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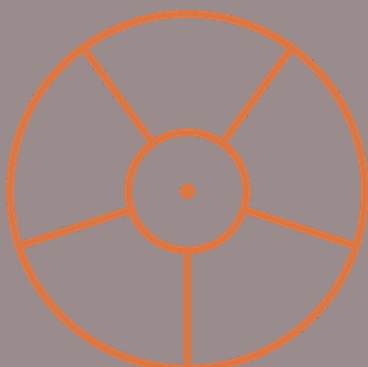
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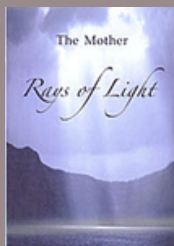
15th August 2023



PONDERING

August 15th is my own birthday and it is naturally gratifying to me that it should have assumed this vast significance. I take this coincidence, not as a fortuitous accident, but as the sanction and seal of the Divine Force that guides my steps on the work with which I began life, the beginning of its full fruition. Indeed, on this day I can watch almost all the world-movements which I hoped to see fulfilled in my lifetime, though then they looked like impracticable dreams, arriving at fruition or on their way to achievement. In all these movements free India may well play a large part and take a leading position.

Sri Aurobindo, The 15th of August 1947 Message



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CIRCUMSTANCES, DIFFICULTIES, MISTAKES

CIRCUMSTANCES TEACH A LESSON

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Always circumstances come to reveal the hidden weaknesses
 that have to be overcome.

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Be absolutely convinced that everything that happens, happens
 in order to give us precisely the lesson we needed, and if we
 are sincere in the "sadhana", the lesson should be accepted
 with joy and gratitude.

For one who aspires to the divine life, what can the actions of a
 blind and ignorant humanity matter to him?

18 January 1967

Sri Aurobindo's compassion

Innumerable, ever present, and effective
 in every instance. - *The Mother*

Portulaca grandiflora Hook.,
Portulacaceae.

Rose moss, Sun plant, Eleven-o'clock



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If truly you love the Divine, prove it by remaining quiet and
 peaceful. All that comes to each one in life, comes from the
 Divine to teach us a lesson, and if we take it in the right spirit,
 we make rapid progress.

Try to do so.

13 December 1967

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Be grateful for all ordeals, they are the shortest way to the
 Divine.

NEVER COMPLAIN ABOUT DIFFICULTIES

He who wants to advance on the path of perfection must never
 complain about the difficulties on the way, for each is an
 opportunity for new progress. To complain is a sign of
 weakness and insincerity.

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If you are not satisfied with what you are, take advantage of the
 Divine's help and change yourself. If you haven't the courage to
 change, submit to your destiny and keep quiet.

But to constantly complain about the condition you are in,
 without doing anything to change it, is a waste of your

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time and energy.

The difficulties can disappear only when the egoistic
 concentration upon desires and conveniences disappears

12 March 1958

NEVER WORRY ABOUT DIFFICULTIES

Never worry.

Do with sincerity all you do and leave the results to the Divine's
 care.

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Let us live each day without anxiety. Why worry beforehand
 about something that will probably never happen?

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Anxiety is a lack of confidence in the Divine's Grace, the
 unmistakable sign that the consecration is not complete and
 perfect.

SRI AUROBINDO'S BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026

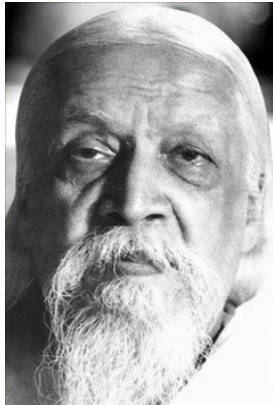
PONDY TRIPS ON DARSHAN DAY: SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026

August 15 is Sri Aurobindo's birthday, and also India's Independence Day.

The SAIER bus will leave at 3 pm via the ordinary route and will return from Pondy at 6 pm, to allow those willing to use Auroville's collective transport the visit of Sri Aurobindo's room.

Tokens are required.

This is not a commercial bus and the offer is only for Aurovilians and newcomers having darshan.



Paulette



SRI AUROBINDO'S ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM MATRIMANDIR

*A strong son of lightning came down to the earth with fire-feet
of swiftness splendid;*

*Light was born in a womb and thunder's force filled a human
frame.*

*The calm speed of heaven, the sweet greatness, pure passion,
winged power had descended;*

All the gods in a mortal body dwelt, bore a single name.

Sri Aurobindo

Collective Meditation for Sri Aurobindo's Birthday with Dawn-fire

**Friday 15th August 2026,
Matrimandir Amphitheatre
4:45 am to 5:45 am**

Chanting of Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra & Sacred Sanskrit Hymns

by Aurovilians for Sri Aurobindo's anniversary.
5.45 am to 6.15 am.

- Entrance from the **Second Banyan Gate** (Viewing Point Gate) **ONLY**, from 4 am
- (Parking as per instruction below)
- All are requested to be seated by **4:45 am**.
- **The gate will remain closed from 5:00 to 5:45 am**

Important Information

The Dawn-fire meditation at the Amphitheatre of the Matrimandir is an opportunity for individuals to experience inner silence in a unique collective setting. To maintain the special atmosphere, everyone is requested to maintain complete silence.

Please note that Bags, Cellphones, Cameras, Tablets and other recording devices are strictly not allowed in the Park of Unity, the Matrimandir Gardens and the Amphitheatre. You may leave your belongings at home, in your vehicle or deposit them at the 'Custody Facility' near the West entrance outside the Park of Unity. Matrimandir Management will try to take utmost care of your items, but will not be responsible for theft or damage of items deposited at the "Custody Facility".

Traffic Instruction

- All are requested to avoid coming by car.
- Bike parking will be at the Second Banyan.
- Cars will have to park either at Visitors Center parking (shuttles are there) or at Bharat Nivas (limited capacity).
- Please do not bring your pets to the Matrimandir.

Through your participation, you can help make the collective meditation a precious moment of inner experience. Thanking all in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Evening Program at the Amphitheatre 6:15 pm to 7 pm

A Musical Meditation

by Chandra on the flute and Tapan on the harp

- Entrance from the Office Gate at **5:45 pm**.
- **Last entry for guests at 6:15 pm.**
- Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocard
- Access limited to the Amphitheatre

Bonne Fête



A MUSICAL OFFERING BY RAMANA BALACHANDRAN SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST, MATRIMANDIR AMPHITHEATRE

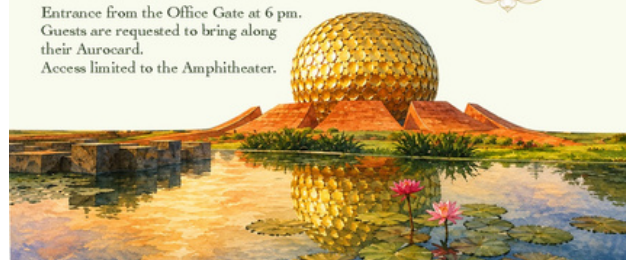
An Offering to the Divine At Matrimandir

Celebrating 154th Birth Anniversary of
SRI AUROBINDO

Musical Offering by
**Ramana
Balachandran**

Amphitheater
16 August | 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Entrance from the Office Gate at 6 pm.
Guests are requested to bring along
their Aurocard.
Access limited to the Amphitheater.



LAST ENTRY FOR GUESTS AT 6.30 PM.

Matrimandir

- Entrance from Office Gate
- Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocard
- Last entry for guests 6:15 pm
- Access limited to the Amphitheater

COMMUNITY NEWS



OBITUARY

TLALOC'S FINAL DEPARTURE

Many people in Auroville will have met Tlaloc, who was a regular visitor to Auroville right from the mid-1970s. Here is an account of Tlaloc's life and his passing on 6th August 2026 at the age of 80.



"Yesterday my oldest brother, Tlaloc, completed his current circle of life... with his Australian family (7), including his ex-wife, Susan and his son, Awan, by his bedside and his family in Hawaii and Reno joining via video feed we were with him in his final hour here on planet Earth...

For the last 2 years Tlaloc had been dealing with some grave health issues which left him bent and debilitated...Tlaloc always prided himself in strong body and strong mind...he was a tai chi master and practiced this art form daily...Tlaloc was a lifelong vegetarian and strived for good health and proper living...he did not see himself infirmed/broken in his old age nor did he want be a burden to others...he said, "I had a good 80 years, living the life I chose, wandering and wondering" (WW)...

Tlaloc has long been an advocate for assisted dying and discovered that it was possible/legal to do so in Oz...after two medical physicians deemed him eligible for Oz's VAD (voluntary assisted dying) program he informed his family and set a date for the event.

The "event" took place in a local hospital...stories; laughter; nervous banter; questions...we were there in support and love of him and of his choice in passing on....Tlaloc was pretty much himself...cool and steady... seemingly looking forward to the transition into his next chapter...the time had come...he lay on the bed and was given the bitter liquid potion...was asleep within minutes...the family gathered around him, hands held as one...positive loving thoughts were abundant...to help our friend make his passage/crossing with as much grace/ease as possible, Awan read aloud passages from the Tibetan book of the Dead until Tlaloc's soul passed on....

My big brother, Tlaloc, was not governed by laws and written morality, but was guided more by the old ways...by ancient spirits and beliefs found in stone and water...he walked the world lightly...he lived his life on his own terms and passed on in the very same chosen manner.....rare and admirable stuff....

RIP, big brother... hope to see you on the other side...t"

FAREWELL TLALOC, MY DEAR FRIEND.

Thank you for truly enriching my life.

I'm grateful that I was able to capture you in these two videos 8 years ago, it helps me to remember your unique being.



<https://vimeo.com/249909055>



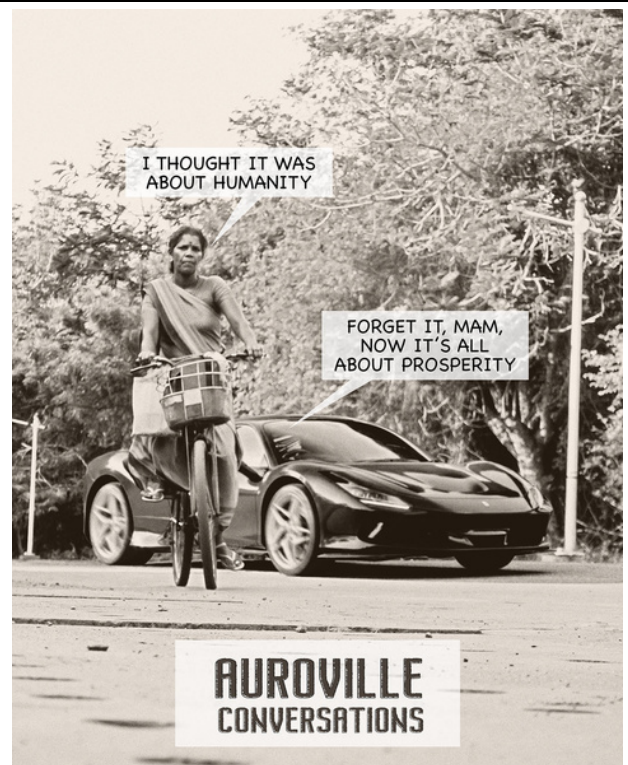
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Ahoy

Christoph



AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



Submitted by an Aurovilian

INNER JOURNEY

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday 18th August, 9 am - 12 noon

Led by Ashesh Joshi

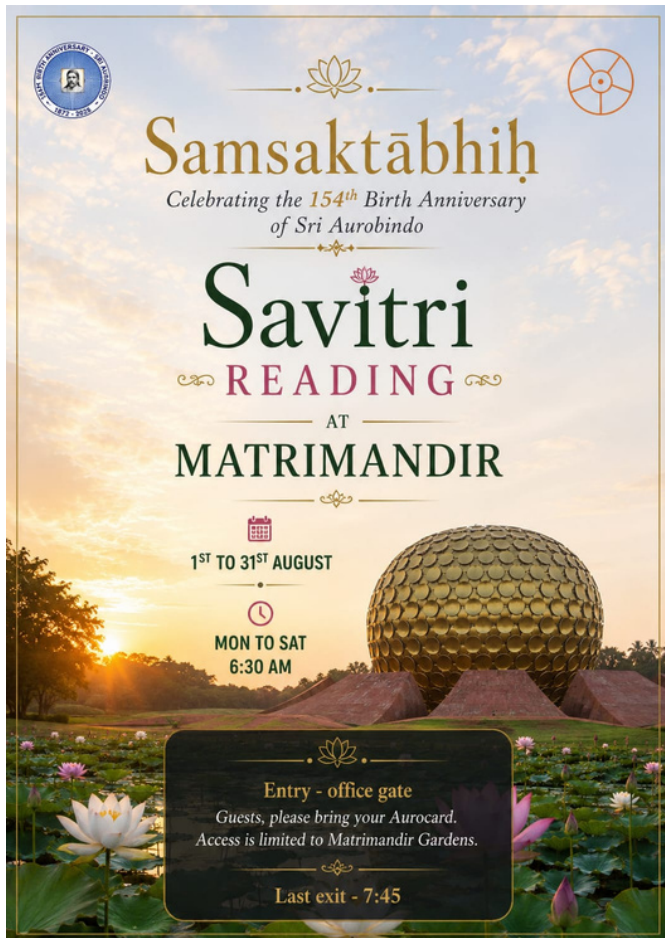
Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele
Ph/WhatsApp: 94891 47202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



SAVITRI READING IN MATRIMANDIR

1ST - 31ST AUGUST, GARDEN OF UNEXPECTED



From 1st August up to 31st August, Savitri Reading will happen in the morning in the **Garden of Unexpected - Youthfulness**, from **6:30am to 7:00am**, Monday to Saturday (except on August 15th).

Open for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Guests with Aurocard.

- Last entry at 6:15 am from Office Gate
- Guests, please bring your Aurocard, access is limited to the Garden of Unexpected
- Everyone, leave your phone at home.
- Last exit by 7:45 am

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



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

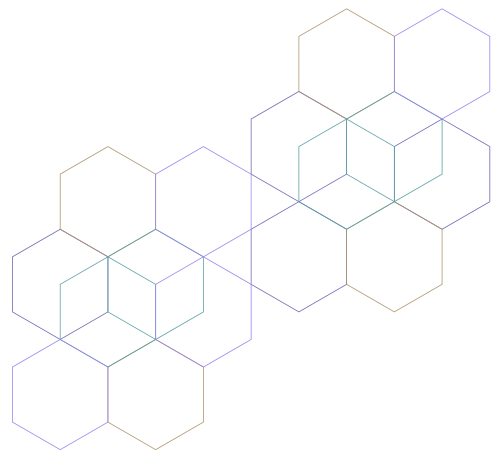
At Mirabelle Education Center, Auromodele,
Kuyilapalayam

Led by Vera (Instagram - [Vera.Auroville](#)) 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

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

- 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



ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS

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

Join our WhatsApp

group to get

Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

regular updates:

	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