Cluroville NEWS & NOTES

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Once upon a time... Dec 2019



PONDERING

The field of work does not change. What you are doing now, you will continue to do. It is in the attitude in the work, *especially in the relation with the other workers*, that the change must take place. Each one sees the work in his own way and believes it is the only true way, the only way that expresses the Divine Will. But none of these ways is completely true; it is only by rising above these divided conceptions that one can reach a better understanding of the Divine's Will. This means mutual understanding and collaboration instead of opposition and clash of wills and feelings.

The Mother, 23 May 1934, Collaboration and Harmony in Work, Words of the Mother II https://motherandsriaurobindo.in/The-Mother/books/words-of-the-mother-II/#collaboration-and-harmony-in-world-mother-II/#col

THE MOTHER ON AUROVILLE



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GUIDANCE IN YOGA

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Moral laws have only a very relative value from the point of view of Truth, besides they vary considerably according to the country, the climate and the period.

Discussions are generally sterile and without productive value. If each individual makes a personal effort of perfect sincerity, uprightness and good will, the best conditions for the work will be realised.

(Reply to a member of the Auroville study group)

Aug, 1966

Everything can be part of "sadhana"; it depends on the inner attitude.

Naturally, if one lets himself be invaded by the Western atmosrhere, farewell to the sadhana.

But even in the most materialistic milieu, if one retains one's aspiration and one's faith in the Divine Life, the sadhana can and should continue.

(To B returning to the West)

If the need is a true one the means to do it will come spontaneously.

31.3.1970*

What exactly should I do to accelerate the sadhana?

Wait quietly for the exact indication; all mental intervention and decisions are arbitrary. The clear indication comes in the silence of the mind.

31.3.1970*

The city the earth

Detachment from all that is not the Divine

A single occupation, a single aim, a single

joy the Divine. - The Mother Ipomoea

(L.) cairica

Sweet.,

Convolvulaceae.

Railway creeper



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What are the steps to follow for (1) sadhana and (2) silence of the mind?

- (1) Do work as sadhana. You offer to the Divine the work you do at the best of your capacities and you leave the result to the Divine.
- (2) Try to become conscious first above your head keeping the brain as silent as possible.

If you succeed and the work is done in that condition, then it will become perfect.

2.4.1970*

Any suggestion?

About what?

About sadhana.

Patient aspiration.

7.6.1970*

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 OUICK GUIDE



What We Publish

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

Working Groups & Foundation Office Content

- All RA Working Group announcements will be included
- Links to Foundation Office content will be provided without duplication
- Direct submissions from Foundation Office groups will be included as regular content

What We No Longer Publish

- · Commercial activities and paid workshops
- · Non-community-focused events
- Content from "Activities & Events," "Food, Goods & Services," and "Classes, Workshops and Healing Arts" sections

Exceptions

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

Submission Guidelines

- 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
- For further information, please <u>click here u</u> to view our complete FAQ document.
- For past issues or to subscribe, visit: auroville.media/newsandnotes

We thank you for your collaboration and understanding.

DISCLAIMER:

Please note that the opinions and views expressed on these pages are solely those of the respective authors or work groups and do not necessarily reflect the position of the editors or the larger Auroville community. The News & Notes aims to provide a platform for the publication of diverse perspectives and voices from multiple sources within Auroville.

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.

In the event of any dispute, we encourage readers to consult with the Auroville Council, and we reserve the right to suspend the publication of disputed material. Our commitment to providing an open and inclusive platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas remains steadfast.

The News & Notes Team newsandnotes@auroville.services

LIST OF ACRONYMS:

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

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

Working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly:

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

GB groups:

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

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

NEWS &NOTES

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 <u>FORM</u> to submit your content.
- The mail ID to submit content is: newsandnotes@auroville.services
- To request a PRINTED COPY, send us your name and community to our email!

Thank you for your continued support!

In community,

The RA Community Edition News & Notes Team

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WORKING GROUPS NEWS

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

ES # 271 DATED: 06-10-2025

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovillians, Returning Aurovillians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovillian in writing at auroville.entryservice@gmail.com.

For your information, when a process is rescinded it is because the Newcomer has not met the criteria, such as working in Auroville, living in Auroville, contribution, etc.

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)

NEWCOMER PROCESS RESCINDED

- · Rohan RAJ (Indian)
- Soumya KANNAN (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

URGENT COMMUNICATION FROM IAC TO GB RE RECENT SHOW CAUSE

Dear Community,

We are sharing with you here, with their permission, <u>a letter</u> sent by three members of the International Advisory Council to the Governing Board about the recent show cause notices sent to a number of Aurovilians by the 'ATR on behalf of the ATSC'.

Please note that this letter is for internal circulation in Auroville, and not to be published on websites or social media, etc.

In service,

Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Matthieu, Prashant, Valli The Working Committee of the RA







FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents' Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1099

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

A two part-grant application and budget request form is available on request from abundance.pcg@auroville.org.in to apply for possible funding from the Foundation for World Education (FWE) in 2026 and Stichting de Zaaier (SDZ) year end funding for 2025.

Please submit your filled in forms and any other documents related to this purpose as attachments to a covering email addressed to: abundance.pcg@auroville.org.in latest by Monday, 20 October 2025.

Questions and early submissions are very welcome, Devi, Pala, Sauro, Tineke, Vani For Abundance (PCG)

FAREWELL UPDATE - PART 1

Recently, members of the Farewell team met with FAMC to discuss the budget for this service, including what kind of support will be offered to Aurovilians for funerals. It is clear that only basic material costs incurred by the Farewell service (ambulances, flowers, cool box, materials for cremation or digging costs for burial) can be covered for all Aurovilians in need of help by BCC. The payment for these expenses will be channelled through Farewell. Often there are additional kinds of expenses. These have to be met by family members or friends. Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration, but not guaranteed.

A Farewell form (in several languages) is available on Auronet, at Anandi's desk in PTDC, at Santé and at Town Hall Reception. With this form (placed inside a marked envelope and delivered to Farewell on the Crown Road) an Aurovilian can make his or her wishes about what happens at the time of passing clear to both family members and to the Farewell team. Even if it feels uncomfortable to write this down, having a frank conversation with family members can establish clarity that will make things smoother when there is a death.

Several kinds of documentary information are required by the authorities at the time of death: the person's Aadhar card, the number of the plot of land on which the death occurred, and passport and stay visa (for foreign nationals). It is good to keep copies of these documents handy.

As a service Farewell follows the indications Mother has given about what can support an individual as he/she is making the passage called death. Every effort is made to create a peaceful, harmonious atmosphere in the viewing room at Farewell and at AVBCG (Auroville Burial and Cremation Ground). For this reason it is requested that some customs like fireworks and drums and posters are not followed within Auroville boundaries.

We also request all families and friends visiting the burial ground to take care of the space. Please take time to clean up. Collect paper and plastic after any ceremonies and remove building materials used in any gravestone construction. Please check with the team for the placing headstones or other grave markers or before planting trees near graves.

The team arranges a simple, hand-painted name stone. Also, avoid leaving food behind as it attracts dogs and boars.

We remind you that although there is a relatively large team of volunteers that come together each time there is a Farewell event, we cannot be certain who will participate at any particular event. All have other work in Auroville and have taken up this extra task in a spirit of collective service. We ask the community to respect the members of the team and its work, and to refrain from expressing personal preferences. The team does not bring in any personal views/preferences and we request individuals using the service to do the same towards the team.



Funerals are collective events and the participation of community members is welcome, especially for vigil keeping and flower preparation. Information about how to participate is published along with notification of a passing.

Please write to us if you have further questions farewellmatters@auroville.org.in. We will hold an open house to give another opportunity to obtain information about Farewell on Sunday 12th October, from 10-12pm.

Farewell team



NOTE OF UPDATE - PART 2

Greetings to all.

We wish to update everyone on our work and its role and function in our community of Auroville.

The farewell team is not always a large team though it has several branches with volunteers participating in all; there are times when more willing and able participants would be needed and welcome.

This is an impersonal work which demands sensitivity, equality, good practical sense, readiness to serve, emotional stability, acceptance of any bodily condition, receptivity to the inner reality, attention and plasticity and goodwill towards all.

We share a sense of dedication to Mother

and Sri Aurobindo, seeking to express it in the "Spirit of Auroville", so that our understanding and experience of physical death in our individual and collective adventure may grow ever more conscious and free.

We would like to convey that everyone is welcome in contributing their observations and suggestions, and that whoever feels inclined

to learn the various aspects of this work is most welcome to try and eventually become one of the resource persons available.

For any Aurovilians with questions or prospective new members we will have an open house **Sunday 12**th **October, from 10-12pm.**

We would also like to reaffirm that we are keen to remain free from all opinions and alignments that, in our collective life, may still interfere with our harmonious progress.

This service is for all in Auroville.

Farewell team

CLOSING SOON! S.O.S. FROM AUROVILLE PETITION



Dear Community,

We would like to draw your attention to the petition on the Change. org platform, launched by Aurovilians and volunteers in December 2021.

Today, it is nearing 60,000 signatures from supporters across the globe:

https://www.change.org/p/prime-minister-of-india-sos-fromauroville-the-city-of-dawn-needs-your-helpurgently/u/33929934

We will soon close the petition and send our letter to the relevant authorities.

If you haven't signed yet, please do so—and kindly share the petition link along with this short recap & update video \bot :

https://youtube.com/shorts/i96KjUCgzDc

[NOTE] donations made through this page will go to the change. org, not Auroville.

Sincerely,

S.O.S. Auroville Petition Team



RESIDENTS SPEAK

THE HOLY FOOLS OF SHINING VALLEY

A CHILDREN'S STORY FOR GROWN-UPS: PART 4

The Children's Wisdom

The children of Shining Valley, who had grown up learning practical things alongside book learning, began to see something that the adults had missed. The Holy Fools weren't evil - they were just confused. They really did want to help, but they had gotten so caught up in their big ideas that they had forgotten about the simple, real things that actually mattered.

"Maybe," suggested one brave little girl, "instead of being angry at them, we could teach them?"

"Teach them what?" asked her mother.

"How to plant a seed," said the girl. "How to bake bread. How to fix a leaky roof. You know real things."

Some of the older valley people shook their heads. "They would never listen," they said. "They think they already know everything."



But the children had an idea. They decided to invite the Holy Fools to their "Festival of Simple Things" - a celebration where everyone shared the basic skills that made life in the valley work. There would be bread baking and garden planting and storytelling and music making.

The Turning

To everyone's surprise, some of the younger Holy Fools came to the festival. They were tired of living in the cold, leaky administrative building and eating food that came from far-away places in boxes. They were curious about how the valley bread could taste so much better than their official ceremonial wafers.

"Could you... could you teach me how to knead dough?" one of them asked shyly, taking off his ceremonial hat.

"Of course!" said the valley baker, delighted. "But you'll need to roll up those fancy sleeves."

As the young Holy Fool worked the dough with his hands, something wonderful began to happen. His serious frown melted away. His shoulders relaxed. And when the bread came out of the oven, golden and fragrant, his eyes filled with tears of joy.

"I never knew," he whispered. "I never knew it could feel like this to make something real, something useful, something beautiful."

To be continued in the next issue...

(The full story can be read here!)

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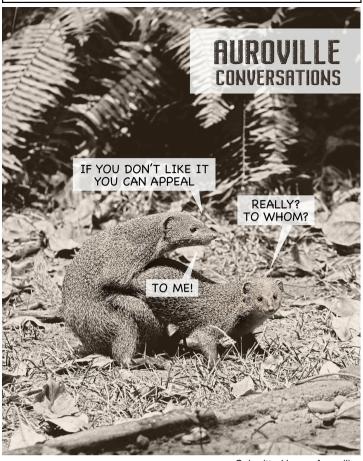
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



Submitted by an Aurovilian



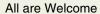
INNER JOURNEY

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday 14th October, 9 am - 12 noon Focus: Self-realisation

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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



SAVITRI SATSANG WITH NARAD

EVERY TUESDAY, 04:30 - 05:15PM

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

At Savitri Bhavan - Square Hall.

All are welcome to join.

Narad

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



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR

Meditations at sunset with SAVITRI,

Every THURSDAY from 5:30 to 6:00pm



(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 Amphitheatre only from 5:15pm. Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocards. Last entry for guests at 5:30pm. Access limited for guests to the Amphitheatre.
- Last exit for guests at 6:15pm.

Velmurugan for the Access Team

VIBRATIONAL SOUND BATH

SOUL NURTURING MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN SINGING BELLS



AN INTRODUCTION TO VIPASSANA MEDITATION DISCOVER THE PATH OF INNER CLARITY AND PEACE

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, TIBETAN PAVILION

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

This introductory gathering will offer:

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

Date: Saturday 11th October Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Place: Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture

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



ANAPANA: MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, TIBETAN PAVILION

To learn and practice a simple meditation technique focused on observing one's own natural breath. "Anapanasati" meaning "mindfulness of breathing".

This session is **specially designed for children**, ensuring that they grasp this technique with ease. With so much that is offered to children being based on materialism and the quest for instant gratification, Anapana provides a much needed method of getting in touch with their minds and a way to deal with one's daily stress, fears and anxieties.

Regular practice of Anapana has proven to give many benefits ranging from improved concentration and memory, increased alertness of mind, increase in self confidence. With a decrease in anxiety, fear and nervousness and the mind becoming healthy and strong.

Date: Saturday 11th October Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Age: 10 onwards

Place: Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture

TATTVA BODH (WISDOM OF THE DIVINE)

BOOK READING CIRCLE & MEDITATION MARATHON

Weekly Event. Different Days, Different Authors At **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, Perception building through Art, 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 books will be added in future).

Program schedule



Please note -

- Embodiment practice will happen in last 30 minutes of 2-hour session.
- · Please wear loose comfortable outfits.
- · 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 sessions.

Warmly, Debashish

1008 NAMAS (SACRED NAMES) OF THE "DIVINE MOTHER"

WEEKLY FROM 2ND OCTOBER, CERTITUDE

Dear Devotees of The Mother.

Here is an opportunity to learn the 1008 namas (sacred names) of the "Divine Mother", "Sri Lalitha Sahasranamam" weekly once on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 6:30pm at Buvana's house in Certitude Community. The 1st class will start on "Vijayadasami Day" 2nd October 2025. Please contact Buvana 94437 03287

Thanking you, Regards, *Grace*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: avbgtours@gmail.com to book your walk.

INDIVIDUAL SOUND BATH

PITCHANDIKULAM FOREST



There is a little house in the heart of one of Auroville's oldest and best-preserved forests, where you can enjoy a very special sound bath.

The sound of birdsong and insects, the rustling of leaves will be the only background.

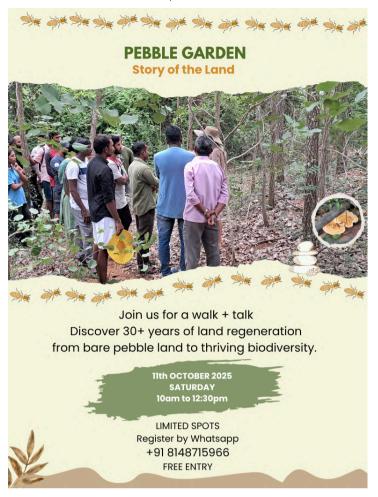
A certified sound facilitator will perform a personalized session, just suitable for you, according with your needs and desires.

And in the end a meditative walk in the forest will be, if you like, the perfect ending to the experience •

Book your session now by texting to Whatsapp +39 3208370141

STORY OF THE LAND - WALK + TALK

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, PEBBLE GARDEN



Come! Join us for this walk + talk at Pebble Garden.

- Saturday 11th October 2025
- · 10am to 12:30pm.
- Register by Whatsapp 81487 15966

Bernard, Deepika, Ankita

VISIT OF THE TIBETAN DOCTOR - OCTOBER 2025

THUR 16TH - SAT 18TH OCTOBER, TIBETAN PAVILION

This is to your information, that the Tibetan Doctor and the team are visiting us on:

- Thursday 16th October, 2:00 to 5.30pm
- Friday 17th from 8:30am to 1pm, 2:00 to 5:30pm
- Saturday 18th, 8:30am to 1pm.

The consultation is held in Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture, International zone Auroville.

LE PAVILLON DE FRANCE VOUS INVITE À PARTICIPER AUX DISCUSSIONS

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER, FRENCH PAVILLON

Un rendez-vous **en français**, ouvert à tous, pour réfléchir ensemble à des questions de société, d'identité ou de sens.

- \$\infty\$ Chacun est invité à partager son point de vue,
- Ecouter celui des autres
- Ft nourrir une discussion profonde,
- Dans un cadre bienveillant.

Un espace de parole libre, dans l'esprit d'Auroville : ouverture, respect et quête de sens.

Après les discussions sur la religion et la propriété, cette fois questionnons :

Rendez-vous ce vendredi 17 octobre 2025

🕓 à 17h

au Pavillon de France

Cécile pour le Pavillon de France



vous invite à participer aux :

Ce vendredi explorons ensemble le thème de

L'argent



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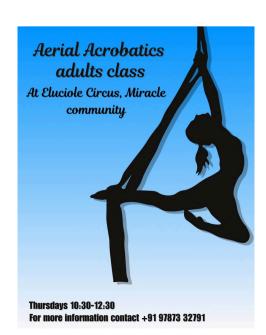
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HALL OF LIGHT CREATIVITY COMMUNITY AUROVILLE



AERIAL
ACROBATICS
CLASS FOR
ADULTS

EVERY
THURS,
ELUCIOLE
CIRCUS,
MIRACLE
COMMUNITY



CONTACT: lola 9443069335.

HIVE COWORKING SPACE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY FRIDAY, AUROMODE



Are you looking to work, study, create or simply connect with likeminded 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: <u>auromodehive@auroville.org.in</u> / +91 90427 59540 (WA) / +91 70921 97375 (WA) or drop by.

All are Welcome!!!

FREE AI MASTERCLASS FOR ALL

EVERY SATURDAY, HIVE, AUROMODE



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

Open for all, no prior experience needed.

Contact: +91 98867 40850 / auromodehive@auroville.org.in

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

PART-TIME VIDEO EDITOR – AURORA'S EYE FILMS, AUROVILLE



Aurora's Eye Films is looking for a **creative and skilled video editor** to join our team on a **part-time basis** in Auroville. We create documentaries, web series, and short films that explore **human stories**, **spirituality**, **and transformative experiences**.

What You'll Do:

- Edit interviews, web series, short films, and documentary footage
- Collaborate closely with the director to shape compelling visual narratives
- · Add graphics, subtitles, and basic motion design as needed
- Ensure videos are optimized for multiple platforms (YouTube, Instagram, Facebook)
- Manage project files and deliver timely edits.

Who We're Looking For:

- Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro, or similar editing software
- · Strong sense of storytelling, pacing, and emotion
- · Attention to detail and high-quality visual aesthetics
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines
- Previous experience with short documentaries, interviews, or web series
- · Based in or able to work from Auroville.

Why Join Us:

- · Work on meaningful, inspiring projects
- · Flexible part-time schedule
- Be part of a creative and collaborative team in the heart of Auroville
- Opportunity to grow your skills and gain exposure to international audiences.

Make to Apply:

Send your CV, showreel, or sample edits with the subject line:
"Part-Time Video Editor Application"
serena aurora@auroville.org.in

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER - AURORA'S EYE FILMS, AUROVILLE

Aurora's Eye Films is looking for a **Social Media Manager** to help us share our stories with the world. We create films, documentaries, and web series that explore consciousness, community, and the spirit of Auroville. We're seeking someone creative, organized, and passionate about digital storytelling to grow our online presence and engage with our audience.

Role:

- Part-time, based in Auroville (remote collaboration possible for the right candidate)
- Focus on content strategy, posting, engagement, and growth across platforms (Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.).

Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement a social media strategy aligned with our creative projects
- · Create and schedule engaging posts, captions, and stories

- Edit short-form video content (Reels, Shorts, trailers) for maximum reach
- Track analytics and optimize content for growth and engagement
- Engage with our online community and respond to comments/messages
- Collaborate with the film team to capture behind-the-scenes and promotional material.

Requirements:

- Experience managing social media accounts for brands, projects, or creative organizations
- · Strong writing and communication skills
- Basic video/photo editing skills (Canva, Premiere Pro, CapCut, or similar)
- Understanding of trends, hashtags, and algorithms across major platforms
- · Passion for storytelling, film, and conscious media.

What we offer:

- Opportunity to shape the voice of a growing independent film studio
- · Creative freedom to experiment with new ideas and formats
- A chance to work on projects rooted in meaning, community, and awareness
- · Collaborative, international work environment in Auroville.

Mow to Apply:

Send your CV, portfolio/links to previous work, and a short note about why you'd like to join us to serena aurora@auroville.org.in

LOOKING FOR

REQUEST FOR DONATION IN KIND

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from the Mirra Women's Group.

Established in 2002 as part of AV Arts Services, Mirra Women's Group brings together women of Auroville, the surrounding bioregion, and newcomers through music, art, dance, sports, and educational activities. Our goal is to foster unity, healing, and empowerment across all walks of life.

In response to the emotional and physical challenges brought about by the pandemic, we have redoubled our efforts to create safe spaces for healing and well-being. Currently, we are conducting yoga classes and readings based on *The Mother* and *The Ideal of Auroville* at **Wellpaper** and **Kottakarai School**.

To continue and expand these sessions, we are in need of the following items:

- 4 grass mats
- 15 bowls
- 15 small plates
- 15 glasses

(Used items in good condition are also very welcome.)

We also gratefully welcome donations in the form of **juice or edible items** to share during our gatherings.

If you are able to support us with any of the above, please feel free to reach out. Your contribution will go a long way in nurturing a space of connection and care for women in our community.

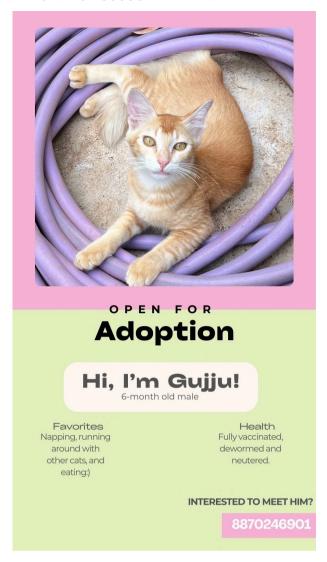
With heartfelt thanks,

Grace, Madhi, Suryagandhi

For Mirra Women's Group

Email: grace@auroville.org.in

A NEW HOME FOR GUJJU THE KITTEN!



MISSING DOG - DOBBY



A NEW HOME FOR THIS ABANDONED DOG!



This beautiful and friendly dog has been hanging around La Terrasse for two weeks. He appears to have been abandoned. He's a male dog and a true gentleman who loves eating croissants.

We hope someone will adopt him. Contact Rita at 63846 93167

FRUITING MULBERRY TREE



Would you have a fruiting mulberry tree around you? If yes, I would love to hop by and eat my favourite fruit with you.

Thank you.

Deepa, stigmatad@gmail.com 98115 74667 (no wa)

1 - MEDIUM/LONG TERM HOUSING SUPPORT



Dear Friends of Auroville,

We're Alex, Lion and Lynx a small family from the US, transplanted to Germany and now beautiful Auroville. Alex is a long-term volunteer at CSR working in GIS and Data Analysis. We're a tight-knit family looking for suitable accomodation so that we may

stay together for the coming months, beginning latest from 10 November. If you have any ideas or leads, please feel free to reach out via the methods below.

Warmest Regards, Alex, Lion and Lynx

+91 84381 40591, alex.nadolny@proton.me

2 - LOOKING FOR HOUSE SITTING

Dear Community,

I am Enzo, Aurovilian, originally from Italy and I am looking for a house sitting, if possible a long-term one. Starting from now or from October on.

I am a single, neat, clean, quiet, reliable and respectful person.

Please reach out on +91 86676 48515 or solespazio@gmail.com With love,

Enzo

3 - 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

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

would be grateful for any suggestions or offers.

Best, Simon & Valérie. Contact: +918438 923946



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

COCONUT MATTRESS TO GIVE AWAY



- 195 x 125 cm, with a nice new cover, fully clean and functional, but quite heavy.
- · Please call Birgitta 94423 00574

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 FOR OCTOBER:

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

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.

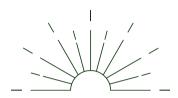
Prem Shakti also focus on **Spiritual Weddings & Ceremonies**, creating spiritually rich, non-religious ceremonies such as conscious weddings, vow renewals, engagement rituals, and bridal blessings. She is also a **Dances of Universal Peace** leader. Contact her for more info.

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 18TH OCTOBER, ANITYA



Dear community,

Family Constellations will again be offered in Anitya. Shanti is the facilitator for the constellations, and Louise Rose the organizer.

The workshop will be offered from 10 am - 12:30 pm in Maloka Hall in Anitya community on these dates:

- Saturday 18th October
- Saturday 15th November
- and Saturday 20th December

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.

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.

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

Contact them to register:

- Louise for WhatsApp: +91 73053 73562
- Shanti for email: anandshanti@proton.me and landline: (0413) 2623314

WORKSHOPS

SPACES OF HOPE

SUN 19TH OCT - SUN 14TH DEC, YOUTH CENTRE



Spaces of Hope are grassroots design and planning schools dedicated to the benefit of all beings. From **Sunday 19th October - Sunday 14th December**, we will host workshops at Auroville Youth Center.

Workshop Description

Across the world and especially in places and projects rooted in hope for new kinds of future, ordinary people are experiencing powerlessness and grief due to the suspension of rights and freedom. The freedom to imagine and create a vision for our world is not a luxury, but the food that fuels our existence and gives us the courage and hope to build a different future that can ensure the well being of all. Young people play the most important role in building new imaginations for the future and inspire every other generation with their energy, bravery and creativity.

Spaces of Hope invites this incredible youth energy to shape the future of the places around us for the benefit of all beings through the power of art, design and planning - practices that need to be used to build a democratic society for all and that can be used powerfully to develop and share your collaborative vision for the future.

Spaces of Hope is a grassroots planning, design and art school in a long tradition of street schools and community led popular education. We will develop art work, policy recommendations and a youth vision platform to share with the wider community as an exhibition and discussion series. We will organize film screenings, guest discussions from experts in the field that will be open to public and art build activities to bring the youth of AV together to envision a new and hopeful future through creative tools. We will also learn about similar projects and movements around the world.

10 participants invited - applications open with full scholarships. A serious commitment to attending all sessions is necessary. Youth between 15-25 may apply, no prior experience needed. We welcome involvement from all generations and the youth that never ages. Girls - do not hesitate to apply!

• Start and End Date - 7 weeks / Oct 19 - Dec 14 on Sundays, 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Forums co-led and curriculum designed by Masoom Moitra, an urban planner, designer, artist and architect with 15 years of experience with participatory design, policy and planning and how citizens of all generations and backgrounds can use these skills to make our cities liveable for everyone. She has taught for over a decade at leading design schools in New York City (Parsons and Pratt), Mumbai (KRVIA) and worked with community groups, non-

profit organizations, people's movements and governments across the world.

Workshops will be co-led and organized by Dingbawi, coordinator at Youth Center and longtime youth resident of Auroville.

You can join these workshops if you are interested in being a civic leader, or want to explore a future career in community based design or planning that is in service of people and committed to making our world a better place, or even if you are simply a concerned neighbor or community member of any age who wants to work with us to make our towns, villages and cities better places to live in for all. We will focus not on developing building skills but on critical thinking, strategizing and visioning. Sessions will be conducted in English and Tamil translation will be available on request. Guest lectures will be free and open to the public.

If you have any further questions or inquiries, please reach out to us at spacesofhopedesign@gmail.com before 10th October 2025.

You can find the very simple application form here and via the QR code.

MUSICAL WORKSHOP LED BY KAFMARON AND HIS MUSICIANS

WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, FRENCH PAVILION



The Pavillon de France, in partnership with the Alliance Française, invites you **Wednesday 15th October**, **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the French Pavillon** for a musical workshop led by Kafmaron and his musicians.

Kafmaron is a singer-songwriter from La Réunion (France). His music fuses Maloya, the traditional music of La Réunion island, with Reggae influences.

His lyrics tackle themes such as love, identity and social struggles, while remaining deeply rooted in Reunionese culture.

This workshop will allow you to discover the songs, rhythms, and history of Réunion Island (French island located in the Indian Ocean) through music.

After a short demonstration, Kafmaron and his two musicians will present their instruments and introduce us to musical composition techniques.

This workshop is bilingual (English and French) and FREE ENTRANCE.

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE THINKING HAND BY NANDITA SHARMA

3RD - 11TH OCTOBER 2025, CENTRE D'ART



We are delighted to welcome Nandita as our current artist-inresidence. An anthropoet by practice, her work fluidly traverses painting, illustration, haibun, academic writing, lexical landscapes, ethnography, and abstraction—constantly blurring the boundaries between disciplines, mediums, and modes of thought.

Having previously lived and volunteered in Auroville, she returns through this residency with a project that attempts to create an "encyclopaedia of lenses", a layered, poetic network of connections to experience Auroville not as a place, but to explore it through borrowed lenses. In her studio, at Citadines, where she's been staying for the last two months, we can see her creating a lasagna of layers with words and images. One can clearly see how easily her writings become companion pieces to her drawings, inviting us into a space where images and words converse.

Sat: 10 - 12:30 / 2 - 5:30Mon to Fri: 2 - 5:30

NAOSHIMA, AN ISLAND ALIVE WITH ART A TALK BY MAUD AND DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER, CENTRE D'ART



Naoshima is an island of the Seto inland sea in Japan that has become a global center of contemporary art in the last few decades

Maud will share her experience of this unique place she visited. The talk will be followed by a screening of "In the hollows of the inland sea" a documentary by Jean-Michel Vennemani (53min in French with English subtitles, 2015)

AUROVILLE BOARD GAMES FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER, AV BAKERY, TOWN HALL



You are warmly invited to join us for the Auroville Board Games Festival on Sunday 12th October, from 3 - 7pm at Town Hall, AV Bakery.

Come explore and enjoy over 60+ board games — from quick, light games to deep strategy ones. This week, several gaming communities are joining us to host special sessions, including:

- · Dungeons & Dragons
- Werewolf
- · Blood on the Clocktower
- Avalon
- Codenames

& dozens of other international games!

Come alone, with friends, or bring your kids — it's an open, walk-in event to play, connect, and foster a sense of togetherness through games and laughter.

Organized by YouthLink

DANCE & MUSIC NIGHT WITH SHRISTREE

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, YOUTH CENTER

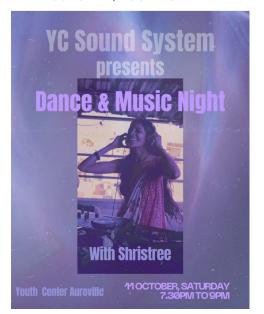


PHOTO CIRCLE MEETS AGAIN ON

FRI 17TH OCT, CENTRE D'ART MULTIMEDIA ROOM, CITADINES



Photo Circle meets again on FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER 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

BOJAGI ART WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION

16TH - 25TH OCTOBER, CENTRE D'ART



Korean pavilion is delighted to present a unique workshop and exhibition on Bojagi, the traditional Korean art of wrapping, which embodies both beauty and practicality. Characterized by vibrant colours, and magnanimity of spirit, Bojagi is deeply rooted in Korean culture and has been passed down through generations as a symbol of blessing, care, and creativity.

Bojagi Knotting Workshops:

Learn the art of tying and wrapping Bojagi in hands-on sessions!

3 slots available:

- Thursday 16th October, 3:30 pm 5:00 pm
- Friday 17th October, 3:30 pm 5:00 pm
- Wednesday 22nd October, 3:30 pm 5:00 pm

Venue: Centre d'art

Register: WhatsApp +91 94899 04112 (Limited seats available)

Bojagi Art Exhibition:

Opening on Tuesday 21st October at 4:30 pm.

The opening will feature a special Bojagi light installation, accompanied by traditional Korean tea and snacks.



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

HAVE YOU RE(a)D THESE?

Come by to check out our selection!



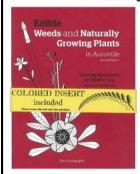
STORY TIME AT THE AUROVILLE LIBRARY

FVFRY SATURDAY



EDIBLE WEEDS AND NATURALLY GROWING PLANTS **COLORING BOOK: 2ND EDITION**

Edible Weeds and Naturally Growing Plants Coloring Book :2nd Edition



Following the closure of Freeland Bookstore, many have asked about the book. It's available by writing to edibleweedwalk@gmail.com.

In Auroville and the bioregion, copies can be picked up-after payment-from designated spots like Town Hall or PTDC. Price: ₹600 (pickup) / ₹750 (with S/H).

Hand-bound with a handmade paper cover, this is an artisanal production. Now a project under Prani, The Living (Service Trust), the book offers special discounts for schools and groups ordering 20+ copies. To avail, just reach out.

Thank you,

edibleweedwalk@gmail.com earbieweedwalk@gmail.com | FS Account # 251937

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.

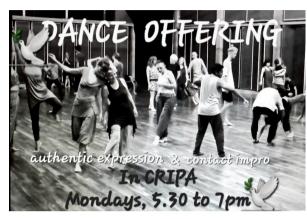
We will be closed on the national holidays.

We look forward of seeing you in Tibetan pavilion,

Submitted by Kalsang
On behalf of Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture International zone

AT CRIPA

DANCE OFFERING WITH DARIYA



Dear lovers of movement and healing circles, welcome to DANCE OFFERING.

Listening - Allowing - Unfolding - Celebrating - Offering

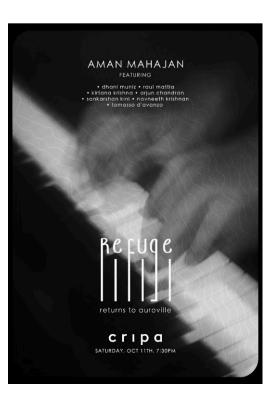
A safe space to BE YOURSELF, to drop in and listen, allowing the unique flow of your being to unfold through stillness or movement, on your own or with others, into collective celebration (or mourning if this occurs)...

A Collective Offering to Life in Peace for ALL 🌲

Thank you for coming a few minutes early, to start the ritual together.

- 🃅 Mondays (until May)
- 5:30 7:30pm
- 📍 Cripa, Auroville

REFUGE IN AUROVILLE SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER



On **October 11th at 7:30pm**, pianist-composer **Aman Mahajan** presents **Refuge in Auroville** at **Cripa** — a program of mostly existing **Refuge** compositions, along with a few new works, performed in formats ranging from solo piano to larger ensemble. The highlight of this performance is the featuring of guest artists from in and around the Auroville region.

For Aman, Auroville has long been a place of nourishment, support, and artistic community. Cripa/Kalabhumi itself has been one creative home, offering a welcoming space for recordings, workshops, rehearsals and performances over the years. This concert is both a continuation of the *Refuge* journey and a way of giving back to the community that has shaped it.

Rooted in thematic improvisation and drawing from jazz and diverse global traditions, *Refuge* is a collaborative project that has run over the past 12 years, reflecting on belonging, interconnection, and the ever-evolving idea of home. In Auroville, that search resonates deeply — not just in the music, but in the spirit of community it celebrates.

- Dhani Muniz fretless bass, electric guitar
- Kirtana Krishna voice
- Raul Mattia drumset
- Arjun Chandran resonator guitar
- Sankarshan Kini viola
- Tommaso D'Avanzo percussion
- Aman Mahajan piano

T Saturday 11th October

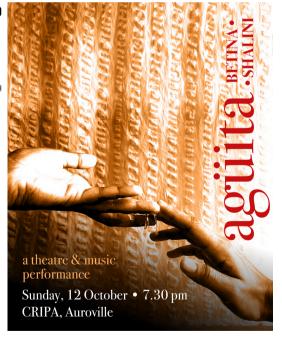
7:30pm

📍 Cripa, Auroville

As always, this is a free event, contributions are welcome to support the artists and the venue ...

BETINA AND
SHALINI
PRESENT
AGÜITA
SUNDAY 12TH

OCTOBER



Agüita tells stories of women's lives through live music, clowning, and physical theatre. Moving from the everyday to the raw and profound, it invites you into a shared space of laughter, tears, and reflection.

T Sunday 12th October

7:30pm

Cripa, Auroville

As always, this is a free event, contributions are welcome to support the artists and the venue ...

FOOD

FOOD FOREST TOUR & SUNDAY BRUNCH

EVERY SUNDAY, LA FERME COMMUNITY



& SUNDAY BRUNCH

Living Foods & Vegan Ice Cream Making

Every Sunday, 9-11 AM La Ferme Community

(5 min from AV Bakery)

WhatsApp Sarah: 9047421044



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RIGHT PATH CAFE, VISITOR'S CENTRE







POETRY

coming to the end
of a long long line
- time wrought connection umbilical cord
million years old
starkly aware in the back

- the thread throughout the ages still holds me -

the medium's still matter
- feet always find solids to walk but the consciousness is groping
- unicorn's concentration —
piercing an opening
drilling the barrier
the dark

Mauna



Beauty to Transform My Soul Dec. 31, 2004

When mind is busy with its worldly things What wakens in vision are truths we cannot see, Our dreams are visions too on fragile wings Those covert glimpses of eternity.

Of earth's demand for beauty I am moved And the latent perfection in all descended here, I see from an inner eye the golden-hooved Stallion bear the heavenly rider near.

The forests call me to their dense retreat, The morning sings to me its hymns of praise And soft green swards beckon my pilgrim feet As sunlight bathes the world in lambent rays.

Peace comes on me as a mother's gentle hand, An inner rapture steals my heart to bliss, I suffer beauty to transform my soul And long in silence for his rapture's kiss.

Narad

Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program: 13th - 19th October 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 on 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 13 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

• EI RAAT TOMAR AMAAR (THIS NIGHT IS YOURS AND MINE)

India, 2025, Dir. Parambrata Chattopadhyay w/ Anjan Dutta, Aparna Sen, Parambrata Chattopadhyay, and others, Drama, 104mins, Bengali w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

On a rain-soaked night in Kolkata, estranged lovers Anirban and Malini cross paths after decades apart. As memories resurface and secrets unfold, their chance encounter becomes a haunting journey through love, regret, and the fragile hope of reconciliation before dawn breaks. *One night, two hearts, and a lifetime between them.*

POTPOURRI – TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

SHIRAZ

India-UK-Germany, 1928, Dir. Franz Osten w/ Himanshu Rai, Charu Roy, Seeta Devi Jr, and others, Drama-History, 97mins, Silent film w/ intertitles in English, Rated: NR (PG)

This classic of Indo-British-German collaboration is set against the legend of the Taj Mahal. It tells the story of a humble potter, a Mughal prince, and the woman whose fate inspired one of the world's greatest monuments. Restored to its original beauty, this film offers a rare glimpse into early cinematic history, where love, sacrifice, and timeless artistry converge on screen. This film is shared with us by the Auroville Theatre Group.

SELECTION - WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

ST VINCENT

USA, 2014, Writer-Dir. Theodore Melfi w/ Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy, Naomi Watts, and others, Comedy-Drama, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Vincent, a grumpy war veteran, reluctantly babysits his neighbor Maggie's young son Oliver. What begins as an unlikely arrangement grows into a heartfelt bond, as Oliver uncovers Vincent's hidden kindness beneath the rough exterior. In the unlikeliest of friendships, they uncover strength, compassion, and the reminder that sometimes the most broken people teach us how to heal.

INTERESTING - THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

• JANE GOODALL: WHEN ANIMALS TALK

USA-UK, 2005, Dir. Joanne Scoffield w/ Jane Goodall, Tracy Thorne, and others, Documentary, 89mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR

Renowned primatologist Jane Goodall explores the hidden languages of the animal world. From chimpanzees to dolphins, she reveals how creatures communicate with one another—and with us—uncovering extraordinary bonds that challenge our understanding of intelligence, empathy, and the shared voice of life on Earth. In memory of Jane Goodall — who showed us that animals speak, and that listening with compassion can change the world.

INTERNATIONAL - SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

LA PLUS PRÉCIEUSE DES MARCHANDISES (THE MOST PRECIOUS CARGOES)

France-Belgium, 2024, Writer-Dir.Michel Hazanavicius w/ Dominique Blanc, Grégory Gadebois, Denis Podalydès, and others, Animation-Drama, 81mins, French-Russian-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

In this acclaimed film, a poor woodcutter and his wife in war-torn Europe find a baby cast from a train. Naming her Jeanne, they raise her in secret as soldiers close in, and her survival becomes a moving story of love, sacrifice, and hope. Even in the darkest times, love can be the most precious cargo.

CHILDREN'S MATINEE - SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER, 4:00 PM:

 NINA ET LE SECRET DU HÉRISSON (NINA AND THE HEDGEHOG'S SECRET)

France-Luxembourg, 2023, Dir.Jean-Loup Felicioli & Alain Gagnol w/Loan Longchamp, Audrey Tautou, Guillaume Canet, and others, Adventure-Animation, 82mins, French-English w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

This film is being brought to you in collaboration with Alliance-Française. When Nina's father loses his job, she and her friend Mehdi uncover a treasure map. Guided by a mysterious hedgehog, they set off on a daring quest of riddles and courage—discovering that the real treasure lies not in gold, but in friendship and heart.

CLASSIC WORLD CINEMA @ CINÉ-CLUB CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

RAISE THE RED LANTERN

China-Hong Kong, 1991, Dir. Yimou Zhang, w/ Gong Li, Jingwu Ma, and Others, Drama-Romance, 125mins, Chinese w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Set in the Warlord Era of the 1920s, the film follows a young woman who becomes the fourth wife of a wealthy man. Shot in the historic Qiao Family Compound near Pingyao in Shanxi Province, it is the fourth of nine Zhang–Gong collaborations and was later adapted into a ballet also under Zhang's direction.

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.

<u>Support MMC-CP: Every Contribution Counts</u>: 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

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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

4:30pm

Phone: 0413 2622877, 89035 53246
Email: <u>avwaterservice@auroville.org.in</u>

ECO SERVICE (WASTE COLLECTION/MANAGEMENT)

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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

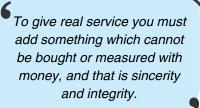
Tuesday: 4pm - 6:30pm

Children's Storytime! All ages welcome!

• Every Saturday between 10am - 11am.

Phone: 0413 350 9191Email: avlib@auroville.org.in

· Website: http://library.auroville.org.in/



Douglas Adams

HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Working Hours:

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

Tests and Sample collection: Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

No sample collection on Saturday

For emergencies, contact:

Auroville Ambulance (24/7) - Phone: +91 94422 24680 Government Ambulance (24/7) - Phone: 108

Appointment

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

Nurse Care - Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana & Sandhya: Daily: no appointment needed
Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday
Homeopathy with Michael: Monday / Wednesday / Saturday
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: <u>madhiazhagan014@gmail.com</u>

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/sactum): 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



MATRIMANDIR ACCESS INFORMATION



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 registered Newcomers daily, 6am -7:30pm
- Aurovillans may bring close family and friends to the Gardens daily, 9am -3:30pm.
- Aurovilians wishing to bring close family to the Gardens at any other time should inform mmconcentration@auroville.org.in before 11am on the day of the proposed visit.
- Savi registered Volunteers and Donors require a pass to enter the Park of Unity.
 Timings will be indicated on the pass.
- Published events in the Park of Unity are open to Aurovilians, registered Newcomers, Volunteers, Pass holders and Guests. Guests should bring their Aurocards.
- Savitri Readings on Thursday evenings: Guests holding only Aurocards wishing to attend should book by filling in the <u>form</u> one or two days in advance.
- Visits to the Park of Unity and Inner Chamber should not be included in the program of any conference or workshop. Participants should be directed to the Viewing Point.

Access to the Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir for Aurovilians, Newcomers, and SAVI Volunteers

The Matrimandir is a place for silent individual concentration

· The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers:

Monday – Saturday 6:00 am - 8:00 am 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm Sunday 6:00 am - 12:00 pm 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

· The Inner Chamber is open to SAVI registered Volunteers:

Wednesday - Monday 8:00 am - 8:40 am Arrival at 7:45am at the Office Gate.

 The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 3 close family and friends, no more than once in two weeks, with booking 3 to 5 days in advance at <u>mmconcentration@auroville.org.in</u>:

Any day except Tuesday & Sunday 8:00 am - 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 - 11:00 am

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

Tuesday 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Petals of the Matrimandir

• The Petals are open to Aurovilians, registered Newcomers, and Pass holders

Daily 7:00 am - 8:00 am 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Access to Matrimandir for Visitors and Guests

Matrimandir Viewing Point: The Viewing Point is open to the general public on presentation of a Pass. Visits to the Matrimandir Viewing Point are free of charge. Free passes can be obtained at the Auroville Visitors Centre.

The Viewing Point lies south of the Park of Unity and offers visitors a panoramic view of the Matrimandir and the Gardens and the Lake.

Starting from the Visitors Centre. Daily, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

The Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir is open to Visitors and Guests by prior booking only. Visitors and Guests seeking to concentrate in the Inner Chamber are requested to inquire at the Information Desk of the Visitors Centre after first visiting the Viewing Point, or to go to the website: auroville.org

- Prior booking is required to access the Inner Chamber at least one or two days in advance. Bookings for concentration are given for the following or the first free day as per availability and are accepted only up to one week in advance. Minimum age 10 years.
- The Petals are open to Visitors on the morning of their Inner Chamber visit.

Security

Please note that it is not permitted to

- Swim in any of the ponds, the channel and the Lake except the Children's ponds in the Garden of Youthfulness
- Throw pebbles into the ponds and fountains
- · Pick flowers in the Gardens
- Climb to the very top of the Petals.

Parents, please supervise your children at all times.

Bags, cameras and cell phones should be left in the lockers or the Access office.

Please no photography, videos or drones without prior permission. For permission please write to matrimandir@auroville.org.in.

Antoine for Matrimandir Executives Team



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

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Auroville 94422 24680	PIMS 0413 2656271		
Security (24/7):			
Auroville Police Station 0413 2677318	Kottakuppam Police Station 0413 2236148	Vanur Fire Station 0413 2677368	
Health:			
Health Center 0413 3509942 & 3509943	Santé 0413 2622803	Farewell 89038 36246	
Mental Health 24/7 Support:			
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