţu vanatturaiyin ciriya tokai ākiyavarrirkāka ceyyappattatu. Inta kirāmattu manitarkaļin pacumaip paņi mariyātaikkuriyatu. Avarkaļin vēlai unarcciyarra muraiyil kuraikkappatuvataik kantu vetanaippata vēntum. Inta kirāmattu manitarkaļai kavuravikka vēntum. Avarkaļ urpatti ceyya utaviya vettappatta marankalai avarkaļukku vaļankalām.

#### **NO MORE SECRETS**

The Great Awakening is exponentially happening.

Circa 1900s:

"People don't know what goes on. They know nothing—nothing." — The Mother

https://incarnateword.in/agenda/02/november-5-1961

"It is my belief that the main cause of India's weakness is not subjection, nor poverty, nor a lack of spirituality or religion, but a diminution of the power of thought, the spread of ignorance in the birthplace of knowledge. Everywhere I see an inability or unwillingness to think—incapacity of thought or "thoughtphobia". This may have been all right in the mediaeval period, but now this attitude is the sign of a great decline. The mediaeval period was a night, the day of victory for the man of ignorance; in the modern world it is the time of victory for the man of knowledge. He who can delve into and learn the truth about the world by thinking more, searching more, labouring more, gains more power."

- Sri Aurobindo

https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/09/letters-to-barin

#### Circa 2025:

Thankfully humans are waking up exponentially since the initial Supramental descent in 1956, thereafter the advent of our everadvancing InfoComm Technology. The dark forces of the Ignorance and Falsehood and their human sentinels cannot anymore stop The Great Awakening.

No more secrets.

All is being revealed for transformation or dissolution.

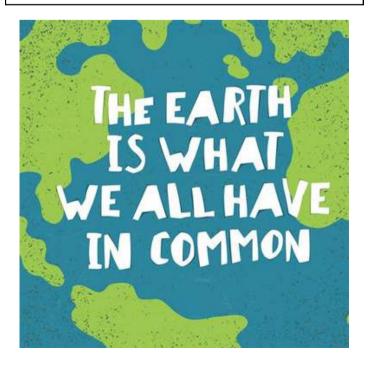
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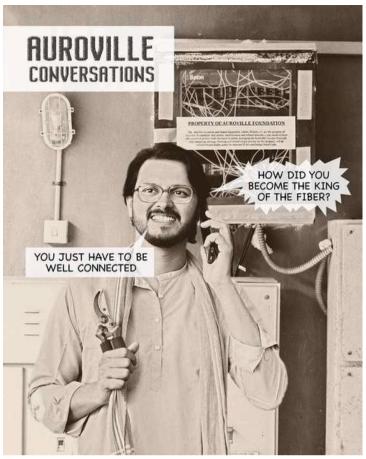


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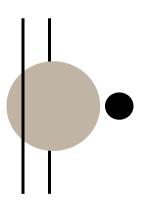
### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**



#### **AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS**



Submitted by an Aurovilian



#### INNER JOURNEY

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

Tuesday 3rd June, 9 am - 12 noon Focus: The Great Stair of Existence

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome

#### **SAVITRI SATSANG WITH NARAD**

SUMMER BREAK

SAVITRI at Savitri Bhavan will break for the heat of the summer months of **May and June** and will begin again the **first day of July 2025** with Savitri Satsang and the OM Choir at 4:30pm and 5:30pm respectively.

In this deep exploration of Savitri we will study:

- 1. The mantric basis of Savitri
- 2. The importance of iambic pentameter in epic poetry
- 3. The wealth of definitions in Savitri from Sri Aurobindo and Mother
- 4. Music and alliteration in Savitri
- 5. Words defined from the 'Lexicon of the Infinite Mind'
- 6. The Mother's Words on Savitri

We will begin at the beginning, again on 1st July, with Canto 4, 'The Secret Knowledge'.

All are welcome to join.

Narad

#### **OM CHOIR WITH NARAD**

Please in SUMMER BREAK 5PM

Please in SUMMER BREAK 5PM

MAY + JUNE aspiration

No prior slaging experience is required.

At Savitri Bhavan - Square Hall



#### **AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR**

Meditations at sunset with SAVITRI,

Every THURSDAY from 6:00 to 6:30pm

(weather permitting)



Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's long mantric poem, read by Mother to Sunil's music are *on* weekly for everyone to concentrate, in this beautiful open space in the very center of Auroville.

<u>Reminder to all:</u> 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 use cameras, tablets, cell phones, etc. No photos.

Guests with Aurocard wishing to attend must book at <a href="https://bit.ly/savitri-reading">https://bit.ly/savitri-reading</a> one or two days in advance or the very day before 11am. Please bring your Aurocard with you.

Access by Office Gate for the Amphitheater only from 5:15pm. Thank you.

Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocards. Last entry for guests at 6:00pm. Access limited for guests to the Amphitheatre Last exit for guests at 6:45pm.

Velmurugan and the Access Team



#### **VIBRATIONAL SOUND BATH**

SOUL NURTURING MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN SINGING BELLS



## AUROVILLE STORIES: 1960 - 2068 A DIGITAL STORYTELLING PROJECT



#### **VIPASSANA MEDITATION**

Dear Meditators.

You are all very welcome to the monthly 1 day Vipassana meditation course for "old students" only (those who have completed at least one 10-day course as taught by SN Goenka).



- Timings: 8:30am 3pm. Lunch will be served.
- Venue: 1 Vibrance, Vikas Radial rd, Auroville, 605101.
   Please park on Vikas Radial road, next to the Vibrance garage.
- · Location:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/oKpMZgyty344x11R9?g\_st=ic

 Vibrance garage is opposite the Realization gate. But due to road construction please enter through the walking gate 5 m before the garage. Park on the new road under construction. The apartment is directly behind the garage on the ground floor.

You can drop in for part time only at 8:30 am. Please contact <a href="mailto:vallari@gmail.com/WA 97403 22447">vallari@gmail.com/WA 97403 22447</a> by 9pm Friday, so that we have a head count for lunch.

Please keep your cell phone off for the duration of the course.

Metta

## **ZERO WASTE HOME TOUR** EVERY SATURDAY IN MAY





Laure invites you for a Zero Waste Home Tour at her home every **Saturday in May at 11am**.

Discover how embracing a nearly zero-waste, plastic-free, and minimalist lifestyle is possible.

Get inspired, ask questions, and see in real life how small changes can make a big impact!

\*Registration is compulsory\*

Sign up via WhatsApp: +33 695651135.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THE INNER WAY SCHOOL AUROVILLE - TAI CHI

DAILY CLASSES

Daily classes of Tai Chi Chuan and Chi (Stevanovitch Method) are offered at 7.30am.

Drop ins are welcome.

More Info: taichi@auroville.org.in



#### **VEHICLE SERVICE AND AV PUBLIC BUS**

ANNUAL TOUR

Dear All,



- 1. The Auroville Vehicle Service staff are going for the annual tour this week from 30th May to 01st June. Therefore, our office is closed for the public on these dates.
- 2. The AV Public Bus driver is also joining the tour with our staff and therefore no bus service between Auroville to Pondicherry on these dates.

Sorry for the Inconvenience.

Regards,

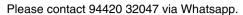
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for Auroville Vehicle Service

#### **AVAILABLE**

#### **GOOD HOUSE AMMA**

Good House Ama available from 1st of June onward for Tuesdays and Thursdays: 2 full days for work in the Center area.





#### **ANTIQUE TEAKWOOD CANE CHAIR**

Antique teakwood cane chair in good condition available against contribution.

Contact isha@auroville.org.in



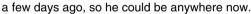
#### **LOOKING FOR**

#### **MISSING CAT**

Hello Auroville Family! We really need your help.

Our cat, Zuko, is lost and he is one of the most important beings in our lives. He is sterilized. He is grey on the back and white on his chest and paws. He has rings on his tail, which is bent at the end.

We live in Centrefield. People think they have seen him near Samasti and Surrender, and even near Town Hall. That was



Please try to keep an eye out for him. He means the world to us and it would be really brilliant if someone sees him. Please call us if you do.

Manas 98438 01014 / 98101 01602

#### MISSING DOG



#### **A LOVING HOME**



#### **WORDPRESS LMS**

Hi.

I am in the process of putting the courses that I was teaching in the Botanical Gardens, on different aspects of arboriculture, online and I am looking at purchasing a Wordpress LMS for this, as they would be self led courses. Is anyone else doing this or interested in co-purchasing an LMS? Currently looking at Tutor LMS. Buying several lifetime licences at once is considerably cheaper than buying a single one.

Let me know if you are interested or perhaps you have some ideas?

Thanks.

Island

Phone/whatsapp: +91 75981 03616 Email: island@treescapes.in

#### A HOST IN ANNECY, FRANCE

Dear Friends,

I live with my family in Auroville.

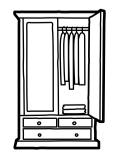
I'm visiting Annecy, France this year for the animation festival in the month of June from 7th to 14th.

I will be traveling to Annecy via Geneva.

I'm looking to connect with someone in Annecy who can extend their kindness and host me on those dates.

Gratefully,

Siddharth Maskeri - Mob/Whatsapp - +91 98192 89123



### **SECOND HAND ALMIRAH**

Dear friends.

I need a second hand almirah in good condition for free or at a reasonable price. Contact me at AVsanto60@gmail.com or 97519 07083

Thank you in advance, Santo

#### OLD MATTRESS, PILLOW OR BED SHEET

Dear all,

I am reaching out to ask if anyone has an old mattress, pillow or bed sheet in decent condition that they would be willing to part with. As some of you may know, my mother, Galina, has been suffering from dementia for many years. There is a need for constant rotation of clean mattresses, pillows and sheets. Every few months old ones have to be disposed and exchanged for new ones. If anyone would be willing to help please contact me.

Thank you! With gratitude and love, Vera lovera.ra128@gmail.com



#### **ACTIVITIES AT SERENDIPITY**

#### **SERENDIPITY ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES**

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Auroville - 605101, TN, India Landline: +91 (0)413 350 9950 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 - 8:30am, 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 gi 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.

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

· 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.

#### Private Classes on request (for groups or individuals)

- · Hatha Yoga with Ramesh for more details contact Ramesh at: +91 98451 68490
- Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia for more details contact Sonia at: +91 89402 88090

#### **THERAPIES:**

#### **Cheek Acupuncture with Lhamo**

· On appointment only (+91 84380 53127)

Cheek acupuncture works on the principle that in the face there is a holographic miniaturisation 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.

#### **ACTIVITIES AT JOI - ANITYA COMMUNITY**

#### **Journey to Inner Peace:**

#### **Holistic Healing Services at Anitya Community**

Located in the peaceful environment of Auroville's

Center Field, the Joy of Impermanence—Anitya Community Project offers a variety of holistic services to support your body, mind, and spirit. Our experienced practitioners provide a range of practices to help you relax, heal, and grow, guiding you toward balance and well-being.

- Location: Anitya Community, Center Field, Auroville (500m after Center Guest House)
- Bookings: For more information or to schedule a session, please contact the practitioners directly (preferably via WhatsApp messages)

#### Thai Yoga Bodywork with Andres

• Contact: +91 97516 07501

Combining elements of Summer ressure, and assisted stretching, Thai sed for Sum is designed to release tension, improve and enhance flevibility. This there is the constitution of the stretching of the stretching in the stretching of the stretchin and enhance flexibility. This therapeutic practice helps restore balance to your body and mind through gentle, rhythmic movements.

#### **Ayurvedic Massage with Elene**

 Contact: +91 79041 43719
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#### **Integral Unfoldment Coaching with Dave**

• Contact: +44 75641 19728

A transformative life coaching approach blending Internal Family Systems (IFS), Focusing, and the Diamond Approach to explore your inner world, integrate all parts of yourself, and unfolding your unique potential for personal transformation.

#### Shah-Lu-Ha-Ka Bodywork with Nikki

• Contact: +91 70947 16136

This unique bodywork technique blends different massage styles, energy healing, and intuitive touch to release physical and emotional blockages. Shah-Lu-Ha-Ka Bodywork is a deeply restorative experience that invites your body to heal from within.

#### **Mindfulness Meditation with Helen**

• Contact: +91 70947 53054

Join Helen for guided mindfulness meditation sessions designed to cultivate awareness, reduce stress, and enhance emotional resilience. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced meditator, these sessions provide a peaceful space to connect with your inner self. Regular drop-in session for all on Tuesdays at 7:15am (Maloka Hall).

#### **Women Circles with Louise Rose**

• Contact: +91 73053 73562

Women Circles offer a sacred space for women to gather, share, and support each other in their journeys. Led by Louise, these circles provide a nurturing environment where women can explore their personal growth, creativity, and shared experiences. Every new moon and full moon.

#### **Womb Blossoming with Louise Rose**

• Contact: +91 73053 73562

A deep healing journey connecting the womb, heart, and throat through vocal activation and flower bodywork. This practice integrates sonic energy healing, affirmations, herbalism, and aromatherapy to awaken the body's innate wisdom and express your soul's story.

#### Whispering of the Flowers with Louise Rose

• Contact: +91 73053 73562

Flower medicine ceremonies and bodywork integrating naturopathy, somatic therapy, and sonic healing. Using flower essences, herbalism, and aromatherapy, these sessions support deep reconnection and balance.

#### **AMA Massage with Angela**

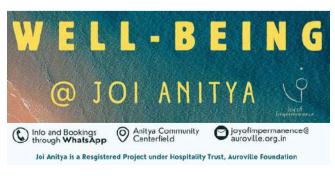
• Contact (whatsapp only): +33 750604028

A seated acupressure massage combining rhythmic thumb pressure, stretching, and percussions on specific energy points (tsubos). Promotes relaxation and revitalization. Duration: 20-30 min (clothed, on an AMA chair).

#### Swedish Oil Massage with Angela

• Contact (whatsapp only): +33 750604028

A deeply relaxing full-body massage that relieves pain, improves sleep, reduces stress and muscle tension, and boosts the immune system. Duration: 60 or 90 min.





## **CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## AUROVILLE FILM FESTIVAL 2026 - SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

Have you made a film for the upcoming film festival?

There is a special category for films made by residents of Pondy, Auroville and the Bioregion. And another special category for school students!

So get out your phones and cameras and start making your stories now...

Submit your films on <a href="https://aurovillefilmfestival.in/2026-submission/">https://aurovillefilmfestival.in/2026-submission/</a>



(Helpful tip: Yatra Film Academy is offering a filmmaking course in June...)

aurovillefilmfestival@auroville.org.in



#### **FOOD**

#### **RIGHT PATH CAFE - SUMMER NEWS, VISITORS CENTRE**

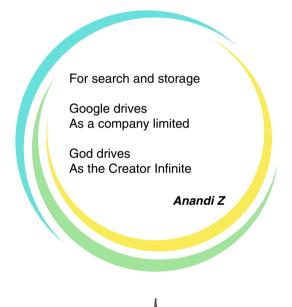


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#### FOOD FOREST TOUR - EVERY SUNDAY



#### **POETRY**





Sept. 3, 2005

A higher music waits upon the air, Soars among the stars and weaves its song, Descending it can call the heaven's here, It answers to the prayerful and the strong.

In all aspiring hearts it shall descend To make of earth a garden spot for God Where flowers chant and sorrow finds its end In Joy's embrace, the gates of love unbarred.

Symphonic, world on world shall then rejoice As barriers fall and melodies inspire Angels and men to join in one great voice To sing the music of the soul's desire.

#### **AUROVILLE RADIO**

Dear Aurovilians.



#### Last published podcasts:

- <u>Menstrual Well-Being-Ep.1 (Part 2) |மாதவிடாய்</u> <u>நன்னலம் : "Sai Priya in Conversation with Kalvikarasi</u> from Eco Femme"
- <u>Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi –</u>
   Ep.494

#### Latest YouTube videos:

- Ne Me Quitte pas-Cover by Antione-Auroville Singing Festival 2025
- Noladeti La'shalom (I Was Born)-Cover-Auroville Singing Festival 2025

....and more! on <a href="www.aurovilleradiotv.org">www.aurovilleradiotv.org</a>.
For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in

Peace and love

Regards, Sai Priya for Auroville RadioTV



#### FOR THE BOOKWORMS

#### **AUROVILLE LIBRARY**

#### **READING CIRCLES**

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS

#### 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)

#### 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 THE SEA

Come by to check out our selection!



Narad

## **Cinema Paradiso**

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program: 2nd - 8th June 2025



Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is operating at 100% seating capacity. Seating starts about 15 mins 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 2 JUNE, 8:00 PM:

#### SUPERBOYS OF MALEGAON

India, 2024, Writer-Dir. Reema Kagti w/ Adarsh Gourav, Shashank Arora, Vineet Kumar Singh, and others, Comedy-Drama, 127mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Remember the documentary Superman of Malegaon we had screened? This film brings to life the inspiring journey of Nasir Shaikh, the amateur filmmaker behind it. In a town where Bollywood offers a much-needed escape, Nasir dreams of making a film for and for the people of Malegaon. With his ragtag team, he turns that dream into reality, injecting joy, hope, and creativity into his community. A heartfelt celebration of filmmaking, friendship, and the magic that happens when passion meets perseverance. A film you cannot miss!

#### **POTPOURRI - TUESDAY 3 JUNE, 8:00 PM:**

#### THE BREAKFAST CLUB

USA, 1985, Writer-Dir. John Hughes w/ Emilio Estevez, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, and others, Coming of Age-Drama, 97mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Five high school students—Claire, Andrew, John, Brian, and Allison—from different social circles find themselves stuck in a Saturday detention under strict supervision. Assigned an essay on identity, they begin as stereotypes but, through unexpected connections and conflicts, unravel deeper truths about themselves and each other, reshaping their views before the day ends. A much-acclaimed film of the time!

#### **SELECTION - WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, 8:00 PM:**

#### • CHOCOLAT

UK-USA, 2000, Dir.Lasse Hallström w/ Juliette Binoche, Johnny Depp, Judi Dench, and others, Drama-Romance, 121mins, English-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In 1959, a quiet French village follows strict traditions—until Vianne Rocher and her daughter Anouk arrive, opening a chocolaterie that disrupts the town's rigid moral order. As indulgence clashes with abstinence, Vianne faces resistance from Le Comte de Reynaud, the town's self-appointed guardian of virtue. But through kindness, courage, and chocolate, she challenges deep-seated beliefs, awakening hidden desires and long-buried truths. A film to revisit from time to time!

#### **INTERESTING - THURSDAY 5 JUNE, 8:00 PM:**

#### THE SALT OF THE EARTH

France-Italy-Brazil, 2015, Writer-Dir. Juliano Ribeiro Salgado & Wim Wenders w/ Sebastião Salgado, Wim Wenders, Lélia Wanick Salgado, and others, Biography-Docmentary, 110mins, French-English-Portuguese w/ English subtitles, Rated:PG-13

It is a stunning documentary that follows the life and work of Sebastião Salgado, a photographer who spent decades capturing humanity's struggles and resilience across the globe. From war zones to untouched landscapes, his lens revealed the beauty and brutality of our world. But beyond photography, Salgado was a humanist and environmentalist, restoring thousands of acres of land in Brazil. As we revisit this film, we bid farewell to an extraordinary soul whose vision and compassion shaped the world forever. Salut!

#### **INTERNATIONAL - SATURDAY 7 JUNE, 8:00 PM:**

#### LA COCINA (THE KITCHEN)

Mexico-USA, 2024, Writer-Dir. Alonso Rizapalacios w/ Raúl Briones, Rooney Mara, James Waterston, and others, Dark Comedy-Romance, 139mins, English-Spanish-French-Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In the underground kitchen of The Grill, a chaotic New York City restaurant, immigrant workers hustle through relentless shifts. Pedro, a fiery cook, fights for his future with Julia, a waitress torn between love and survival. As tensions rise, stolen money, broken dreams, and desperate choices collide, exposing the raw struggles of those chasing the elusive American dream.

#### **CHILDREN'S MATINEE - SUNDAY 8 JUNE, 4:00 PM:**

#### • RIO

USA-UK, 2011, Writer-Dir. Carlos Saldanha w/ Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway, George Lopez, and others, Animation-Adventure, 96mins English-Portuguese-Arabic-Spanish-Brazilian Sign Language w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Blu, a domesticated macaw who never learned to fly, enjoys a comfortable life with Linda in the USA, is taken to Rio to meet Jewel, the last female of his species. He's kidnapped. Chained together w/Linda, they escape with help from street-smart birds, in the chaotic whirlwind of Carnival to reclaim their freedom.

#### **CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 8 JUNE, 8:00 PM:**

#### • LA PIEL QUE HABITO (THE SKIN I LIVE IN)

Spain-USA, 2011, Dir. Pedro Almodovar w/ Antonio Banderas, Elena Anaya, and Others, Drama -Thriller, 120mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

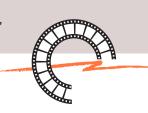
In honor of his late wife, Dr. Robert Ledgard obsessively works to create indestructible skin, resistant to burns and injury. As he nears perfection on his flawless patient, skepticism grows within the scientific community. But buried secrets unravel, exposing a disturbing past and a connection to tragedies he desperately wishes to forget.

**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 <a href="mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in">mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in</a>.

We are facing challenges in maintaining and replacing equipment, as well as providing essential support for visiting filmmakers who share their work in person. We kindly request you to set up a recurring contribution for "MMC-CP" or "Filmmaker-guest Expense" via Unity Fund or make a one-time donation there. Your support is crucial in sustaining this effort, thank you for being part of it!

Thanking You,
MMC/CP Group Account #105106,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in



## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

#### **AUROVILLE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES (AVFS)**

 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/ 94888 68747 for fault works, repair works and job works
 0413 2622264 for clarifications reg. electricity bills, job and

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: <u>avwaterservice@auroville.org.in</u>

#### **ECO SERVICE (WASTE COLLECTION/MANAGEMENT)**

• Timings: Monday to Saturday, 8:30am - 12:30pm, and

1:30pm - 4:30pm • **Phone:** 63796 69034

Email: ecoservice@auroville.org.in

#### **POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE (PTDC)**

· Timings: Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5pm

Phone: 0413 2622746/ 2622796Email: <a href="mailto:ptdc@auroville.org.in">ptdc@auroville.org.in</a>

#### **POUR TOUS PURCHASING SERVICE (PTPS)**

• Timings: Monday to Saturday, 8:30 am - 5pm

• **Phone:** (0413) 2622152

#### **AUROVILLE LIBRARY TIMINGS**

Our Summer (May - June) timings are:

Mornings:

Monday to Saturday: 9am - 12.30pm

#### Afternoons:

Tue, Thurs, & Sat: 4pm - 6.30pm

Children's Storytime! All ages welcome!

· Every Saturday between 10am - 11am.





#### **HEALTH**

#### **SANTÉ SERVICES IN MAY 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. Pavan & Dr. Sana: Monday to Saturday	Nurse Care - Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana & Sandhya: Daily: no appointment needed	
Ayurveda with Dr.	Integrative Psychotherapy	
Berengere:	with Juan Andres:	
Tue / Wed / Fri	Monday to Friday	
Physiotherapy & Massage	Homeopathy with Michael:	
with Galina:	Monday / Wednesday /	
TOS	Saturday	
Midwifery & GYN Care with	Soundbed Session with	
Paula:	Sandhya / Thilagam:	
Monday & Wednesday	Monday to Saturday	

Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena – inquiry email <a href="mailto:adminsante@auroville.org.in">adminsante@auroville.org.in</a>

We are happy to welcome **Dr Pavan** back in Sante who will see the patients as a GP and will also provide Integrative Medicine consultation on request.

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

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

#### **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

#### **NURSE SERVICES**

My name is Madhi and I'm 27 years old. I was born and brought up in AV.

I have done my bachelor degree in B.SC (Nursing) and I have more than three years experience as a Staff Nurse in hospital (one year in psychiatric ward, six months in ICU and six months in emergency) and giving care for elderly people in AV for the past 2 years.

#### Services:

- · Patient assessment and care plan.
- · Medication administration.
- · Vital signs monitoring.
- · Wound care.
- To provide blood and lab test.
- · Personal care assistance.
- · Patient education.
- · Fall prevention strategies.
- Providing assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, and toileting needs.
- · Communication and collaboration with physicians.
- · Documentation of medical reports.
- · End-of-life care.

If you need any assistance please do contact the below mentioned email or contact number.

Contact: 95972 22826 (Madhi) call/WhatsApp E-mail Id: <a href="madhiazhagan014@gmail.com">madhiazhagan014@gmail.com</a>

## TIME TO SUMMERNATE AYURVEDA HEALTHY TIPS



According to Ayurveda, the qualities of summer are hot, sharp, and penetrating. That's why our *pitta dosha* - the subtle fire that controls metabolism and transformation - can cause us to overheat. The sun saps the energy from the body, from the plants and the earth, increasing heat and dryness.

Pitta needs to be looked after to maintain a good energy, mental clarity, joyfulness, good digestion and blood circulation, a beautiful glow of the skin and a sound sleep.

When Pitta is out of balance it will give skin problems, hot flashes, exhaustion, indigestion or loose stool. Emotionally, excess Pitta manifests through irritation, short-temper, impatience, judgement/criticism, perfectionism...

Before Pitta reaches uncontrollable heights, remain cool, calm and pamper the liver:

<u>With the food:</u> As Agni (digestive fire) weakens, it is better to eat light, unctuous (slightly oily), cooling food such as salads and juices.

- Favorable taste: Bitter taste, Sweet taste (to take moderately in case of diabetes and high triglycerides). Salty taste should be taken reasonably.
- · Drink water stored in earthen pot.
- · Raw food/salads are taken at lunch mainly.
- Proteins: mungdal, chickpeas, beans, sprouts, nuts and seeds, non-veg: white meat, fish, seashell, dairies for breakfast or lunch, eggs.

- Cereals for energy: jasmine rice, barley, red rice, millet (fermented ragi).
- Vegetables: pumpkin, bittergourd, bottlegourd, snakegourd, ashgourd, cucumber (taken separately), salads, green leafy vegetables, broccoli, cabbage, celery, carrots, drumstick (moringa), zucchini, plantain.
- Fruits: amla, pomegranate, banana, ramphala, chiku, papaya, apple, grape, date, watermelon and melon (to be taken separately), coconut.
- Beverages: buttermilk, sweet lassi, coconut water, mint, lemongrass, cardamom, chamomile, nannari (sarsaparilla), amla juice, watermelon juice, vegetable juice, cucumber milk (blend ½ cup of peeled cucumber in 1 cup of milk cow or other veg milk with a pinch of sugar), electrolyte (1 lemon juice + 1tsp of sugar + 1 pinch salt in a glass of water).
- · Lipids: ghee, olive or sunflower or coconut oil.
- Spices: cumin, coriander, black pepper, turmeric, fennel seeds, fresh aromatic herbs (dill, coriander, fennel, mint, parsley, saffron).



#### **Avoid:**

- Pungent and sour tastes (especially for people who are Pitta dominant).
- Pitta increasing items: chillies, fermented food (apart from idli and dosai), deep-fried, sour buttermilk or curd, red meat, alcohol (strong liquor, red wine), coffee ...
- Drinking beverages coming from the fridge or freezer during meals.
- Ice-cream at the end of a meal (best to be taken when the digestion is finished, around 4pm).

#### **Routine to favour:**

- Avoid direct sun contact specially between 11am and 4pm, and protect from the heat by keeping a humid towel/cap on the head.
- · A nap of half an hour after lunch is allowed.
- Body massage with coconut oil if there's no time every day to apply oil on the body, then massage ears, hands and feet + pour 4-5 drops of coconut oil on the fontanelle.
- Bath with cool water and apply a paste of sandalwood on the face, heart and lower abdomen (these are the 3 main parts that should remain fresh to maintain the coolness in the whole body); foot bath in the evening with vetiver roots, rose water or hibiscus flowers.
- Swimming, aquagym, any water activities. Qi-Gong, Tai Chi, light running: max 30 minutes early morning or late evening; walks in green environment, forest.
- Soft yoga, pranayama (Sheetali, Sheetakari, ida nadi inhalationleft nostril inhalation), meditation with Gayatri mantra.
- Walk under the moonlight, full moon bath.
- Wear loose and comfortable cotton or linen clothes (white, blue, green, gray colours).
- Cooling jewellery: sandalwood beads, jade, pearl, amethyst crystals, moonstone, silver, aquamarine.
- To refresh the ambiance use lemon or orange peel, jasmine flowers, lavender, wet cloth hanging at the open window, vetiver curtains.

#### Cooling plants for the summer:

- Amalaki Amla: refrigerant and full of Vitamin C, rejuvenative fruit.
- Aloe vera: rejuvenates blood and tissues.
- Aegle Marmelos Bael fruit: make juice from the pulp and decoction with leaves, it calms body and mind. It is slightly laxative, do not take during pregnancy.
- Coriander: seeds soaked in water for urinary infections, kidney weakness.
- **Red Hibiscus:** leaves and flowers for shampoo and conditioner; flowers for herbal tea.
- Manduka parni Centella asiatica leaves: rejuvenative and tonic for brain and nerves.
- Pudina Mint leaves: herbal tea or dishes.
- Radha consciousness Clitoria Terneata flowers: herbal tea or juice.
- · Sarsaparilla Nannari syrup: soothing and cooling.
- Shataavari Asparagus racemosus: cooling, calming Pitta, very good for Vata women to harmonize hormones.
- · Vetiver roots: for bathing.
- Yashtimadhu Licorice: to refresh the body and to calm irritation, inflammation or ulcer in the digestive tract.

Wishing you a beautiful summer Be @ Santé Clinic

#### **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 Aurovilli ewcomers
   Daily: 6.00 AM to 7.30 PM
- Aurovilians may bring a page to enter the Park of
- Volunteers a pass to enter the Park of Unity. Timings and 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 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 at 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

 Auroville units can bring their staff to the Inner Chamber with a prior booking at <u>mmconcentration@auroville.org.in</u>:

Tuesday 8.00 AM to 8.30 AM



#### ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

avbus@auroville.org.in / +91 94430 74825

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- Single Trip = ₹100 per person
- Monthy Scheme (Students + AV Workers) = ₹1200
- Monthly Scheme (Students + AV Workers) = (One Way) ₹850

Auroville Vehicle Service Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302



Join our WhatsApp group of Auroville Bus to get regular updates:

 $\underline{https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lt43wBCBno1E6CTwoaUt2x}$ 

### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Ambulance (24/7):



Auroville	PIMS
94422 24680	0413 2656271
Security (24/7):	

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Auroville Police	Kottakuppam Police	Vanur Fire
Station	Station	Station
0413 2677318	0413 2236148	0413 2677368

#### Health:

Health Center		
0413 3509942 &	Santé	Farewell
	0413 2622803	89038 36246
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#### Mental Health 24/7 Support:

Vandrevala Foundation +91 99996 66555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108