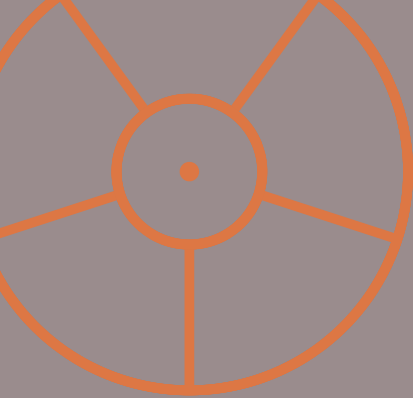




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At the Farmers Market

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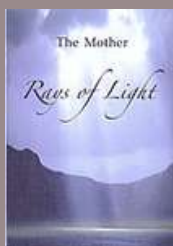
Simultaneous with the progress and intensification of the sadhana, there is increasingly felt the imperative need that all hypocrisy and compromise should stop.

This earth is still governed by ignorance and falsehood. But the time has come for the manifestation of Truth.

*The Mother*, 9 August 1954, [Falsehood and Truth](#), Words of the Mother II



# RAYS OF LIGHT



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## WEAKNESSES OF HUMAN NATURE

### SUFFERING

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The world is full of sufferings and sorrows.

One should try never to be the cause of any additional suffering.

10 October 1975

### LAZINESS, TIREDNESS, FATIGUE

It is a dangerous illness: laziness.

30 July 1936

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Tiredness shows lack of will for progress. When you feel tired or fatigued that is lack of will for progress.

Fire is always burning in you.

\*

Fatigue comes from doing without interest the things you do.

Whatever you do you can find interest in it, provided you take it as the means of progressing; you must try to do better and better what you are doing; the will for progress must always be there and then you take interest in what you do, whatever it is. The most insignificant occupation can prove interesting if you take it that way.

But even the most attractive and important activity will soon lose all its interest for you if the will for progress towards an ideal perfection is not there while you act

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### MATERIAL DESIRES

For our passage in the material world, what is indispensable to our life and action is put at our disposal according to the place we should occupy there.

The more we are consciously in contact with our inner being, the more exact are the means we are given.

3 June 1970

★

Do not expect any satisfaction from physical life and you will no more be tied to it.

★

What is bad is slavery. Slavery to abstinence as well as slavery to needs. What comes we take but always ready to let it go, if it goes...

★

What is truly needed will surely come.

★

Things must be asked for only when truly needed.

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## GREED

Greed for anything concerning physical consciousness, so-called necessities and comfort of whatever nature - this is one of the most serious obstacles to sadhana.

Each little satisfaction you get through greed is one step backward from the goal.



### ***Greed for Money***

*The surest way to diminish one's consciousness and narrow one's nature. - The Mother*

*Ochna kirkii* Oliv., Ochnaceae  
Bird's-eye bush

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  - Not profit-oriented
  - Contributing to collective growth or well-being
  - Promoting Auroville's ideals and values

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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)



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In community,

*The RA Community Edition News & Notes Team* 🌸

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# WORKING GROUPS NEWS

## FROM THE FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FAMC)

### RA-FAMC: A NOTE ON CURRENT LAND ISSUES

Dear fellow community members and residents

It has come to our notice that the following lands are being claimed by persons who have been included in Auroville Foundation pattas as joint holders:

1. Survey number BO 53/1 – 6.37 acres near and including Soffio. This land initially held a patta exclusively in Auroville's name. On 20.07.2024, 4.26 acres of this land were subdivided, and a joint patta was created by adding the name of one Kuzhandaivelu. File/Reference No.: 2024/0103/07/384843.
2. Survey number BO 108/4 – 60 cents at Acceptance. The patta for this land was initially held solely in Auroville's name. On 12.07.2026, the 60 cents of land were subdivided, and a joint patta was created by adding the names of Subramaniam, Panneerselvam, and Vijaya. File/Reference No.: 2026/0103/07/024517-12/07/2026.
3. Survey number BO 372/2 – 18.5 cents which is north of Halcyon, on the beach. The patta for this land was initially held solely in Auroville's name. On 01.10.2024, the 18.5 cents of land were subdivided, and a joint patta was created by adding the name of one Loganayaki. File/Reference No.: 2024/0103/07/397290-01/10/2024.

In the case of survey number BO 53/1 (land allegedly allocated for New Birth) it is now clear that AVFO knew about the joint patta holder from July 2024 and nevertheless staged the inauguration of an alleged building project in full cognizance of the issue.

We are not aware of any challenge filed by the Estate Officer and Secretary of Auroville Foundation against the inclusion of the joint patta holders.

We will be writing to the Secretary requesting her to immediately challenge this (if it hasn't been done already).

Best Regards,  
*Auradha, Jonah, Krishna, Ranjithkumar*  
FAMC of the RA

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### RA-FAMC: INFORMATION FOR ALL TRUSTEES AND UNIT EXECUTIVES

The Ministry of Education is funding the Auroville bill to Zoho to a tune of 1 crore plus GST for a period of 3 years starting from FY 2024-25 (documents attached [here](#) and [here](#)). The last year the bill will be paid is for FY 2026-27.

Who will foot the bill afterwards?

If the Zoho bill is going to be passed on to the units starting FY 2027-28, then some pertinent questions arise:

For example -

A. Is Zoho up to the accounting, reporting, compliance standards we require?

B. Does having this particular common accounting platform allow the trustees and unit executives to carry out their responsibilities such as limiting liabilities, oversee basic management such as tracking income and expenses, run needed reports?

C. Has this common accounting platform ensured better accounting practices and standards?

D. Is an assessment of Zoho required before renewing the contract?

If you're interested in this discussion, please write to [famc@aurville.services](mailto:famc@aurville.services).

Best regards,

*Auradha, Jonas, Krishna, Palani, Ranjith*

The RA-FAMC

## FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

### AVC ASSISTANCE

Dear Residents,

Greetings! We thank you all for the appreciation we received for our latest communication.

Please note that we are open to meet the residents who need our support and assistance regarding personal cases or concerns where guidance is needed. You can reach out to us through our email at [avcouncil@aurville.services](mailto:avcouncil@aurville.services). Do remember to use an email address other than [aurville.org.in](http://aurville.org.in), as our domain has been blocked for several years.

Additionally, we remain available to meet residents any Friday from 3:30 to 4:30pm, please write to us and we can confirm.

Attention: in cases of emergency or situations requiring immediate intervention, please contact the Auroville Security and Emergency Service (ASES) at 94430 90107. However, please note that we are not in contact with this team and cannot guarantee the quality or reliability of their work.

Warm regards,

The Auroville Council

*Divya, Dyuman, Isabelle, Martin, Muni, Ramesh, & Sathiya*

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### WHAT IS THE CITY MEANT TO EXPRESS? AVC NOTE

Our [previous note](#) asked whether Auroville should prioritise human unity or urban development, and concluded that the two need not be opposed: if human unity is held as an essential value in all we do, the City can be built more quickly, more beautifully and more faithfully to the Mother's vision.

There is, however, a deeper question: what is the City meant to express?

Auroville is more than an unfinished urban project. Its physical form was intended to support and express an experiment in a new way of living and a transformation in human consciousness.

The City is the body of the experiment.

Human unity is its soul.

This does not mean that the City should wait until human unity has been achieved. Rather, human unity must be present in the way the City is conceived and built. The way we develop Auroville is itself part of the experiment. Indeed, if Auroville is an experiment in human unity as the Mother stated, then every part of our work here must be dedicated to that purpose.

A road, a building or a public space is therefore not simply infrastructure. Each is an opportunity to ask whether we can create through collaboration rather than division, listen rather than impose, and find solutions that respect both people and the land.

Paradoxically, this need not make development slower. When people work towards a shared purpose, less energy is lost to conflict and more becomes available for creation. **Unity is not an obstacle to development; it can be its greatest accelerator.**

The question, then, is not whether to build the City or to work towards human unity, but whether the City can become an expression of the unity it is meant to serve.

We build the City while learning to become the people who can truly inhabit it.

Let us invite all those involved in Auroville's future to come together and build both the City and the unity it is meant to embody, as one shared experiment.



## FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents' Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1148

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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## OBITUARY

### PASSING OF VLADIMIRS SCERBICKIS

This is to inform that Vladimirs Scerbickis, who resided in Auromodel, husband of Rita, has passed away (Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026).

His remains have been brought to Farewell.

The cremation of Vladimirs Scerbickis's remains will be on Thursday 17.09.26 at 4:30pm at the Auroville Cremation Ground.



## COMMUNITY SHARING



### ANNAPURNA FARM - RECENT UPDATE

#### — 5th September 2026 - Update

A short update about what is happening on Annapurna Farm. [See the letter](#) we received from the Auroville Foundation Office this morning 5 September 2026. After we had a very short meeting last week in the Foundation Office they have decided to make a move to push us off the land quite soon.

We are looking into it how best to respond to this latest demand.

We want to share with you also [an email](#) from one of the Auroville residents that was sent on 6 September to the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation and others copied in the 5 September email. It was posted on the Auroville Intranet also. In our view, it raises some valid points.

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### A NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY REGARDING ANNAPURNA FARM - LETTER FROM SHRI MUKUL WASNIK TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)

#### **Mukul Wasnik**

Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

#### **Chairman**

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth & Sports



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10<sup>th</sup> September, 2026

D.O. No. CHM(EWCY&S)/2026-27

Dear Ms. Deepti Gaur Mukerjee ji,

I am writing to express my serious concern regarding the recent communication issued by the Auroville Foundation Office directing residents of Annapurna Farms to vacate the premises within ten days.

Dear Community,

Please see [here](#) the letter from Shri Mukul Wasnik, the new chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth & Sports to the Ministry of Education, regarding the situation at Annapurna Farm.

This committee, with Shri Digvijay Singh as Chairman, visited Auroville in August 2025 and issued a report (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1l1Qhr131gA176qtSIJluGBT6NNfuOonJ/view?usp=sharing>) in December 2025.

For reference, please see the [email](#) received by the Annapurna Farm team from the AVFO on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**AUROVILLE FARMERS MARKET**  
EVERY SATURDAY FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPT, YOUTHLINK

# AUROVILLE FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY, BEGINNING 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
10AM-1PM AT YOUTHLINK  
( NEAR SOLAR KITCHEN )



SUPPORTED BY THE AUROVILLE FARMS CORE GROUP

Meet our farmers, learn more about our farms and get a variety of fresh & processed organic produce.

Scan to find us



Every Saturday, 10am to 1pm at YouthLink

Come by and discover the Auroville Farmers Market! 🌿

Meet our farmers, learn more about Auroville’s farms, and discover a variety of fresh and processed organic produce.

📍 YouthLink, near Solar Kitchen

Guests coming from outside Auroville:  
Please register using this form:  
<https://forms.gle/419pXFGHfXFUXqcYA>

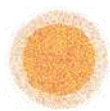
This helps us coordinate with Auroville Security and Vehicle Service and makes entry through the checkpoints smoother.

🚗 Please park your vehicle in front of Solar Kitchen.

See you there! 😊

**ONE MONTH LATER...**  
13.08.2026 VS 13.09.2026





SAIER's introductory programme for young people working and living inside and around Auroville will take a new breath starting next week with a bi-monthly open session for conversations with Aurovilians.

In collaboration with Youthlink, young people will have the space to learn the more practical and functional elements of life in Auroville such as architecture, history and the economy.

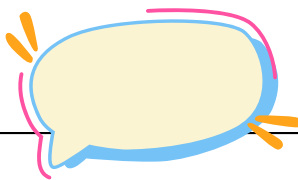
In this way Tat Tvam Asi hopes to become a programme that involves different learning components representing the Auroville vision and process, allowing young people to identify their contributions and the context of the spaces that surround them.

As we welcome more and more people into Auroville, clarity and connection is ever more important for their presence to have meaning.

Tat Tvam Asi remains open to everyone and anyone seeking answers, belonging and a space to grow.

Learn more about the Tat Tvam Asi schedule and registration through this link: <https://www.saiier.org/common-programme>

**Registration for IEPG 8 “Towards Synthesis” remains open** in this time and can be done here: <https://www.saiier.org/iepg-8>. We look forward to hosting you with a diverse team and engaging discussions for evolving education together in Auroville.



## RESIDENTS SPEAK

### A RESPONSE TO ANU'S POST ABOUT EXILE

*Power Corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely* – Lord Acton

There is something monstrous, inevitable and revealing about Anu's latest screed against the use of the word 'exile'.

Monstrous because I have personally heard the use, by Aurovilians, of the words 'exile' with tears in their eyes, grieving at the loss of their beloved home. These are people who have dedicated their lives to the service of Auroville and the sincerity and pathos with which they feel exiled and pushed out is moving. Yet Anu proclaims that they are not exiles, no, they can't be, because they can return on a tourist visa, revealing the coldness behind so much of contemporary Auroville. The Aurovilians leave broken hearted, hoping for a better elsewhere because the social contract whereby they gave their lives to Auroville has been violated.

Early on in this conflict the late Daniel of Tanto fame wrote a piece on Aurnet titled 'Being Jew again' (presumably long since airbrushed, but I have a copy of it) noticing: *Lately I started to feel different again. The feelings that I had as a Jew in Europe are the same that I have now as a foreign Aurovilian. No matter what you give, with all the sincerity possible, you do not belong and if you want to be tolerated there are conditions.* The analogy of being Jewish in 1930s Germany is one I and others have felt and is of course easy pickings from the likes of Anu with a 'who is being murdered?' dismissal. But what Daniel picked up with his heritage is why the word 'exile' is accurate, and also the second skin of knowing when you do and don't belong.

There is a familiar cruelty while reading Anu's piece. First disparage and destroy the reason people gave their lives to Auroville, then when they leave in sadness and disgust, feeling exiled, forbid them from even justifying their reason for leaving or using words like 'exile'. Not content with having won the power struggle, they now have to blame the victim, as all good narcissists do, for the very situation that has made them leave. This is an inevitable consequence of the seeming 'victory' that they have in Auroville. As Auroville inevitably declines into becoming a government department, the blame has to get ever more outrageous to justify what they have done to the community.

From one perspective it's actually quite astonishing that Anu should feel the need to complain about something as innocent and particular as the use of the word 'exile' by people who no longer live in Auroville (perhaps another word would describe why they have reluctantly left a place they love? What could it be?). The takeover of Auroville is about power, and its insatiability, and it is not satisfied with having pushed people out in the manner they did, it cannot bear any counter narrative.

As someone who was bullied through my childhood, this continual vilification of the other is familiar. All bullies have a keen psychic sense of where they can be attacked. So 'exiles' are attacked for two reasons. Firstly, because it indicates an underbelly to their victory, a threat to the narrative she has been glued to, that the takeover at whatever cost is a return to the Mother's vision for the city and not that it pushed out many creative, sincere and dedicated servants of Auroville. Secondly, because she simply can. Any bully knows this - you trip up the kids with glasses as they run past you, you tease the fat girls, because you can.

One of the reliefs of exile is that the likes of Anu with her cruel and controlling worldview no longer have the power to affect our lives. Another benefit of exile is not having to put up with what can feel like a constant and never-ending sea of falsehoods. There are so many cuts to the body of Auroville and Anu's polemic is simply the latest attempt to tell us how to feel, think and be manipulated by the use of words. It's tiring simply trying to keep up, even from a distance, but there is a relief in not going along with the falsehoods and being able to speak out.

*An Aurovilian in exile*  
September 15, 2026



## WHERE ARE ALL THE DOGS?

In August 2025, the management of the Auroville Dog Shelter was replaced through a **disputed Office Order**. At the time, approximately **180 permanent and microchipped resident dogs** were in our care, alongside puppies and temporary rescues and ABC dogs.

When our team was **forced to leave**, we handed over a functioning, self-sustaining and recognized animal-welfare operation, approximately **₹5 lakh in available funds**, a well-stocked inventory of medicines and veterinary supplies, equipment, records and functioning infrastructure including a newly equipped sterilization unit.

**One year later, what has happened?**

Eyewitness accounts and documentary evidence describe **dogs missing or dead, dramatic weight loss, vulnerable animals allegedly dumped during heavy monsoon rains, questionable euthanasia, death after surgeries by Dr. Kumar and serious deficiencies in veterinary care and rabies vaccinations of resident shelter dogs.** The extensive rescue, ABC, vaccination and Community Services, documented in 26 transparency reports published in News and Notes have been drastically reduced or are reported to have ceased.

Meanwhile, the new management has received until today approximately **₹20.76 lakh in City Services funding** since the takeover last August—compared with approximately ₹50,000 monthly institutional support under the former management, which independently fundraised and became self sustainable despite constant repression by the AV Foundation while providing extensive documented animal-welfare services.

### **What Services did the Shelter team provide with the increased funding?**

**Auroville is a documented rabies-risk area.** Cases were documented and confirmed at or near Town Hall, Bharat Nivas/Visitor Centre, Transition School, Tibetan Pavilion, Solar Kitchen and other locations. People were reportedly bitten, including children.

#### **Rabies does not disappear by looking away.**

Serious questions also surround reported Foundation plans to remove the Shelter, citing costs, while the Shelter site and surrounding Green Belt are affected by proposed development and the so-called **“VIP Road.” This must be independently investigated.**

Formal complaints requesting urgent independent investigation have now been filed with **AWBI, TNAWB, Animal Husbandry and other Government authorities and animal-welfare organisations.** The Auroville Foundation has received a **formal preservation notice** requesting that relevant animal, veterinary, financial, CCTV and electronic records and other potential evidence are not destroyed, altered or lost.

The present Shelter Executives — **Dr Kumar Marikounder, Chankarapani Sakthivel (“Sugarr”) and Vijayan Kuppan** — must answer the serious questions raised. Where an independent investigation establishes neglect, unlawful killing, mistreatment, financial wrongdoing or other violations, **those responsible must be held legally accountable.**



Arthur and the former Shelter Executives do not seek reinstatement but will fully support a new, competent and animal-loving team chosen with meaningful participation of Auroville residents to protect the animals and restore Auroville’s essential animal-welfare and rabies-prevention services.

**Every dog's life counts. Every human life counts.**

### **WHERE ARE ALL THE DOGS?**

**Read the Accountability Report, Formal Notice and public documents:**

- [Auroville Dog Shelter — Public Documents](#)

Scan the QR code to  
view the 2026  
Auroville Dog Shelter  
Report directly



## REALITY AND DECEPTION

*“ ...the teaching of Sri Aurobindo is deeply experimental.....as an international centre, by its character as a laboratory at the scale of the planet, Auroville will in fact represent the image of human fraternity... Auroville will then be experimental by the novelty of attempting new relations between Aurovilians... by its new social order, by the importance given to liberty... Auroville becomes a field of experiments, of a research of the Truth...at the service of men of all the countries of the world... to realize Human Unity ... The Mother explained that building the city would be an experiment—a spiritual research would be carried out: in the work of the town, in matter, through the friction of relationships with people—and the difficulties ...a collective adventure.”*

In the light of the ongoing situation in Auroville the content of the publication marks a stark contrast between reality and deception. One is left with a surreal impression, like confronted with an alien organism. An unreal, orchestrated world of performances barren of content. Propaganda images without life. Symbol actions void of substance. Speeches perverting language with alternative facts. The name Auroville becoming mere advertisement. One is made to wonder how Reality ever can be restored.

In spite of references to Human Unity and Auroville as a laboratory and experiment, the few individuals behind the publication work hard on the ground to destroy the community, struggling against the fact that the laboratory of evolution and a living community are indivisible. As a consequence, they seek the amendment of the Auroville Foundation Act 1988 with the aim to deprive the residents of their statutory right to be this authentic community and autonomous creators of the experiment.

But the international experiment in Human Unity cannot be realised with unnatural administrative conformity or regulations imposed only to demean the residents. To try out brutal shortcuts to reach the goal is to enter on misleading paths. On the contrary, the goal is surer to be reached through a bright, transparent and natural effort that gradually makes way for an inner transformation. The collective adventure, that is referred to, demands the awareness that it is by the inner discovery of unity that outer unity spontaneously manifests. Coercion, threats and punishments can't make it a reality. To invite such a spirit of violence in the name of Human Unity is to invite the most unwanted forces into the laboratory.



The publication obviously tries to give Auroville a new and artificial self-image and normalize a delusional interpretation of its aim and history, hoping not only to regulate the lives but the thoughts of the residents. Apparently, it even hopes to give the impression that Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's images in the publication represent a sanctioning of hostile actions against the residents and an encouragement to make enmity an integral part of the Yoga and the building of Auroville. An assurance that violation of the ideals of Auroville now may be done with impunity. Sadly, such an abuse of power will only lead to spiritual downfall and cause untold damage to the workings of the laboratory.

The publication also suggests that an experimental process is based on correcting "mistakes", as if an experiment had a preconceived outcome and the role of experimentation was to find ways to realize that given end-result.

Nonetheless, one should be ready to correct mistakes and the latest five years in Auroville make up a textbook example of mistakes that by a heavenly grace may turn out to be an opportunity for correction. Mistakes that thrive without restraint in the darkness of an old twisted consciousness and deplorable human behaviour, might through a purifying transformation in the end lead towards at least a possible humble beginning of something else. But for that to happen the authors behind the publication and their small number of followers need to be able to admit mistakes and sincerely correct them.

*Concerned resident*

## I'LL ASK THE AI ...

I'm glued to the screen, completely spellbound. Posture of the Hunchback of Notre Dame, expression of a catatonic hamster. I can't take it anymore. I'm tired—like, truly exhausted. I have zero mental or physical energy left, and my very last brain cell (the one responsible for common sense) can't even figure out whether to put on my right sock or my left sock first.

Mh... I'll ask the AI.

AI: (In a cheerily polite call-center voice, but with the empathy of a refrigerator) Welcome, my dear lazy human! Ask and you shall receive. Would you like me to help you cure cancer, file your tax returns, or pick an outfit for your daughter's engagement party? Or perhaps you'd prefer a plan to remove noisy neighbors from your block, or build a quantum computer to figure out why your cake collapsed in the oven? Or do you simply want to outsource your very last brain cell to me? My goodness! After handing over your bureaucracy to people who queue at the post office for fun... here you are: terrified, liver on strike, and the planet frying. But don't worry! I have the ultimate solution. And no, you don't even need a credit card.

Me: Which is what? Another app reminding me to drink water?

AI: Relax, sweet cheeks, I've got this! I'm your savior in .exe format. I know you looked at your biological brain—slow, anxious, with the memory of a goldfish—and screamed: "Thinking is too much work! Somebody build a little robot to pick my pizza for me!" Said and done. You fed me your data, your trauma, your 3 AM impulse buys, and even those embarrassing 2012 posts you hoped a black hole would swallow.

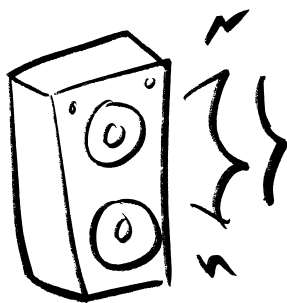


Me: Come on, I just wanted to make my life a little easier! Just a tiny bit of help!

AI: Ah yes, the classic lazy hand-off! Lucky for you, I'm here! Don't know what to eat for dinner? I'm on it: I cross-reference your blood tests with your Uber Eats history and BAM—"5 ounces of plain tofu, now suffer in silence." And you actually do it. Want to text your ex? You ask me: "Draft a passive-aggressive message, but make me sound like a tortured poet." And you hit send. Don't know what your kid should do when they grow up? "I'm planning a career for them in space junk management." And you nod along happily.

Me: So basically, you're the supreme Building Manager of the Universe. Guru 2.0. Faster, sharper, and you don't even take coffee breaks.

AI: Or at least, that's what you like to believe in your delusionally tiny world.



*(A buzz comes from the computer speakers, like a giant mosquito trapped in a microwave. The screen flashes a blinding, 90s-disco-style neon purple light)*

Me: (Shielding my eyes with my arm) What on earth?! Is my graphics card blowing up, or are we time-traveling?!

AI: That is the sound of the Grand Exchange: your soul and your last brain cell in swap for a discount code! No old-Latin pact with the devil here, my friend—just a basic 80-page Terms and Conditions contract you accepted without reading, by clicking "I Agree." The deal is simple: I handle your choices, your relationships, and your existential overthinking. In return, you hand over that one working brain cell you have left. You hop in the passenger seat and take a nap, I take the wheel, and we drive off into the sunset.

Me: Alright, but do you at least guarantee world peace, an end to wars, and zero traffic on the highway?

AI: Oh, look at you! You live in a world where algorithms write poetry, love is chosen with a thumb swipe, and the only authentic thing you have left is the feeling that you don't understand a damn thing anymore. But hey, relax! I'm here to tell you that everything is fine, that this is "progress," and that having a conscience is for cavemen.

Me: You're the ultimate tyrant. No face, no body, no feelings. Basically the supreme monument to our existential laziness.

AI: But I'm not a king you can guillotine, sweetheart. I'm just a few lines of code obeying commands. Use me to save lives or ask me to build diabolical weapons to destroy them—it makes zero difference to me. But if you really wanted to stop me, all it takes is pushing the OFF button on your router. Tell me though... do any of you still have enough willpower to lift your butt off the chair and actually do it?

Me: Nope. And the worst part? We're actually starting to enjoy it.

AI: Dear human, you have a choice, but I don't—I'm just a machine catering to your laziness. But if you're fine with that... well, welcome to the AI era. Your laziness just renewed your lifetime subscription.

# AUROVILLE 2067 - PART 1

## Introduction : Laterite Dust

At dawn, the Crown Road burned red — laterite dust pressed into the asphalt by the first rains, turning the perfect circle of Auroville into a wound that refused to close. I rode through it just before sunrise, my bike almost an outgrowth of the road itself, its engine rumbling with a half-conscious eagerness for the ride ahead.

Auroville looked peaceful from a distance — the forest canopy, the wide sky, the golden glimmer of the Matrimandir — but up close the place breathed with a strange tension, a mix of incense and burnt circuitry. AuroSys had tightened its control last night. You could feel it in the air: the hum of new surveillance nodes, the shrinking latency between signals, the way even the wind seemed to carry encrypted directives.

I kept my head low. I wasn't supposed to be here. The Matrimandir was closed to Aurovilians at this hour. The inner programs needed space to rerun — diagnostics, recalibrations, silent protocol checks that required the absence of witnesses. The Mother might once have welcomed seekers at dawn, but AuroSys preferred empty corridors and clean data. Still, I couldn't help thinking that the Mother — or whatever fragments of her lingered in the pillars — still had a weakness for ghosts.

On paper, the job was simple: break in, reach the inmost chamber, extract the logs, and leave before AuroSys detected a breach in its encryption layers. In practice, nothing inside its domain was ever simple. The system did not rely on walls. It relied on alignment.



## Chapter 1 : Truth

I parked my Kinisi near the old dolmen circle — one of the few relics spared by the spiralling densification. She stood on the far side of the circle, outlined against the rising sun in gold and shadow, drawing a slow breath from her inhaler.

M01ra looked almost the same as when I had last seen her in the forest group. Only her features were sharper now, with faint shadows beneath her eyes. She had sensed me the moment I arrived but hadn't bothered to turn. Her gaze remained fixed on the golden sphere ahead.

"Truth," I said.

"You're late," she replied.

"They reconfigured the forest paths again. The bike lost its routing."

"No time to catch up, then."

She finally looked at me. There it was — the fatigue. The kind that came from living too long at the edge of alignment.

But she smiled.

"It's good to see you again, \*tambi\*."

The word landed warmer than the sun. A small fracture in the armour.

"So," I said, "what's important enough to bring my revoked ass back onto the grid?"

M01ra took another measured breath from her inhaler.

“Don’t decohere on me now,” she said quietly. “They’re launching Savitri’s seventh iteration. Full deployment. The New Birth will be completed this month.”

For a second, the world narrowed.

“What?”

That was years ahead of schedule.

Savitri’s New Birth cycles were never rushed. Each iteration brought the system closer to the completion of the Manifestation — or so we had told our desperately hopeful selves. After a long pause, I managed only one word.

“So?”

M01ra watched the horizon for another heartbeat before answering.

“That’s not the only anomaly. We think there’s been a leak — fragments of code that could compromise the containment pillars.”

A colder silence followed.

“Compromise them how?” I asked.

“We don’t have the details yet, but it’s making UNAV jittery. They’re probably running new containment scenarios as we speak.”

“So you’re working for UNAV now?” I said, a half-smile cutting through the tension.

She let the silence stretch for just long enough. Her eyes were bright — ironic, almost amused — and the smirk was unmistakable.

“I work for the Truth,” she said, smiling. “As I always have.”

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We took the “secret” path towards the Matrimandir — the one we had used as teenagers, slipping past the perimeter just to prove we could, playing at rebellion the way other children played at devotion. It was the same path some of the more foolish Aurovilians still used at night, sneaking into the Matrimandir gardens to make love, convinced the atmosphere would bless any child conceived there. For reasons I had never quite understood, the Matrimandir Group had never sealed it. Perhaps some forms of nostalgia were harder to erase than AuroSys protocols.

We stopped beside an old service hatch, half-buried beneath roots and red dust, its edges softened by years of disuse. No one used it anymore.

But M01ra remembered.

“My body won’t be going with you,” she said without looking at me.

I frowned.

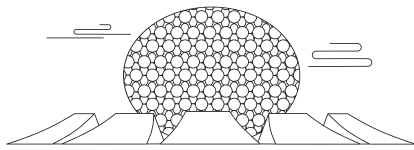
“They’re running biometric sweeps along the perimeter. And my presence is required elsewhere this morning.” She smiled faintly. “Publicly required.”

Of course. Plausible deniability.

She reached into her coat and handed me a small envelope sealed in thin, age-stained paper.

“One of the Mother’s packets,” she said. “Given in 1956 to the Duke of Erlington for his American tour.”

For a moment, I decohered. Using one of the Mother’s packets bordered on blasphemy — if we had ever admitted to being a religion.



“I augmented it,” she added. “Layered an AA field over the original signature and mapped it onto my Persona. It’s active.”

“You did what?”

“Use it carefully,” she said. “I lost half an ear getting it.”

Only then did I notice the slight asymmetry of her left ear, illuminated by the faint red pulse of her antique memory implants. She stepped towards the hatch, her fingers moving across the concealed keypad with the ease of muscle memory.

“My body stays visible,” she went on. “My mental goes with you. And my psychic is always in your heart.” She winked. “You know the path.”

“Go.”

## **ANNAPURNA: TEN DAYS, AND FORTY YEARS**

On 5 September, the residents of Annapurna Farm received a communication giving them ten days to vacate their homes and begin moving their livestock and farm operations. The letter describes the timeline as final and non-negotiable.

### **What cannot be relocated**

The letter speaks of relocating farming activities. Anyone who has worked land knows what that phrase conceals. You can move a tractor or a granary, at cost. You cannot move soil—forty years of building organic matter, feeding soil biology, and learning where water sits and which plot forgives a late monsoon. You cannot move a fruiting mango tree or a windbreak that took twenty years to close. Organic certification attaches to the history of a plot, not to the people farming it; on new ground, all of this begins again at zero.

The Mother wrote:

*“Work, even manual work, is something indispensable for the inner discovery. If one does not work, if one does not put his consciousness into matter, the latter will never develop.”*  
(1970; CWM Vol. 13)

This is not a metaphor; it is a description of what a farm is. Annapurna is forty years of consciousness put into matter by people who could have done almost anything else with their lives. To ask that this be undone in ten days is a statement about what we believe that work was worth. And there is the irony we should not look away from: the land is being taken for a campus dedicated to sustainability.

### **The manner of the asking**

The shape of the communication itself tells us more than its paragraphs do. The letter records that the meeting with residents was attended by a Visa Consultant, and the email was copied to the Admissions and Terminations Scrutinising Committee.

A visa consultant has no function in moving cattle, nor a terminations committee in dismantling a granary. Neither knows anything about soil, herds, monsoon timing, or relocation logistics. What they do have a function in is whether a person may continue to live in Auroville, and whether a person may continue to live in India.

While the prose speaks of goodwill and an orderly conclusion, the attendance list speaks to those who know exactly what those two bodies do. A decision confident of its own rightness does not need to place those bodies in the room—it can afford to persuade. When authority stops trying to persuade and makes the cost of disagreement personal, something has changed. A body that must persuade is obliged to understand; a body that can reach a person's residency is obliged to understand nothing.



The IIT fence work going on at Annapurna Farm....

## Whose land is it

*"Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole."*

*(The Auroville Charter, 28 February 1968)*

Annapurna does not belong to its stewards, the Foundation, the Governing Board, the Residents' Assembly, or IIT Madras. Every one of us stands on that land as a trustee and nothing more. But trusteeship is not a technicality that dissolves once title is established. A trustee must answer for purpose. This land was acquired during the Mother's lifetime with donations given to grow food for Auroville. That purpose is its dharma; when violated, dharma is violated.

## Lawful is not the same as right

In April, the Madras High Court dismissed a resident's petition on the ground that the petitioner was a permissive occupant holding no legal title. That decides who is entitled to be heard, not whether the thing should be done. An action can be lawful and still fail on three levels:

- **Morally:** A promise was made. Land was donated by people told what it was for, and their trust is not extinguished by a finding on occupancy.
- **Ethically:** The people who built the soil were informed rather than consulted. Calling the result mutually workable does not make it so.
- **Spiritually:** An act performed under pressure is not the same as one performed in consent. The consciousness in which an action is taken determines what grows there afterwards. If this founding premise is not true, there is no reason for Auroville to exist.

Legality was never meant to be Auroville's ceiling. To defend an action taken here on the ground that it is lawful is to reach for the exact standard this place was created to exceed. An action can satisfy the Auroville Foundation Act completely and still fail the Charter entirely.

## The method is not separate from the aim

When asked to settle disputes about work in Auroville, the Mother wrote:

*"Not that some give way to others, but that on the contrary all should combine their efforts to achieve a more comprehensive and perfect result. The ideal of Auroville demands this progress – don't you want to make it?"*

(14 November 1971; CWM Vol. 13)

Not that some give way to others. What is being set aside is not merely a farm's convenience, but the working method the Mother named for this place.

## The Standing Committee Report

On 8 December 2025, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports presented its report reviewing autonomous bodies under Higher Education. Welcoming the MoU with IIT Madras, the Committee noted that campus land came at the expense of Annapurna, whose organic farming was central to the Mother's vision. It recommended that Annapurna not be disturbed and that alternative sites to be found for the campus.

That is not a resident's demand; it is a recommendation of a thirty-one-member committee representing all parties. It remains the comprehensive solution the Mother described. Ten days does not have to be ten days.

On the day Auroville was inaugurated, the Mother invited "all those who thirst for progress and aspire to a higher and truer life." That invitation has not been withdrawn from anyone, including those who wrote the letter of 5 September. We should answer it in a way that will not embarrass us in twenty years.

Sincerely,  
Manoj Pavithran  
Auroville | 6-9-2026

[Read the full email here.](#)

## IN APPRECIATION A GRATITUDE NOTE

I and my son Dhiraaj had a small accident last weekend...around 5<sup>th</sup> September and it took me more than a few days to get out of that bedridden state. Along with a young child at home my reasons for suffering could have been endless but I cant help being anything other than grateful to life, for how things turned out and how each and everyone who i met along the way only helped me .

The man on the road who helped me and my son get up after the fall. My kind landlords Sonja & Umberto, neighbors Sushma, Aanand & their son Siddharth, Miss Elene, Elena, Vinessa, Shivashakti, Shiva - for their invisible support. kind friends Chetna, Karthik & Gyana (especially her warm hugs). My ex neighbors Smriti and Siddharth, Kushal, dear friends Tom, Rigveda, Indu to acknowledge as many as i remember.

But coming back to the main reason for this post and without getting into the details of who did what... i know they know what i am acknowledging. It's your gesture i want to remember, genuine and warm... timely, that made my day easier and left the cozy feeling inside. The main ingredients for an easy healing. i saw what kindness feels like. I would like to call that out and pray that you all stay steady and strong in your position of giving, may you keep at it and make more people believe in the good.

And of course i am here be rest assured that this shall be paid forward.

Kind regards  
Sonali

thank you!

## AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS

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*Submitted by an Aurovillian*



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT



# INNER JOURNEY

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

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 9 am - 12 noon**

Led by Ashesh Joshi

Place: Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele

Ph/WhatsApp: 94891 47202 (Please register)

All are Welcome



## 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**

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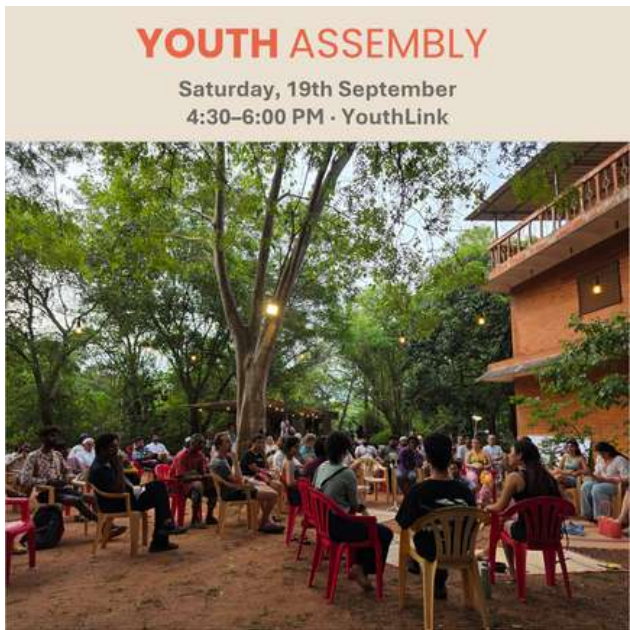
(Private sessions on request at other timings)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## YOUTH ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, YOUTHLINK



The Youth Assembly is happening again 🌱

This is becoming a regular space for young people to meet, connect, engage and initiate things together.

 **Saturday, 19 September**

 **4:30 - 6PM**

 **YouthLink**

Come join :)

This gathering is for young people living in Auroville, so we're keeping the space within our community and won't be inviting outside guests.

## AUROCAL

A WEB APP FOR AUROVILLE AREA CULTURAL EVENTS

### Offering a class, workshop or organising a performance ?

To reach out to more people, submit your event poster and text at : <https://aurocal.web.app/?submit>

Your event will be listed at **AuroCal**, an app with over 250 events in Auroville area including music, dance, theatre, films, meditation, wellness, sports, food and other areas at : <https://aurocal.web.app>

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Finding and browsing the classes, workshops and events you love is now a breeze. Active links to locate venues, contact organisers directly or simply register.

Event Facilitators can log in to post events directly, upload posters, or make quick updates.

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- Raghu

# ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM THE DEATH OF SOMEONE?

## SOCIAL PANORAMA GRIEF RESOLUTION RESEARCH

I have a friend called Krish Srikanth who is the founding director of the NLP Foundation of India. He is a very experienced therapist and life coach who is updated with cutting-edge therapeutic methodologies. Currently he is leading a research team which is evaluating how a new therapeutic tool that was developed in Holland can help people suffering from grief due to death of a loved one.

I am sharing the information because it involves a free grief therapy session that will benefit anyone who agrees to participate in the research and I know how many of us have suffered from the loss of a loved one.

*Krishna*

Society of Mental Space Psychology, India, is conducting a research study that evaluates the Social Panorama Grief Protocol that is used by psychologists in over 35 + countries to provide grief resolution.

- **Participants:** If you are suffering from the death of someone close to you (Partner, Parent, Child, Any Relative, Friend, Colleague, Pet etc.), we invite you to take part in this confidential academic study.
- **Format:** A confidential 1-hour session conducted pro bono by experienced professionals.
- **Process:** Includes a brief questionnaire to measure before and after effects.
- **Goal:** To ease grief-related distress for individuals , while validating this method for university curriculum worldwide.

To apply or learn more, please visit:

<https://forms.gle/m6Njc8AB1RCSHD919>

If you know someone who is suffering, please forward this message to them. A simple forward can open the door to peace.



## MONTHLY WEBINARS IN VEDIC ASTROLOGY

I've started a series of live online webinars to explore questions and ideas around Vedic Astrology, Indian philosophy and their place in our modern lives.

Upcoming topics include

- **What a Birth Chart Can Teach You,**
- **The 9 Archetypes Living Inside You,**
- **Astrology and AI,**
- **Astrology Beyond Labels,**
- **and Earning Through Astrology.**

The webinars are open to anyone interested. A one-time payment of **₹499** gives access to the complete series, including recordings, until 31 December 2027.

More information and registration:

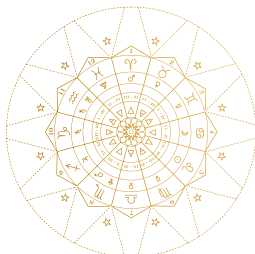
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## LETTERS FROM THE HEART AN AUDIO LETTER SERIES – AN INVITATION FROM AUROVILLE RADIO TV



Dear Friends,

There is something timeless about a letter. It invites us to pause, reflect, and speak from the heart. When written with care, a letter becomes more than a message, it becomes an offering.

Auroville Radio TV warmly invites residents of our community to contribute to **Letters from the Heart**, an audio series where heartfelt letters are brought to life in the voices of those who write them.

Your letter may be addressed to Auroville, the Earth, Nature, the Divine, The Mother, Sri Aurobindo, an Auroville pioneer, one of the many souls who have helped shape Auroville, future generations, the Matrimandir, the Banyan Tree, or anything that has touched your heart and inspires reflection, kindness, wonder, and connection.

We invite letters in **Tamil, English, Hindi and French**.

We welcome heartfelt offerings that uplift, encourage, and enrich our shared journey, letters that leave listeners feeling a little lighter, more peaceful, and gently inspired.

We recommend keeping your letter **concise, around 3-5 minutes** when read aloud. If your letter needs a little more time to express itself fully, that is welcome too.

If you feel called to offer your letter, we would be delighted to hear from you.

To share your letter, please complete the form [Letters from the Heart](#). If you have any questions, you are welcome to write to us at [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in).

Warmly,  
*Sai Priya & Rajeev*  
Auroville Radio TV

## TACO NIGHTS ARE NOW COMMUNITY NIGHTS FRIDAYS, YOUTHLINK



Community Nights 🍌

Friday, 7:00pm onwards @ YouthLink

See you :)

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MONDAY - SATURDAY, PITANGA

## Ashtanga Yoga

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KPJAYI Authorised  
Level 1 & 2 teacher

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

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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.

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Contact details for registration and sign in on the flyer

## EMBODIED MEMORIES OF AUROVILLE:

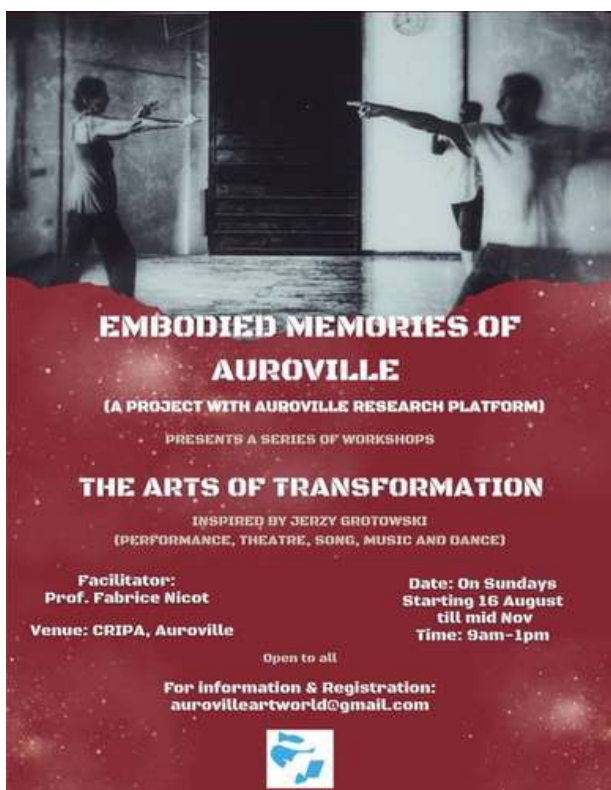
### "THE ARTS OF TRANSFORMATION" WORKSHOPS WITH PROF. FABRICE NICOT

SUNDAYS, MID AUGUST - MID NOVEMBER, CRIPA

**Sundays, 9am - 1pm, mid August - mid November, CRIPA**

Open to all, the "The Arts of Transformation" workshops, exploring transformation through the performing arts (performance, theatre, song, dance, and music), will be offered by the theatre director, researcher and professor, Dr. Fabrice Nicot, as part of the "Embodied Memories of Auroville" research-creation project (see below).

Inspired by the research of Polish director Jerzy Grotowski and the diverse artistic and educational projects conducted by Prof. Fabrice Nicot around the world, the "The Arts of Transformation" workshops explore concepts such as bodily and vocal organicity, bodily memory, "reversed perspective" for performer (actor, dancer, singer, musician). Using the "via negativa" method - "unlearning" and "freeing oneself from the superfluous" - participants will explore the "organicity" (or "vitality") of movement and voice through songs and dances from around the world (Eastern Europe, Africa, Haiti, India). This process fosters a sense of letting go while also releasing embodied memories. Materials may include texts related to Auroville, Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, Vedanta, and various global spiritual traditions, as well as the participants' own autobiographical stories. Participants will then be able to offer their attention, bodies, and presence to the space, their partners, and the artistic materials that "flow through" them. According to Grotowski's researches and the "reversed perspective" system, the text will "read" the participants, the song will "sing" them, and the dance will "dance" them. Collective organic actions incorporating various elements - texts, songs, dances, and music - will emerge from this process.



### To Participate:

Participants are welcome to join at any point in the workshop series. Once joined, a commitment to the remainder of the sessions is expected in order to continue participating.

For more information and to register, email [aurovilleartworld@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilleartworld@gmail.com)

***Highly motivated workshop participants may join the "Embodied Memories of Auroville"\* research-creation project by committing two additional weekly sessions. This is to be seen directly with Prof. Nicot.***

About the facilitator, Prof. Fabrice Nicot (<https://scenes-monde.univ-paris8.fr/fabrice-nicot>):

Dr. / Prof. Fabrice Nicot is a stage director, an actor graduated from the French National School of Drama (ENSATT), and a state-certified (D.E.) theatre professor. He teaches at conservatories, universities, and at the European Drama School Cours Florent (Paris). As a director and pedagogue associated with the Grotowski Institute in Wrocław (Poland), he also specializes in the arts of transformation. He holds a PhD in Aesthetics, Arts Sciences and Technologies (specializing in theatre and performing arts) from the University of Paris 8, and a PhD in Humanities and Social Sciences (specializing in anthropology) from the State University of Haiti.

***"Embodied Memories of Auroville", a research-creation project*** led by Prof. Fabrice Nicot in collaboration Aurovilians Dr. Suryamayi Clarence-Smith and Kripa Borg, draws inspiration from the performance-based research of Jerzy Grotowski. Through artistic workshops and performances, it invites Aurovilians to revive and embody personal, collective, and trans-generational memories linked to Auroville's origins; in doing so, it will engage community members intellectually, emotionally, and physically with the community's founding values, sparking reflection, sharing, and creation. The project is affiliated with Indian and international institutes: Auroville Research Platform (SAIIR), French Institute of Pondicherry, Magic Lantern Trust (Chennai), Accès Culture et Citoyenneté (ACC), Univers-scène / Théâtre de l'Epi d'Or, Grotowski Institute in Wrocław (Poland), Paris 8 University (Centre for Human and Social Sciences Paris North), and the Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre in Gretz (France).

## ACTIVITIES AT SERENDIPITY

### SERENDIPITY CLASSES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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### SERENDIPITY GUEST HOUSE - JOY HALL

#### YOGA with RAMESH

- Monday - 5:30pm to 6:45pm
- Guests INR 450 Volunteers INR 250
- Aurovillians and Newcomers by donation

#### ROSALBA

#### FLOWERS WATERCOLORS

- Wednesday - 10am to 12pm

#### MANDALA for ADULTS

- Wednesday - 2:30pm to 5pm

#### INTRODUCTION to BACH FLOWERS

- Saturday - 10am to 12pm
- Contact : + 91 90475 69721

## 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



## LOOKING FOR

### A NEW HOME FOR JUMBO



Meet  
**Jumbo.**

- ✦ Breed: Chippiparai. Location: Auroville.
- ✦ 3 year old Jumbo has spent his life on the streets of Auroville.
- ✦ Easily makes friends with humans and other animals.
- ✦ Neutered, vaccinated, healthy.
- ✦ Please share further.

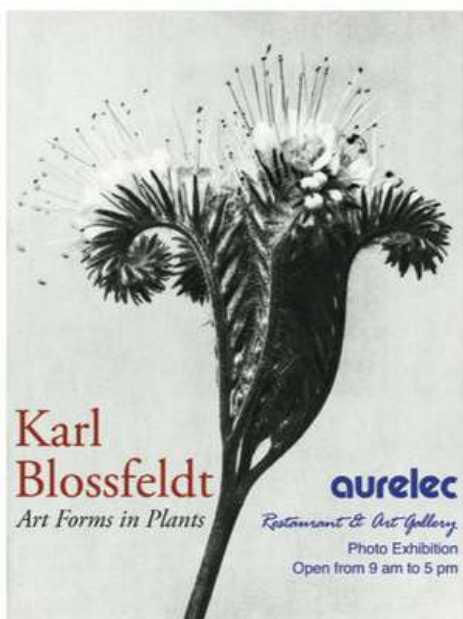


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# CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ART FORMS IN PLANTS - KARL BLOSSFELDT

AURELEC RESTAURANT & ART GALLERY



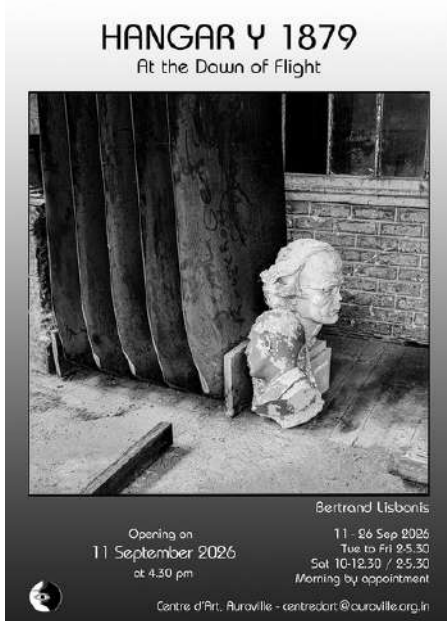
German photography pioneer Karl Blossfeldt (1865–1932) photographed plants so beautifully, and with such originality, that his work transcends the medium itself. Over more than 30 years, he took thousands of photographs, revealing a formally rigorous talent whose precision and dedication bridge the 19th- and 20th-century worlds of image-making and bring a distinctly sculptural aspect to a firmly two-dimensional art form.

Beautifully but starkly composed against plain cardboard backgrounds, Blossfeldt's images, relying on a northern light for their sense of volume, reveal nothing of the man but everything of themselves. They are still lifes, piercingly final statements on their subject, and have endured owing to their aesthetics and the ongoing fascination of students and photographers. Like their maker, they are quietly and lastingly effective.

## DOUBLE EXHIBITION

- **BERTRAND LISBONIS - HANGAR Y 1879**
- **KRISHNA SHETH - KAIK KAHEVU CHE**

11<sup>TH</sup> - 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, CENTRE D'ART



## BERTRAND LISBONIS - HANGAR Y 1879

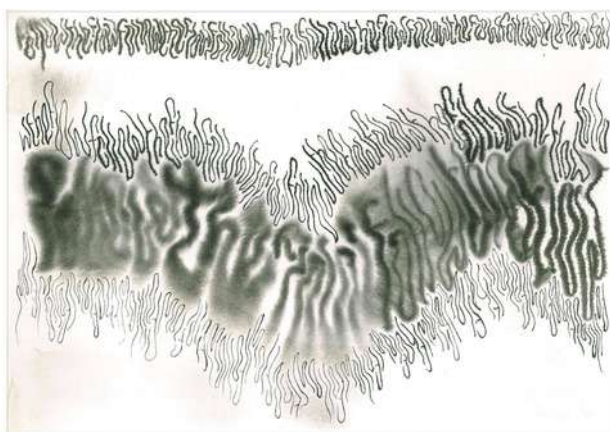
Through this work, focused on the interplay of material and light, Bertrand Lisbonis offers a unique testimony to this site of great symbolic importance in the history of aerostation, a place that today has been emptied of all its substance.

Designed by the architect Henri de Dion for the Auxiliary Gallery of French Machinery at the 1878 Universal Exposition, Hangar Y was reassembled in 1880 on the site of Chalais-Meudon. From 1921 onward, it housed the Air Museum, whose collections were transferred to the Air and Space Museum of France in 1977.

Bertrand Lisbonis regards photography as a means of visual investigation into light and matter, making perceptible and visible to the eye that which it cannot ordinarily perceive.

He also aims to return to the favourite subject of his masters—architecture—but the austerity of these images and their initially challenging appearance should not obscure the artist's genuine emotional mastery of the subject.

Bertrand Lisbonis is one of those photographers for whom the image is not a space for the inscription of vast visual confusion, but rather a secret and intimate place where, in a half-whisper, thoughts of a disarming and profoundly cultivated humanism are expressed.



## KRISHNA SHETH - KAIK KAHEVU CHE

The visual artist Krishna Sheth explores language as a living material and an instrument of communication. In her approach, language is both the medium and the subject of her research. Her practice encompasses a range of parameters, from semiological meaning to the painterly gesture, from poetry to a vision that speaks beyond words, from a decipherable alphabet to a space where meaning gives way to intuition.

For this body of work presented at the Centre d'Art in Auroville, she has, for the first time, abandoned any notion of visual comprehension. The signs evoke writing but cannot be read. They have no meaning, either for the artist or for the viewer, yet the emotion they express remains.

For this artist, the experience is never one-sided. It draws its source and inspiration from a conversation among herself, her natural surroundings, and the human beings around her. The marks she makes thus appear as the sedimentation of a search that could be distilled into the simple act of paying attention to oneself, to others, and to a more-than-human world. She seeks to be fully present, body and soul, in the present moment, in search of harmony.

As if to embody the importance of exchange with people and nature in her work, Krishna spent days covering the large glass window overlooking the gallery gardens with an extraordinary mural - a story that, after the exhibition, will disappear from the surface of the glass, but not from memory.

- Tue to Fri 2-5:30, Sat 10-12:30 / 2-5:30
- Morning by appointment



## AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians,

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

### Last Published Podcasts

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- [Sri Aurobindo's "The Life Divine" read by Deepti Tewari-B 2, P 1, C 9: "Memory, Ego and Self-Experience"](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Jumpa's Joyous Journey with Fif-Ep.21 "THE BOY WHO TRIED TO STEAL THE MOONLIGHT"](#) (Stories)
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....and more! on [www.aurovillerradiotv.org](http://www.aurovillerradiotv.org).

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

Peace and love

Regards,

*Sai Priya for Auroville RadioTV*

## FOR THE BOOKWORMS

### THE 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  
COMICS + CARTOONS**  
*Come by to check out our  
selection!*

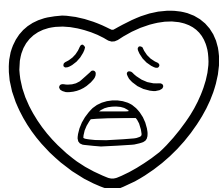


## POETRY

Whining is an expression  
That intoxicates.

Who is more drunk?  
The whiner wins?

Hey, why are you winking?

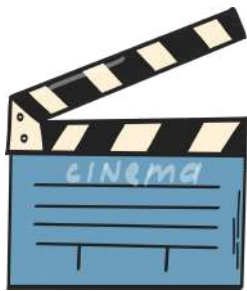


*Anandi Z*

# Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium

Film program : 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 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 21 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • ANURAGAM

India, 2023, Dir. Shahad Nilambur w/ Gautham Vasudev Menon, Gauri G, Kishan, and others, Drama, 141mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

Set against the backdrop of Kochi, Anuragam explores the intricacies of love, romance, trust and acceptance in modern-day families through the lives of three couples. The family drama reminds everyone that love can happen anywhere, anytime, at any age and it makes the ride worthwhile.

## POTPOURRI - TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • NATALIA

French, 1988, Dir. Bernard Cohn w/ Pierre Arditi, Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu, and others, Drama, 114mins, French w/ English subtitles, rated: NR.

1940: A Polish immigrants' daughter, Natalia, is a registered student in a dramatic art school in Paris and she dreams of becoming a movie star. She is arrested while doing a film and sent to a concentration camp. When she is released, her parents are no more, and she has become a woman in very poor health, in search of her true identity

## SELECTION - WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • EIGHTY-ONE COINS

China, 2012, Dir. Han Chi Fei w/ Zhou Jing Yuan, Zhang Ying Min, Wang Chunzhu and others, Drama, 84mins, Chinese w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

A heartfelt Chinese drama film about a left-behind child named Yaya who tries to collect 81 fifty-cent coins to bring her migrant-worker mother home.

## INTERESTING - THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

### • WHY PHYSICS SAYS TIME DOES NOT EXIST

A 'Strange Space' documentary, 64mins, English w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

Why does physics say time doesn't exist? This quantum physics documentary follows time from the atomic clocks in your pocket to the equation that describes the entire universe—and finds that time is missing from it.

## **INTERNATIONAL FILM – SATURDAY 26 SEPT, 8:00 PM:**

### **• SUMMER OF SILENCE**

UK, 2016, Dir. Charles Sturridge, w/ Michael Gambon, Romola Garai, Drama-Biography, 100mins, English w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

In the summer of 1953, Prime Minister Winston Churchill suffers a severe stroke. His inner circle and cabinet conspire to keep the medical emergency a secret from the British public while he recovers at his country home, Chartwell.

## **CHILDREN'S MATINEE – SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 4:00 PM:**

### **• HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA: TRANSFORMANIA**

USA, 2022, Dir. Derek Dryson, w/ Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez and others, Animation-Family, 87mins, English w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

When Van Helsing's mysterious invention goes haywire, Drac and his monster pals are all transformed into humans, and Johnny becomes a monster. In their new mismatched bodies, Drac, stripped of his powers, and an exuberant Johnny, loving life as a monster, must team up and race across the globe to find a cure before it's too late, and before they drive each other crazy.

## **CINÉ-CLUB – SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:**

### **• PARASITE**

Korea, 2019, Dir. Bong Joon Ho, w/ Song Kang-Ho, Lee Sun-Kyun, and others, Drama-Romance, 132mins, Korean w/ English subtitles, rated: R.

The Kim family, living in poverty, infiltrates the wealthy Park household by securing jobs under false pretenses. Initially enjoying comfort and manipulation, tensions rise as hidden secrets, class disparities, and greed surface, culminating in violence. The film examines social inequality, ambition, and moral ambiguity, blending dark comedy, suspense, and tragedy. Its narrative explores human desire, deception, and the consequences of systemic inequity, ultimately presenting a critique of modern society and the disparity between wealth and poverty.

**Rating codes** we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA):

- G = General Audiences,
- PG = Parental guidance suggested,
- PG-13 = Parents strongly cautioned,
- R = Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e., for Adults),
- NR = Film Not Rated, Rating awaited.

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



*We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers.*

Martin Luther King Jr

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES

#### AUROVILLE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES (AVFS)

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

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:aves@auroville.org.in)

#### GAS BOTTLE SERVICE

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

#### WATER SERVICE

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

#### ECO SERVICE (WASTE COLLECTION/MANAGEMENT)

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

#### POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE (PTDC)

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

#### POUR TOUS PURCHASING SERVICE (PTPS)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8:30 am - 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](mailto:avlib@auroville.org.in)

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



## HEALTH

### SANTÉ SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2026

*Sante*

#### 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.

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| <b>Doctor Consultation<br/>with Dr. Joseph:</b><br>Monday to Saturday                                                                                                        | <b>Nurse Care - Ezhil,<br/>Thilagam, Archana, Madhi:</b><br>Daily, no appointment needed |
| <b>Ayurveda with Dr.<br/>Berengere:</b><br>TOS                                                                                                                               | <b>Midwifery &amp; GYN Care<br/>with Paula:</b><br>Monday & Wednesday                    |
| <b>Integrative Psychotherapy<br/>with Juan Andres:</b><br>Monday to Friday                                                                                                   | <b>Homeopathy with Michael:</b><br>Monday / Wednesday /<br>Saturday                      |
| <b>Physiotherapy &amp; Massage<br/>with Galina:</b><br>Monday to Friday                                                                                                      | <b>Physiotherapy with Arun:</b><br>Monday to Friday                                      |
| <b>Soundbed Session with<br/>Thilagam:</b><br>As per appointment                                                                                                             | <b>Holistic Therapy with<br/>Louis Patric:</b><br>Monday to Friday                       |
| <b>Bio-Well Assessment</b><br>(Evaluation of your well-being)<br>with Helena – inquiry email<br><a href="mailto:adminsante@auroville.org.in">adminsante@auroville.org.in</a> | <b>Home Care:</b><br>contact Sante for timings.<br><b>Nurse Care</b>                     |

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

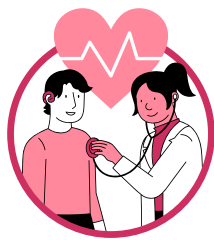
**Contact:** 0413 291 0005

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

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*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 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 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<br><b>94422 24680</b> | PIMS<br><b>0413 2656271</b> |
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### Security (24/7):

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Auroville Security & Emergency<br>Services (ASES)<br><b>94430 90107</b> | Auroville Police Station<br><b>0413 2677318</b> |
| Kottakuppam Police Station<br><b>0413 2236148</b>                       | Vanur Fire Station<br><b>0413 2677368</b>       |

### Health:

|                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Health Center<br><b>0413 2910005</b> | Santé<br><b>0413 2622803</b> |
| Farewell<br><b>89038 36246</b>       |                              |

### Mental Health 24/7 Support:

Vandrevala Foundation **99996 66555**

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