

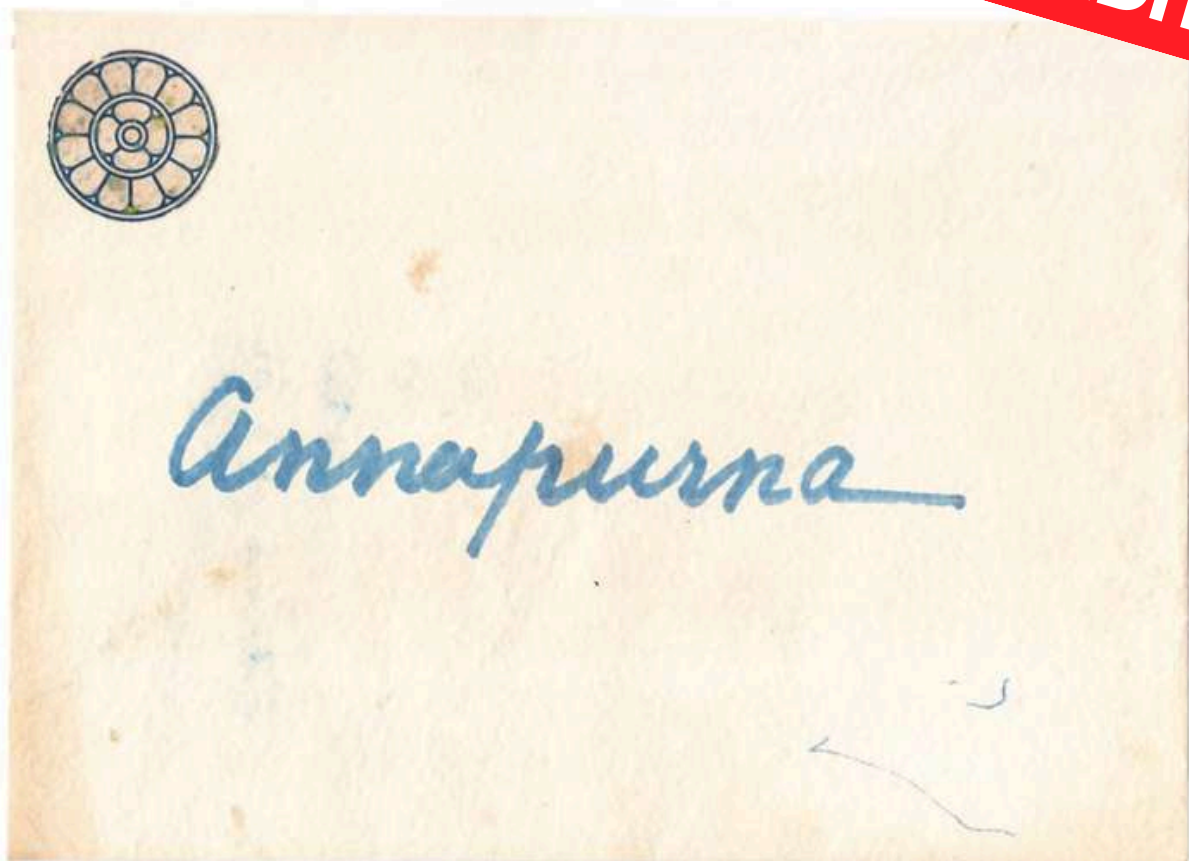
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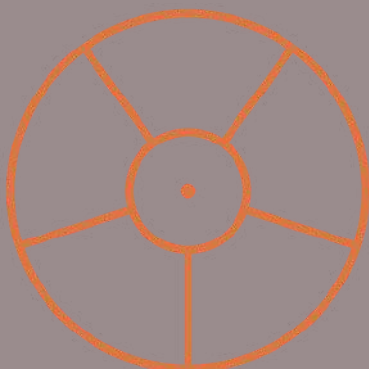
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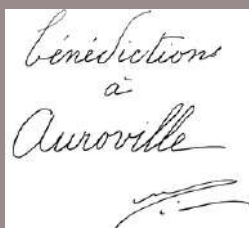
## PONDERING

We are endeavouring to establish upon earth union, knowledge, consciousness, Truth, and we fight whatever opposes the advent of this new creation of Light, Peace, Truth and Love.

*The Mother, 16 February 1965, No Politics, Words of the Mother I*  
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# THE MOTHER ON AUROVILLE



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## AUROVILLE IN ELABORATION

### THE ASPIRATION TALKS

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The Mother does not at all approve of any kind of religious ceremony in connection with any religious festival.

28.10.1972

\*

*When asked about recruiting people for Auroville The Mother said:*

We don't want any recruitment.

Oct, 1972

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*(From March to July 1970, the Mother met a group of people from Aspiration each week. Some of the meetings were 'a bath of silence', in others she would answer questions. The Mother wanted to revise the texts of these talks before publication, but this did not happen. Here are some extracts edited by the compiler.)*

*We would like to speak to you about work in Aspiration. What we would like to know, what we are looking for is the right attitude....*

What is the trouble?

*The trouble is....*

Each one pulls in his own direction.



#### Collective Purity

*A very precious achievement, but difficult to obtain. - The Mother*

*Viburnum plicatum forma plicatum, Caprifoliaceae.  
Japanese snowball*

*The city the earth  
needs.*

*Each one pulls in his own direction. No one is really in contact with what is true....*

We should take into account that we are starting from the present state of humanity. So you must face all the difficulties; you must find the solution....

*But Sweet Mother, you know, several solutions are open to us. For instance, on one hand....*

Every man has his own solution, and that is the great difficulty. To be in the truth, each one has his own solution. And yet we must find a way for all these solutions to work together.

*( silence )*

So the frame-work must be vast, very flexible, and there must be a great goodwill from everyone: that is the first condition—the first individual condition, goodwill, to be flexible enough to do the best thing to be done at each moment.

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*But for example, we are told that factories are needed, that there must be production, and some of us don't feel like doing work in that sense. They would rather do some research that is more....*

More inward?

*More inward rather than to launch into factories, work, production to make money, etc. That is not what we feel, that is not what we want to do in Aspiration at the moment. We would like to know what you think about it.*

*( Mother concentrates—long silence )*

To be practical, you must first have a very clear vision of your goal, of where you are going. From this point of view, take money for example. An ideal which may be several hundred years ahead of its time, we don't know: money should be a power which belongs to nobody and which should be controlled by the most universal wisdom of the place; on earth, say, by someone who has a vision vast enough to be able to know the needs of the earth and precise enough to be able to tell where the money should go. You understand, we are very far from that, aren't we? For the moment, the gentleman still says, "This is mine", and when he is generous, he says, "I give it to you." That's not it.

# NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

**TUESDAY 5PM**

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- Working group announcements and reports
- Residents' voices and personal sharings
- 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
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- 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 [click here](#) 😊 to view our complete FAQ document.
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*We thank you for your collaboration and understanding.*

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- **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



Dear Community,

### Here is some important information:

- If you would like to support the RA N&N, please send us an e-mail at [newsandnotes@auroville.services](mailto:newsandnotes@auroville.services).
- Content sent through [@auroville.org.in](https://auroville.org.in) mail ID will only reach us if you use this [FORM](#) to submit your content.
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- 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 # 266 DATED: 25-08-2025

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 Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovillian in writing at [auroville.entryservice@gmail.com](mailto: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



- **Samuel BROYE (British)** staying in Arati 2 and working at Horizon Laboratory

#### AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED

- **Vishnu REDDY (South African)**

#### LEFT ON THEIR OWN

- **Fabio PALUMBO (Italian)**
- **Roberta ROSATO (Italian)**
- **Mireille GEHIN (French)**

#### DID NOT COMPLETE THEIR PROCESS WITH THE ENTRY BOARD

- **Kalaiarasi DHAYALAN (Indian)**

#### NOTE:

- A Newcomer becomes an 'Aurovillian' once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.
- The date of becoming 'Aurovillian' is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.
- The formal administrative step of entering new residents into the Register of Residents (RoR), is done by the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. For this, a B-Form is filled in and signed by the individual and a meeting with the Secretary is arranged by the Entry Secretariat. However, until such time as the court has made its ruling about Admission and Termination Regulations 2023, the meetings of Confirmed Aurovilians with the Secretary will be pending.





## FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

### CALL FOR RAS MEMBERSHIP

Dear Community members,

The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) needs more members and resource persons.

We are looking for service-oriented individuals with skills in communication, organization, and coordination. Candidates should preferably be individuals who have been involved in RA working groups, have some understanding of the RAS's functioning and residents of Auroville for at least 5 years.

The RAS mainly bridges residents with Auroville's administration, organising decision-making and selection processes.

You can read the current mandate here:

👉 [RAS Mandate](#)

If you're interested in contributing to Auroville's internal processes, this is a wonderful opportunity to get actively involved, please contact us via:

✉ Email: [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services)

Warm regards,  
The Auroville Council



### FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents' Assembly process)

#### FROM THE FO N&N 1093

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY

#### FREDERICK'S VISA IS GRANTED



Frederick was finally granted a visa just days before he was due to leave India. The three year visa is backdated for two years, meaning that it expires next year in July 2026.

### LAND EXCHANGES PROPOSED AFFECTING AUROVILLE LANDS IN AURO ANNAM, DJAIMA, ETERNITY, FELICITY AND KUILAPALAYAM MAIN ROAD

The GB has approved several exchanges of highly valuable Auroville land for scattered parcels of land, many in the Greenbelt and some on the outer ring road outside the master plan, as well as some land in the city area. As with the previous exchanges by the current GB, the land evaluations do not favour Auroville.

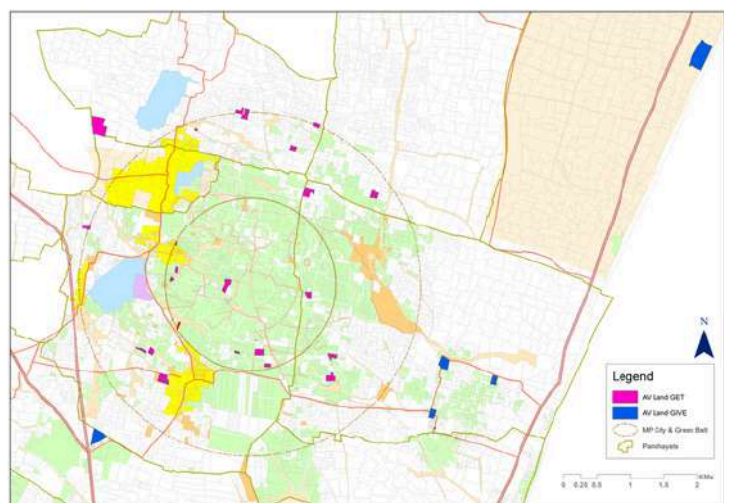
Reportedly 7.5 acres of Eternity, [estimated](#) over 100 crore rupees, is being proposed for an exchange for 7.3 acres of scattered parcels of land & a building asset with a total estimated value of 15 crore. The private owner benefiting from this exchange is Velmurugan, the son of T. Kannan, the new owner of the 10 acres of AuroOrchard land that was exchanged in 2023. A parcel of city land appearing in the list of land to be acquired in exchange was previously offered for sale to Auroville for much less than the rate assessed in exchange, however AVFO 'Land Service' members reportedly refused to purchase it. Some parcels to be acquired in exchange do not exist (or survey numbers are improperly noted) and other parcels already belong to Auroville, indicating an unprofessional manner, possible corruption and the lack of historic knowledge by employees of the AVFO regarding AV lands.

Regarding Eternity, it is noteworthy that the [Mother herself](#) signed the lease for this land in 1968 and it was then purchased the following year. This disregard is similar to that affecting AuroOrchard, where the Mother's statements regarding AuroOrchard being reserved for organic farming and the keen interest she showed by asking for monthly meetings with Gerard, her steward, were all disregarded by the GB, AVFO and their allies. In 2004, Eternity's live fence and afforestation had arrested much of the Tsunami's devastation, making it an example of how vegetation can help minimise damage.

As well as representing a huge financial loss to Auroville, the proposed exchanges would be an ecological disaster in Eternity and elsewhere in Auroville, where half a century of environmental work, and assets created by Aurovilians would be lost.

In [this video](#) (in Tamil) an activist visits Eternity and highlights the general irregularities of land exchanges, the environmental value, the injustice and potential destruction these are causing Auroville.

Other communities that are being targeted in this latest round of exchanges include Djaima, Auro Annam, Felicity and some land lying on the Kuilapalayam main road. Please see below for a map which gives an overview of the proposed exchanges.



## LEGAL UPDATE FROM RA WCOM

The RA WCom shared a legal update via [massbulletin](#) on 2nd August 2025. The case against the Admission and Termination Regulations (published in the Gazette of India in January 2024) was heard in the Madras High Court on 31<sup>st</sup> July. It was the final hearing. Arguments were heard for both sides, then both parties were requested to make written submissions by the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. The final verdict will come after that.

The case concerning the Working Committee regulations made by the GB (also published in the Gazette of India in January 2024) was not discussed and will be taken up at a later stage.

The massbulletin stated "These [Working Committee] regulations were stayed ad interim by the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court in February 2024, with in order that was in our favor, and the stay is still in place.

Two other very important cases concerning the Working Committee are still pending in the Madras High Court. These may have an important impact on the function of the RA".

## IIT MADRAS 'SUSTAINABILITY CAMPUS' & ANNAPURNA FARM

The press release announced that the GB have signed an MoU with IIT Madras for the establishment of a "Sustainability Campus" on leased Auroville land. This arrangement effectively transfers Auroville land to a government institution for a project that is not part of Auroville's community development. The campus will apparently focus on "global excellence in sustainable technologies" under IIT Madras administration. There has been no official disclosure about the planned location of the campus, however a [subsequent article](#) in The Hindu stated that it will be "on a 106-acre expanse of land in Sedarapet area".

The only contiguous area of Auroville land of this size in this location is [Annapurna Farm](#), one of the most productive farms in Auroville which has been responsible for pioneering work in sustainable farming techniques. Much of the land at Annapurna was bought during the Mother's lifetime. If this amount of land is given to IIT Madras, this would leave the farm with just 35 acres. There has been no communication from the AVFO or the GB with the Aurovilians who have spent decades running this very productive organic grain and dairy farm.

## 69<sup>TH</sup> GB MEETING: LAND EXCHANGES, IIT MADRAS CAMPUS AND CRPF DEPLOYMENT APPROVED

The 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation took place on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025, at which the GB approved several significant projects without any consultation or approval from the RA. Residents were only made aware that the meeting had taken place after a [press release](#) was shared the day after.

Construction projects that have been approved include:

- Line of Progress project: A 1000-bed residential complex to house 380 individuals in Sector 2 of the Residential Zone, proposed for inclusion under the [Higher Education Financing Agency \(HEFA\) scheme](#).
- Serviteurs Volontaires housing: A 100-bed facility for long-term volunteers and newcomers. Subsequently, an [application announcement](#) shared by the AVFO 'ATDC' on 24th July informed that approval had been given to Jothi Prasad to build a temporary 'prototype' building in [sector 4](#) of the residential zone.
- Security Infrastructure: Construction of a dedicated security complex, including a 'master control room' in Auroville's Southern Service Node.

- NBCC Housing & Retail Complex: A partnership with [NBCC \(India\) Ltd](#) for a residential-commercial project outside the Master Plan area.

The GB also approved proposals for:

- Sri Aurobindo Integral Multiversity: A 1000-student university campus with academic, sports, and residential infrastructure.
- A "Free Progress" school within Auroville under SAIER.
- University-level programs under the Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Educational Research, to be established outside the Master Plan.

Two new Standing Orders were ratified by the GB. If implemented, they will significantly expand its regulatory control: The orders have not yet been shared with the community.

- Code of Conduct for Business Units 2025: This order "streamlines and regulates unit operations," potentially giving the GB greater oversight and control over Auroville's commercial activities and enterprises.
- Framework for Functioning of the Residents' Assembly 2025: This order aims to "ensure clarity and order in community governance." Given the GB's history of attempting to limit the Residents' Assembly's decision-making powers, this framework may further restrict community autonomy and formalize the GB's authority over resident participation.

The GB also approved new status categories including 'Auro Mitra' and 'Auro Hiteshi' for collaborators and well-wishers, and mandated the formation of an 'Elders Committee' composed of long-standing residents, again demonstrating their intention to control who becomes resident of Auroville.

As mentioned above, the GB also approved a "significant land exchange transaction in the prime city area".

## CRPF DEPLOYMENT

The GB recorded its prior approval for the deployment of 15 members of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) for a period of five years "to safeguard Auroville's development zones and uphold law and order."

The CRPF is India's largest paramilitary force under the Ministry of Home Affairs, typically deployed for internal security, counter-insurgency operations, and maintaining law and order in sensitive areas. The force is commonly used in conflict zones and areas experiencing civil unrest, for example as part of [anti-Naxal operations](#) in Chhattisgarh.

The deployment of permanent CRPF personnel in Auroville represents a significant escalation in security measures for the township, which has already seen a huge increase in security and surveillance since the takeover began in 2021.

## UPSIDE-DOWN CAR TAKEN DOWN

The famous upside down car which was installed at the Transformation turning by members of the Youth Centre around 2008, was taken down without warning on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025. It was one of the most photographed sites in Auroville, and was an iconic public art piece created by Auroville youth. It was [removed by a JCB](#) in order to lay cables alongside the Lilaloka-Revelation Radial. In recent years, the car had become a site of protest, as several anonymous artists used the vehicle as a canvas to register their opposition to the actions of the AVFO.





According to a [timeline](#) compiled by residents, the disputed land was originally purchased by Auroville in 1989 from Vasudeva Kounder for Rs. 51,570. Auroville did not apply for patta transfer however did hold the sale deed as proof of ownership. In 2017, one of the original seller's descendants, Kalyani, allegedly sold the same land to Mr. Ramalingam for Rs. 5,00,000, leading to a court case which ran for several years.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, the First District Court ordered that the land belonged to Ramalingam. On 20<sup>th</sup> March, Ramalingam sold the land to Mr. Anabalagan from Edayanchavadi for Rs. 20,08,000. Between January and May, despite Mr. Anabalagan reportedly informing the AVFO of the court order and seeking their support for peaceful possession, the AVFO took no action.

In May, Mr. Anabalagan and associates arrived at the Discipline forest three separate times, breaking the fence with a JCB and claiming ownership of the 2.5-acre plot. Residents intervened to stop the encroachment on each occasion, but received no assistance from the AVFO. Only Mr. Balasubramaniam from the AVFO visited the site once during this period.

On 4<sup>th</sup> June, Sindhuja, writing in her capacity as AVFO Legal Coordinator, sent [an email](#) to the AVFO 'FAMC', 'Land Service', and the OSD Dr. Seetharaman, stating that "it has been decided that no appeal will be filed in this matter." The email also requested that "no action should be taken on the property" and that parties should not "attempt any fencing, enter the land, or engage in any form of ground-level dispute" until the final decree is issued.

Three days later, on 7<sup>th</sup> June, land grabbers began clearing the forested land, removing 960 trees and constructing a fence around the claimed area. They also removed wood from the land, which may constitute theft of Auroville property.

The incident follows a pattern similar to the ongoing Evergreen land dispute involving PKS, where valuable Auroville land developed over decades has not been adequately defended by the AVFO. The failure to protect Discipline land represents both significant financial loss and raises questions about the AVFO's approach to safeguarding Auroville's assets.

## DISCIPLINE LAND GRAB

The Discipline community has lost 2.5 acres of forested land after the AVFO decided not to appeal a court order that awarded the land to private claimants. The land, which has been nurtured by Auroville foresters for over 40 years, was cleared of trees and fenced by encroachers on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025.





The case highlights the vulnerability of Auroville lands where documentation issues exist, and the consequences when legal challenges are not properly contested. The Discipline land had been used for reforestation efforts and was part of Auroville's green belt development.

Residents have expressed concern about the AVFO's decision not to appeal the court order and the subsequent loss of land that has been under Auroville's stewardship for decades.

## SOIL MOVEMENT FROM MATRIMANDIR QUESTIONED BY TEHSILDAR

The [Tehsildar](#) has intervened and impounded a vehicle carrying soil for the second time, due to unauthorised soil movements from the Matrimandir. After observing trucks regularly transporting soil outside the township, an Auroville resident approached the Tehsildar's office to file a report. The Tehsildar promised to visit Auroville to investigate the matter personally. During the Tehsildar's visit on June 27<sup>th</sup> to the Visitors Centre checkpoint, a truck carrying soil from inside Auroville was observed leaving the township. The resident stopped the vehicle and requested authorisation for the soil movement. The truck driver then showed a [gate pass](#) from Matrimandir authorising the movement of 200 lorry loads of soil, however a gate pass alone does not qualify as proper permission as that should be given by the Tehsildar.

A similar incident occurred in March of this year. At that time, the Collector had clearly instructed the Matrimandir team that soil could not be moved without proper permissions.

During the Tehsildar's questioning at the most recent incident, Mr. Anbalagan from Edayanchavadi, who recently claimed 2.5 acres of Auroville land in Discipline (see above for more information), arrived and demanded the immediate release of the truck, claiming he had only rented the vehicle to Auroville. The Tehsildar refused this request and called the police to the scene, who subsequently impounded the truck along with the soil, taking it to the Auroville Police Station. An investigation is currently underway.

## JASMIN & ARAVINDA'S HOUSE MOVE

With the assistance of a group of community members, Jasmin and Aravinda from Auro Orchard have moved their house. The house was shifted 35 meters away from its original location.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2EhXtr\\_e-g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2EhXtr_e-g)

This technical feat was necessitated by a AVFO land exchange in 2023, when they exchanged 10 acres of contiguous Auro Orchard land for several scattered plots of land inside the Master Plan area. At the time, the AVFO 'WCom' [claimed that](#) it was "clear that no house [is] being taken away, nor the coconut tope, nor any cultivated land," and dismissed Auro Orchard's pleas not to exchange the land as "hyped fake news". In fact all these areas and more were part of the exchange.

The financial loss to Auroville has been estimated at almost 100 crores but the greater loss has been that of vital and irreplaceable community agricultural assets. Access to the Ganesh temple has also been lost; despite verbal assurances from the new owner that access would be maintained, a lockable gate has now been installed. The Mother herself gave assurances when the land was purchased for Auroville that the temple would be maintained and kept open for people to come and worship.

Jasmin, Aravinda and the Auro Orchard community have never been given any support, financial or otherwise, from the AVFO and their 'working groups', however the wider community collective has provided ongoing support and assistance during this time, which enabled the house shift to happen.



## MISCELLANEOUS

- Support the Freedom to Bel: A group of Aurovilian artists have organised a petition asking for recognition, because of the actions of the AVFO 'FAMC' who have been systematically closing down units and activities that work with acting, modeling, DJ'ing and other artistic disciplines. You can sign the petition [here](#).
- Maël's term as WCom member completed: The RA WCom informed the community via [massbulletin](#) that Maël completed his term as a WCom member on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025, and he will not be continuing further for personal reasons.
- Emergency E-Rad Outcome: The outcome of the emergency E-RAD regarding the role of the RA in the admission and termination of residents and the legitimacy of the related AVFO 'working groups' was [announced](#) on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025. A total of 510 votes were registered and 98.6% of those who voted were in favour of the resolution.
- RA WCom call for support: The RA WCom sent out a [massbulletin](#) calling for support and assistance. They stated "more can be done and more must be done! Will you help? If the answer is 'yes', please write to us at [workingcom@auroville.servivces](mailto:workingcom@auroville.servivces). All you have to do is say 'yes' - no form to fill out, no specific profile to meet, no expectations, just say 'yes'!"
- Darkali before and after: A new [photo report](#) shares images of Darkali before and after the destruction which began in December 2021.



## MEDIA & OTHER LINKS

- RA Forest Caretakers newsletter no 11: The latest issue of the Winged Forest Caretakers' humorous newsletter: Does Silence Have a Sense of Humor? English version > [HERE](#) French version > [ICI](#). Please find all the previous editions [here](#).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025, The New Indian Express: [Govt backs integrated medical course proposed by Auroville at JIPMER without consulting regulatory bodies: RTI](#)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, The Indian Express: [Amid Govts plan, Fear at Auroville: Turning into bureaucratic hostel](#)
- 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025, The Times of India: [Why some residents say Auroville has lost it's way](#) (paywalled) link to doc of article [here](#)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, The Indian Express: [Bulldozers in an experimental township](#)
- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025, Youtube: [Cultivating Relationality: Seeding Soil and Soul in Auroville's Living Ecology](#)
- 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025, The Hindu: [RAF team for V-P visit take a post-duty tour of Auroville](#)
- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Youtube Shorts: [Is Auroville Under Threat?](#)
- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Substack: [Exploring the Causes of Auroville's Crisis](#) by Rod Hemsell
- From 2023, explorer.land: [Auroville Land](#) by the Forest Group
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Youtube: [Is it an attempt to occupy Auroville? - What are the demands of the people?](#) (In Tamil)



## ANNAPURNA FARM - WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?



## THE STORY SO FAR...

There have been articles in the press for several months, stating that the Auroville Governing Board (GB), and the Office of the Secretary (also known as Auroville Foundation Office - AVFO), have signed an MoU to lease 100 acres of Auroville's land to IIT (Indian Institute of Technologies) Madras for a "sustainability campus", which would include a "world class zero-emission test track for electric trucks".

The focus had recently been on Aurobrindavan, where the stewards had received several visits from the AVFO & their 'working group' members, who had stated the intention to hand over the land to IIT Madras. However, after a land assessment it was deemed that Aurobrindavan was not suitable for IIT Madras's purposes.

Without any formal notification from the AVFO or its 'working groups', the stewards of Annapurna [read in The Hindu](#) on 25<sup>th</sup> July that "Auroville and IIT-Madras are looking to fast-track the project to establish a state-of-the-art sustainability campus on a 106-acre expanse of land in Sedarapet area". As Annapurna Farm is located on the only Auroville land of that size in that area, stewards guessed the plan was to take over the farm's land. Only on 13<sup>th</sup> August were the stewards officially informed of the plan, via a [brief email](#) from the AVFO 'ATDC', that stated that "It has been decided" to give the farm's land to IIT Madras. That this could be done in the name of 'sustainability' seems painfully ironic.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Sign the petition: Almost as soon as the news began to circulate, a friend of Auroville started a change.org petition calling for a halt. So far, this petition has received 4000 signatures. Please find the petition [linked here](#).

**Please sign the petition if you have not already done so & share it widely with all your contacts.**

- Email IIT Madras: An email template that you may use to contact individuals currently at IIT Madras as well as associates, and alumni. You are welcome to change wording, but please do not change facts and dates. Please find the template and useful email IDs [linked here](#).

**Use your voice to object to this destruction, write to the people who can stop this from happening.**

- Learn about Annapurna Farm: A factsheet about Annapurna Farm has been created and can be [found here](#).

**Circulate this factsheet widely, so that the true information about this precious farmland can be shared.**



## DEBUNKING LIES AND MISINFORMATION

There is a lot of misinformation and bad faith arguments being circulated by the GB (i.e. Board member Goutam Ghosal), the AVFO and the residents who work for them. Lies such as:

- "Annapurna's effective cultivation is ~30 acres": Please see below for a map of Annapurna's actual land use, which includes: Paddy 20 acres, pulses 3.5 acres, fodder 25 acres, orchards 6.75 acres, forest buffers 38 acres, infrastructure/water 14.5 acres, grazing/other 30.75 acres. Please note that the portion in yellow on the map is where the stewards were originally told that they would have to shift the farm's operations, now they have been instructed to move to a farm inside the Master Plan area - disregarding the work of decades at Annapurna Farm, which includes soil regeneration, infrastructure building, creation of water harvesting systems and the nurture of biodiverse ecosystems.

## OBITUARY



### EUGEEN PASSES AWAY IN THE NETHERLANDS

We share with sadness the news that Prof. Eugene Liven d'Abelardo, a longtime friend of Auroville and a distinguished orchestra conductor, passed away on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August in the Netherlands.



Prof. Eugene  
1950 - 2025



### COLLEEN PASSES AWAY

Colleen, partner of Jean from Two Banyans passed away at Marika home in Samasti, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August in the evening.

She is resting in Farewell.

Visiting hours will be 10am - 12pm and 3 - 5pm, vigil keepers are requested till the funeral.

Details on the funeral will follow in the coming days.



## COMMUNITY SHARING

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF AUROVILLE (1964-2007)

Dear fellow Aurovilians,

you will find herewith [attached](#) the beginning of a history of Auroville. A first draft written by Gilles Guigan.

In Community.

### A Brief History of Auroville (1964-2007)

By Gilles Guigan

**DRAFT**

Version 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### Foreword:

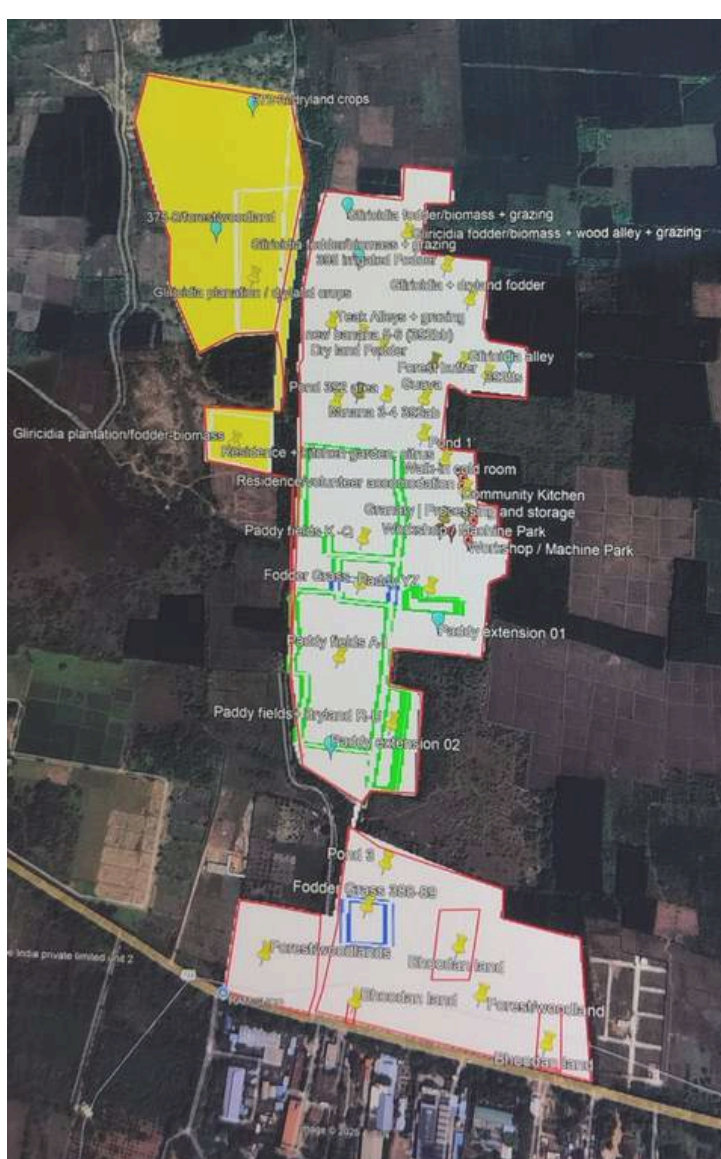
Having produced a chronological compilation of Mother's words on Auroville (in 2 volumes), in English (published in 2018), then in French<sup>1</sup> (published in 2025), and having compiled chronologically even more of Mother's words and added as much of their context as I could,<sup>2</sup> it is now becoming possible for historians to write proper histories of Auroville – which is something very different from chronological compilations.

### AUROVILLE RELATED BOOK GIVEAWAY 14<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, AUROVILLE LIBRARY

From Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, we will be offering surplus **Mother, Sri Aurobindo, Disciples and Auroville related books for free.**

Pass by during our opening hours to see what's available!

*The Auroville Library Team*



- "Auroville can 'consolidate' its farms inside the Master Plan area, to reduce food miles". This is just completely unrealistic. There is not enough contiguous Auroville land inside the Master Plan area, the soil quality is not good enough, nor does it hold the organic certifications that Annapurna has been awarded. Empty promises and bad faith arguments about 'land consolidation' and 'food miles' - as if 10 km is any real distance when it comes to food supply chains - will not change these facts. If the AVFO wants to set up new farms inside the Master Plan then they should do so (although they have already tried and failed twice, with Unity & Gratitude Farms).
- Moving the farm into the Master Plan area is "consistent with the Mother's original intentions": The first lands for Annapurna Farm were purchased in the Mother's lifetime, in 1967. It was her plan for these lands to be used for farming for Auroville. At that time nobody could imagine agriculture on the dryland plateau, from the beginning it was understood that it would be better to set up a farm where soil would be suitable for irrigated crop cultivation.

**Please, help where you can by carrying out the actions listed above. Annapurna Farm is too precious for the food security of Auroville to be destroyed.**





## ANNAPURNA FARM IS UNDER THREAT FOR A 'SUSTAINABILITY CAMPUS' OF IIT MADRAS



Annapurna Farm, on land purchased specifically for Auroville food supply, has been part of Auroville's food system since the mid-1980s.

### 135 acres land use by acre

- Field crops - 23.25
- Various fruits - 6.75
- Fodder/biomass - 30.5
- Forest/live fences - 46
- Rainwater harvest ponds - 6
- Infra buildings, drying space, roads - 8.5
- Uncultivated, for grazing - 14

### IMO Control (IMO IN) organic certification since 2005

- Processes over 90% of grains from all AV farms
- Supplies 30% of AV farms production
- Serves as central granary for 3,000+ residents



Annapurna's location with its soil and water systems, including extensive rain water harvesting ponds, are unique for paddy and field crops.

The planned IIT campus will include an EV truck testing track, destroying productive farmland to test heavy vehicles.



**STOP** the destruction of  
**Don't trade food for concrete!**

Annapurna Farm  
Auroville organic



To know more  
& help, scan



**UNSUSTAINABLE SUSTAINABILITY: Undisclosed MoU with IIT-Madras to flatten a 40 year old productive and certified organic farm to build an EV truck test track.**

**HOW IRONIC.**

**நிறுத்து** அன்னபூர்ணா விவசாய பண்ணையை அழிக்காதே (அழிப்பதை நிறுத்து)

Annapurna Farm  
Auroville organic

காண்கிரீட்டுக்காக உணவாதாரத்தை விற்காதே

மேலும் அறிய & உதவிக்கு

சான்றிதழ் பெற்ற, 40 வருட பழமையான இயற்கை விவசாய வயல் நிலத்தை அழித்து கனரக மின்சார வாகன சோதனைத் தடம் அமைக்க ஐஐடி. மெட்ராஸ் உடன் வெளியிடப்படாத புரிந்துணர்வு ஒப்பந்தம்.

## AN ALLE DEUTSCHEN IN DIESER REGION

### An alle Deutschen in dieser Region

Für die zweite Septemberhälfte ist ein Sprechtag mit dem neuen Generalkonsul aus Chennai, Herrn Michael Hasper sowie konsularische Beratung durch Herrn Siemens geplant.

<https://india.diplo.de/in-en/ueber-uns/chennai/cv-eng-2001126>

<https://india.diplo.de/in-de/service/2439592-2439592>

Anmeldung bitte bis zum 31.8.25 mit Angabe des vollen Namens und der gewünschten Themen.

Herzlichen Gruß  
Karin@auroville.org.in

Links:

- <https://india.diplo.de/in-en/ueber-uns/chennai/cv-eng-2001126>
- <https://india.diplo.de/in-de/service/2439592-2439592>



## DEAR INDIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

"Let's wake up!  
Let's raise our voices for our rights!  
Let's uplift Auroville!"

For the past few years, we have been observing the administration of Auroville with the hope of change, but many of us haven't been satisfied with the progress. We've been patient, hoping things would improve. However, today, even basic human rights (freedom of speech, expression, and gathering together to discuss important things) are being denied.

As citizens of India, the time has come for us to come together and raise our voices. Efforts are already underway. Your contribution is crucial - your physical presence.

Please lend a helping hand.

For more details, contact: Arun Ambathy - 95001 83706.  
Thank you 🙏🙏🙏

விழித்தெழுவோம்!  
உரிமைக் குரல் எழுப்புவோம்!

ஆரோவில்லை மேம்படுத்துவோம் என்று கடந்த சில ஆண்டுகளாக நடந்து வரும் வேலைகள் நம்மில் பெரும்பாலோருக்குத் திருப்தி அளிக்காதிருந்தன. ஆனாலும் பொறுத்திருந்து பார்க்கலாம் என நினைத்துக் காத்திருந்தோம். ஆனால் இன்றோ ஒரு தனிமனிதனின் அடிப்படை உரிமைகளும் ( பேச்சு சுதந்திரம், கருத்தைத் தெரிவிப்பது, கூடிக் கலந்து ஆலோசிப்பது) கூட மறுக்கப்படுகின்றன.

ஆகவே, இந்திய மண்ணின் மக்களாகிய நாம் ஒன்றாகக் கூடி குரல் எழுப்ப வேண்டிய நேரம் வந்து விட்டது. அதற்கான முயற்சிகள் எடுக்கப்பட்டு விட்டன. இதில் உங்களுடைய பங்கு என்னவென்றால், உங்களின் நேரடியான வருகையே (physical presence). தயவு செய்து உதவிக்கரம் நீட்டுங்கள்.

விவரங்கள் அறிய: அருண் அம்பாதி, +91 95001 83706 தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள்.



### RESIDENTS SPEAK

#### SHAM SUSTAINABILITY AT IIT-M

IIT Madras is trying to set up a sustainability centre. They have signed an agreement with the trustees of Auroville to take over 100 acres of regenerated fertile farmland for creating a track to test EV trucks. Let us assess this project's potential to increase sustainability or decrease it.

Using sustainability criteria we find that this project fails on every count except one.

Will financially savviness overpower the spirit of regeneration?

<https://aandolan.medium.com/sham-sustainability-at-iit-m-7a7276440f44>



## SUSTAINABILITY GAMES BLOCK THE REAL WORK OF REGENERATION

Sustainability now has become a word that the intelligent and the powerful manipulate to advance their own interests. It is used for greenwashing, token gestures, and to make money. The money that is made, considering we are inside the throat of extinction, has to be fool's gold.

The wise ignore the word sustainability. For them living sustainably does not depict the life of the human. That life is a joyful dance, connecting with all and nurturing all. All.

The real work is regeneration. The work of regeneration is not just about regenerating land, it is about regenerating our society, our local and global environment, and the human spirit.

This is Sri Aurobindo's fifth dream shared on the day of India's independence: Evolution into higher consciousness.

Auroville is one regenerator experimenting in many areas, posting successes and failures, all of which deserves a closer scrutiny.

None of which should be measured by bean-counters trained under the umbrella of the GDP.

The GDP measures how much a country has sold its soul.

Can anyone see a situation where GDP worshippers (who by default are worshippers of wealth) become the board of trustees of a regenerative non-profit? Can they assess the situation properly? Can they advise?

The universe should also be wanting a new world manifest, and will protect regenerators.

<http://aandolan.medium.com/sustainability-games-block-the-real-work-of-regeneration-f03e80ad406d>

Rajesh

## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Going beyond the clinging mental-vital-emotional myopia of the transitional human being, still unfortunately widespread on Earth and also here in the Avatar's Auroville, I posited to Gemini the question. Here's the transcript of our Q&A, recommended for the wide open-minded solution-oriented future-looking, as in the first necessity of **To Be a True Aurovilian**:

*"The first necessity is the inner discovery in order to know what one truly is behind social, moral, cultural, racial and hereditary appearances. At the centre there is a being free, vast and knowing, who awaits our discovery and who ought to become the active centre of our being and our life in Auroville."*

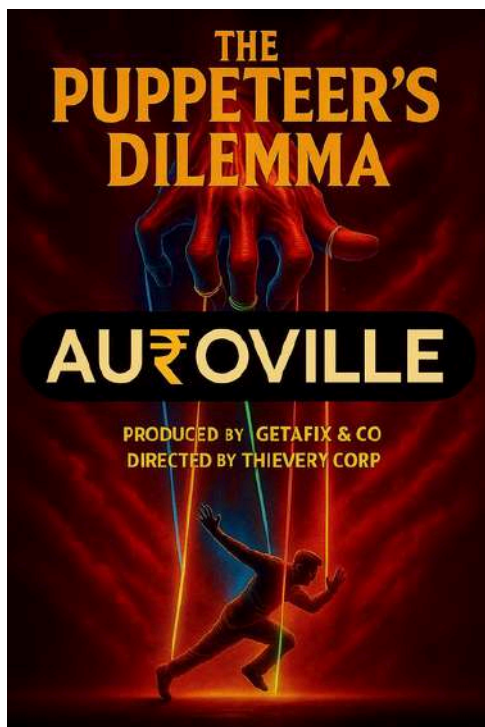


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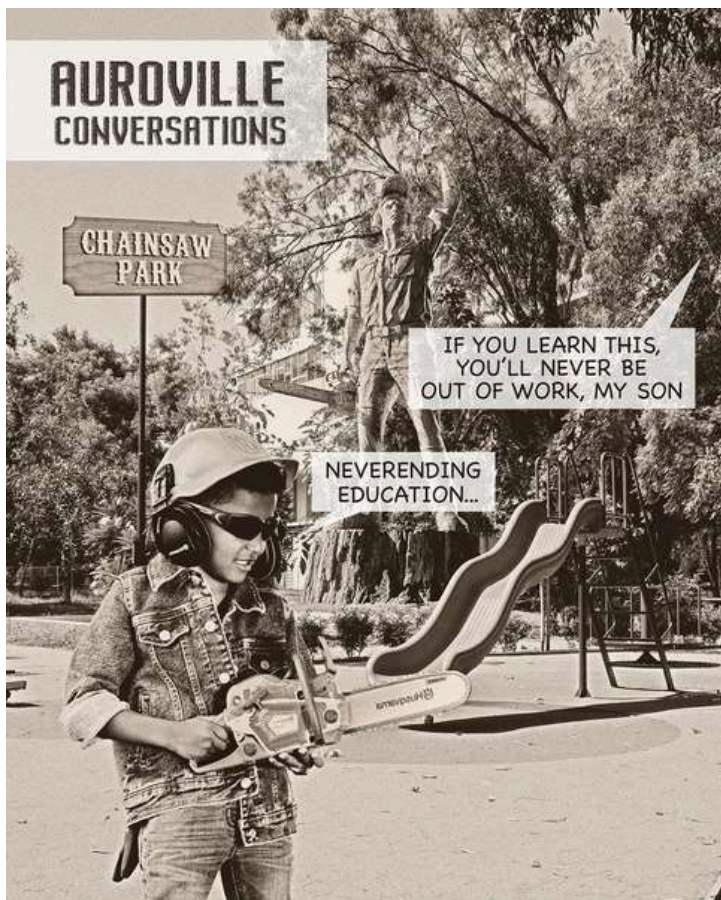
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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



## AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



Submitted by an Aurovillian

## FRENCH NEWS & NOTES

NOUVELLES D'AUROVILLE



Auro - Traductions

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



## INNER JOURNEY

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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9 am - 12 noon**  
**Focus: The Collective Yoga**

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



### OM CHOIR WITH NARAD

EVERY TUESDAY, 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**



### SAVITRI SATSANG WITH NARAD

EVERY TUESDAY, 04:30 - 05:15PM

SAVITRI at Savitri Bhavan returns from 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 **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**, with Canto 4, 'The Secret Knowledge'.

**At Savitri Bhavan - Square Hall.**

All are welcome to join.

*Narad*

### 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.

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 use cameras, tablets, cell phones, etc. No photos.

**Guests with Aurocard** wishing to attend must book at <https://bit.ly/savitri-reading> 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*

## 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).



- **Date:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August
- **Time:** 8:30 am - 3 pm. Lunch will be served. *Note:* Part time only starting at 8:30 am.
- **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](https://maps.app.goo.gl/oKpMZgyty344x11R9?g_st=ic)

👉 Vibrance garage is opposite the Realization gate. Park on the new road under construction. The apartment is directly behind the garage on the ground floor.

**Contact:** Please DM [vallari@gmail.com](mailto:vallari@gmail.com) / WA 97403 22447 by 9 pm Friday, as we have limited space and we can get a headcount for lunch

Metta



## AN INTRODUCTION TO VIPASSANA MEDITATION DISCOVER THE PATH OF INNER CLARITY AND PEACE SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, TIBETAN PAVILION

Join us for a one-hour session designed to introduce the practice of Vipassana meditation. Vipassana means "to see things as they really are". It is a profound method of self-observation that cultivates insight, emotional balance, and deep inner transformation.

This introductory gathering will offer:

- A clear overview of what Vipassana is and how it differs from other meditation styles
- Reflections on the purpose and benefits of the practice—from reducing mental clutter to fostering equanimity and compassion
- A walk-through of the process taught in 10-day retreats
- Practicing Anapana, the first step of Vipassana Meditation
- Space for Q&A where you can ask questions, share reflections, or simply listen.

**Date:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Place:** Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International Zone Tibetan Pavilion, Auroville

Whether you're curious or already exploring meditation, this session welcomes all with open hearts and open minds.

## 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)

## TATTVA BODH (WISDOM OF THE DIVINE)

BOOK READING CIRCLE & MEDITATION MARATHON

Weekly Event. Different Days, Different Authors

@ **Hall of Peace** (Unity Pavilion), **Harmony Hall** (Bharat Niwas) and Online

It gives me immense joy to finally conceive and put to action, book reading circles with embodiment practices. More sessions per week, more wisdom literature, more meditation tools. Includes *interactive book reading, live sound bath, pranayama, yoga, meditation, wisdom audibles, OM chanting, journaling and many more activities*. A high **intense spiritual state** is what we need, without any day off. Otherwise, we are bound to get lost in lower worldly consciousness, and inevitably invite pain in our lives. The daily program was the missing plug, and now it's been found (*More days will be added in future*).

### Program schedule

MONDAYS 6 PM - 8 PM	TUESDAYS 5 PM - 7 PM	THURSDAYS 5 PM - 7 PM	SATURDAYS 5 PM - 7 PM	SUNDAYS 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Unity Pavilion Hall of Peace	Bharat Niwas Harmony Hall	Bharat Niwas Harmony Hall	Unity Pavilion Hall of Peace	Online Ask for the link
SYNTHESIS OF YOGA Sri Aurobindo	BE AS YOU ARE Ramana Maharshi	BASES OF YOGA Mother's Talks	THE POWER OF NOW Eckhart Tolle	A NEW EARTH Eckhart Tolle
FOLLOWED BY				
 Meditation Breathwork	 Live Sound Bath	 Meditation Yoga	 Ambient Music Wisdom Audible	 Book Meditation

Please note -

- Embodiment practice will happen in last 30 minutes of 2-hour session.
- For Thursday Yoga, please wear loose comfortable outfit.
- Get notebook/pen to take notes/learnings/journaling.

Minimum contribution -

- Per session - INR 200
- One week Enrollment (4 sessions) - INR 600
- One Month Enrollment (16 sessions) - INR 2500



(This is minimum contribution to meet the Program expenses, more is welcome).  
(Aurovilians/ Newcomers excluded, but can donate as per their discretion).

Please contact **Debashish (+91) 76782 08825** for queries. Direct walk-in permitted.

Prior registration needed for online session on Sundays.

Warmly, Debashish

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AUROVILLE ULTIMATE FRISBEE HOSTS WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT - SINGAPENNE HAT 2025

SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> - SUN 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, GAIA FIELD



Dear Auroville Community,  
we're very thrilled to invite you to an exciting event!

Auroville Ultimate Frisbee will be hosting our second annual **Under 24 and Beginners Women's Singapenne Hat tournament** at the lovely Gaia Field!

Whether you're an Ultimate Frisbee fan, just curious about the sport, or a foodie who loves home-made cakes, this is a fantastic opportunity to come out for the weekend, cheer on the players, and enjoy a lively atmosphere filled with food stalls, fun activities, and the chance to connect with fellow community members.

Bring your friends and family to make a day of it, and let's celebrate sport and community together.

Mark your calendars, and we can't wait to see you there!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us on

- Instagram: [@rhinos.ultimate](https://www.instagram.com/rhinos.ultimate)
- Email: [avultimate.womens@gmail.com](mailto:avultimate.womens@gmail.com)



Singapenne 2024

### GUIDED GARDEN TOUR

19<sup>TH</sup> AUG - 14<sup>TH</sup> OCT, AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS



Auroville Botanical Gardens

- **Wednesdays and Fridays - 9:30 am** (about 1.5 hour walk).
- Be on time - Bring your water bottle and a hat - Meeting point at BG Kitchen .
- Please send us an email to: [avbg tours@gmail.com](mailto:avbg tours@gmail.com) to book your walk.

### TIBETAN DOCTOR VISIT

THURS 28<sup>TH</sup> - SAT 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, TIBETAN PAVILION

Greetings to all,

This is to share with you all, that the Tibetan Doctor and the team based in Chennai, Men-Tsee-Khang, is visiting Auroville on

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:30 pm
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, afternoon from 2:00 to 5:30 pm
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

The consultation is held at Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone.

To get your appointment you can reach out by calling us @ 0413 2622401 WhatsApp to 84890 67332.

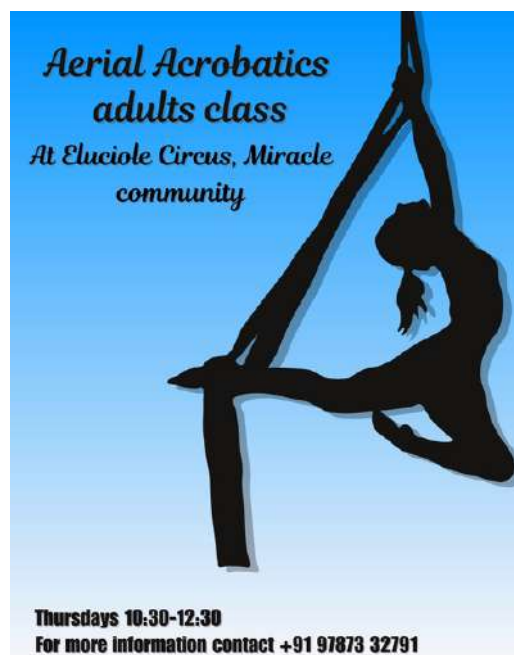
Or by sending us email to [Tibetpavilion97@auroville.org.in](mailto:Tibetpavilion97@auroville.org.in)



Submitted by Kalsang.

### AERIAL ACROBATICS CLASS FOR ADULTS

EVERY THURS, ELUCIOLE CIRCUS, MIRACLE COMMUNITY



Thursdays 10:30-12:30  
For more information contact +91 97873 32791

## VEDIC ASTROLOGY - NEW YEARLONG PROGRAM BEGINS

FROM SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

We're beginning the next year of our Vedic Astrology program on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 9:00 AM IST.

This is a one-year program designed for both new students and continuing students. We'll meet online weekly, as well as in-person for 5 retreats.

We'll cover the Signs of the zodiac, and the planets of Vedic Astrology along with the Houses. We will also look at states and strengths of planets, as well as timing important events in life.

There will also be five optional in-person retreats over the year, dedicated to the Navagrahas, with guided practices and visits to ancient temples in Tamil Nadu.

The intention of the program is to help you understand your own birth chart, and the birth charts of others, possibly leading to a second source of income.

If you're interested:  
[www.allthingsvedic.in/vedic-astrology-for-beginners](http://www.allthingsvedic.in/vedic-astrology-for-beginners)



Feel free to reach out if you have questions or would like to speak before signing up.

Vikram Devatha, 98439 48288,  
All Things Vedic

## HIVE COWORKING SPACE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY FRIDAY, AUROMODE



NEED A PLACE TO WORK?

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HOUSE

**Hive**  
COWORKING SPACE

FREE ON EVERY FRIDAY

More Info : +91 90 42 75 95 40 | [www.auromode.in](http://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 - 7 pm
- Visit us at [www.auromode.in/hive-coworking](http://www.auromode.in/hive-coworking) for more details on our plans and facilities.
- For inquiries: [auromodehive@auroville.org.in](mailto:auromodehive@auroville.org.in) / +91 90427 59540 (WA) / +91 70921 97375 (WA) or drop by.

**All are Welcome!!!**

## FREE AI MASTERCLASS FOR ALL

EVERY SATURDAY, HIVE, AUROMODE



Are you looking to transform your future and career with AI? Come Join our **Free AI Masterclass** at Hive Coworking Space facilitated by S M Pandi Subramanian, founder of Enthiram.AI, with over 20 years of pioneering work in AI innovation and solutions.

Open for all, no prior experience needed.

Contact: +91 98867 40850 / [auromodehive@auroville.org.in](mailto:auromodehive@auroville.org.in)

## SUPPORT NEEDED

### SUPPORT BHAVYO'S ARTISTIC JOURNEY -

90-DAY ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM AT  
TAOXICHUAN ART CENTER, JINGDEZHEN, CHINA



Dear **community** members,

I'm Bhavyo. Some of you may know me as an art teacher at Last School and a young artist exploring painting, photography, and now ceramics. I've been invited to a 90-day Artist-in-Residence program at Taoxichuan Art Center, Jingdezhen, China! An amazing opportunity to grow and offer the best of my art.

The residency is partially funded, but I need help covering the cost of shipping my large ceramic works back to Auroville. Any contribution, big or small, will make a difference.



FS account: 106629

For more information about this opportunity **or to donate** please visit my GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-bhavyos-artistic-journey>

For any further questions reach out to me on WhatsApp:

+91 96260 82638



Thank you for supporting my art!

## AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER

### MONSOON IS APPROACHING - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As the monsoon season approaches, the Auroville Dog Shelter is once again facing a critical challenge. For over three years, the shelter has been hoping to build and move to a new, more suitable facility.



However, nothing has happened in all this time, leaving the shelter and our dogs in the original "mudhole" location, which is breaking down more and more every day. We don't know how to get through yet another monsoon season.

The shelter is dealing with several difficulties, including the cessation of crowdfunding in Auroville, we still only receive ₹50,000 per month in funding from Auroville. This has forced the shelter to let go of many staff members, and we are operating with a minimum staff, and had to temporarily pause vital community services like our annual 1,000-dog sterilization project and rabies prevention to keep Auroville and its residents and thousands of visitors safe.

The shelter is still facing continuous attacks, including orchestrated mob actions and coercion of our workers to leave. To this date, Arthur still has not received his visa recommendation letter. However, thanks to your support, along with our partner organizations and wonderful animal-loving individuals, we continue to stand strong in our commitment to serve the AV Community and ensure all animals are cared for.

### Please donate!

The shelter is in urgent need of materials to prepare for the upcoming monsoon. The current facility lacks a proper water drainage system, which has led to severe flooding in previous years, with water levels reaching dangerous



heights. We are seeking **donations of building materials**, including:

- Large plastic sheets
- Metal pipes
- Bricks and floor tiles, cement, sand
- Cloth, rice are best deposited in the donation barrel in front of Pour Tous.

Our shelter is also looking for forever homes for some of its dogs. Due to our limited resources, we must reduce the number of dogs in our care. This includes healthy rescued dogs and teenage puppies who have yet to be adopted, which will be released in the coming days. If you are able to adopt, please contact us directly. Many adorable dogs are available and waiting for a family.

- **Donate Materials:** If you have any of the materials listed above, please contact Arthur at **812225266** only via WhatsApp message or email [aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in).
- **Donate Financially:** You can contribute to FS 251391 or visit [www.aurovilledogshelter.com](http://www.aurovilledogshelter.com) for more donation options.

Auroville needs its dog shelter! Please support us in our ongoing efforts to provide services to the AV Community and get all dogs safely through the upcoming monsoon time!

## LOOKING FOR

### LONG TERM HOUSESITTING FROM SEPTEMBER



Hi Auroville family, my name is Dave, I'm Aurovillian and I'm looking for somewhere to call home for at least next 6 months.

Please get in touch if you know of anything.

Warm Regards,  
Dave

M: +44(0)7564 119 728

E: [djsevans87@gmail.com](mailto:djsevans87@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPEND TIME WITH MARY

Dear Aurovillians,

We are looking for volunteers who can spend about an hour a day with Mary (former Transition School teacher). The idea is to visit her at her home in Invocation in the late afternoon or early evening to keep her company — whether by playing cards, going for short walks, or simply spending time together.

Former students are especially welcome, though this is not required. What matters most is consistency in timing and frequency.

If you're interested, please contact Vikas at [Vikas.k.kapur@gmail.com](mailto:Vikas.k.kapur@gmail.com) or on WhatsApp at +1-530-933-4682.

Thank you,  
Akash and Vikas



### A MEDICAL OR HOSPITAL BED

We are looking for a medical or hospital bed for an old man, Aurovillian Giuseppe.



The bed should have side rails that can either be opened (lowered) or raised so that the old man does not fall out of the bed at night when turning and moving the body. Best would be a bed without wheels.

We are looking for a medical or hospital We are happy to receive an old bed that is still intact, or can get repaired with minimal costs. Please contact Enrica (98400 31935) or Shivaya (94896 01312) by phone/ SMS/ Whatsapp.

Thank you!

### SMALL JOBS AND WORK ASSIGNMENTS

My name is Ajeeth Rajaram. I have been working in Auroville in different places. Presently I finish my studies in medicine, cardiology. Besides the courses and days/nights in the hospital on duty, I am looking for work to support myself and pay for transport. I have a driving license and experience with driving; I have helped in management of a taxi unit in the past. I can repair and fix things. I could do errands or take up watchman duties in off hours. If you need a handyman please call me.

My phone number: +91 70940 95766, SMS, Whatsapp, or call.

Thank you!

Ajeeth

## LARGE CLEAN TETRAPACKS



## VARIOUS ITEMS

Looking for:

- full face helmet for me (small, oval face)
- digital camera with a charger (not batteries)
- foot massager



Thank you for looking into your forgotten corners for these :)

Regards,  
Deepa, [stigmatad@gmail.com](mailto:stigmatad@gmail.com)

**AVAILABLE**

**FOR TAKING:**

- One corner sink.
- One Western toilet (damaged during removal but still functions. Broken part could be cemented over. See pictures).
- Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/eZJTopSQdbk99FPM8>

Contact Island 75981 03616



## ACTIVITIES AT SERENDIPITY

## SERENDIPITY CLASSES

(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](mailto:serendipityauroville@gmail.com)

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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



**REGULAR CLASSES:**

**Hatha Yoga with Ramesh - first class restarts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August (see poster below)**

- **Monday and Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30pm**

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.

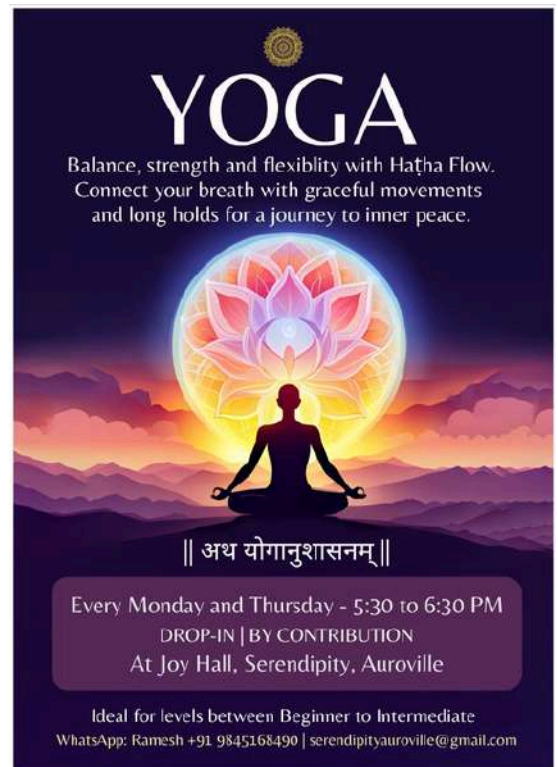
## Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

- **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





## ACTIVITIES AT JOI - ANITYA COMMUNITY

### JOURNEY TO INNER PEACE : HOLISTIC HEALING SERVICES JOI ANITYA



Located in the peaceful environment of Auroville's Centerfield, 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, Centerfield, Auroville (500m after Center GH). Road work is ongoing so follow the sign after Nandanam School.
- **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 yoga, acupressure, and assisted stretching, Thai Yoga Bodywork is designed to release tension, improve circulation, and enhance flexibility. This therapeutic practice helps restore balance to your body and mind through gentle, rhythmic movements.

Andres is also a **Hatha Yoga** teacher with over 15 years of teaching experience. Trained in Ashtanga, Dharma Yoga, Breath-Based Yoga, and Bhakti Yoga, he now focuses on Vinyasa Flow, connecting movement with breath in a smooth, energizing way. He can design a class just for you, whether you seek strength, flexibility, inner calm, or spiritual connection. Session can also include pranayama (breathing practices) and mantras for a deeper experience. Contact him for more info.

#### 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.

Dave is also offering **Sacred Song Circles: Singing from the heart** and **Authentic Relating: Relational Group Games**. Contact him for more info.

#### Relationships as a Spiritual Practice with Prem Shakti

- **Contact:** +91 94892 44823

Prem Shakti guides individuals and couples to explore connection not just as an emotional exchange, but as a sacred journey. Drawing upon tools like Nonviolent Communication (NVC), Authentic Relating, circling, and embodiment practices, she supports participants in cultivating deep listening, emotional intelligence, presence, and compassionate connection.

Prem Shakti also focus on **Spiritual Weddings & Ceremonies**, creating spiritually rich, non-religious ceremonies such as conscious weddings, vow renewals, engagement rituals, and bridal blessings. She is also a **Dances of Universal Peace** leader. Contact her for more info.

#### Re-turn to your (Flower) Essence with Louise Rose

- **Contact:** +91 73053 73562

Flower medicine ceremonies (for individuals or groups). Blending Naturopathy, Dance & Somatic therapy, and Sonic Healing. Through a holistic Naturopathic approach; you will be guided to work with plant oversouls as allies, to explore your subtle, emotional and physical landscape. These sessions support reconnection to Inner and outer Nature.

\*Tailor-made tinctures, herbal teas and aromatherapy blends provided for both group circles and 1 on 1 sessions.

## PLAYCIRCLE - A NEW ACTIVITY AT JOI ANITYA TO REDISCOVER THE JOY OF PLAY!

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, ANITYA



Come and join our new PlayCircle: a mix of games, laughter, and body interactions for a fun and safe experience. The perfect way to move, connect, feel your body and your emotions, and play like kids again!

- Open to all (15+).
- No experience needed. Come with comfortable clothes.
- Facilitated by Camille, trained practitioner (info by WA +33 6 77 79 35 14)
- Dates and timings: **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 5:00 to 6:30pm**
- Location: Thamarai Hall in Anitya community, follow the signs from Center Field and try not to get lost!
- No contribution required.

We can't wait to see you!

## WORKSHOPS

### WEIGHT WAIT WHAT 4-DAY MOVEMENT & CONTACT IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> -  
SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
AUGUST, CRIPA



Weight Wait What is a space to:  
 Pause and feel.  
 Sense and connect.  
 Drop into the floor.  
 Fall, roll, rise, and move with others  
 with Jeevak & Navya

We warmly invite you into four days of shared movement exploration, presence, and physical dialogue through the practices of somatics, contact improvisation, and floorwork. This is a space to investigate how the body listens, responds, supports, and relates—both with the ground and with others. Each session blends technical movement tools with open improvisational spaces, guiding you from solo inquiry to duet and group engagement.

What we'll explore:

- Contact principles & shared weight
- Somatics & body listening
- Lifts, momentum & redirection
- Touch, consent & emotional awareness
- Spontaneous compositions

No experience needed — all bodies and stories welcome.  
 Come move, roll, listen, support, and improvise!

📍 Cripa Hall, Auroville  
 📅 28–30 August (4 PM – 8 PM)  
 📅 31 August (9 AM – 1 PM)  
 🐦 Early Bird till 25 August

📞 For info/registration: 📧  
[aurovilleartworld@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilleartworld@gmail.com)  
[www.copaz.in](http://www.copaz.in)

## BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKSHOP WITH NAVYA

SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, CRIPA

**BOLLYWOOD**  
 DANCE  
 WITH NAVYA  
 WORKSHOP  
 31 AUG  
 4-5:30 PM  
 AUROVILLE  
 CRIPA  
 FOR REGISTRATION  
 +918484935911  
[aurovilleartworld@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilleartworld@gmail.com)

## AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY (ATB)

SAT 6<sup>TH</sup> - SUN 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**ATB**  
 Awareness Through the Body  
 ATB 1  
 Workshop  
 6th - 7th of September  
 in Auroville  
 A space to cultivate an inner positioning that allows us to grow in awareness of what we do, how we act, feel and think, instead of reacting to situations and circumstances.  
 contact and enrollment:  
[connect@atbwithamir.com](mailto:connect@atbwithamir.com)  
[www.awarenessthroughthebody.org](http://www.awarenessthroughthebody.org)

## CONTACT IMPROV JAM

SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, CRIPA

**Contact** 6-8 PM  
 Improv  
 Jam  
 31 - AUG  
 WITH JEEVAK & NAVYA  
 At: Cripa  
 Auroville  
 +918484935911  
[aurovilleartworld@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilleartworld@gmail.com)



## EMBODIED MEMORIES OF AUROVILLE



Hello,

I am Fabrice Nicot, a French theater director and teacher associated with the Grotowski Wroclaw Institute in Poland (<https://scenes-monde.univ-paris8.fr/fabrice-nicot>).

I proposed a workshop in Auroville last May and I was very happy with the work. This gave me the idea to propose a new project on the "Embodied Memories of Auroville": a work on the founding texts of Auroville and the personal stories of Aurovilians using a method of voice, the organic body, and their memories inspired by Jerzy Grotowski (Polish director and teacher 1933-1999).

**I will be in Auroville from August 11th to 31st.**

We will continue the work with some previous participants, but if other Aurovilians would like to join us, that would be great. The ideal would be a daily 2/3-hours group session (times would depend on the group's availability) to acquire a minimum of technique, and individual meetings with each of you (private lessons) according to your availability to work on your personal materials (texts, stories, etc.).

To make the best of the time spent together, you need to learn a text that deeply resonates with you by heart.

Feel free to spread the word.

For enquiries, contact

[aurovilleartworld@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilleartworld@gmail.com)

Warmly, *Fabrice*

## CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TOGETHER BY P. SARAVANAN

5<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, CENTRE D'ART

**TOGETHER** by P. Saravanan



Opening on Friday 5 September

5-24 Sept 2025  
TUE to FRI 2-5.30 SAT 10-12.30; 2-5.30  
Morning by appointment

[centredart@auroville.org.in](mailto:centredart@auroville.org.in)

Opening on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30pm

"My paintings are filled with people, simple folks yet very colorful beings, who are only bothered in the moment but also celebrating the small gifts from nature and god, in every fleeting moment.

I live near the sea and hence my paintings usually describe small hamlets near the sea or the fishing villages. I use bold colours, mainly the vivid yellows, whites, blues, reds and oranges to fill the people. I try to blend the harmony between man and nature in all my works.

I am a loner, working in my home cum studio, recalling all the images from my cultural space. I do not have knowledge on theories or the different school of thoughts, but my work, as critics say, is original and instinctive.

I feel motivated when people find joy in my paintings and I recreate the same theme in a hundred different ways, the girl kissing a cat, or chasing geese or the fisherwoman and the fish all merging together to make a small world. The world around me, the world I believe in."

- Tue - Fri 2 - 5:30pm
- Sat 10am - 12:30pm, 2 - 5:30pm
- Morning by appointment



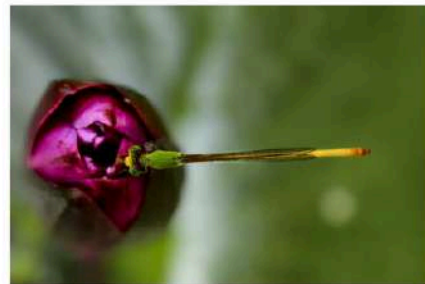
### PHOTO EXHIBITION BY SATTVA

FRI 8<sup>TH</sup> - SAT 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, PITANGA

Photo  
Exhibition  
by  
SATTVA

August 8 – 30, 2025  
at Pitanga

"Little Creatures"



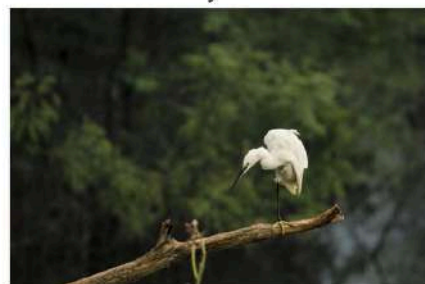
SATTVA



Two photo series that present an intimate look at the natural world around us. Familiar yet alien; beautiful, dramatic & delicate.



"Birds in our Backyard"



Exhibition timings: Daily, except Sundays

8.30 - 12.30pm & 2.30 - 5.30pm

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samastli, Auroville 605 101 | [info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in) | 0413 - 262403, 9443902403

A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch | GSTIN: 33AAATAO037BY3N

**LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE PRESENT GAME NIGHTS**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY, FRENCH PAVILION

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE  
AUROVILLE PRÉSENTE



**OPEN TO ALL LEVELS**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY, 4:00 TO 5:30 PM**  
**AT FRENCH PAVILION - INTERNATIONAL ZONE**

Join us weekly for a board game session!

Come have fun, meet new friends, and unleash your creativity. Open to all ages, all languages, and all levels. Whether you enjoy memory games, speed challenges, or strategy games, there's something for everyone.

Feel free to bring your favorite games along!

**AT CRIPA**

**MONDAY ECSTATIC DANCE**



Get rid of your Monday blues  
And get into your Monday grooves.  
Enjoy the community spirit of dancing together and celebrate your own ecstatic inner journey.  
Live.Breathe.Dance

Free entry - donations encouraged

**Mondays from 30th June - 1st September**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**  
**Cripa, Auroville**

**GARBA IMMERSIVE WORKSHOP WITH MEGHA**  
TUESDAYS



Over the next three months, you'll immerse yourself in the tradition of Indian folk dance.

Free entry - donations encouraged

**Tuesdays from 1st July - 30th September**  
**4:45 - 6pm**  
**Cripa, Auroville**  
**(+91) 88707 30567**

**THE SILKEN BRAID PERFORMED BY ARJUN CHANDRAN**  
SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, CRIPA



The Silken Braid is a musical performance piece that ties together stories lived and uncovered along the travels of an unaligned musician across the landscape of modern India.

The stories are set to pieces of music that were composed during these journeys, reflecting the cultural norms of the towns and villages that they were created in, and they uncover the movement of sounds, stories and ideas that traveled into India along the Ancient Silk Road. The Silken Braid weaves together tales of historical and mythical figures with the everyday experiences and



and encounters of common folk, as experienced by an itinerant musician in search of a culture to call his own.

**17 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

**7:30pm**

**Cripa, Auroville**

Free entry - donations encouraged

## FOOD

### RIGHT PATH CAFE, VISITORS CENTRE

#### RIGHT PATH CAFE ORGANIC RESTAURANT

**FOR AUROVILIANS & NEWCOMERS**

**Everyday - 50% off on Breakfast Dishes till 9AM**

**Thursday - 50% off on Korean Veg. Dishes (Lunch & Dinner)**

**Friday - 50% off on all Non Veg. dishes ( Seafood, Fish and Organic Chicken )**

*We support Auroville farms and organically Auroville grown food and organic products.*

### NATURALLY FIZZY, PROBIOTIC-RICH, AND ALIVE WITH CULTURE – LEARN TO BREW YOUR OWN WILD DRINKS AT HOME

EVERY SATURDAY, MARC'S CAFE STORE



Learn how to make amazing  
fermented drinks with  
Matilde

This beginner-friendly workshop is all about reconnecting with ancestral microbes and learning to make naturally carbonated, healthful beverages using traditional methods. No commercial yeast, no fancy equipment—just real ingredients, wild starters, and intuitive brewing.

#### What you'll learn to make:

- **Kombucha** – from brewing basics to bottling and flavoring
- **Tepache** – a traditional, naturally fermented pineapple drink
- **Ginger Ale & Wild Sodas** – crafted with fruit, herbs, and wild starters
- **Wildcrafted Fruit Vinegar** – zero-waste, nutrient-rich, and easy to brew

**WHEN** : Every Saturday 10 am - 12 pm at CLC

**WHERE** : on top of Marcs Cafe Store

[contact@marcscoffees.com](mailto:contact@marcscoffees.com) for more info

### FOOD FOREST TOUR & SUNDAY BRUNCH

EVERY SUNDAY, LA FERME COMMUNITY



### FOOD FOREST TOUR & SUNDAY BRUNCH

Living Foods & Vegan Ice Cream Making

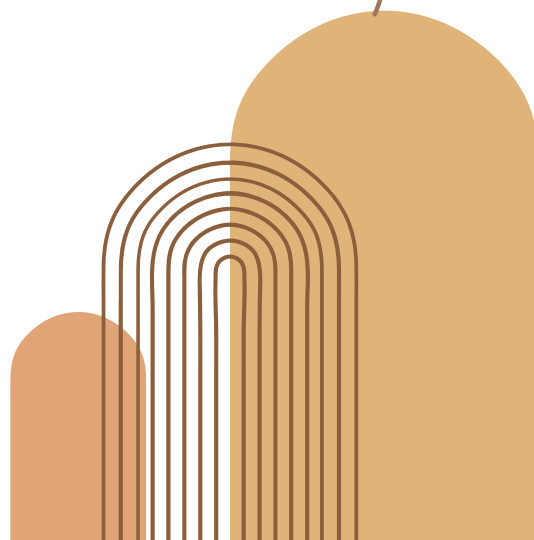
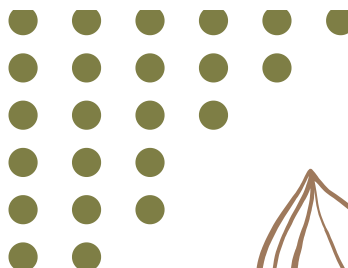
**Every Sunday, 9–11 AM**

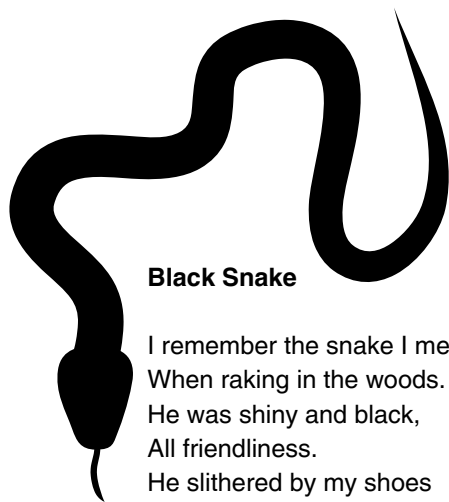
La Ferme Community

(5 min from AV Bakery)

WhatsApp Sarah: 9047421044

[www.myfoodforest.in](http://www.myfoodforest.in)





### Black Snake

Dec. 2, 2005

I remember the snake I met  
When raking in the woods.  
He was shiny and black,  
All friendliness.  
He slithered by my shoes  
As I built a pile of leaves,  
Then a burst of speed  
In a body without hands or feet  
Elegance and movement built on grace,  
And he was under the pile.  
He was probably hungry.  
I moved up the hill,  
Raking as I went  
And he came slowly behind me,  
By my side again  
Then under the next pile.  
The boys who helped me that day  
Came from Mexico.  
They killed every snake they saw,  
But not this one or any in my yard.  
I never kill snakes.  
Think of the beauty they hold within,  
The tongue that smells the prey,  
The stillness and the sudden burst of speed.  
He followed me most of the afternoon,  
Of beetles and crickets and worms  
I believe he ate his fill.  
When he left I lightly touched his tail  
With the end of my rake.  
He reared his head, a hollow threat,  
As if to say, 'Don't touch!'  
I apologized for my thoughtlessness  
And thanked him for his gift,  
For giving me delight in moving things,  
His stillness and companionship  
As the day drew down to dark.  
We have done such harm to the giving earth  
And to the creatures of the earth,  
And still they bless us.

Narad

blasting the person  
with limitless  
being  
flooding the system  
with ethers  
of life  
there is joy in  
the body  
and sport in  
existence  
while rolling  
and rolling  
and rolling  
thru  
time

Mauna

## FOR THE BOOKWORMS



### AUROVILLE LIBRARY

#### 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  
**OUR EARTH!**

*Come by to check out our  
selection!*



## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians,

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

#### Last published podcasts:

- [Soul Tracks S.6, Ep.20: Thank You and Goodbye!](#) (Music)
- [Sri Aurobindo's "The Life Divine" read by Deepti Tewari-B 1, C 2: "The Two Negations-1: The Materialist Denial"](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – Ep.506](#) (Integral Yoga)

#### Latest Youtube video:

- [Savitri Ep.7 : Introductory Comments in Tamil | An Introductory Commentary on the Epic of Savitri...](#)

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

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

Peace and love

Regards,  
Sai Priya for Auroville RadioTV



# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program: 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> September 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 1 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • KAALIDHAR LAAPATA (KAALIDHAR IS MISSING)

India, 2025, Writer-Dir. Madhumita Sundararaman w/ Abhishek Bachchan, Nimrat Kaur, Anngad Raaj, and others, Comedy-Drama, 109mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Some disappearances reveal more than just absence—they expose everything. In this film much praised for its stellar performance and storytelling, tells the story when Kaalidhar vanishes without a trace. His family is left grappling with secrets that refuse to stay buried. As Vikram, Mu, and Abhishake unravel the mystery, parallel stories collide, exposing hidden truths and redefining relationships. *A quietly intense drama with unexpected twists, it explores the fragile threads that hold families together.*

## POTPOURRI – TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • STEAMBOAT BILL, JR.

USA, 1928, Writer-Dir Charles Reisner & Buster Keaton w/ Buster Keaton, Tom McGuire, Ernest Torrence, and others, Comedy-Drama, 70mins, Silent w/ intertitles in English, Rated: NR (G)

When the wind rises, heroes are born. Young William Canfield Jr. returns to help his gruff father run a struggling steamboat business, facing skepticism, rivalry, and a whirlwind romance with Kitty, the daughter of their fiercest competitor. As a raging storm hits, William must prove his courage in the most jaw-dropping way imaginable. *This silent-era classic, preserved by the National Film Registry in the USA, is celebrated for its cultural and cinematic significance.*

## SELECTION – WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • ENOLA HOLMES

USA, 2020, Dir. Harry Bradbeer w/ Millie Bobby Brown, Henry Cavill, Sam Claflin, and others, Drama-Mystery, 123mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

When her mother vanishes, Enola Holmes, sharp-witted sister of Sherlock — defies Victorian norms to uncover the truth. Dodging her brothers' control and unraveling a conspiracy tied to young Lord Tewkesbury, she discovers that being a detective means rewriting the rules. Adventure, danger, and independence collide in this spirited coming-of-age mystery. *A mystery is only the beginning when rebellion runs in the family.*

## INTERESTING – THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • THE WORK

USA, 2017, Dir. Jaius McLeary & Gethin Aldous w/ Brian Nazarov, James McLeary, Chris Renton, and others, Documentary, 87mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Inside Folsom Prison, a four-day group therapy retreat shatters emotional walls as outsiders and inmates confront raw trauma, rage, and redemption. This gripping documentary won the Grand Jury Prize at SXSW and has been hailed for its unflinching intimacy and transformative power. A rare cinematic experience that leaves no soul untouched. *This film has been shared with us by Nikethana, a member of the community.*

## INTERNATIONAL – SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • FENG LIU YI DAI (CAUGHT BY THE TIDES)

China-France-Japan, 2024, Writer-Dir. Jia Zhang-ke w/ Tao Zhao, You Zhou, Zhubin Li, and others, Drama, 111mins, Mandarin-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Qiaoyun's life unfolds across decades of sweeping change in China, as she searches for Haoyang—the man who vanished with her heart. Through shifting landscapes, fleeting encounters, and echoes of a fading past, her journey becomes a haunting reflection on love, memory, and the passage of time. *Love drifts, memory anchors.*

## CHILDREN'S MATINEE – SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, 4:00 PM:

### • RED SHOES AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

South-Korea, 2019, Dir. Hong Sung-ho, Moo-Hyun Jang & Young Sik Uhm w/ Chloë Grace Moretz, Sam Claflin, Gina Gershon, and others, Action-Animation, 92mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

When Snow White stumbles upon a magical pair of red shoes, she transforms into a princess and joins forces with seven cursed dwarfs—once handsome princes—on a quest for truth, courage, and self-acceptance. A witty twist on classic fairy tales, blending charm and adventure that reminds, beauty is only skin deep—real magic lies within.

## CLASSIC WORLD CINEMA @ CINÉ-CLUB

### CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

#### • LA 137 É SECTION (THE 137<sup>TH</sup> PLATOON)

France – Spain, 1965, Dir. Pierre Schoendoerffer, w/ Jacques Perrin, Bruno Cremer, and Others, War, 100mins, French-Vietnamese w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

In 1954, the Indochina War begins to come to a close following France's defeat by the Viet Minh at the deadly Battle of Dien Bien Phu. French forces are in full retreat. Their survival depends on completing a trek through the dense, jungle-laden, expanse of enemy territory that stands between them and the safety of the nearest French outpost.

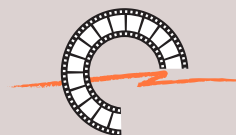
**Rating codes** we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G= General Audiences, PG= Parental guidance suggested, PG-13= Parents strongly cautioned, R= Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e., for Adults), NR= Film Not Rated, Rating awaited.

**To organize a seminar/program at MMC Auditorium, kindly email us at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).**

**Support MMC-CP: Every Contribution Counts:** Like cultural spaces worldwide, MMC-CP relies on local financial support to thrive. If you value the films and programming we offer, consider a one-time or recurring donation via the Unity Fund to Account #105106, or contribute directly at the venue.

**If you have an innovative fundraising idea and are willing to take it forward, we'd love to hear from you. Write to share your proposal and let us know how you'd like to be involved at [mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in).**

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

### GAS BOTTLE SERVICE

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

### WATER SERVICE

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

### ECO SERVICE (WASTE COLLECTION/MANAGEMENT)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8:30am - 12:30pm, and 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 63796 69034
- **Email:** [ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecoservice@auroville.org.in)

### POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE (PTDC)

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

### POUR TOUS PURCHASING SERVICE (PTPS)

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

### AUROVILLE LIBRARY

#### Timings:

#### Mornings:

- Monday to Saturday : 9am - 12:30pm

#### Afternoons:

- Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 2pm - 4:30pm
- Tuesday : 4pm - 6:30pm

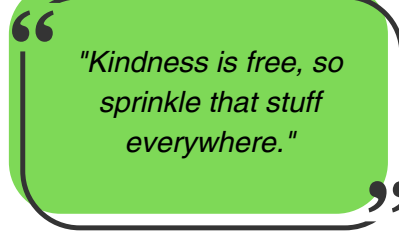
#### Children's Storytime! All ages welcome!

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

- **Phone :** 0413 350 9191

- **Email:** [avlib@auroville.org.in](mailto:avlib@auroville.org.in)

- **Website:** <http://library.auroville.org.in/>



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## HEALTH

### SANTÉ SERVICES IN AUGUST 2025

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#### Working Hours:

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

#### Tests and Sample collection:

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

No sample collection on Saturday

#### For emergencies, contact:

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

Government Ambulance (24/7) - Phone: **108**

#### Appointment

Please call Santé (0413) 262 2803 during working hours for an appointment.

<b>Doctor Consultation</b> with <b>Dr. Joseph, Dr. Pavan &amp; Dr. Sana:</b> Monday to Saturday	<b>Nurse Care - Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana &amp; Sandhya:</b> Daily: no appointment needed
<b>Ayurveda with Dr. Berengere:</b> Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	<b>Integrative Psychotherapy</b> with <b>Juan Andres:</b> Monday to Friday (11th Aug onwards)
<b>Physiotherapy &amp; Massage</b> with <b>Galina:</b> Monday to Friday	<b>Homeopathy with Michael:</b> TOS
<b>Midwifery &amp; GYN Care</b> with <b>Paula:</b> Monday & Wednesday	<b>Soundbed Session with Sandhya / Thilagam:</b> Monday to Saturday
<b>Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena</b> – inquiry email <a href="mailto:adminsante@auroville.org.in">adminsante@auroville.org.in</a>	

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

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

### HEALTH CENTER - KUILAPALAYAM

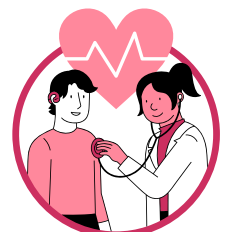
**Contact:** (0413) 3509942 / 3509943

#### Pharmacy:

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

#### Doctor Consultation:

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





## DENTAL CLINIC - KUILAPALAYAM

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

## 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: [madhiazhagan014@gmail.com](mailto:madhiazhagan014@gmail.com)

## AYURVEDA TIPS FOR RAINY SUMMER



Late summer, with its amount of rains, brings lots of humidity and dampness in the air that affect the body and its Dosha in many different ways: Pitta ferments and shows signs of acidity, bloating, inflammation or strong body odour, lots of stagnation and retention felt in the digestive tract. Emotionally unhealthy Pitta becomes bitter, impatient and frustrated in the mind or the heart. Vata gets cold and makes the joints more painful with an irregular digestion and bowel movements and mind might be imbibed with anxious thoughts, worries or lack of concentration.

We can help ourselves with the following recommendations:

### With the food

- Eat only when hungry and eat the appropriate amount (both hands joined together is the size of the stomach)
- Take a warm, cooked meal with any spices to improve the digestion (eg: ginger, turmeric, black pepper, cumin, coriander, cinnamon, ajwain, basil, garlic etc)
- Eat green leafy vegetables, take light dishes made of mung dal, vegetable soups... all pulses and dal are good when cooked with spices (all spices are good apart from red powder-chilli powder)
- For non-vegetarian, eat white meat or small fishes
- Drink warm water all day long (especially when there's a sore throat)
- Dinner should be light and taken 2 hours before going to bed

- Give energy to the body with cereals and grains such as: amaranth, barley, cooked oats, granola, rice
- Honey is the best sweetener
- Ghee used for cooking and Sesame and Olive oils for dressings
- Chew some neem or Tulsi leaves.

### Some immunity enhancers:

- **Giloy/Guduchi** (Tinospora cordifolia): a very good immune regulator; 1tsp of powder morning and evening in warm water
- **Amalaki (amla)**: full of vitamin C; consumed fresh if available or in powder
- **Turmeric**: Anti-inflammatory, can be used for gargling with warm water and a pinch of salt
- **Tulsi** (Ocimum tenuiflorum/sacrum): for the lungs, fresh leaves in warm water
- **Ashwagandha** (Whitania somnifera): immune regulator and calming the nervous system; 1tsp morning and evening in milk or warm water
- **Ginger – Turmeric – Black pepper powders (Be No1)**: improves digestion and energy, ½ tsp with warm water or lemon juice + honey once or twice a day
- **Tulsi – Cinnamon – Amla – Ginger – Turmeric – Black pepper powders (Be No3)**: as prevention or in case of cold, cough, flu, feverish state, body ache, ½ tsp with a sip of warm water or lemon juice + honey once a day if it's preventive, 3 times a day before food if there are symptoms
- Saffron, aloe vera, licorice herbal infusions
- **Chyavanprash Avaleha**: 1 tsp in the morning with breakfast.

### Special treat for joint pain and inflammation:

- **Shallaki Cream or Oil mixed with Castor Oil (Eranda Tailam)**: massage twice a day the painful joint, it's a painkiller and anti-inflammatory
- **Rosemary Essential Oil**: 1 or 2 drops with the massaging oil and apply locally. It's anti-inflammatory
- **Shallaki Tablets**: for arthritis, muscular pain, joint inflammation
- **Triphala Guggulu Tabs**: to reduce bloating, swelling, inflammatory conditions, 1 or 2 tabs per day before meals (use for short period).

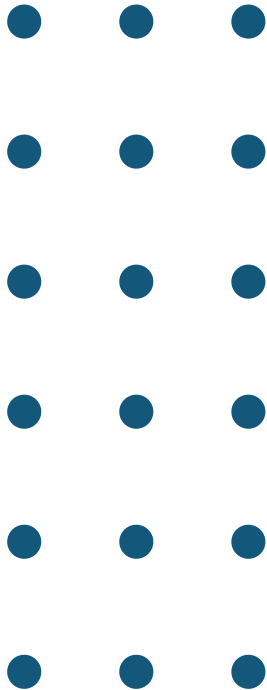
### In the activities, help Pitta and Vata to be centred and grounded:

- Be grounded in the heart or abdomen with Yoga, Pranayama, Meditation, observing the breathing movements in the abdomen, Yoga Nidra, Body Awareness, Qi-Gong, Tai Chi...
- Regular exercise, 30 minutes daily
- Gardening, cultivating, weeding, cooking
- Keep warm, take warm showers, cover your neck from chilled breeze
- Gargling with salty water if sore throat
- Oil pulling with 1 Tbsp of sesame or coconut oil, keep in the mouth for some time, spit it out and rinse the mouth with warm water (can be done early morning or at bedtime after brushing the teeth)
- Nasya: pour 2 drops of sesame oil or Anu Tailam in each nostril once a day
- 4-5 drops of Castor Oil in the belly button followed by slight massage around the umbilicus at bed time
- Fragrances: sandalwood, rose, jasmine.

Let's be all well, happy and healthy.

Be at 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 Aurovilians and Newcomers Daily: 6.00 AM to 7.30 PM
- Aurovilians may bring children and friends to the Gardens Daily: 9.00 AM to 7.30 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.

### 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 at [mmconcentration@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in):

Any day except Tuesday & Sunday: 8.00 AM to 8.35 AM

Arrival at 7.45 AM at the Office Gate

- The Inner Chamber, the Petals and the Gardens are open to the Children of Auroville and the Outreach Schools:

Tuesday 9.00 AM to 11.00 AM

- Auroville units can bring their staff to the Inner Chamber with a prior booking at [mmconcentration@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in):

Tuesday 8.00 AM to 8.30 AM

### 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

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

Auroville Vehicle Service  
 Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302



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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Lt43wBCBno1E6CTwoaUt2x>

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

### Ambulance (24/7):

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

Auroville Police Station 0413 2677318	Kottakuppam Police Station 0413 2236148	Vanur Fire Station 0413 2677368
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### Health:

Health Center 0413 3509942 & 3509943	Santé 0413 2622803	Farewell 89038 36246
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### Mental Health 24/7 Support:

Vandrevala Foundation +91 99996 66555

### India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108