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PONDERING

Politics is based on falsehood, we have nothing to do with it.
Morality is the shield that men flourish to protect themselves
against Truth.

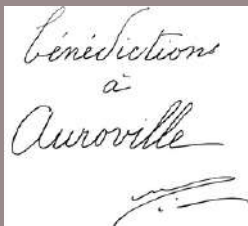
It is only the Divine's will that is unquestionable. And it is that
which man, in all his actions, deforms and falsifies.

The Mother, No Politics, Words of the Mother I

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AUROVILLE IN ELABORATION

THE ASPIRATION TALKS

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There is a long way to go between what we are and what must be. And for that we must be very flexible, never losing sight of the goal, but knowing that we cannot reach it at one bound and that we must find the way. Well, that is much more difficult, even more difficult than to make the inner discovery. Truly speaking, that should have been made before coming here.

For there is a starting-point: when you have found within yourself the light that never wavers, the presence which can guide you with

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certitude, then you become aware that constantly, in everything that happens, there is something to be learnt, and that in the present state of matter, there is always a progress to be made. That is how one should come, eager to find out at every minute the progress to be made. To have a life that wants to grow and perfect itself, that is what the collective ideal of Auroville should be: "A life that wants to grow and perfect itself", and above all, not in the same way for everyone—each one in his own way.

Well, now there are thirty of you, it is difficult, isn't it? When there are thirty thousand of you, it will be easier, because, naturally, there will be many more possibilities. You are the pioneers, you have the most difficult task, but I feel it is the most interesting one. Because you must establish in a concrete, durable and growing way the attitude that is needed to truly be an Aurovilian. To learn everyday the lesson of the day.... Each sunrise is an opportunity to make a discovery. So, with that state of mind, you find out. Everyone does.

And the body needs activity: if you keep it inactive, it will begin to revolt, become sick, and so on. It needs an activity, it really needs an activity like planting flowers, building a house, something really material. You must feel it. Some people do exercises, some ride bicycles, there are countless activities, but in your little group you must all come to an agreement so that each one can find the activity which suits his temperament, his nature and his needs. But not with ideas. Ideas are not much good, ideas give you preconceptions, for example, "That is a

The city the earth needs.

good work, that work is not worthy of me," and all that sort of nonsense. There is no bad work—there are only bad workers. All work is good when you know how to do it in the right way. Everything. And it is a kind of communion. If you are fortunate enough to be conscious of an inner light, you will see that in your manual work, it is as if you called the Divine down into things; then the communion becomes very concrete, there is a whole world

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to be discovered, it is marvellous.

You are young, you have plenty of time before you. And to be young, to be really young, we must always, always keep on growing, always developing ourselves, always progressing. Growth is the sign of youth and there is no limit to the growth of consciousness. I know old people of twenty and young people of fifty, sixty, seventy. And if one does manual work, one keeps in good health.

10.3.1970



Growth

It will multiply and assert its right to be. - The Mother

Primula L. Spp, Primulaceae

Primrose

NEWS & NOTES GUIDELINES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

TUESDAY 5PM

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of Harmony, Goodwill, and Truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

RA NEWS & NOTES - A QUICK GUIDE



What We Publish

- Working group announcements and reports
- Residents' voices and personal sharings
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- Information from essential services
- Content that strengthens community-building in Auroville

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- All RA Working Group announcements will be included
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We may consider including content that falls outside these guidelines if:

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

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- Deadline: **Tuesdays at 5pm**
- Email: newsandnotes@auroville.services
- 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

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We thank you for your collaboration and understanding.

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While our editors strive to ensure the accuracy of the information presented, we cannot guarantee that all information is free from error or omission. Additionally, we cannot be held liable for any alleged misinformation provided or offence caused by the content published.

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- **AVFO/FO** (Auroville Foundation Office),
- **GB** (Governing Board),
- **RA** (Residents' Assembly)

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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.
- Content sent through @auroville.org.in mail ID will only reach us if you use this [FORM](#) to submit your content.
- The mail ID to submit content is: newsandnotes@auroville.services
- To request a **PRINTED COPY**, send us your name and community to our email!

Thank you for your continued support!

In community,

The RA Community Edition News & Notes Team

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WORKING GROUPS NEWS

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 267 DATED: 01-09-2025

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 Aurovilian in writing at 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 CONFIRMED

- Logeshwary JAYAMOORTHY (Indian)
- Reka MAHESHKUMAR (Indian)

NOTE:

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



FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

LETTER FROM AVI BOARD TO GB RE ANNAPURNA FARM

Dear Community,

We are sharing with you, with their permission, a letter from the AVI Board to the Governing Board regarding the decision to lease 100 acres of the 135 acres of Annapurna Farm to IIT-Madras. Please see the [attachment](#).

In service,

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Matthieu, Prashant, Valli

The Working Committee selected by the Residents' Assembly



WORKING COMMITTEE
of the Residents' Assembly
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

LETTER TO THE GB RE RRU-AUROVILLE SECURITY TRAINING ACADEMY (RASTA)

Dear Community,

We are sharing with you a letter ([attached](#)) that we have sent today to the Governing Board, copied to the International Advisory Council, expressing concerns regarding the 'RRU-Auroville Security Training Academy (RASTA), which we learned about through a news article.

In service,

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Matthieu, Prashant, Valli

The Working Committee selected by the RA



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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

Warm regards,

The Auroville Council



FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents' Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1094

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



**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 25th 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 13th 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.

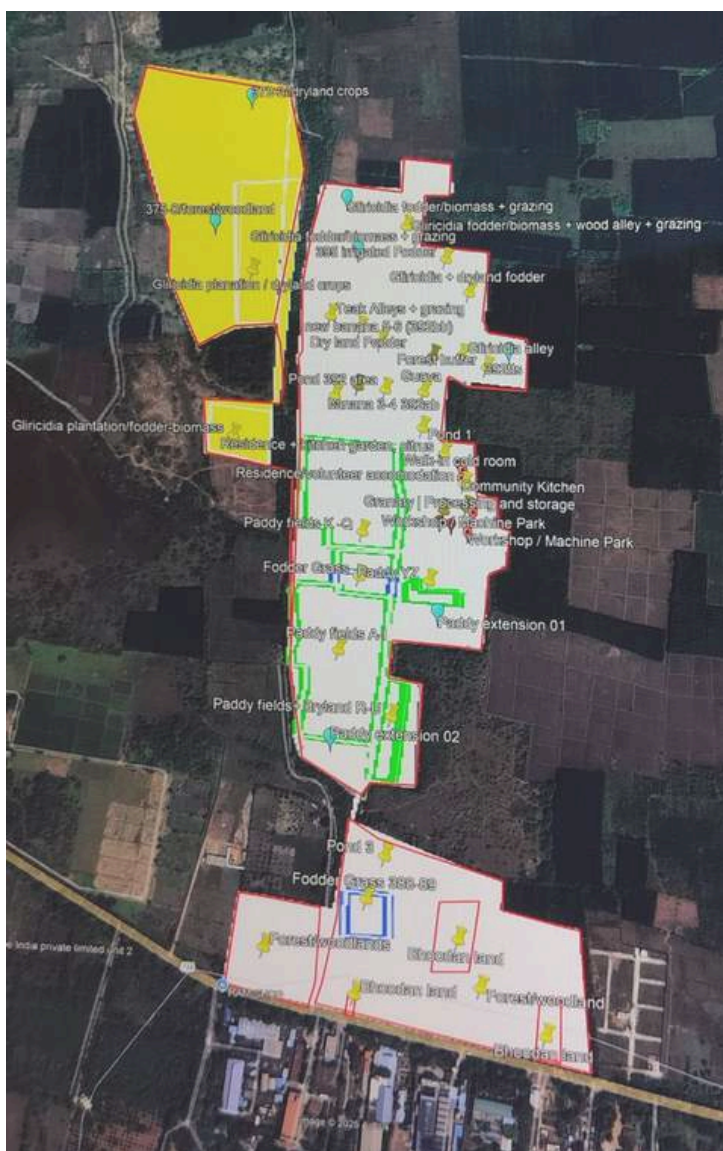
- Learn about Annapurna Farm: A factsheet about Annapurna Farm has been created and can be [found here](#).

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.



- "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.



OBITUARY



VIJAY FROM BARAKA PASSES AWAY

This is to inform that Vijay, Baraka, passed at 6:50pm on Saturday August 30th at home.

In person farewell was done at Vijay’s home in Baraka, where his remains stayed until his burial, as per his wishes, on Monday 1st September at the Auroville Burial Grounds.

~ OM ~

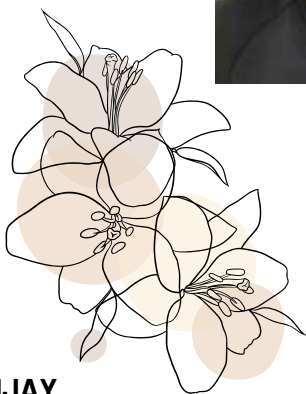


VLADIMIR FROM GRACE PASSES AWAY

This is to inform that Vladimir living in Grace who worked at Matrimandir passed away.

Vladimir was buried at the Auroville Burial Grounds on Sunday 31st August.

~ OM ~



IN MEMORIAM... VIJAY

Vijay (Vittorio Gresele) was born in Turin in 1942, and from a young age he desperately sought to discover who he was and the meaning of the world and his own life. He initially sought it in philosophy, psychology, the unrealizable dream of world revolution, in the flower power movement, and so on, until at twenty-two, after wandering widely throughout Europe and the Arab world, he finally met his first teacher, Krishnamurti, and followed him for several years.

In 1967, at the age of twenty-five, he went to live in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, where he met the Mother and practiced Integral Yoga.

In 1969, he moved permanently to Auroville, and, during the first 20 years, having started the Fertile Windmill community, he planted trees, banded and fenced land which was later taken over by Darkali, Revelation, Bliss, Dana, Minati etc.. A few years later he started a business selling healing crystals and stones, called "Memories from the Future of Light". Aurovilians and guests used to visit his small stone and jewellery shop for many years, getting crystals and healing stones. Many people also remember him as a trusted spiritual friend and teacher, and over the last decades, many visited him to seek his advice and guidance.

Despite his failing eyesight and the fragility of his physical body, which he lovingly referred to as his "old motorbike" and which had to be "just good enough to get the job done," he worked tirelessly on several books. His works include a book about the healing properties of stones, his "Spiritual Encyclopedia," and his most recently published book, "Wake up! It's time to start your real life."

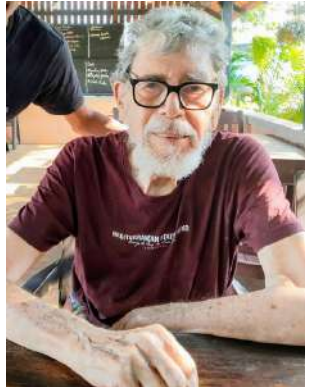
In his profile on Auronet, Vijay writes about himself, but ends with the following:

"But all this is on the surface and not really who I am. This poem gets a bit close to it."

This is the first stanza:

WHO AM I?

Isn't it ever so strange
that this primal Question, Who Am I
the most essential of all,
the only truly real,
ignored remains by almost all?"



His long-time friend Arthur writes: "He passed away peacefully on August 30th at 18:50, transitioning into the arms of the Mother. He was surrounded by friends and loved ones who had showered him with immense love and care. With his passing, one of the last individuals in Auroville who sat at the feet of the Mother in the ashram has departed the physical plane. Even though Vijay lately lived most of his life like a hermit in Fertile Windmill, now Baraka, many people knew him and occasionally came for a visit. He was among the first pioneers to arrive in Auroville, dedicating his life to planting the forest that he loved so deeply. Yesterday, as he began his final journey of transition, rain fell while the sun shone simultaneously—a beautiful and fitting farewell from nature to a great soul who gave life to the forest of Auroville."

Vijay's final message to the community was posted by Arthur on Auronet, "Vijay wishes to convey his sincere thanks to the entire Auroville Community for all the love and support he received over his lifetime. He also expresses his hope that Auroville will prosper and evolve as the City of the Future that Mère envisioned. He sends you all his blessings and infinite love."



COLLEEN EULOGY

Colleen Pouyet née Witidz from Two Banyans, was born in Montana in the town of Roundup (30 miles from Billings) in 1944. Her grandparents had thirteen children—twelve sons and the youngest, a daughter, Suzan who was Colleen's mother.

Colleen's grandfather owned a five thousand-acre ranch in the Musselshell River Valley and had a 100-year lease on contiguous another



five thousand acres from the Bureau of Land Management (federal land). Apart from some farming on the flood plain of the

Musselshell River, the main activity was cattle raising some five thousand head. Colleen's twelve uncles were cowpokes who all lived on the ranch, above the horse stalls, in bunks—a pretty rough and raw society and environment. Colleen was learning to ride big horses, shoot, and take apart guns by the age of seven.

After high school, she was in Seattle University where she earned a degree as a high school English teacher. She then proceeded to become a special education English teacher in Washington State for a couple of years. She then joined the Peace Corps, teaching English in Ghana in the late 1960s for three years, after which she hitchhiked eastward through the Congo just after Patrice Lumumba's assassination.

Reaching Kenya in early 1970, she boarded a ship in Mombasa that would dock in Bombay. She eventually found her way to Pondicherry the same year, where she met the Mother and her husband-to-be of 55 years.



Finally, she had reached a place where man strove to create a world “without rivalry and competition”. She was home.

She and Jean first lived in Hope with Vijay, Denis and Boris Corso and worked with Raoul Mercier in Auro Orchard, learning about watershed management, soil health and

biodynamic farming. Those years would come to be the springboard for the next fifty years of environmental restoration to which Colleen and Jean consecrated their lives entirely.

Their daughter AuroAsha was born in 1972.

In 1973, the family moved to Two Banyans with Mother’s blessings to do dryland farming and reforestation on the most degraded parts.

Colleen grew vegetables, ran tree nurseries for the aforestation work, planted and cared for fruit trees and maintained live fences to keep out the thousands of cows and goats that roamed the dusty plateau every day. She was fiercely protective of the nascent forest. Her tireless, diligent efforts to protect these battered lands to ensure the conditions for the forest to grow, coined her the name “mullu amma” (the thorn lady) by the local village women.

For a few years, she edited a monthly newsletter called “The Earth Healer”, where she published articles on aforestation, ecological land management, and pieces encouraging fellow pioneers to plant fruit trees and use locally grown grains and pulses.

When Auroasha came of age to start school, Colleen took it upon herself to teach her and other children - Auronevi, Aurojina, Graceaurore, Himal, Boris, Gandalf, Muniandi, and Steven—for three years. They sat on mango-plank benches around a concrete watertank cover from Coco Garden that served as a table. Colleen followed the Montessori methods, using materials provided by AVI USA thanks to June Mayer. The three boys quit after a year to learn carpentry with Johnny in Fertile just up the road, while the girls went on learning reading, writing and basic maths.

Colleen was extremely steady and determined in protecting and nurturing the Two Banyans forest. Her strength and commitment to holding the fort gave Jean the freedom to roam further afield—to explore forests throughout the country and abroad, meet foresters, ecologists, geologists and anthropologists and attend seminars and conferences on sustainable forestry and water conservation. Thanks to her, Jean was able to identify species suitable for Auroville’s forests and reintroduce them, as well as share with Colleen the newly acquired knowledge and experience. Colleen was instrumental in establishing, motivating, and energizing the newly formed Forest Group, which led to the creation of the two thousand acres of protected forest we have today.

For Colleen, the growth of Consciousness on Earth, our contribution to the work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, could only come about with a healthy and flourishing environment. Her conviction that wild, diverse and protected forests were indispensable tools for spiritual growth and the Auroville experiment was unwavering until the very end.

She witnessed how certain species thrived in the extremely harsh conditions of the 1970s when others simply could not—hardy, evergreen pioneer species capable of withstanding the burning westerly summer winds and recurring sandstorms, able to outgrow the relentless grazing, lopping and firewood collection, to regenerate naturally in the hard ferrallitic clay, and, against all odds, rapidly bring life back to the degraded soils by increasing their moisture, carbon and nitrogen contents.



Colleen observed that *Acacia auriculiformis* was incredibly efficient in fostering the astounding diversity of flora and fauna thriving in Auroville today with its unique capacity among early pioneer species to maintain its foliage throughout the year. Planted densely in rows, it first served as resilient windbreaks and ultimately, it speeded up the reintroduction of evergreen, climax species on the plateau and their subsequent profuse natural regeneration.

Any opportunity she had, she would dispel the untruths being spread about the Work Tree. With a sparkle in her eyes, she dared dream of the day when the phyllode-bearing species, along with others of the same genus, would re-green this barren Earth—from the Sahel down to Tamil Carnatic—and very quickly restore its lost glory. She spoke of peaceful green armies that would prevent Earth from becoming a sterile moon.

Colleen was humble, a silent, structural architect of the Cité the Earth Needs: diligent and brave, she never lost faith in the Mother's dream, never questioned the ultimate Victory, and never succumbed to cynicism.

In October 2022, Colleen suffered a stroke and was in a coma for three days. We thought we were losing her. She eventually came back, though without recent memory and a slight speech impairment. Thanks to the set-up at Marika's Home, she found a peaceful and caring environment, surrounded by kind people for the last two years of her life.

She passed away on the 26th of August at 5:25pm and on August 31st her body was cremated at the Auroville Cremation Ground.

Forever grateful for her contribution to Auroville, the dream of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

May her soul rest in peace.

Jean, Auroasha, Seher Jade, Sanjay



EUGEN LIVEN D'ABELARDO (EUGEN JOSEPH LIEVENS)

Conductor and composer Eugene Liven d'Abelardo, born in Belgium, passed away in Laren, the Netherlands on 18 August at the age of 75. Having had an impressive musical career, he was also known to be a "levensgenieter", an enjoyer of life.



Eugeen and his wife Marijke first visited Auroville in 1999. During their next visit in spring 2000, Eugeen was invited to ‘do something’ with the Auroville Choir, which proved a positive experience for all involved. Eugeen worked with the choir alongside Nuria. According to Nuria: “He taught me some conducting techniques along the way, from which I learned a lot.” In January 2001 the couple came to Auroville for a highly fruitful one-and-a-half-year sabbatical. Eugeen again conducted the Auroville Choir during Nuria’s sabbatical, and also initiated a new ensemble called ‘Auroville Renaissance Cappella’, gave solfege classes, and started a “salon de musique” every Sunday afternoon in Pitanga, where he explained all kinds of western classical music. For Eugeen himself, the sabbatical opened the doors to understanding something of the spiritual background of Auroville, in particular when reading Sri Aurobindo’s and The Mother’s writings on music.

Eugeen and Marijke continued returning to Auroville whenever their busy schedule allowed. Eugeen had studied music with a focus on Gregorian chant and orchestral conducting, and served as conductor of the radio orchestra of the Belgian broadcaster BRT and at the Flemish Opera in Ghent. As a specialist in Gregorian chant, he founded and directed the Schola Cantorum Amsterdam, the Schola Gregoriana Hilversum, and the vocal ensemble Hartkeriana. He was also visiting professor Gregorian chant at the KUG University in Graz, Austria, and guest professor at the NTNU University in Trondheim, Norway.

In recent years, his Psalterium Project received particular attention within the International Society for Studies of Gregorian Chant. In this project, the entire Psalter of the Nova Vulgata, with antiphons from the Codex Hartker—the most important manuscript for the Gregorian Office—was prepared for a CD series.



Aurovilian Pushkar worked with Eugeen for many years in his Auroville singing group as well as performed in the Netherlands with his Gregorian group, and last summer they were also recording in France.

Pushkar has also been a transcriber for Eugeen’s music and this year he finished copying his last work. According to Pushkar: “A few corrections were to be made which was part of my last

conversation with him on the 14th of August when I went to visit him in Hilversum.”

Eugene’s visits to Auroville continued for many years; at each visit he would convene Auroville Renaissance Capella to perform both in Auroville and several times at the Église Notre Dame des Anges in Pondicherry. In February 2023, for what turned out to be the ensemble’s final performance, Eugeen chose music around the theme of peace.

Requiescat in pace.



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)

AFSANAH GUESTHOUSE REPORT AND TIMELINE OF EVENTS



Dear Friends,

The management team at Afsanah Guest House has been facing an ongoing collaborative effort, led by the Guest House trustees and the GB FAMC to wrongfully dismiss us from our place of work. In response to this attack, which started in June 2024, we have repeatedly insisted that the GB FAMC and the GH Trustees follow the accepted process for appointing and dismissing executives, as outlined in the CoC 2017. This procedure has been completely disregarded in the case of Auradha's dismissal as the executive of Afsanah Guest House.

For those of you who are interested in the gory details of our extremely unpleasant interactions with the GH Trustees and the Governing Board recognised working groups over the past year, we have prepared a detailed timeline ([timeline link](#)) of events. This timeline includes all the relevant emails and documents, when read in sequence they show how the GB recognised working groups through their falsehood, ineptitude and threats create fear and confusion in the community.

The GH trustees and the GB FAMC have attempted to sabotage the functioning of the Guest House by blocking the Auroville email account, cutting the internet connection, blocking the Financial Service accounts and our access to the GH Trust billing portal. Furthermore they have generated massive confusion amongst our guests by doing an incomplete change of the name of Afsanah Guest House to Neeraj Guest House, the Auroville GH website now shows different names for Afsanah Guest House within the same short text "Afsanah" and "Neeraja".

The numbers prove that Afsanah Guest House has flourished under our management over the past 3 years. [Income has increased](#) by more than double, the staff wages and benefits have been increased substantially and the City Services contribution has increased to around 3 lakhs per month.

We are now clearer and stronger than ever in our determination to manage Afsanah Guest House in a spirit of service to Auroville and its ideals! We will continue to insist on transparency and community process in regard to all community decisions including those related to Afsanah Guest House. Our aim is to maintain the guest house at the highest possible standard so that it can generate the maximum profit for Auroville for generations to come.

With love,

Rosy Shankar and Auradha Markus

STATEMENT BY THE AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER



The future of the Auroville Dog Shelter has been thrown into uncertainty following an office order from the Auroville Foundation that dismissed suddenly and without warning or discussion its long-standing management team and executives with immediate effect. The order, dated August 29th 2025, and signed by Accounts Officer Mr. Sathyanarayan, appointed three new executives and Mr. Balasubramaniam, AVF Police Liaison, as Resource Person.

None of the newly appointed executives appeared at the shelter over the weekend to feed or care for our dogs, leaving the former team to continue their duties. Three executives eventually arrived on Monday, September 1st. They met our executive, Tine, who explained to them the huge responsibility of running the dog shelter. Dr. Kumar expressed "no interest in collaborating with the former team" before leaving for the Town Hall to confirm the validity of the office order.

The abrupt change in leadership has triggered a crisis of confidence among the shelter's key supporters. Partner organizations, veterinary institutions, the Animal Welfare Board of India, and the JD of the Department of Animal Husbandry have voiced serious concerns about the well-being of the dogs, especially in light of the planned VIP road through the shelter, and will re-evaluate their support.

Arthur's visa extension has so far not been granted by AV Secretary Dr. Jayanti Ravi, which would force him to leave India end of September. Although Arthur has been a Newcomer for nearly three years, his Aurovilian status is questioned by Antim of ATSC, using fabricated false evidence and citing allegations, like e.g. spreading misinformation and false propaganda through publications of the transparency report, Instagram posts, and a petition asking for support for the shelter dogs, as reasons for Arthur being denied to become Aurovilian.

Worried about the safety of some of the most vulnerable dogs, Sara Shelter in Mahabalipuram offered to adopt six paralysed, blind, and old dogs. We are still looking for a home for Emma, our malnourished dog, who had suffered horrible animal abuse.

Tine and Arthur



A CALL TO PRESERVE AUROVILLE'S FOOD SYSTEM FROM FARM GROUP AUROVILLE

Dear Community,

We, the farmers of Auroville, wish to express our concern over the recent pattern of administrative decisions which threaten the foundation of our community's food system and long-term goal of food security.

Farming in Auroville has never been easy, but the last two years have been particularly difficult as the farms have been squeezed into not only ecological and social challenges but also extreme financial difficulties. The majority of our small farms are struggling due to a lack of maintenance support for 2 years now, and this lack of systemic support is also a significant deterrent for young Aurovilians interested in farming. At a time when most older farms desperately need succession, we are missing a whole new generation of farmers to sustain our food system. Our distribution to community kitchens has dwindled, the maintenance cuts have meant that more and more farmers now need to put monetary profit first in their work, and the entire system is increasingly becoming competitive and individualistic.

On top of this, some of our biggest and most productive farms are losing their land.

Now .. about the land

The stewards of **Annapurna** Farm were recently informed via a simple email that 100 of its 135 acres would be allocated for a new IIT Madras "sustainability" campus. Annapurna is now being asked to "relocate" to the Green Belt. As most in the community would know, farms cannot be "relocated"; farms grow slowly over many years, and it takes an immense amount of work and capital investment to make a farm productive and to maintain it. Annapurna is one of the very few farms that have managed to do this for over 30 years. Annapurna is one of Auroville's oldest, most productive, and certified organic farms. The proposed "relocation" is completely unfeasible; you cannot move an entire ecosystem. Annapurna has built water tanks that hold over 50 million litres of runoff water. These tanks meet 90% of Annapurna's agricultural needs - a tremendous feat in sustainable organic farming as most even organic farms rely on borewells. Annapurna is also the grain basket of Auroville, processing grains from five other farms that lack their own processing capacity. If the farm leaves the area, Auroville will likely not have its own grains anymore, and it will undo decades of land restoration work as water tanks of this scale are likely not possible elsewhere in Auroville.

This is not an isolated event. It is part of a larger trend that is crippling Auroville's food sector.

AuroOrchard has already lost 16 acres for the purpose of 'land consolidation'. The rest of AuroOrchard and other outlying lands like **Brihaspati** are under similar threat of being exchanged. **Buddha Garden**, parts of **Shambhala** and **Siddhartha farms**, which are located in the MasterPlan area, have also been asked to "relocate" for the creation of a 'VIP' road, a shopping mall and an electricity substation - none of which exist in the Master Plan. Parts of **Ayarpadi** farm in the International Zone, the entire **Kottakarai** farm is in the Industrial Zone, and if the current pattern continues, they too will be asked to "relocate". On one hand, the current town planners demand a rigid adherence to zoning and the Master Plan which doesn't offer much hope to the future of existing farms in the city area, and on the other hand, this rigidity seems to be followed only when it's convenient as the decision about Buddha Garden demonstrates.

The notion of consolidating agriculture into the Green Belt is flawed. Two failed farm attempts in the Master Plan area by the Auroville Foundation Office and Governing Board appointed Funds and Assets Management Committee - Unity Farm and Gratitude Farm - stand as a testament to the difficulty of this endeavor, despite several lakhs of start-up investment.



Then there's the Question of Money

Sustainable organic farming is always more expensive than chemical farming (which has other hidden costs like increased expenditure on healthcare and ecological disasters) and in the current climate where every unit and service is being squeezed in the name of "financial viability," most feel compelled to cut corners, and our collective health has been a casualty of this push. Most units, particularly our main community kitchen, have significantly reduced their use of food grown on Auroville farms either due to the price (which is now being set by Foodlink on a weekly basis) or, as

we are told, that people don't want to eat or buy local vegetables and grains.

In Conclusion

These massive shifts in Auroville agriculture come without any vision for supporting the food system of Auroville. There is no real and genuine opportunity for the farmers to talk to those making these decisions to come to a shared position of commitment towards Auroville-grown food.

There is an urgent need to work on different components of our food sector. Auroville's land is a sacred resource, entrusted to us by donors to realize our core mission. Our farms are more than just food producers; they can be living laboratories for integral education, conscious evolution, and a new economic paradigm. Instead of being dismantled, they need to be at the heart of our vision.

We appeal to those in a position of authority to reconsider their current course of action. How can we build The City the Earth Needs without planning how to feed it? Let's work together to develop a food plan that protects and improves our existing farms, prioritises Auroville produce, attracts a new generation of farmers, and creates a resilient, self-sufficient food system.

If we are concerned about access to clean, local food and the food security of Auroville, then we need support and greater participation from both - the community and the administration - to imagine a way forward. Anybody interested in talking to us and working with us is welcome to write to us at farmgroup@auroville.org.in / aurovillefarmgroup@gmail.com

Core Group of the FarmGroup

Anshul, Charlie, Priya, Sathyavanan, Tomas and Velmurugan

UNDER THREAT - ANNAPURNA FARM

[HTTPS://ANNAPURNAFARM-AUROVILLE.ORG.IN/](https://annapurnafarm-auroville.org.in/)

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

Annapurna Farm
Auroville organic

Don't trade food for concrete!



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.

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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.

AVI ANNUAL MEETING IN TURKEY

23/24TH TO 29TH SEPTEMBER, AREA OF FETHIYE - DALAMAN



Auroville International

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:

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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

THE CITY OF THE PAST

I grew up believing in Auroville as the city of tomorrow—a place where young beings could flourish, experiment, and build something unprecedented. Today, as I watch the systematic dismantling of everything that made this dream possible, I feel a profound grief not just for what we're losing, but for what we might never become.

The attack on Auroville's youth is nothing short of an assault on our very identity as a city of the future. When bulldozers destroyed the International Youth Centre, they weren't just demolishing buildings—they were crushing the spirit of free progress and possibility that youth brings to any society. When Mitra Youth Hostel was cleared to house financial auditors, the message was crystal clear: administrative machinery matters more than welcoming the next generation. When Kailash residents and caretakers were kicked out with no space for dialogue, the ones who had to pay the costs of injustice and heartlessness were again the youth. In all this, we see a pattern that reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of what Auroville was meant to be.



The Mother envisioned Auroville as a place of "unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages." Yet today, our schools face devastating budget cuts while having received no increases since 2019. How can we claim to be building the future when we're starving the very institutions meant to prepare young

minds for that future? Education budgets slashed, cultural programs defunded, youth spaces shuttered—this is not the blueprint for tomorrow's city, but the death knell of yesterday's dream.

How can young people feel welcome in a place that systematically eliminates their spaces and opportunities? Where once there were vibrant youth communities fostering creativity and collaboration, now there are empty lots and administrative offices. The message to youth is clear: you are not wanted here, your energy is not valued, your dreams are expendable.

For international youth especially, the barriers have become extremely dissuasive. Visa recommendations are delayed till the last moment to keep applicants under pressure, and in some cases they're even withheld as political weapons. Housing, already scarce, becomes even more elusive when residents can be evicted with days' notice. How can we ask young people to invest their lives here when everything they build can be destroyed by

administrative whim? How can we expect them to start families when their children's future hangs on the mood of cold-blooded bureaucrats?

The current system demands that youth invest their time, energy, and resources while offering no security, no guarantees, no protection from the arbitrary exercise of power. One day you're contributing to the community; the next day you're labeled an "opposer" and face losing your home, your livelihood, your very right to remain in the country. This is not the foundation upon which any sane person would build a life, let alone a revolutionary city.

I speak from growing personal experience of this insecurity, and being exposed to many friends' doubts. Every day brings new uncertainty—will our visas be renewed? Will our housing be revoked? Will our work be recognized—let alone valued—or will it be dismissed? For those of us who haven't yet spent our entire lives here, the calculation becomes increasingly stark. Why struggle



against impossible odds in a place that doesn't want us, when the world beyond—despite its own challenges with rising authoritarianism and far-right movements—still offers opportunities, stability, and the basic dignity of predictable processes? Why insist on living in a place with no checks and balances and no judiciary protection, when laws are still being upheld in other places?

The tragic irony is that Auroville desperately needs its youth—our energy, our idealism, our willingness to experiment and adapt. We are the ones who would carry the vision forward, who would continue working on the challenges of sustainable living, who would contribute to demonstrating that human unity is possible. But we cannot do this while constantly looking over our shoulders, wondering if today will be the day we lose everything.

When I was a child here, I believed Auroville would show the world a new way of living. Now I worry it's becoming just another example of how fear and authoritarian control can destroy even the most beautiful dreams. Unless something changes dramatically, unless the youth are welcomed back as essential partners rather than tolerated nuisances, many of us may have to make the painful choice that more and more young Aurovilians are making: to take our idealism and energy somewhere that values them.

The future of Auroville was meant to be in our hands. Instead, we're watching it slip through fingers that have been systematically pried open by those who seem to fear the very tomorrow they claim to be building.



An anonymous young Aurovillian who still hopes but grows weary

PURE GOLD

"But something has happened in the world's history which allows us to hope that a selected few in humanity, a small number of beings, perhaps, are ready to be transformed into pure gold and that they will be able to manifest strength without violence, heroism without destruction and courage without catastrophe."

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/09/27-march-1957>

68 years on, circa 2025...



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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

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 1st 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 weekly half-day Vipassana meditation course for "old students" only (meaning for those who have completed at least one 10-day course as taught by SN Goenka).



- **Date:** Sunday 7th September
- **Time:** 9 am - 1 pm
- **Venue:** Udavi School, near tank, Edayanchavadi, Auroville, 605101
- **Location:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4fu6Besiyw9vzsVy7>

👉 First building to the left near the parking.

No registration is required.

You can come for the whole course or just drop in for some time whenever you want.

📞 Please keep your cell phones off or in airplane mode for the duration of the course.

Contact: Sanjay Tumati, +91 87909 82210 (available on WhatsApp), sanjay@auraauro.com

Metta

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
				
Méditation 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 6TH - SUN 7TH 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

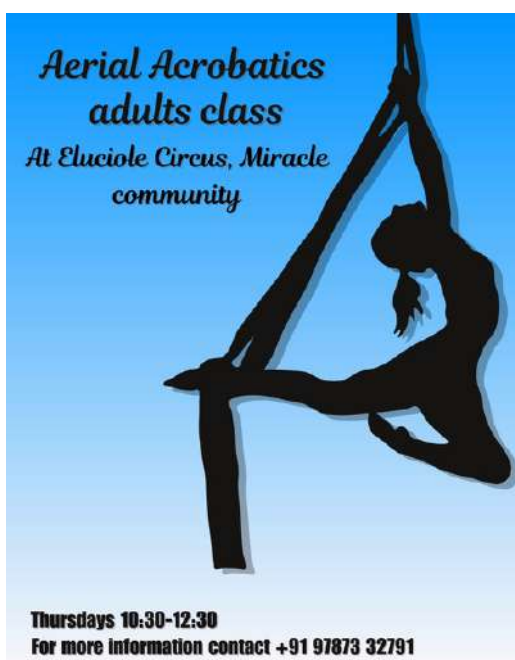
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- Email: avultimate.womens@gmail.com



Singapenne 2024

AERIAL ACROBATICS CLASS FOR ADULTS

EVERY THURS, ELUCIOLE CIRCUS, MIRACLE COMMUNITY



A NEW ORGANISATION AT THE BUDOKAN OF AUROVILLE

Since July, there's Aikido everyday at Dehashakti budokan !

Adult class

- From Monday to Friday from 6 to 7:30am
- Advanced class / Saturday from 6 to 8am
- Weapon class 8 to 9am.

Children Class

- From Monday to Friday, 3:50 to 4:50pm



We also started a new activity :

AÏKITAISO, a zen Body practice to ground the body and the mind.

- From Monday to Friday 8 to 9am
- also Friday evening from 5 to 6pm
- And Saturday 9 to 10am.

Best Regards

Michaël, Philippe & Murugan, Budokan Teachers

GUIDED GARDEN TOUR

19TH AUG - 14TH OCT, AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS



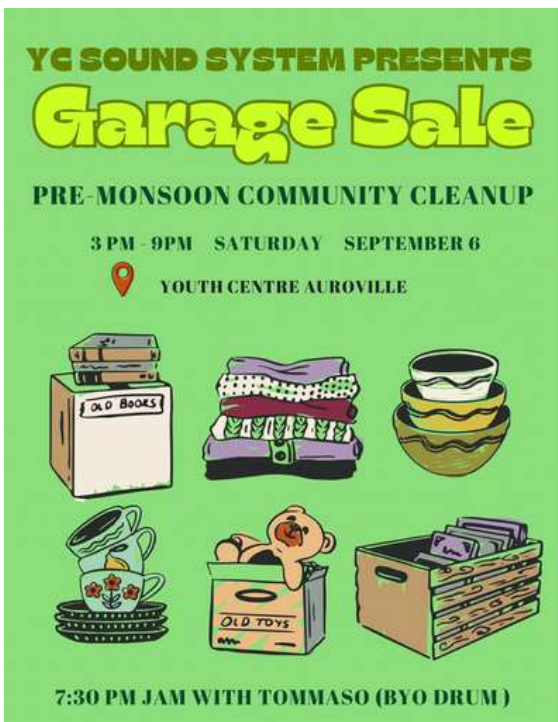
Auroville Botanical Gardens



- **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 to book your walk.

GARAGE SALE: CLEAR SPACE, SHARE TREASURES

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, YOUTH CENTRE



Give your old things a new life - or trade them for something delightfully unexpected!

Saturday 6th September

3pm - 9pm

Youth Centre, Auroville

A little pre-monsoon cleanup for the community - bring what you don't need, take what you love.

Clothes, books, toys, mugs, memories... all looking for a second chance.

🌟 Items can be **sold** or **exchanged** - your call.

Jam with Tommaso at 7:30pm - bring your own drum and join the rhythm.

🍕 **Limited food will be available** - come early if you're hungry!

👤👩 **Please bring your own mat if you have one - we have a limited number available!**

Come clear, lighten up, and make room for good things - in your home and in your day.

#GarageSale #AurovilleEvents

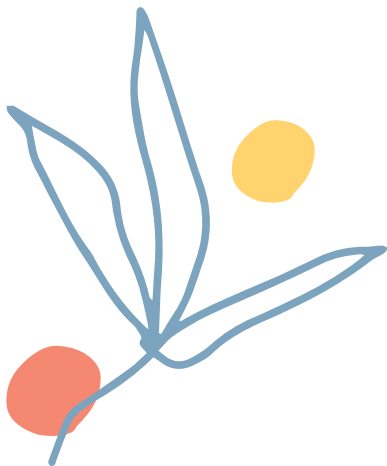
#YouthCentre

#CommunityJam

#CommunityCleanup

#SwapAndSell

#ClearAndShare



HIVE COWORKING SPACE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY FRIDAY, AUROMODE



NEED A PLACE TO WORK?

**OPEN
HOUSE**

Hive
COWORKING SPACE

FREE ON EVERY FRIDAY

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

Are you looking to work, study, create or simply connect with like-minded professionals in a serene place? Step into Hive and experience the Cosy workspace with super-fast Internet, Coffee - **All for FREE** on our Open House.

- Venue: Hive, Auromode
- Time: 9 am - 7 pm
- Visit us at www.auromode.in/hive-coworking for more details on our plans and facilities.
- For inquiries: 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

AI CLASSES ARE BACK!
Restarting with fresh energy

FREE

- Prompt Engineering
- Generative AI (GenAI)
- AI Development,
- Data Science

Every Saturday: 10am to 11am

Location: Hive, Auroville

Registration: RSVP to +91 9886740850

Join us on this journey once again

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



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.
- **Donate Financially:** You can contribute to FS 251391 or visit 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

REFRIGERATOR

I just returned from studying yoga abroad, and my refrigerator is broken. The repair is very expensive. If you have a refrigerator that you're not using and would be willing to donate, please let me know.

I NEED TO KEEP FISH FOR MY CAT.

WhatsApp +91 89036 41845

Ivana.frousova@gmail.com



VARIOUS ITEMS

Looking for:

- people who grow/ scavenge their own mushrooms in auroville
- full face helmet for me (small, oval face)
- digital camera with a charger (not batteries)
- foot massager (wooden, roller kinds)



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

Regards,

Deepa, stigmatad@gmail.com

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: djsevens87@gmail.com

HOUSESITTING OR GUESTHOUSE

We are a couple (39 + 41) working as volunteers in Auroville for a year. We are looking for a house-sitting or another place to stay, starting October 12th, preferably on longer term. We would be grateful for any suggestions or offers.



Best, *Simon & Valérie.*

Contact: +918438 923946

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPEND TIME WITH MARY

Dear Aurovilians,

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 or on WhatsApp at +1-530-933-4682.

Thank you,

Akash and Vikas

LARGE CLEAN TETRAPACKS



HELP ME
UP-CYCLE



Just Donate!

And I'll do the rest



Looking for large rectangular tetra-
packs for an upcycling project, any
amount is fine, just rinse them and I'll
pass by

Call me at +91 90474 49360
Whatsapp works too



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

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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



REGULAR CLASSES:

Hatha Yoga with Ramesh

- 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



YOGA

Balance, strength and flexibility with Haṭha Flow.
Connect your breath with graceful movements
and long holds for a journey to inner peace.



॥ अथ योगानुशासनम् ॥

Every Monday and Thursday - 5:30 to 6:30 PM
DROP-IN | BY CONTRIBUTION
At Joy Hall, Serendipity, Auroville

Ideal for levels between Beginner to Intermediate
WhatsApp: Ramesh +91 9845168490 | serendipityauroville@gmail.com

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.

FAMILY CONSTELLATION WITH SHANTI

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, MALOKA HALL



Dear community,

We come to you with the wonderful news that Family Constellations will again be offered here in Auroville.

Shanti is the facilitator for the constellations and Louise Rose is the organizer.

The workshop will be offered **from 10am - 12:30pm on Saturday 13th September @ Maloka Hall in Anitya community.**

If this work is new to you, family constellation is a process which helps people resolve family traumas and heal ancestral wounds. It uses the facts of the family history. Since it is systemic work, it asks us to include those we don't usually consider as belonging to the family: for example, an ex-partner of a parent. Participants in the workshop will stand as "representatives" in the constellation.

It is not essential that you have experienced Family Constellations before -- just that you have the inner feeling to bring your full presence and that you understand that by coming you will be part of the field in which the work happens. Shanti will give an overview of what is important in this work and teach us how to be a representative.

To register, WhatsApp Louise: +91 73053 73562. When you register please specify if you intend to "definitely" come or "maybe" come.

You can also register with Shanti by email: anandshanti@proton.me or call her landline (0413) 2623314 (no WhatsApp).

Shanti is offering this work as her gift to the community. Donations for the space in Anitya are welcome.

About the facilitator : Shanti found this work in 1999 and took many trainings with Bert Hellinger -- the originator of this work -- and with several of his long-time students over the years, both in India and in Germany.

SPOKEN TAMIL WORKSHOP WITH MADHU

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER



Curious about Tamil? Want to pick up some everyday words and phrases while having fun? Join us for an interactive workshop designed to make learning local spoken Tamil simple, playful, and practical.

You'll leave with a bundle of useful words, a few new phrases, and perhaps a smile or two from discovering language in a fresh, engaging way.

Interested? Come to Anitya community, after Centerfield
Contact Madhu: +91 90361 14216 for directions and details.

All are welcome — come curious, leave a little more confident in Tamil!

This workshop is offered for free by Madhu (donations to support JOI Anitya are always appreciated).



WORKSHOPS

DIGITAL DESIGN WORKSHOP

SAT 6TH + SUN 7TH SEPTEMBER, AIAT IRUMBAI CAMPUS

info@aiat.edu.in

DIGITAL DESIGN WORKSHOP

CONTENT CREATION ESSENTIALS

Free

Canva

Open to all and free

Are you interested in designing digitally and don't know where to start?

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Sept 5 th & 6 th	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Irumbai Campus AIAT

REGISTER NOW

COME LEARN CANVA BASICS

- Introductory design workshop
- Designing for social media

Our Facilitator
SWETHA SHAI

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY (ATB)

SAT 6TH - SUN 7TH SEPTEMBER



ATB 
Awareness Through the Body

ATB 1

Workshop

6th - 7th of September
in Auroville

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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.
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contact and enrollment:
connect@atbwithamir.com

www.awarenessthroughthebody.org

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOGETHER BY P. SARAVANAN

5TH - 24TH 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

"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

SEPTEMBER PHOTOCIRCLE

FRIDAY 5TH SEPT, CENTRE D'ART MULTIMEDIA ROOM, CITADINES



After Summer break, Photo Circle meets again on **FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER at 5pm in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines.**

The Photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers and amateurs.

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

Anybody can bring and screen a small selection of images.

Everybody's welcome



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

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
SPORTS!

Come by to check out our selection!



TIBETAN PAVILION LIBRARY

Dear all,

This is to your information that we are going to open the library to the readers we have vast collection of books on **Tibetan history**,

Buddhism, medicine, environment and etc, and also a section of books on **India, China, Bhutan and spiritual books on Sri Aurobindo and the Mother**.

Our opening hours are:

- Monday, Tuesday Wednesday mornings
- Open from 10:30am to 2:00pm.

All reader's are invited.

We will be closed on the national holidays.


We look forward of seeing you in Tibetan pavilion,

Submitted by Kalsang

On behave of Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International zone



AUROVILLE, LES PAROLES DE MÈRE, TOME II
BOOK RELEASE AND PRESENTATION BY GILLES GUIGAN
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, PAVILLON DE FRANCE

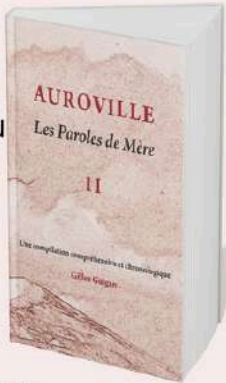


LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE

CONFÉRENCE

Présentée par
GILLES GUIGAN

Après la présentation du tome 1 en février 2025, Gilles nous emmène avec le tome 2 à la découverte de son travail minutieux sur **Les Paroles de Mère**.



Lieu et date :

Pavillon de France
Samedi 6 sept 2025, 17h

The Pavillon de France présents :

Auroville, Les Paroles de Mère, Tome II
Book release and presentation by Gilles Guigan IN FRENCH

We are delighted to announce the release of Gilles Guigan's book, Auroville - les Paroles de Mère, Tome II.

Join us for a special presentation in the presence of the author himself. Gilles will continue to take us on a journey through his meticulous work, where he has carefully compiled and arranged the Mother's conversations, messages, and notes on Auroville in a comprehensive and chronological way, offering valuable insight into their original context.

Auroville in the 70's : Planning or not planning ?

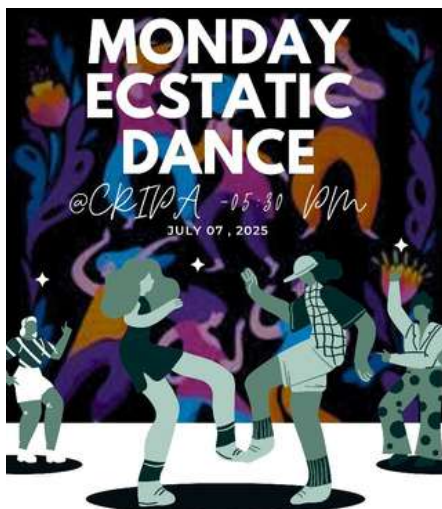
We warmly invite you to be part of this enriching exchange.

Saturday 6th September at 5pm at Pavillon de France.

The book is available at the bookstore : **Auroville Papers at the Visitors' Center** and at **Auroville Press in Aspiration**.


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



GARBA IMMERSIVE

Over the next 3 months, we'll immerse ourselves in a tradition that's rich, joyful, and deeply rooted.

It may seem like just a festivity, but it holds many layers beneath. We'll slowly unfold them together, one step at a time.

<https://lightwithin.my.canva.site/garba>
Megha: 8870730567


July to September
Tuesdays, 4.45-6.00pm.
CRIPA, Auroville
Donation based





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**

FOOD

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

WHITE WEDNESDAYS @ TIBETAN PAVILION

3RD, 10TH, AND 24TH SEPTEMBER

Dear all,

We are resuming White Wednesday !

Lhakar Sang ! Momo on Wednesday.

We kindly request you to register in advance by **5pm Tuesday evening**, there will be no reservation taken after the given hour. This is avoid food waste.

- 3rd, 10th, and 24th September, see you soon.
- To register WhatsApp to 84790 67332.

Warmly *Kalsang*

RIGHT PATH CAFE, VISITORS CENTRE



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 for more info

POETRY

O Hear the Voice

Sept. 3, 2005

Soon shall we hear the interweave of sound
Unheard before and melodies of light
To chase the darkness from the hallowed ground
Relieve the earth oppressed by death and night.

For music from the higher planes come down
Shall waken in the heart forgotten song
And when the spectral presences have flown
The peace descend for which our spirits long.

And love shall sing from this our human choir
In hearts desirous of the grace supreme
As golden chords struck on a golden lyre
Flowing as a clear untroubled stream.

O hear the voice that sings through leaf and flower
And in the waves that yearn towards the shore
Upon the peaks we call that might and power
To beauty and to truth the earth restore.

Narad



AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians,

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

Last published podcasts:

- [Marlenka's weekly Offering – Ep.150](#) (Literature)
- [Savitri - Ep.20: Introductory Comments in Tamil | சாவித்ரி காவியம் ஓர் அறிமுக விளக்கம் by Dhanalakshmi](#) (Spirituality)
- [Sri Aurobindo's "The Life Divine" read by Deepti Tewari-B 1, C 3: "The Two Negations- 2:The Refusal of the Ascetic"](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – Ep.507](#) (Integral Yoga)

....and more! on www.aurovillerradiotv.org.

For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in

Peace and love

*Regards,
Sai Priya for Auroville RadioTV*

CINEMA

THE INNER WAY SCHOOL (TAI CHI HALL) - TAI CHI QUAN ET LE TRAVAIL DU CHI AVEC VLADY STEVANOVITCH

SAT 6TH SEPT, MULTIMEDIA CENTER (MMC) AUDITORIUM

All are welcome to a screening of the film "**Tai Chi Quan et Le Travail du Chi avec Vlady Stevanovitch**" with voice over in English.

The film will be screened at the Multimedia Centre Auditorium from 10:45am to 12:15pm on Saturday 6th September.



Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program : 8th - 14th 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 8 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• ONKO KI KOTHIN (UNEQUAL EQUATIONS)

India, 2025, Dir. Saurav Palodhi w/ Riddhiman Banerjee, Gitashree Chakraborty, Subhendu Chakraborty, and others, Drama, 117mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: U/A (PG-13)

In a Kolkata slum fractured by pandemic and systemic neglect, three spirited children, Babin, Tyre, and Dolly, dream of becoming doctor, engineer, and nurse. When school is no longer an option, they build a makeshift clinic from scraps, determined to heal their community. But when Babin's father falls critically ill, their fragile hope is tested. Their bond is pushed to the edge as they confront the limits of childhood against the weight of adult crises. A tender, humorous, defiant tale of resilience and radical imagination. *In a world that failed them, they imagined one worth saving.*

POTPOURRI – TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• MAMMA ROMA

Italy, 1962, Writer-Dir. Pier Paolo Pasolini w/ Anna Magnani, Ettore Garofolo, Franco Citti, and others, Drama, 110mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Mamma Roma, a former streetwalker, moves to a new neighborhood with her teenage son Ettore, determined to give him a better life. As she urges him toward respectability, Ettore drifts into delinquency and her buried past resurfaces. Their fragile future unravels, exposing the painful cost of ambition in a world that refuses to forget.

SELECTION – WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• WILLOW

North Macedonia-Hungary-Belgium, 2019, Writer-Dir. Milcho Manchevski w/ Sara Klimoska, Natalija Teodosieva, Kamka Tocinovski, and others, Drama, 101mins, Macedonian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

In this much-acclaimed film, Donka, Rodna, and Katerina, three women from different eras, confront the longing for motherhood in a world that tests their autonomy, resilience, and hope. From ancient rituals to modern choices, their journeys reveal the quiet heroism of forging a personal path to love, family, and freedom. *Three women, one timeless struggle, the courage to become.*

INTERESTING – THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• BIGGER THAN US

France, 2021, Writer-Dir. Flore Vasseur w/ Greta Thunberg, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, Mary Finn, and others, Documentary, 95mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

This film is being brought to you in collaboration with Alliance-Française. An Indonesian teen sets out to find others like her—young visionaries daring to mend a fractured world. Along the way, she meets a climate poet, a fearless journalist, a defender of girls' rights, a refugee educator, a food justice advocate, and a farmer sowing resilience. Together, they weave a tapestry of defiance, compassion, and enduring hope. *9/11 is a day the world cannot forget. Today, we honor its memory with a story that reminds us: hope is a choice made through action.*

INTERNATIONAL – SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• COMPANION

USA, 2025, Writer-Dir. Drew Hancock w/ Sophie Thatcher, Jack Quaid, Lukas Gage, and others, AI-Thriller, 97mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In this acclaimed film, Iris believes she's human—until a violent encounter triggers a chilling shutdown. Her boyfriend Josh reveals the truth: she's a rented companion robot. As betrayal deepens and secrets unravel among friends Kat, Eli, Patrick, and Sergey, Iris fights to reclaim her autonomy in a world where love can be programmed—and erased.

CHILDREN'S MATINEE - SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 4:00 PM:

• THE WILLOUGHBYs

Canada-USA-UK, 2020, Dir. Kris Pearn-Cory Evans & Rob Lodermeier w/ Will Forte, Maya Rudolph, Alessia Cara, and others, Animation-Adventure, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG (Ages 8–12 and older)

Four neglected siblings hatch a wild plan to send their selfish parents on a deadly vacation, hoping to orphan themselves. As their scheme spirals into chaos, they embark on a whimsical journey filled with danger, candy, and unexpected love—discovering that family isn't always who you're born to, but who you choose.

CLASSIC WORLD CINEMA @ CINÉ-CLUB

CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• POINT BLANK

USA, 1967, Dir. John Boorman, w/ Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson and Others, Drama – Thriller, 92mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Based on the theme of the individual pitted against the large, impersonal organization. The central character is an old-fashioned loner of a gunman embroiled with a large-scale, corporate criminal operation behind a respectable looking 'front'. Superbly capturing the glossy, depersonalized feel of a 1967 Los Angeles--a nightmare landscape of concrete, glass and coiling freeways.

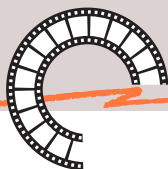
Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G= General Audiences, PG= Parental guidance suggested, PG-13= Parents strongly cautioned, R= Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e., for Adults), NR= Film Not Rated, Rating awaited.

To organize a seminar/program at MMC Auditorium, kindly email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

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.

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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

AUROVILLE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES (AVFS)

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

ELECTRICAL SERVICE (AVES)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8am - 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622132 / 94888 68747 for fault works, repair works and job works
0413 2622264 for clarifications reg. electricity bills, job and repair works bills
- **Email:** aves@auroville.org.in

GAS BOTTLE SERVICE

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

WATER SERVICE

- Monitors water lines and supply within AV, undertakes water-related jobs.
- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8am - 12pm and 2pm - 4:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622877, 89035 53246
- **Email:** 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

POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE (PTDC)

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

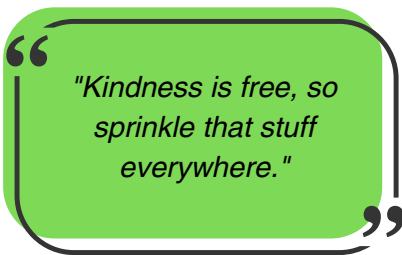
Afternoons:

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





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HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Santé

Working Hours:

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

Tests and Sample collection:

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

No sample collection on Saturday

For emergencies, contact:

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

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

Appointment

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

Doctor Consultation with Dr. Joseph, Dr. Pavan & Dr. Sana: Monday to Saturday	Nurse Care - Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana & Sandhya: Daily: no appointment needed
Ayurveda with Dr. Berengere: Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday (TOS 9 th onwards)	Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday	Homeopathy with Michael: Monday / Wednesday / Saturday
Midwifery & GYN Care with Paula: Monday & Wednesday	Soundbed Session with Sandhya / Thilagam: Monday to Saturday
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena – inquiry email adminsante@auroville.org.in	

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

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

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 only one family member 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:

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

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



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

<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