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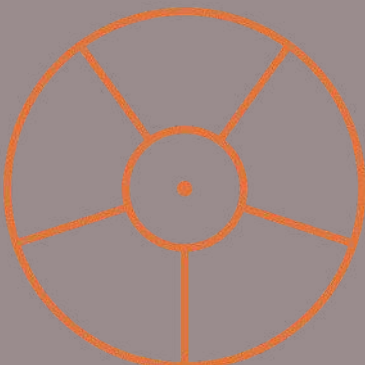
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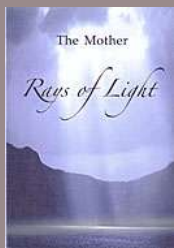
PONDERING

Modesty is satisfied with its own charm and does not draw attention to itself.

The more we advance on the Path, the more modest we become and the more we see that we have done nothing in comparison to what remains to be done.

The Mother, 4 June 1956, Humility and Modesty, Words of the Mother II





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THE BASES OF YOGA

TRUTH IS ABOVE MIND

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Intellectually, the Truth is the point where all the opposites meet and join to make a unity.

Practically, the Truth is the surrender of the ego, to make possible the birth and manifestation of the Divine.

Doubt is the best arm used by the ego to protect itself from extinction.

These are remarks on the way which may lead you a little further.

6 October 1965

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Truth is above mind, it is in silence that one can enter into communication with it.

To pray to the Divine and to surrender oneself entirely and in all sincerity to Him are the essential preliminary conditions.

24 October 1971



Control

Control over the lower impulses is the first step towards realisation. - *The Mother*

Pitcairnia museosa L'Herit., Bromeliaceae.
Summer torch

TRUTH AND OPINION

In the Ignorance mental opinions always oppose one another.

In the Truth they are complementary aspects of a higher knowledge.

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In all opinions there is something true and something false.

It is indeed a great and useful thing to be able to listen to the opinions of others without losing one's temper.

SPEAK ALWAYS THE TRUTH

To speak always the truth is the highest title of nobility

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If you do not wish to say something which is true, instead of lying just keep silent.

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If we allow a falsehood, however small, to express itself through our mouth or our pen, how can we hope to become perfect messengers of Truth? A perfect servant of Truth should abstain even from the slightest inexactitude, exaggeration or deformation.

CONTROL OF SPEECH

Control over what one says is more important than complete silence. The best is to learn to say what is useful in the most exact and true way possible.

5 March 1933

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If only people did remain a little quiet before speaking, acting or writing, much trouble could be avoided. So many things are said uselessly, they bring misunderstandings and bad feelings which could have been saved with silence.

If were spoken only the words that needed to be spoken, the world would be a very silent place.

29 December 1934

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TUESDAY 5PM

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

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

GB groups:

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

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

NEWS & NOTES

COMMUNITY EDITION

Dear Community,

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- The mail ID to submit content is: newsandnotes@auroville.services
- Due to limited funding, please understand that we only provide printed copies to **public/shared spaces**.

Thank you for reading and for your continued support!

In community,

The RA Community Edition News & Notes Team 🌸

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WORKING GROUPS NEWS

FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

THE ISSUE, THE RELATIONSHIP, AND THE MORAL INJURY: AVC REQUEST TO AVFO AND FO-WGS

Conflict specialists distinguish between two dimensions of every conflict: the issue and the relationship.

The issue is what people disagree about. In Auroville, these include governance, participation, environmental destruction, road construction, planning, transparency, and the township's future. These are important questions that deserve open discussion.

The relationship concerns how people experience one another during the conflict. It is shaped by trust or mistrust, respect or dismissal, listening or silence. Over the past years, many relationships within the community have been deeply strained. For many, the pain of not being heard has become as significant as the decisions themselves.

When this breakdown continues, it can lead to moral injury: the lasting harm that occurs when actions violate a person's deepest values and sense of what is right. For many in Auroville, the injury has not come only from the visible changes to the landscape, but from witnessing principles such as dialogue, collective participation, respect, and care for the Earth being set aside.

Issues can be addressed through decisions. Moral injury cannot. It requires acknowledgement, accountability, genuine dialogue, and the rebuilding of trust.

Lasting peace depends not only on resolving what divides us, but also on healing what has been broken between us. Both deserve our attention. Both are essential to Auroville's future.

The first step towards healing is simple: stop causing further harm. Cease the actions that deepen division, restore space for genuine dialogue, and allow the community to begin rebuilding the trust on which Auroville was founded.

UNDERSTANDING THE DIMENSIONS OF THE AUROVILLE CRISIS: AVC INVITATION TO AVFO AND FO-WGS

The challenges Auroville has faced since 2021 are often discussed through specific events: the felling of trees, the construction of roads, changes in governance, legal disputes, restrictions on participation, and the growing divisions within the community. Yet these events are only the visible manifestations of a much deeper conflict.

Conflict-resolution theory identifies five dimensions through which complex conflicts can be understood. The situation in Auroville contains elements of all five.

A structural conflict exists when there is disagreement about systems, authority, and decision-making processes. Many residents have expressed concern over the increasing centralisation of power and the erosion of long-established participatory mechanisms. The question is not only what decisions are being made, but who is making them and through what process.

An instrumental conflict concerns the methods used to achieve shared goals. While many stakeholders agree that Auroville must continue to develop and evolve, there are profound disagreements regarding how this development should take place. Infrastructure

projects, road construction, environmental interventions, and planning decisions have become flashpoints because people hold fundamentally different views on the means by which Auroville's future should be built.

An interest conflict emerges when groups compete over resources, influence, access, or control. Questions surrounding land, finances, information, governance, and the ability to shape Auroville's future have created tensions between different actors. These conflicts are intensified when people feel excluded from decisions that directly affect their lives and work.

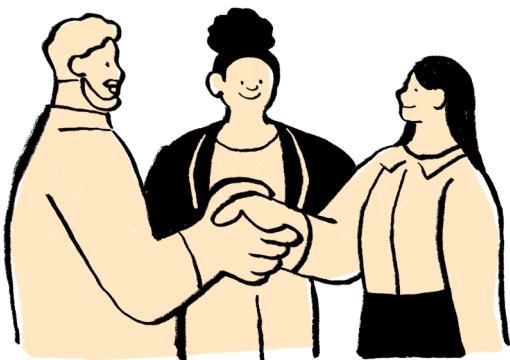
A value conflict touches the deepest layer of the crisis. For many, the present situation is not simply about roads, trees, or administrative procedures. It is about the meaning of Auroville itself. Different interpretations of stewardship, participation, human unity, environmental responsibility, and fidelity to the founding vision have led to profound disagreements about what Auroville should become.

Finally, **personal conflict** has also developed over years of unresolved tensions. Relationships have been strained. Trust has been damaged. Communication has deteriorated. Disagreements that began over policies and procedures have become intertwined with feelings of hurt, frustration, fear, and betrayal.

Recognising these different dimensions does not solve the conflict. It does, however, help us understand its complexity. The crisis in Auroville is not a single disagreement that can be resolved through a single action. It is a multi-layered conflict involving structures, methods, interests, values, and relationships. Any lasting resolution will need to address all of these dimensions with honesty, openness, and a genuine willingness to listen to one another.

Auroville was conceived not as a place where one side prevails over another, but as a place where humanity learns to transcend conflict itself. That aspiration remains possible only if the causes of conflict are no longer reinforced, and if every effort is directed towards rebuilding trust, restoring participation, and rediscovering the spirit of human unity that gave birth to this experiment.

Warmly,
The Auroville Council
Divya, Dyuman, Isabelle, Martin, Muni, Ramesh, & Sathiya



FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents' Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1139

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



OBITUARY

DR. ERVIN LASZLO (1932-2026), EX-IAC MEMBER, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY

Dr. Ervin Laszlo served as an active member of Auroville's second International Advisory Council, from 1993 to 1997.



He was a Hungarian-American philosopher of science, systems theorist, and classical pianist. He

was the Director of the Laszlo Institute of New Paradigm Research and founder of the think-tank Club of Budapest.

A child prodigy who performed with the Budapest Symphony Orchestra at nine, he traded the concert hall for a lifelong inquiry into the deepest questions of existence: How is the cosmos connected? What is consciousness? And how do we live as if we truly belong to one another and to the whole of life?

Through the Club of Budapest, which he founded to awaken planetary consciousness, and through his work on the Akasha Paradigm, Ervin insisted that we are not separate fragments in an indifferent universe, but threads in a single living fabric of information, energy, and awareness.

He wrote nearly a hundred books, advised the United Nations, and was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, yet he carried his brilliance with humility and warmth.

During his time on the IAC, a body established under the Auroville Foundation Act to provide advice and long-term support for the township's development, Laszlo championed Auroville as a practical "living laboratory" where transpersonal ideals and enlightened, sustainable living could be pioneered for the rest of the world. He frequently wrote messages of support highlighting the township as an alternative to mainstream society's destructive trends.

Dr Ervin Laszlo's message for Auroville on Auroville's 28th Anniversary, 28th February, 1996:

"Auroville, a unique experiment in international and intercultural coexistence, is one of the most hopeful indications of the practical realization of the human potential the entire world community will soon require to ensure a truly sustainable and humane future. Auroville deserves worldwide recognition as a pioneer of planetary cooperation, harmony, and understanding."



ENDEARING DISSENT OF PETER ANDERSCHITZ

A TRIBUTE TO A FELLOW TRAVELLER



Memories have a strange way of escaping when you try to gather only the best of it; while it flows in abundance other day, some of it you may want to hold on to; some of those moments of regrets you want to forget while some so enriching and enviable that you want to live it all over again; Making it a collection of lifetime of such beautiful moments one has spent with some gem! I have many of this with our friend Peter Anderschitz, who recently bid goodbye to his physical self!

Peter and myself share our birthday week as aquarians, often being the first to wish each other or celebrating it together over a meal! This apart, we have lived as neighbours for around a decade, in early years at Petite Ferme; sharing our community kitchen, all neighbourhood issues, development perspectives with agreements and disagreements; our likes and dislikes over our own origins and cultures! Stories from our university days; To our once radical pasts of design dissent! To our own stories of betrayals & also therapy community sessions of family constellations. We lived through a rainbow of emotions in our years as friends & neighbours!

I have personally always admired Peter's perspective over the development issues; though at times too dreamy but one of the few of his times in 70s and 80s of Auroville who actually understood the community perspective, Auroville's contextual existence and its disconnect with the culture of the land! He tried to bridge this gap by his ideas and participation over earlier projects in the periphery of the green belt that actually got some of the first attention to Auroville Architecture, for the use of alternative technologies in architecture; the aesthetic of Indian sustainability and an urban design which actually has lived through the challenges of Auroville's disagreements over planning, urban design and architectural perspectives! Early Samasti houses remain one of the few ones built with adobe and earth plasters, simple sloping roofs that were planned as a community and have lived throughout decades in Auroville! These houses garnered one of the first attention to its rooted architectural possibilities of Auroville beyond the dramatic forms of 70s buildings by the promoters of Galaxy vision or the expansive architectural style of his other contemporaries! His humble and unfortunately often ignored, disregarded views on planning, development and aesthetics in architecture found itself sidelined against the crop of visionary others who flaunted universality of Auroville as a spring board to their own ambitious plans! Peter's views on Auroville's planning or

urban design or his concerns were not as acknowledged even as he continued his relentless efforts through last decades and still remained hopeful of a positive community processes! Latest being his closely participatory involvement in the dreamcatchers sessions!

My sharing with Peter on a personal level continued throughout our close friendship and mutual respect; though we often argued over our own approaches to realising vision of Auroville! My last few meetings in the parking outside Swayam were equally charged with love & respect, where we met recently and planned to meet over a chai or meal at Dustudio! We hugged and chatted however without realising this moment was one of my last times I would see him in physical!



My memories now are overflowing with all those precious dialogues and discussions; times of crisis in petite ferme; our little arguments over fences & pathways in Auromodele to some amazing moments making friends he was often visited or hosted to our own family visiting; several community meetings and some gossips while we survived our own existence in Auroville! His charming personality often attracted several young men and women who were looking to explore Auroville through Peter's own perspective! He mentored entry to Auroville for so many Aurovilians, he hosted them with love and care, almost adopting at times; His charming personality often remained unchanged over last decades though his frail physical & health complications, often did not cooperate! Throughout those years, his adventurous nature from early pioneering years of Auroville and his experiments in architecture kept him ever youthful energetic Peter we knew!

His presence to many of us will remain eternal! His dissent from his architectural thesis times at university till his almost unflinching faith in Auroville's existence and importance for the future of humanity remains realistic! His beautiful creations of early architecture pieces of marvels which were overshadowed or overlooked by many or not getting credited never concerned him! His works remain some of the few which actually understood Indian architecture through its context, climate, technologies and aesthetics! His sense of proportion made him one of the few I admire in the last decades of Auroville who did not get his due but never looked back or complained! He just worked, travelled, as always, a constant nomad who lived life his own terms, his own ways. Simple. Humble. Fulfilled. So endearing even in his dissent!

As he moves on to yet another journey to universal creative spirit, we bid Adieu to one of our dear co traveller who never quit! Who will carry his endearing dissent with love and faith! He will be endearing the apsaras of the heavens with his charming nature, abstract descriptions of Auroville's future and a world that will be of

his vision! Definitely a new one that would be more equitable, more respectful to disagreements and more beautiful than the one we exist around today's Auroville!

Adios Peter! Your energy and spirit will be dearly missed!

Dharmesh Vikramsinh Jadeja
Dustudio
Auroville
22.June.2026



COMMUNITY SHARING

VOICES OF AUROVILLE - ISSUE 11 (JULY 2026)

Dear community,

We are sharing with you the 11th issue of *Voices of Auroville* magazine. All links have been repaired

The past four months have brought further forcible expulsions, violent confrontations at the Youth Centre and the Town Hall, and court rulings that have narrowed residents' legal standing. They have also brought new acts of

solidarity, wider national attention, and voices from within and without the community speaking with clarity and conviction. It is all documented here, as always with fact-based reporting.

Since the closure of *Auroville Today* in late 2025, the need to give space to community voices has only grown. This issue features three exclusive interviews and one personal reflection.

We invite you to read the newsletter, the magazine, and to share both freely.

- Short newsletter: [click here](#)
- Full issue: [click here](#)
- Earlier issues: [click here](#)

To subscribe [click here](#), and to share feedback, write to voa@auroville.services.

Our deep gratitude goes again to all who contributed content and photographs to this issue, and to our readers for their continued support and trust.

In community,
The Voices of Auroville Editorial Team

AUROVILLE LIBRARY - BACK TO REGULAR SCHEDULE



Auroville Library is back to its regular schedule from 01st July 2026.

Our working hours are:

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

Afternoons: 2pm - 4:30pm Monday to Saturday
(except Tuesday: 4pm - 6:30pm)



YUVA SANGHA IS OPEN!



Dear Community,

Yuva Sangha (formerly Kailash) has reopened its doors a few months ago and is already taking shape, with four residents currently calling it home!

We know that many young people have been struggling with housing in Auroville, and we want the youth of our community to know that Yuva Sangha is here for them.

If you're between 18-26 and feel like contributing your energy, ideas & presence, we'd love for you to be part of shaping this community with us ❤️

Open to volunteers, newcomers, and Aurovilians.

If it resonates, here's the form:
<https://forms.gle/Jr5Lhgcvx5iTakS99>

For any queries, contact us via email at yuvasangha@auroville.org.in

Ivy
for the YouthLink Team



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN AUROVILLE

*To interns, young volunteers and professionals in Auroville,
And curious youth of Auroville, this is for you*

Many of you have likely arrived through a particular project, internship, apprenticeship, volunteer programme, or field of work; or as youth of Auroville, are involved today in one or two particular areas of work. Yet Auroville itself is much larger than any single unit, profession, or area of activity.

Alongside your work placement, SAILER would like to invite you into [a complementary learning journey](#) shared with other young people currently living and working in Auroville.

We propose to explore the deeper context from which Auroville emerges.

This will include:

- **Weekly or bi-weekly Exploration of the context and raison d'être of Auroville, Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's works, and the ancient Indian quest for meaning and purpose of life.**
- **Consolidated information on and strong encouragement of a regular physical education practice during their stay in Auroville.**
- **A weekly moment for reflection, dialogue, and self-assessment among interns from different units and fields of study.**

The intention is to create a space within your work schedule, in which these questions can be explored and the practical work of daily life can be placed within a wider scope.

An [email has been sent to units of Auroville](#) to invite them to explore this possibility. And ensure that if you are interested you will be supported in this exploration.

If this resonates with you, we invite you to fill out [this short form](#).

We have already had a first meeting this week and the exploratory sessions are beginning.

We look forward to meeting you.

Aurevan
for SAILER



RESIDENTS SPEAK

AUROVILLE: THE AVATAR'S CIRCLE AND THE IDEAL SOCIETY

When dharma is lost and humanity takes the wrong path, the Divine incarnates into a human body. However, Sri Aurobindo writes, "*Avatarhood for the sake of the Dharma would be an otiose phenomenon*"; the "*rising of man into the Godhead*"^[1] is the Avatar's ultimate mission, leading to a new evolutionary principle. This is the kernel of the Integral Supramental Yoga, whose ultimate stage is abolition of the very organs. As always, the lever is the psychic being, the divine spark in the human vessel. The Scriptures' *caitya purusa*.

Not some ordinary guru leading to salvation a few selected souls, but the entire society: this is the Avatar's opus magnum. To ignore, and be kept ignorant of this principle cardinal to grasp Mother's ideal society – henceforth joining here unprepared for the supreme task – is the major cause of Auroville having drifted away from the lifestyle cum consequent policies the Mother set; not as outward rules, not as mental discipline and enforced ideology (as attempted so far, hence the failure of all revolutions), but as modes of consciousness arising from within, effortlessly determining a totally

different set of values and goals; as typical of the spiritualised consciousness that ought to be Auroville's spontaneous way of being.

Sri Aurobindo wrote that the Avatar cannot fulfil his mission alone; he takes birth with those needed to accomplish his mission, as well as with those who try to destroy it. He wrote about a 'circle' to which the Avatar's people belong; even if they fail and quit his Ashram, the bond remains. Taking birth life after life with their own people, Mother used to say "*We all have met in previous lives*". But she also told Satprem about a Titan taking birth every time along with her, to destroy her body and her mission.

Tremendous occult forces loom over the Ashram and Auroville, the incubator of the ideal society, which is to be hampered at any cost since immemorial times; not necessarily by external agents, but rather from interior dissolving ones. In 1960 Mother's heart stopped, for one month her physical survival was a struggle: the 'false Sri Aurobindo' had infiltrated, taking the shape of a well-known disciple acting on others.

Integral Yoga is a high-risk affair, not to be commenced unless solidly established on the psychic being. To do sadhana in a collective is much more difficult than doing it individually; no one is an island, we influence those around us and we are influenced; at the least insincerity we may succumb to forces of destruction, preying on them and being preyed. The regeneration of our entire human nature is at the stake; even when, after a persistent struggle, the obstacle seems vanquished, often we have to start seemingly all over, because along with our own we carry the impossibilities of all others. This explains both, the Ashram and Auroville.

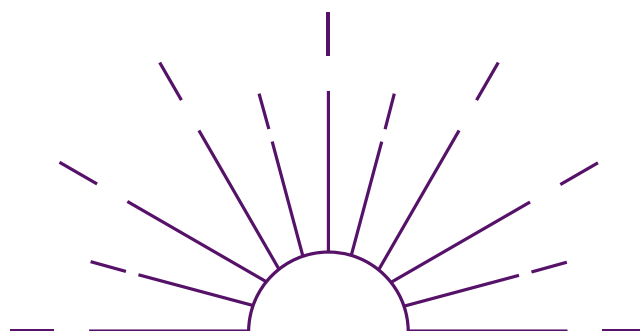


The Avatar, who carried in himself all impossibilities and surmounted all, teaches and guides by example the regeneration of human nature not just in individuals, but in a micro-society containing *in nuce* the future humanity. Such is the Avatar's mission. To halt it, and destroy it, is the Titan's.

Surrender to the divine incarnation is the fastest and surest way, as in the well-known Indian parable of the mother-cat versus the mother-monkey.

[1]Essays on the Gita, CWSA 19, 148

Paulette





VISION DOCUMENT : REVITALISING AUROVILLE : 2026 - 2035

*Grounding the Evolving Galaxy Plan
through National Collaboration & Harmonious Self-Governance*

EXCERPT

1. Visionary Framework: The Call of Universal Oneness

ॐ सह नावतु। सह नौ भुनक्तु। सह वीर्यंकरवावहै।
तेजस्विनावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहै॥
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

"May we be protected together. May we be nourished together. May we work together with great energy. May our study be vigorous and effective. May we never foster animosity among ourselves. Om Peace, Peace, Peace." — Taittiriya Upanishad

This timeless Vedic invocation of collective aspiration, mutual respect, and shared progress serves as the foundational light for the development of the Auroville Universal Township. It directly mirrors the evolutionary truth sung by Sri Aurobindo in his epic poem, *Savitri*:

"Heart feels for heart, limb cries for answering limb; All strives to enforce the unity all is."

Auroville was conceived not as a static historical settlement, but as a dynamic focal point where humanity could learn to live from the soul rather than the ego. To build a township that physically manifests this consciousness, the original, highly visionary **Galaxy Plan** must be transitioned from a conceptual sketch into a grounded, living reality. In its early formulation, the layout lacked the concrete socio-economic and modern infrastructure mechanisms necessary for an urban centre. As one of the world's oldest, most enduring intentional communities, Auroville represents a living laboratory for human evolution and environmental stewardship. From its inception in 1968, when youth from 124 nations poured soil into a lotus-shaped urn, the township has evolved into a uniquely diverse collective of over 3,000 residents from more than 50 countries. This grand experiment has succeeded not in isolation, but through the consistent, active support of the Government of India, which has uniquely recognised its potential to model the future of human habitation. Historically, Auroville holds an unmatched institutional legacy in turning barren, severely eroded wasteland into a thriving, self-sustaining tropical ecosystem. This history of eco-restoration provides an active template for addressing today's global climate crisis. By pioneering decentralised water harvesting, indigenous afforestation, and zero-waste networks, the township demonstrates how dense urban populations can coexist regeneratively with nature.

[Read the full document here](#)

BY DUSTUDIO | DVJ

AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

AUROVILLE ECONOMIC ECOSYSTEM

JULY 2026



MASTER POLICY REPORT ON
STRUCTURAL REFORMS

FOR
THE AUROVILLE ECONOMIC ECOSYSTEM

EXCERPT

To,

The Governing Board &
Funds & Assets Management Committees of the Auroville
Foundation: FAMC: *Comprehensive Economic Reforms,
Institutional Credit Mobilisation, Asset Tenancy Systems, and
Livelihood Standardisation*

1. Introductory Preamble: The Metaphysics of Material
Organisation

The fiscal and administrative optimisation of the Auroville Universal Township cannot be divorced from its core evolutionary trajectory. As Sri Aurobindo delineates in *The Life Divine*, true spiritual realisation does not reject the material matrix, but rather insists upon its radical transfiguration:

*"The spiritual life findeth not its full sense in a lonely wilderness or a secluded cell, but in a life lived in the world, a life of action, a life of relation, a life of expression,
which is yet lived from within outward."*

To treat the economic administration of the township as a purely utilitarian, secular mechanism is to misunderstand the integration required for an intentional township. Economics, in this paradigm, is the outer orchestration of a deeper, harmonious collaborative force. It is the conscious alignment of material resources to support human progress. On the execution of work and the cultivation of an efficient, professional, yet inner-driven collective capacity, Sri Aurobindo's writings on action and organisation provide a foundational principle:

*"To do work in a close, corporate harmony, without friction, without egoistic self-assertion, with a single mind dedicated to the common object, is the first necessity
of a successful collective endeavour."*

Sri Aurobindo's sociological exposition in *The Human Cycle* cautions against the rigid, mechanised systems that stifle organic community growth:

*"A society that is secure, stable and comfortable, but static, uniform and unprogressive, is a prison,
not a true field for the soul's development."*

The foundational mandate of the township is anchored within the **Charter of Auroville (1968)**, which explicitly establishes that

*"Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual researches
for a living embodiment of an actual Human Unity."*

It further commands that

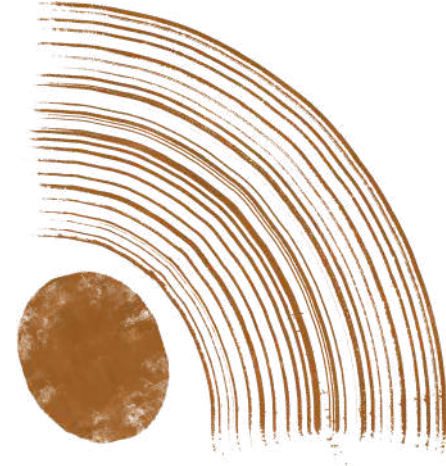
"Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages."

This dynamic evolution requires the township to continually learn

from and integrate the best operational, financial, and organisational practices of India and the world, serving as a scalable laboratory for social innovation. Conversely, the township's internal breakthroughs are intended to offer practical models back to the global community.

[Read the full document here](#)

BY DUSTUDIO | DVJ



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



<https://www.instagram.com/p/DawQ3-hlgwW/>

FRENCH NEWS & NOTES



AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



Submitted by an Aurovillian

INNER JOURNEY

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday 21st July, 9 am - 12 noon

Led by Ashesh Joshi

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

All are Welcome



AMPHITHEATRE - MATRIMANDIR MEDITATIONS AT SUNSET WITH SAVITRI

Every THURSDAY
from 5:30 to 6:00pm

**Savitri reading -
Summer time is ON**

Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's epic poem, read by Mother to Sunil's music. A special time 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. **From this month onwards, up to next September, SAVITRI READING timings are now from 6:00 to 6:30pm.**
- **Guests:** Please arrive at least 15 minutes in advance or the very day before with your Savitri card with you.
- **Access:** The Amphitheatre is accessible only from 5:15pm. **Reporting, no later than 5:45pm.** Last entry **Leaving, no later than 6:45pm.**
- **Last exit for guests** at 6:15pm.

Velmurugan for the Access Team

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

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



INTEGRAL CONSCIOUSNESS - NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Artistic insights can be a powerful tool to explore the deeper concepts of spirituality.

'Integral Consciousness', a YouTube channel is launched to introduce Sri Aurobindo's vision artistically (Youtube handle, [@integralconsciousness](https://www.youtube.com/@integralconsciousness)). The first video is an animation, "[Sri Aurobindo's Teaching](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)", and presents a letter by the Lord. Sri Aurobindo wrote it to a disciple in 1934. It briefly outlines his vision.

The video is available in 4K (2160p). Subtitles are available in over 24 languages and soon various language Audios will be available as well. The text of this video with all its translations is available on the website: <https://integralyoga-auroville.com/>. The following videos will cover Sri Aurobindo's philosophy, insights on life and guidance on the practice of his yoga.

Ashesh Joshi

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)

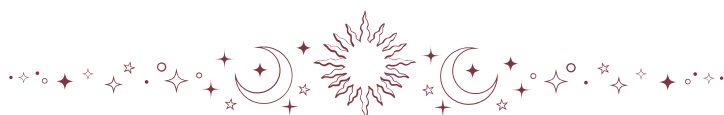
EXPLORING SRI AUROBINDO AND MOTHER IN LAST SCHOOL

Exploring Sri Aurobindo and Mother in Last School

Last School is happy to open its doors and welcome all those who are interested in exploring Mother and Sri Aurobindo's works.

If you are interested in being part of this initiative and collective learning exploration please register:

Whatsapp +447515377896 or
email misha@auroville.org.in



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN CHOIR RESTARTS

The women choir "**Auroville Harmonies**" is restarting its rehearsals to prepare a new program.

If you are interested and want to join our musical trip around the world, contact Antoine for an audition:

antoine@auroville.org.in
89407 40529



FRIDAY GATHERING @YOUTHLINK

FRIDAY 17TH JULY, YOUTHLINK

While we're still completing the remaining administrative requirements before Taco Nights can return, we'd love to gather with the community again this Friday.

Join us for an evening of karaoke, board games, chess, jenga, art & craft, dancing, music and good company. Whether you'd like to play, sing, create, dance or simply spend time with others, everyone is welcome.

Come as you are. The evening is all about being together and enjoying the community.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we work through the final requirements. We look forward to welcoming Taco Nights back soon.

Friday, 17 July, 7pm @YouthLink

THE IDEA KITCHEN:

WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN YOU'RE NOT A CUSTOMER?

Lots of new fancy spaces are opening around us. But many of them aren't built for the locals who are a part of keeping this community alive, the people who live and work here.

Across Auroville and its surrounding villages, we see more and more beautiful, fancy spaces opening up. But do we also notice that many of these spaces are inaccessible to a lot of common folks?

We don't have an answer to making every space accessible to everyone.

But we do have the energy to build spaces that are.

Welcome to The Idea Kitchen.

Every week, we host a taco night with food, music, and games. Anyone can come, eat, and enjoy.

There is no fixed price. Instead, contributions are generosity-based.

If you are able to contribute, it helps us cover food, setup, and other basic costs. If you are able to contribute more, it helps keep the space accessible to those who cannot contribute.

Our intention is not to generate large profits, but to generate something much more valuable: **community**.

In a time when many spaces are becoming increasingly commercial, this is an experiment in accessibility, trust, and community.

If you believe spaces like this matter, we invite you to become a monthly supporter of this initiative.

Every donation, regardless of size, helps sustain this vision.

To support

Please fill out the form linked below or stop by the YouthLink office:

<https://forms.gle/TyeFfHjrcHTzJNa87>

With gratitude,
YouthLink Team



JIVA

A platform of Auroville's therapists for therapy, workshops, classes, webinars and professional training.

Regular offers

- Natural Horsemanship & Horse Assisted Therapy : Daily 8-10 am, 4 – 6pm
- JIVA Breathwork : Sundays with Sigrid 3:30 – 7pm
- Integral Regression Therapy Sessions with Sigrid

Upcoming workshops

- 18th & 19th July : Transforming Trauma with Sigrid 9-12:30 , 2-3:30pm,
- 1st & 2nd Aug : Inner Childwork in the perspective of Integral Yoga Workshop

Webinars

- 15th July - Introduction to Integral Regressiontherapy : 7- 8pm
- 18th, 19th, 20th July - Integral Trauma Therapy : 7:30- 9:30pm
- 24th, 25th, 26th July - Inner Child Work in the context of Integral Yoga : 7.30 – 9pm
- 12th, 13th, 14th Aug - Exploring past lives : 7:30 – 9pm

Join our WhatsApp group for all updates !

www.auroville-jiva.com contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 96260 06961



MODERN & CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES

FOR CHILDREN AGES 8-12

EVERY WEDNESDAY, NEW CREATION

For children ages 8-12

Join our ongoing Modern & Contemporary Dance group, led by two teachers. We are looking for committed and enthusiastic new students who are excited to explore the world of dance together!

 **Every Wednesday**

 **4:00-5:30 PM**

 **New Creation**

Classes include:

- Warm-up games
- Creative movement improvisation
- Strong group-building activities
- Dance technique
- Plenty of opportunities for self-choreography and creative expression

Interested?

We'd love to hear from you!

For more information, contact us on WhatsApp:

+49157 53563369

Malia & Leela



ASHTANGA YOGA WITH MONICA

STARTED FROM MONDAY 13TH JULY, PITANGA

Ashtanga Yoga

with Monica Marinoni

KPJAYI Authorised
Level 1 & 2 teacher

Monday to Friday
7am – 10am (self paced)

Saturday
7am – 8.30am
(led primary series)

*NO classes on:
Sundays,
New & Full Moon days,
Public holidays*



Ashtanga Yoga, practiced in its correct sequential order, gradually leads the practitioner to rediscovering his or her fullest potential on all levels of human consciousness: physical, psychological, and spiritual. Through the practice of correct breathing (Ujjayi Pranayama), postures (Asanas), and gazing point (Dristi), one gains control of the senses and a deep awareness of oneself. By maintaining this discipline with regularity and devotion, one acquires steadiness of body and mind.

Classes with prior registration only. No drop-ins.

Booking with the teacher only:
marinonimonica@gmail.com — QR code



More information:
www.monicamarinoniashtangayoga.com
or WhatsApp +39 3917254083



Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville 605 101 | info@pitanga.in | 0413 - 2622403, 9443902403
A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch, GSTIN: 33AAAT0037BY3N

AVAILABLE

GARDENER AVAILABLE - HALF TIME POSITION

We would highly recommend our gardener or farm worker, **Hom Prasad**, who is currently looking for a half-time position following the departure of some of his previous employers.

Hom Prasad is a hardworking and thoroughly reliable individual with good gardening experience, and we have been very happy with his work. If you are looking for dependable gardening help, please do get in touch and we would be happy to provide further details.

Contact details: +91 94984 59594



500G HONDASHI POWDER



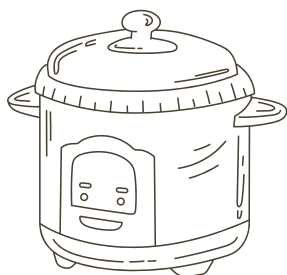
Anyone wants to share some excellent non-veg Hondashi powder with me? I have a half kg extra!

- Mauna, WA 94431 68323

SLOW COOKER (NOT A PRESSURE COOKER)

Electric, 2.5 litre capacity, use to make broth over a 24 hour period

Contact 94863 63525



LOOKING FOR

TAXI SHARE - CHENNAI AIRPORT TO AUROVILLE

THURSDAY 30TH JULY

Dear Community,

I aim to take a taxi from Chennai Airport (MAA) on **Thursday 30th July around 0130am/2am** to Auroville (residential zone 😊)

To share the cost, and for some company, anyone wanna share this taxi with me?

Let me know! :)

Devna, danjummy@gmail.com



SECONDHAND LADIES BICYCLE

I am looking for a **secondhand lady bicycle in good condition.**

Please whatsapp me at 96260 06961.

Thank you,
Sigrid



SOUGHT: WORK THAT SEEKS ME BACK

Work always found me in Auroville, rather than the other way around. In April, an office order found me instead, removing me from my responsibilities at MMC-Cinema Paradiso after twenty years. I have duly filled the HRS form to access a few months of bridging fund, and have been advised to find something soon, or else.

The Work: Work at MMC-CP was, by any reasonable measure, a two-in-one. Keeping a community venue functional, booked, technically sound, and financially prepared for the inevitable large repairs, while simultaneously curating films, which if done properly is a 24x7 occupation with little budget and no off switch. Add weekly announcements, finance tracking, budgeting, and reporting. To my knowledge, it is the only non-emergency service in Auroville that ran with just 2 official off days per year, zero expenditure on holidays or social expenses, and still delivered 360+ films and 900+ hours of programming per year. That is not nothing.

The Beginning: The Beginning: It really began with Marco, who envisioned it, and me. Anand came daily from the first screening in 2004 for over 1.5 years without any maintenance support. Laxmanan helped with handyman work and logistics in those early years. It ran on goodwill and some inexplicable magic. Over the years people joined, contributed, and collaborated, and the network of filmmakers that began in my university days expanded. My role grew as we learned, streamlined, and regularized, though my maintenance came from elsewhere. I was formally added to MMC for maintenance only around 2018. Luckily, Ramesh had already joined the team. Post-Covid, as we transitioned to a trust, the work expanded further. We managed, and more than that, we sailed.

What I Left Behind: When the office order arrived in April, MMC-CP had an adequate running budget, an expensive sound system replaced (Rs. 5 lakhs+) through an AVI-USA donation, a new projector (Rs. 5 lakhs) and laptop (Rs. 74K) purchased from funds we had set aside, Rs. 6 lakhs+ still in reserve for further equipment work that is always expensive, and a recurring donation stream generously pledged by the community that more than replaced the monthly budget we had lost. It was a community theatre. It was supported and held by the community.

What I Also Bring: Turning to the other side of the experience ledger, I am an ecologist and wildlifer by training, MS with Dr. Rauf Ali (you may remember him fondly), and PhD from the USA, with expertise in forest and natural habitat assessments. I also hold a PDC (permaculture), with training in organic horticulture and experience in community gardens. More relevantly, I have substantial experience in the development sector including development banks, that enables me to take up project and program evaluation, grant review, monitoring, management, and advisory roles.

What I Am Looking For: Full maintenance, ideally flexible hours, independence, and work that is needed and that needs me. Available from 1 August. The arrangements, however, need to start soon.

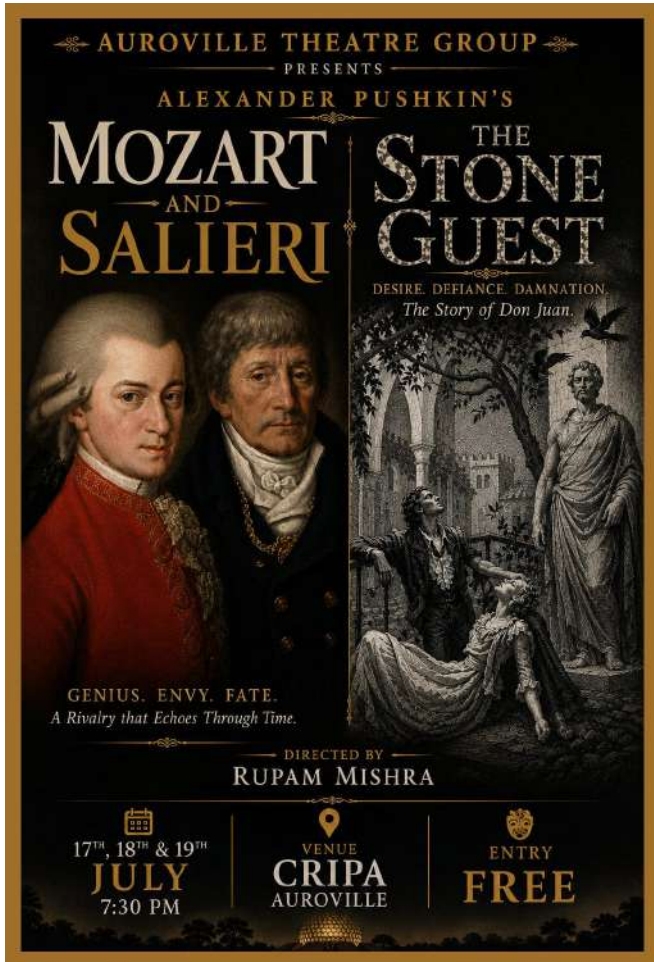
If something comes to mind, I am easy to find.

Warm regards,
Nina

CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE AUROVILLE THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS PUSHKIN'S MOZART AND SALIERI AND THE STONE GUEST

17TH, 18TH, AND 19TH JULY, CRIPA



The Auroville Theatre Group presents:

Part 1: "Mozart and Salieri" – Pushkin's gripping look at artistic jealousy. It follows the bitter composer Salieri, who is driven to madness as a result of his jealousy of Mozart's effortless, divine genius.

Part 2: "The Stone Guest" – Pushkin's dark humour applied to the infamous seducer Don Juan, his legend, and his fate.

- Fri 17th, Sat 18th, and Sun 19th July, 2026
- 7:30 pm @Cripa, Kalabhum, Auroville
- Entrance is Free. Contributions are Welcome!

Cast: Otto, Valentin Hoyla, Rajesh Sam R, Monica Pradhan, Priyanka Sunkesula, Vibhore, Abishek P, Bala, Kumud Baliyan, Rupam, Christopher

Set Design: Kumud Baliyan, Vivek Yadav.

Lights: Dr. Binu Kumar L

Sound and recording: Corpas Christy CC

Props and Costume: Vibha, Rajni, Mahaniya

Dramaturgy: Alexander Pereverzev

Musicians: Hartmut Von Lieres, Holger Jetter

Director: Rupam Mishra

Alexander Pushkin (1799-1837): the renowned Russian lyrical poet is the most outstanding representative of the Golden Age of Russian poetry and the creator of the modern Russian literary

idiom. While he is mostly remembered for his lyric and romantic poems and long narrative pieces like "Eugene Onegin", he also authored a number of prose works and plays, of which "The Little Tragedies" are a good example.

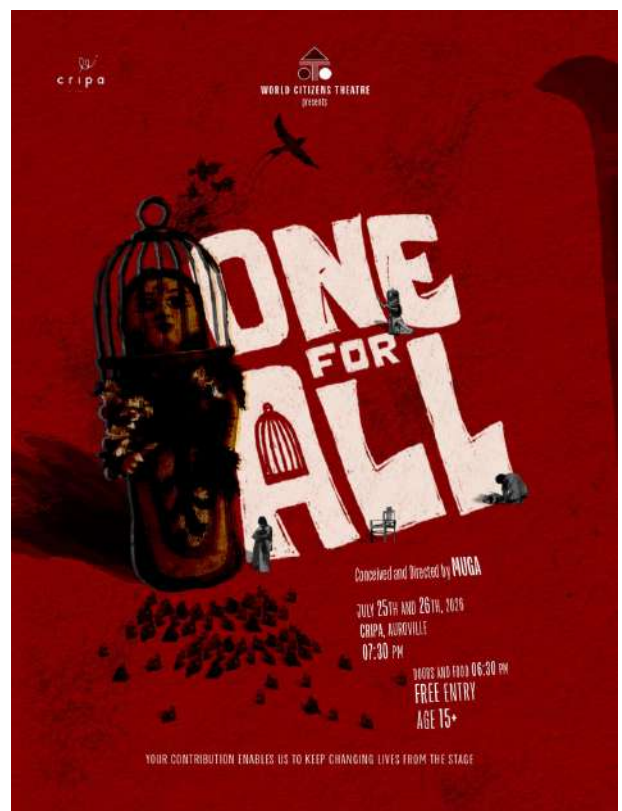
EXHIBITION BY CHRISTOPH POHL AND DOMINIQUE JACQUES

31ST JULY - 29TH AUGUST, PITANGA



WORLD CITIZEN'S THEATER PRESENTS: ONE FOR ALL

SATURDAY 25TH & SUNDAY 26TH JULY, CRIPA



A man living in both an imaginary world and the real world often blends fantasy, ritual and love, drama, psychological thrillers, or delves into themes of alternate realities and escapism. A searing metaphysical exploration of collective guilt, systemic patriarchy, and the dark architecture of human worship.

It exposes a global truth: dominant societies often destroy the vulnerable, only to build grand monuments over their graves to cleanse their own hands.

Dialogue in Malayalam | Songs in Kannada, Tamil, and English

 **Age 15+ only**

 **: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July**

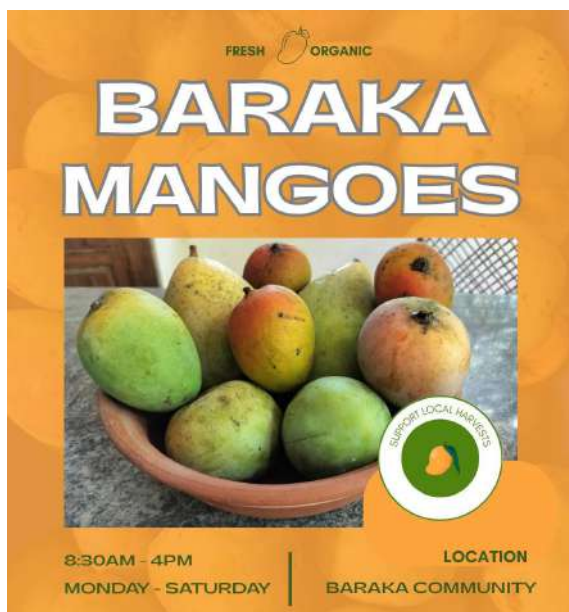
 **: 7:30pm, food served from 6:30pm**

 **: Cripa**

Free entry, open to all, contributions welcome

FOOD

MANGOES AVAILABLE AT BARAKA



Please pass by to get some.

We also have spicy pickles and soon mango jam.

With abundance,
Baraka

FOOD FOREST TOUR & SUNDAY BRUNCH

EVERY SUNDAY, LA FERME COMMUNITY



Every Sunday, 9-11 AM

La Ferme Community
(5 min from AV Bakery)

 **WhatsApp Sarah: 9047421044**

www.myfoodforest.in



AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians,

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

Last Published Podcasts

- [Marlenka's weekly Offering – Ep.173](#) (Literature)
- ["Mother's Chronicles : Mirra" by Sujata Nahar, Read by Fif - B 1 C 11 - "Maps & Maths"](#) (The Mother)
- [Jumpa's Joyous Journey with Fif-Ep.14 "The Market of Impossible Things"](#) (Stories)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – Ep.540](#) (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



FOR THE BOOKWORMS

STORYTIME AT THE AUROVILLE LIBRARY

EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING

Children of all ages (and adults) are welcome!

Every **Saturday**,
10 - 11am,
Auroville Library.



O Mother
Thy gaze follows me everywhere.
Thy Grace wraps me up
in a cocoon of Love.

Shall I peck at the cocoon
and emerge as a butterfly?

I know Thy heart will not
be broken.

You will only break into
tears of joy
for Thy child.



Anandi Z

A Chalice for Divinity

To say I am an empty jar
Waiting for the Force to fill
Is false, am I not full of self,
Desire, ego, anger, still?

A vessel in a holy place
Emptiness is an inner state
When spirit takes a solemn vow
Acknowledging that one must wait

To see his face in every face,
His voice upon the sacred air
His smile that breaks in child and man
His beauty dancing everywhere

And love that suffers all through love,
No thought of self when all is one,
All doubt allayed, all tears, all pain
Subsides, the hour of peace begun.

The far frontiers draw nearer now,
The crown of life's long mystery
To free the spirit and to be
A chalice for divinity.

Narad

What arrows would it be, O Arjuna



In your woes and sorrow,
O Arjuna,
What arrows must you release?
What cosmic vision
Do you hope to behold
To witness the immortality of wounds
And the immortality of the soul?

Dare you ask who is a friend
And who is a foe.
Who is the other
And who are you.
What is real
And what is a mere show?

Open your eyes and see
How the rivers of venom flow
What makes you blind
And what makes you glow.

Love is blind, you say.
All you see then
is the light in you and me.
Hatred too is blind, you must know.
All is darkness then and you see it grow.

O Arjuna
What is the virility of the fighter
And of the hero?
From what faintheartedness
Are you being invoked to arise
To become a scourge of the enemy?

How holy is this war?
How holy are your gods?
How hollow are your words
How clever are your thoughts?

What is holiness? Do you wonder?
Where in the screams of children
In the bloody, rotting bodies
In mutilated minds, in broken hands
Is this Kurukshetra
This Giza
This Holy Land?

What is eternal
What is fleeting
What is a mere illusion
And what is it that forever
Raises these questions
In every heart
On every turn?

O Arjun
Dare you ask?

Sehdev Kumar

YAY!

Cinema Paradiso

@ Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program: 20th - 26th July 2026



Cinema Paradiso programs at the MMC warmly welcome the community. Doors open 15 minutes before showtime and close once the film begins, so please arrive on time.

For everyone's enjoyment, kindly avoid crossing in front of the screen or using mobile phones when lights are off. Food and beverages are not permitted inside the hall.

INDIAN - MONDAY 20 JULY, 8:00 PM:

• MISSION MAJNU

India, 2023, Dir. Shantanu Bagchi, w/ Sidharth Malhotra, Rashmika Mandana and others, Drama-Action-Thriller, 129mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

In the 1970s, an undercover Indian spy takes on a deadly mission to expose a covert nuclear weapons program in the heart of Pakistan.

POTPOURRI - TUESDAY 21 JULY, 8:00 PM:

• LA FORÊT D'ARGENT (THE SILVER FOREST)

France, 2019, Dir. Emmanuel Bourdieu w/ Nicolas Duvauchelle, Marina Pali, and others, Drama, 88mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Roxana is a young Romanian nanny looking after 8-yearold Georges, the son of David and Elizabeth. David is a financier working on a project for a motorway across Romania, David asks Roxana for some help but she doesn't suspect the implacable machine that David has set in motion or the nightmare it will become.

SELECTION - WEDNESDAY 22 JULY, 8:00 PM:

• TAI CHI MASTER

China, 1993, Dir. Yuen Woo-Ping, w/ Jet Li, Michelle Yeoh, and others, Drama-Martial Arts, 96mins, Chinese w/ English Subtitles, Rated: R.

Two friends, ex Shaolin monks, part ways as they brush with the ongoing rebellion against the government. The ambitious one rises up to be a powerful military commander, while his betrayed friend resorts to learn the calm ways of Tai Chi.

INTERESTING - THURSDAY 23 JULY, 8:00 PM:

• KINTSUGI: THE JAPANESE PHILOSOPHY OF LOVING IMPERFECTION

Japan, 2020, Dir. Candice Kumai, Documentary, 49mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

The centuries-old Japanese art of repairing broken ceramics using lacquer dusted with powdered gold or silver. Rooted in the wabi-sabi philosophy, it treats breakage as part of an object's history rather than a flaw, celebrating imperfection and teaching that our scars make us unique and resilient.

INTERNATIONAL FILM - SATURDAY 25 JULY, 8:00 PM:

• PRODIGY

USA, 2017, Dir. Alex Haughey, w/ Richard Neil, Savannah Halliday, and others, Drama-Sci-Fi-Thriller, 80mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

Prodigy is a supernatural horror film that seamlessly combines the intimacy of a personal drama with the excitement and mystery of a psychological thriller.

CHILDREN'S MATINEE - SUNDAY 26 JULY, 4:00 PM:

• RIO 2

USA, 2014, Dir. Carlos Saldanha, w/ Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway and others, Animation-Family, 101mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel, and their three kids after they're hurtled from Rio de Janeiro to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel and meets his father-in-law.

CINÉ-CLUB SUNDAY 26 JULY, 8:00 PM:

• RESTLESS

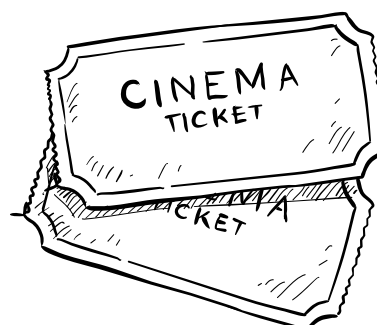
USA, 2011, Dir. Gus Van Sant, w/ Mia Wasikowska, Henry Hopper and others, Romance-Drama, 91mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13.

The film is a complex romantic drama about first love between two teenagers who are both struggling with grief and mortality. During the joyous experience of their burgeoning romance, they offer each other unique perspectives about life and death—helping the other to appreciate the beauty of life, with laughter and through fresh eyes.

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.



*Pride divides the men,
humility joins them.*

Socrates

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

HOUSING SERVICE

- **Public Timing:** Monday to Friday, 09:30am - 12:30pm / 02:30pm - 04:30pm. Saturday, 09:30am - 12:30pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622658
- **General Email:** housing@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 - 7pm
- **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 2622 894

- **Email:** avlib@auroville.org.in

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



HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES IN 2026

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: Mon / Tues / Wed / Fri	Homeopathy with Michael: Monday / Wednesday / Saturday
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday	Physiotherapy with Arun: Monday to Friday
Midwifery & GYN Care with Paula: Monday & Wednesday	Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday
Holistic Therapy with Louis Patric: Monday to Friday	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

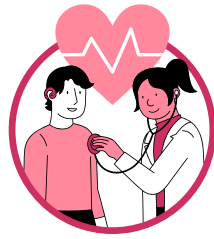
Contact: 0413 291 0005

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

TIME TO SUMMERNATE

AYURVEDA HEALTHY TIPS



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

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

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

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

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

- Favorable taste: Bitter taste, Sweet taste (to take moderately in case of diabetes and high triglycerides). Salty taste should be taken reasonably
- Drink water stored in earthen pot
- Raw food/salads are taken at lunch mainly
- Proteins: mungdal, chickpeas, beans, sprouts, nuts and seeds, non-veg: white meat, fish, seashell, dairies for breakfast or lunch, eggs
- Cereals for energy: jasmine rice, barley, red rice, millet (fermented ragi)
- Vegetables: pumpkin, bittergourd, bottlegourd, snakegourd, ashgourd, cucumber (taken separately), salads, green leafy vegetables, broccoli, cabbage, celery, carrots, drumstick (moringa), zucchini, plantain
- Fruits: amla, pomegranate, banana, ramphala, chiku, papaya, apple, grape, date, watermelon and melon (to be taken separately), coconut
- Beverages: buttermilk, sweet lassi, coconut water, mint, lemongrass, cardamom, chamomile, nannari (sarsaparilla), amla juice, watermelon juice, vegetable juice, cucumber milk (blend ½ cup of peeled cucumber in 1 cup of milk - cow or other veg milk - with a pinch of sugar), electrolyte (1 lemon juice + 1tsp of sugar + 1 pinch salt in a glass of water),
- Lipids: ghee, olive or sunflower or coconut oil
- Spices: cumin, coriander, black pepper, turmeric, fennel seeds, fresh aromatic herbs (dill, coriander, fennel, mint, parsley, saffron).

Avoid:

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

Routine to favour:

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

Cooling plants for the summer:

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

Wishing you a beautiful summer
Be @ Santé Clinic

PS: all these recommendations are more elaborated in my book "Take care of yourself with Ayurveda", available at Maroma in Aspiration, the bookshop of Visitor Centre and Auroville Press Publishers in Aspiration



MATRIMANDIR ACCESS INFORMATION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE
CHANGE IN TIMINGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 FEB 2026.

Access to the Park of Unity

- The Matrimandir, the Petals, the Lotus Pond and the Banyan Tree are areas of silence.
- The Park of Unity is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers daily, 6am-7:30pm.
- Aurovilians may bring close family and friends (maximum 3) to the Gardens only daily, 9am-3:30pm.
- Aurovilians bringing children under the age of 10 to visit the Gardens may do so only after 11.30am except Tuesday when they can come from 9am to 11am.**
- 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.
- 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 form at <https://bit.ly/savitri-reading> 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 registered 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 **registered Volunteers**:
 - Every day, 4:30pm - 6:00pm.
 - Volunteers are requested to come and get their revised passes between 10:00 am to 10:30 am from the Matrimandir office with prior booking at matrimandir@auroville.org.in
 - It is obligatory for the volunteers and pass holders to carry the pass with them.**
- The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 3 close family members and friends no more than once in two weeks, with booking 3 to 5 days in advance to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in:**

Any day except Tuesday & Sunday,	8:00 am - 8:25 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
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- 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
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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
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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



ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

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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
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

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance (24/7):

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

Auroville Security & Emergency Services (ASES) 94430 90107	Auroville Police Station 0413 2677318
Kottakuppam Police Station 0413 2236148	Vanur Fire Station 0413 2677368

Health:

Health Center 0413 2910005	Santé 0413 2622803
Farewell 89038 36246	

Mental Health 24/7 Support:

Vandrevala Foundation 99996 66555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108