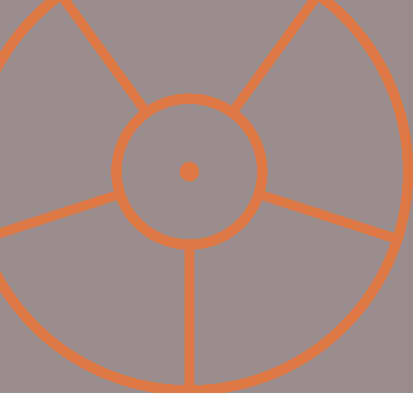




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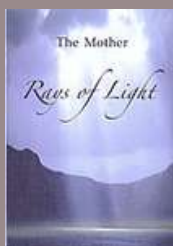
It is absurd to ask for help and yet to have no trust; on the contrary with confidence everything becomes so easy.

With trust in the Divine's Grace all obstacles can be surmounted.

The Mother, 20 April 1954, Trust in the Divine Grace and Help, Words of the Mother II



RAYS OF LIGHT



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WEAKNESSES OF HUMAN NATURE

GREED

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When you have a desire you are governed by the thing you desire, it takes possession of your mind and your life, and you become a slave. If you have greed for food you are no more the master of food, it is the food that masters you.

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A sadhak must eat to satisfy the needs of his body and not to meet the demands of his greed.

4 April 1937

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It is an inner attitude of freedom from attachment and from greed for food and desire of the palate that is needed, not undue diminution of the quantity taken or any self-starvation. One must take sufficient food for the maintenance of the body and its strength and health,

Broadening of the Being

All the parts of the being broaden in order to progress. - *The Mother*

Sinningia speciosa (Lodd.) Hiern., Gesneriaceae.
Florists' gloxinia, Gloxinia, Brazilian gloxinia,
Violet slipper gloxinia



but without attachment or desire.

27 April 1937

CONQUEST OF DESIRES

Yielding to desires is not the way of getting rid of them. There is no end to desires - each one which is satisfied is at once replaced by another one and they go on clamouring more and more.

It is only by conquering the desires that you can get rid of them, by coming out of this consciousness of the lower nature and rising to a higher consciousness.

29 April 1930

★

To accept the uglinesses of the lower nature under the pretext that they exist if this is what is meant by realism - does not form part of the sadhana. Our aim is not to accept these things and enjoy them, but to get rid of them and create a life of spiritual beauty and perfection. That cannot be done as long as we accept these uglinesses.

To be aware that they are there and to reject them, not to let them touch us is one thing; to accept them and submit to them is quite another.

Refuse to do anything whatsoever which leads you away from the Divine.

18 October 1934

★

A desire which knows that it will never be satisfied at once vanishes.

★

To conquer a desire brings more joy than to satisfy it.

★

Self-mastery is the greatest conquest, it is the basis of all enduring happiness.

★

First learn to know yourself perfectly and then to control yourself perfectly. You will be able to do it by aspiring at every moment. It is never too early to begin, never too late to continue.

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

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

GB groups:

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



NOTE FROM THE EDITORS



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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)

EMAIL SENT TO MADAM SECRETARY FROM THE FAMC OF THE RA REGARDING INTERLOPERS

Dear fellow Aurovilians,

Please find below the [email](#) we have sent to the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation.

Thank you,

Auradha, Jonah, Krishna, Ranjithkumar

FAMC of the RA

A section 19 committee of the RA

**Kind attn: Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Secretary, Auroville Foundation -
land issues - reg.**

Dear Madam Secretary,

It has come to our attention that the following survey numbers that were held solely in the name of Auroville Foundation now have joint patta holders:

Survey No. BO 53/1 (added in July 2024)

Survey No. BO 372/2 (added in October 2024)

Survey No. BO 108/4 (added in July 2026)

As you are aware, these lands were vested in and acquired by the Auroville Foundation through sale deeds dated 1969, 1974 and 2000. The Foundation has been in continuous, peaceful and undisturbed possession of this land since purchase. In the light of the same, it comes as a shock to us that in 2024 and 2026 orders were passed by which third parties have become joint patta holders on this land.

We trust that when issues are raised concerning the title of Auroville land by third parties, the Foundation in whose care the land is vested under sections 4 and 5 of the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 will take adequate measures to ensure protection of the same.

Please inform the community immediately about the actions taken by your office to challenge the inclusion of joint patta holders into these pattas.

Please also inform us whether any suit or criminal action has been filed against these third party interlopers, as would be prudent to do in this situation.

In case no action has been taken on your part for any one or the other of these cases, please do the needful to challenge the inclusion of these joint patta holders at the earliest.

We, as representatives of the Residents Assembly, a statutory body under the Act, request you to do the same within two weeks of receipt of this communication.

As Estate Officer, your good self has been officially entrusted with the care of the land, we request you to kindly uphold that trust vested in you.

Furthermore we find no information in the Governing Board minutes regarding the third party interlopers who were added to the pattas. Please share the communication your office had made in this regard to the then Governing Board.

We bring to your attention the resolution number RAD/04/2024/AVC dated 17 July 2024 resolving an immediate halt to land exchanges. Consequently we inform you that land may not be exchanged with these joint patta holders in the name of recovering the land which they claim.

Madam, we are very concerned about the encroachment and baseless third party claims. We want to work with the Auroville Foundation Office and the Governing Board to ensure that all lands of Auroville are secured. We hereby extend our cooperation to ensure the same. Please reach out to us for any assistance that may be required for the same.

Sincerely,

Auradha, Jonah, Krishna, Ranjithkumar

FAMC of the RA

A committee of the RA under section 19 of the Auroville Foundation Act

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Land Board of the RA

A committee of the RA under section 19 of the Auroville Foundation Act

EMAIL SENT TO MADAM SECRETARY FROM THE FAMC OF THE RA REGARDING ANNAPURNA FARM

Dear fellow Aurovilians,

Please find below the [email](#) we have sent to the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation.

Thank you,

Auradha, Jonah, Krishna, Ranjithkumar

FAMC of the RA

A section 19 committee of the RA

Sub: Proposed relocation of residents, livestock and moveable assets - email dated 05.09.2026 - reg.

Dear Madam Secretary

It has come to our attention that the Auroville Foundation Office has sent an email dated September 5th 2026, Saturday, to Annapurna Farm, requiring that residents, livestock and movable items be relocated within a 10-day period to various unspecified locations allegedly allocated to them. The letter ends with a statement that if the requirements are not met, the Auroville Foundation will proceed with vacation of the residential assets.

Although the letter is ostensibly from the Officer on Special Duty it is not signed by the same and is not sent from the email address of the Officer on Special Duty. Only the Governing Board has the authority to supervise, manage or have oversight of the assets of Auroville, keeping in mind that the functioning of the Residents Assembly may not be disturbed.

We are at a loss for words to comment on the gross inhumanity and thoughtless bureaucracy displayed by the Auroville Foundation Office in the above mentioned email. In the light of it, we can only request you to kindly refrain from initiating such communications to Aurovilians.

This land was bought by the Mother for the purpose of growing organic food for Auroville. The land and assets were subsequently vested in the Auroville Foundation through the Act of 1988.

Hence, Annapurna land was purchased, and its assets were built up through donations raised by SAS, Aurovilians, devotees and friends.

To change its purpose without consulting the very Aurovilians (the

Residents Assembly) for whose well-being the Mother established Annapurna Farm and, indeed, to change its purpose from what the Mother wished, is a grave breach of trust.

Furthermore, leasing the land which has an estimated market value of not less than 5 crores an acre, for 1/- with a lease deed that requires Auroville Foundation to pay for whatever the IIT-M builds up or to continue to lease the land to them after the lease term is over is a gross mismanagement of 100 acres of our prime land. This mismanagement causes Auroville Foundation a loss of approximately 500 crores and the value will only increase over the years. The land will be irrevocably lost. The financial mismanagement is huge and inexplicable.

In light of the above, we advise that your good office withdraws the letter to Annapurna Farm and annuls the lease deed with IIT-M.

Kind Regards

Auradha, Jonah, Krishna, Ranjithkumar
FAMC of the RA



FROM THE AUROVILLE COUNCIL

PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY: CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR DIALOGUE

Human unity requires more than the absence of open conflict. It also requires an environment in which people feel sufficiently safe to speak honestly, express disagreement, ask questions and participate without fearing that doing so may have consequences for them. Psychological safety does not mean that everyone agrees. It means that disagreement does not make someone the next target.

When honesty is met with intimidation, exclusion, retaliation or the threat of losing one's place in the community, people naturally begin to protect themselves. Some withdraw from participation. Others remain silent even when they have something important to contribute. In such an atmosphere, apparent agreement may grow, while trust and genuine dialogue quietly disappear.

This is why the atmosphere in which decisions are made matters as much as the decisions themselves. In October 2022, the RA-WCom had already identified several conditions necessary for an atmosphere conducive to development: recognising and respecting the Residents' Assembly and its committees; stopping the culture of intimidation and coercion; restoring community platforms for information sharing and communication; including Auroville's expertise and community in planning processes; and securing Auroville's lands, assets and resources.

These are not competing demands. They are interconnected conditions for rebuilding trust and enabling people to participate meaningfully in Auroville's future. Respect for the community's structures creates space for participation; open communication allows information and concerns to be shared; inclusion brings the knowledge of those who live and work here into the process; and security of our common resources provides a stable foundation for development.

Creating psychological safety does not require everyone to think alike. It requires creating enough trust that people can think differently, speak openly and still remain part of the same collective endeavour.

If Auroville is to move forward together, perhaps the first step is to make it safe for everyone to speak, listen and participate, and to rebuild, together, the conditions in which this becomes possible.

RA-FAMC MEMBER RESIGNATION

Dear Community,

This is to inform you all that Palani, who was selected through the Residents' Assembly process in February 2026 to serve as a member of the RA-FAMC, has expressed his wish to resign from the position for personal reasons.

Further steps regarding the vacancy and the selection of a new member will be taken through Residents' Assembly processes.

Kind regards,

The Auroville Council

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

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@auroville.services. Do remember to use an email address other than auroville.org.in, as our domain has been blocked for several years.

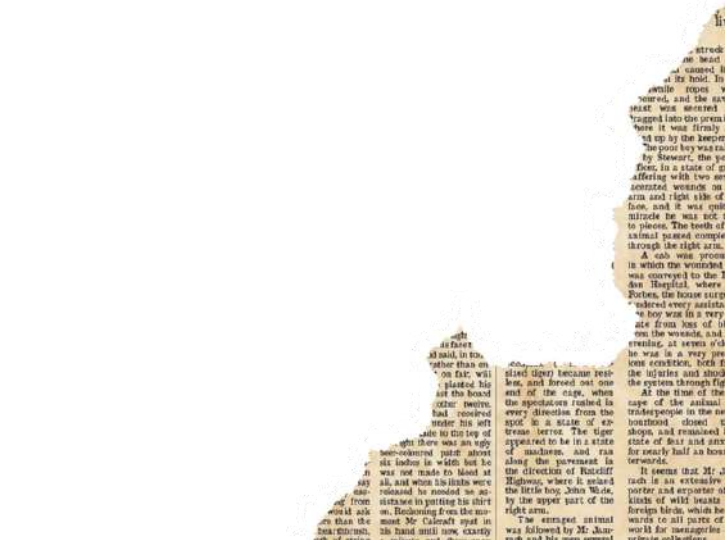
Additionally, we remain available to meet residents any Friday from 3:30 to 4:30pm, please write to us and we can confirm.

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



FO GROUPS NEWS

(not selected by due Residents' Assembly process)

FROM THE FO N&N 1149

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY SHARING

SUPPORT AUROVILLE FARMS! - GET HANDS ON!

Support Auroville Farms!

Willing hands and goodwill enough.

Farming is challenging and inspiring work - and there's no substitute for it. Every single day, we all eat.

Although most farm work needs trained hands, seasonal tasks and emergencies often call for an extra pair.

Nurture your connection to the food that feeds you, and support Auroville farms in times of need! Weed, plant, harvest, enter data - there's plenty to do.

Write to aurovillefarmgroup@gmail.com to get updates on when help is needed. If you can make it, great! If not, there will be a next time so don't worry.

**Work with your body,
work with life,
quieten your mind,
and let's get going.**



AUROVILLE FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 5TH SEPT, YOUTHLINK

AUROVILLE FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY, BEGINNING 5TH 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! 😊

AUROVILLE LIBRARY - WORKING HOURS REMINDER



A SUMMARY OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUROVILLE TODAY (SEPT 26)

IN BRIEF

- Annapurna farm given 10 days to 'relocate'
- Visa threats escalate
- RA FAMC: Call to share information about Zoho accounts
- AVFO 'FAMC' policies threaten farmers and Auroville grown food
- AVFO Officer under investigation
- Forest worker gratuity
- Statement by former IAC members
- Tamil Nadu Governor visit

Please find a glossary of acronyms and terms used in this bulletin [here](#).

ANNAPURNA FARM GIVEN 10 DAYS TO 'RELOCATE'

Since 101 (out of 135) acres of Annapurna farmland was leased to IIT-M by the AVFO, the Annapurna management team has tried to protect the farmland by working with the AVFO to save the farms operations, the herd of 23 certified organic dairy cattle and the 20 permanent workers. They have viewed, or are already familiar with, the five areas of Auroville Greenbelt lands identified by ATDC last August as potential lands to relocate to, which ranged from approximately 3.5 to 11 acres, however none come close to the 50 acres of contiguous land that the Annapurna team estimate would be the minimum amount of land required. They have submitted to the concerned AVFO groups two reports, both in September 2025, regarding what would be minimally necessary for the farm operations to be relocated, however they received no written responses. In June 2026, IIT-M began fencing off the 101 acres of leased Annapurna Farm land.



On 5 September, the Annapurna team received [an email](#) from an unnamed AVFO Officer on Special Duty informing them that they must begin immediate transitional arrangements, giving a timeline of just 10 days to 'relocate'. In this short time, they are expected to shift all the residents to assets located in several different communities in the Residential Zone, without any confirmation of the current availability - and the herd of cows "to the alternative farm areas within the Green Belt already identified/shown by the Farm Service" (i.e the herd is to be separated and absorbed by twos and threes into existing Auroville dairy farms). Such a huge move for a herd of livestock would require very careful planning and execution in order to avoid extreme suffering by the animals, however no such plans are in place, and the AVFO and its appointed groups have not even contacted the other farms who can supposedly suddenly absorb this number of dairy cows including all the costs, the maintenance, and the daily care, and additionally handle the increase in work for milking, processing milk, etc.

No budget has been planned, agreed, nor allocated for any of the costs of relocation, either for the residents or the livestock. Whenever costs have been mentioned by the Annapurna Farm team, they received responses such as 'the money will be there when it's needed' or 'we'll fundraise'.

The Annapurna team sent out [a newsletter](#) about the situation they are facing, in which they state that they "are looking into how best to respond to this latest demand". Manoj, an Aurovilian who had earlier collaborated with the AVFO, wrote on 6 September [an Auronet post](#) denouncing the situation in Annapurna.

On 10 September a [welcome intervention](#) came from the new Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth & Sports, Shri Mukul Wasnik. He wrote to the Ministry of Education to highlight his "serious concern regarding the recent communication issued by the Auroville Foundation Office directing residents of Annapurna Farms to vacate the premises within 10 days", given that the recommendation of the Committee had been that "Annapurna Farm should not be disturbed" (for reference please see [the report](#) issued by the Parliamentary Committee in December 2025).

VISA THREATS ESCALATE

The situation for Auroville residents who rely on a visa to remain in Auroville is becoming increasingly difficult, as the groups appointed by the Secretary and the former GB are now acting as the gatekeepers of people's visas. It is now standard practice for everyone to be invited to a meeting with the members of the AVFO 'Admissions and Terminations Scrutinising Committee' ('ATSC', headed by Antim and Muriel) once their visa is in process, and it is only on their say that a person's Letter of Recommendation (LoR) is given to the Secretary to sign. Additionally, many Aurovilians have

reported that Antim is now also the final decision maker regarding the allocation of housing assets, meaning that he now holds a great deal of power in many of the vital aspects of the lives of Aurovilians. As the Secretary is rarely in Auroville due to her full-time job in Gujarat, there is a large backlog of people who are waiting for an LoR on an expired visa, either stuck inside or outside of India.

Some Aurovilians, especially former RA working group members or residents who have expressed themselves publicly, are called to meetings with a larger group of AVFO allies - typically Antim, Muriel, Kaliananda, Lieve and Lakshay. They then face an interrogation, which some Aurovilians have qualified as a "[kangaroo court](#)".

A number of people whose visas have expired for up to two years were recently visited by officers from the RRO, who took some basic details and confirmed that the only pending issue was the lack of a signature by the Secretary on their LoR. This group of people have essentially been refused a visa due to the Secretary's inaction. In a [recent post](#) in the AVFO 'News and Notes', Sindhuja of the AVFO claimed that those facing visa problems were 'obstructing public works' and 'standing in front of a JCB', however the vast majority of the people in this group have never taken any action to physically block development works.

In recent weeks, actions have also been taken against Aurovilians holding a business visa, who are now being refused the legally required C-Form to register at the address in which they live in Auroville. A small but increasing number of Aurovilians are coming to India on business visas due to the difficulties in obtaining LoRs from the Secretary. In a [massbulletin](#) dated 21 August, the AVFO stated that "Tourist Visas, Business Visas and other categories of visas are not permitted for persons residing in Auroville housing assets under the status of Aurovillian, Newcomer or Volunteer".

RA-FAMC: CALL TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT ZOH0 ACCOUNTS

In 2024, the AVFO and its 'FAMC' mandatorily implemented the Zoho accounting system across all Auroville units. [Margarita of the AVFO 'FAMC'](#) was strongly involved in implementing this partnership. Via a [Right to Information \(RTI\) request](#), the RA-FAMC discovered that the one crore grant given by the Government of India to cover the costs of the Zoho accounting system, will expire at the end of this financial year in March 2027. After this, the cost of the accounting platform will presumably be expected to be absorbed by the Auroville units themselves. This is despite the units executives and trustees being given no say in whether the system is fit for purpose. The RA-FAMC sent a [massbulletin](#) addressed to all unit executives and trustees, to open a discussion about Zoho and whether this system is actually working for Auroville units. If you wish to contribute to this discussion, please send an email to famc@auroville.services.

AVFO 'FAMC' POLICIES THREATEN FARMERS AND AUROVILLE GROWN FOOD

Forests:

In April, the AVFO 'Green Belt Services' (GBS) - who withdrew the budget and rescinded the authority of the longstanding Farm & Forest Groups - sent out [a notice](#) to 'regulate the income generating activities of Greenbelt settlements [communities]'. Their proposal meant that forest communities which grow produce such as fruit and cashew would no longer be able to sell via FoodLink, PTDC and PTPS, as the income received from those places would now only be given to GBS. In order to receive their funds the communities were instructed to give bills, for example for petrol, to

GBS. As the GBS stated that they would not accept any bills for labour, it meant that the forest communities would be unlikely to recoup all of the funds owed to them. This has led to many forest communities stopping their deliveries to FoodLink, reducing the supply of Auroville produce to residents.

Farms:

FoodLink is a service originally set up by the Farm Group as Auroville's central collection and distribution point for Auroville farm produce. Based in the Prosperity Service Area, it was built with the intention of allowing farmers to grow food for Auroville without concern for competing with each other, nor on figuring out how to market and distribute their produce, but rather focusing on production. Over the last years, FoodLink's management team has been replaced by the AVFO.

In 2023, the AVFO 'FAMC' set up a 'Farm Service' to oversee the management of all the farms of Auroville. No current members of the 'Farm Service' are farmers, and there has been no meeting between the farmers as a whole and these new managers in 3 years.

In 2025, under the direction of Chandresh of the AVFO 'FAMC', FoodLink introduced a weekly pricing based on a 20% blanket margin over Pondy wholesale market prices of inorganic produce. Thus, they linked Auroville's food system directly to the profit-driven food system everywhere else, because they believed it would help with sales. Historically, the price of Auroville produce was set by farmers and FoodLink together, each leveraging the other's experience, to arrive at a yearly price that balanced the purchasing power of Aurovilian consumers with increasing costs of production from inflation. The yearly price shielded Auroville's food system from the fluctuations of the market prices, from scarcities and surpluses, and it linked prices to on-ground realities and costs of production - which doesn't vary from one month to the next in a non-competitive system.

As a gesture of goodwill, farmers agreed to a 3-month trial of the new system for FoodLink to study. One year on, it has become the established new system without being evaluated, despite multiple requests from farmers. The farmers state that production has dropped over the last year due to the increasing risk factor, but the data to evaluate the situation has not been released or studied by FoodLink.

In June 2026, the AVFO 'FAMC' sent an email to all distributors and food-related units in Auroville (PTDC, PTPS, HERS, Solar Kitchen, VC, etc.) to procure food only through FoodLink as of 6 July, with no steps on implementation. Farmers and distributors alike raised alarms to both Food Link and AVFO 'FAMC' about the logistical impossibility of this, given FoodLink's limited capacity and the increasingly sour relationship with farmers and other distributors due to untimely payments, problems in delivery and the new communication style. Although this system has not yet been implemented due to the on-the-ground impossibility, the AVFO 'FAMC' is still trying to push it through.

Over the last year, farmers have consistently received top-down instructions from FoodLink and the AVFO 'FAMC'. The Core Group of the Farm Group (Anshul, Charlie, Sathyavan, Tomas, Velmurugan) has repeatedly made attempts to collaborate, in the interest of the food system. The full Farm Group had a meeting with Food Link on 21 July 2026 to find a way forward. They highlighted three actions by Foodlink which were untenable:

- Foodlink setting prices unilaterally, sometimes below the minimum agreed price, and changing them weekly based on market prices;
- Insisting that farmers distribute solely through them, despite untimely service and irregular payments;
- Unwillingness to allow farms to be partners in decision-making processes related to their own operations.

At the end of the meeting, [the farmers stated](#): “After 3 years of trying to collaborate despite many many challenges, we are unable to find a way to work together with Food Link as they seem to see no need to work with us, only order us what to do. Information has been provided to FoodLink and [AVFO] FAMC time and again, but with no response to constructive steps forward. There seems to be no interest in creating worthwhile policies along with us, leveraging our experience in the field, and actually serving the food system of Auroville. Farmers don't have the confidence in Foodlink's team's experience nor their capacity to deal with the complexities of Auroville's food system. They cannot be at the helm at deciding pricing, or what the farms should/should not be growing. The farmers feel compelled to start looking for supplementary ways to distribute food in Auroville as they want to grow healthy and good food for Auroville, but the current management is not listening to us, and is attempting to implement policies that are not feasible, reasonable or realistic, and actually detrimental to the food sovereignty of Auroville.”

On 5 August, the core group of the Farm Group shared a [massbulletin](#) with the community about the situation that has led to many farms withdrawing or reducing their produce from FoodLink, and additionally informed the community that FoodLink is now selling non-AV produce ‘much of [which] is not even organic’. Gino, who is a member of the ‘Farm Service’, shared [an article](#) in the AVFO News & Notes in which he corroborated much of what was shared by the Farm Group, however he erroneously stated that FoodLink was established by the AVFO ‘Farm Service’, which has existed for only 3 years. In fact, FoodLink was established by the Farm Group more than 20 years ago, and only its management was changed by the AVFO.



Non-AV produce at FoodLink

The Farm Group recently started to hold a farmers market [every Saturday](#) at Youthlink, 10am-1pm. All Aurovilians who wish to support Auroville farms are warmly invited to attend this market and to buy farm produce with them directly.

OTHER UPDATES AND INFORMATION

AVFO Officer under investigation

Angshuman Basu was the Assistant Accounts Officer at the AVFO and was one of only a handful of permanent original staff members remaining from before 2021. He received a show cause notice from an AVFO Officer on Special Duty, merely 10 days before his retirement due date, with a number of allegations. After his responses, he was 'allowed to retire' but four weeks after his retirement, he has not yet received the pension and retirement money owed to him for his nearly 30 years of service. (He is still listed on the [AVFO website as active](#)).

A similar process was used against Mr Srinivasmurthy, ex-Undersecretary at the AVFO, 3 months before his retirement. Both of these long term officers collaborated with the current administration, taking actions against the RA and its working

groups. In the case of Basu, he has signed the recent land exchanges on behalf of the AVFO.

Forest worker gratuity

In June 2023, the Forest Group budget was cut with no advance warning, effectively ending the employment of around 50 forest workers - some of whom had worked in Auroville's forests for over 40 years - with no notice. Most of these workers are entitled to gratuity payments as per Indian law. Despite the BCC being responsible for fulfilling the payments, the AVFO and their 'working groups' have refused to take responsibility for the outstanding amount, which comes to over ₹47 lakh. They claim that the Forest Group 'did not keep proper records', however in the past the Forest Group always submitted complete records of the payments from the forest budget to BCC, in the format requested.

On [20 July 2026](#) a group of the forest workers, along with some Aurovilians and the activist [Piyush Manush](#), went to the AVFO to protest these actions and call on the AVFO to pay the forest workers their dues. In particular, they highlighted that three workers have passed away since 2023 without receiving the money that was owed to them. A small ceremony of remembrance and gratitude was held near the Town Hall with some of their family members, and with Aurovilians. There has been no response from the AVFO or any of their 'working group' members.



Statement by former IAC members

In May 2026, five former members of the International Advisory Council (IAC) released a [statement](#) about the current situation in Auroville. They highlighted several ongoing concerns: increasing use of verbal and physical violence (citing in particular the takeovers of Afsanah's Guest House, the Youth Centre events, and the Council Room incident on 13th May 2026); 'strong reservations' about land exchanges; and the [lack of improvement](#) in the visa situation. The statement drew a [response](#) from the AVFO 'working groups', which has been [rebutted by an Aurovillian](#).

Tamil Nadu Governor visit

The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, [participated](#) in an event held in Auroville on 6 June 2026, laying a foundation stone for the P.L.A.Z.A (Public Life Artisan Zone Auroville) and planting three trees near the Outer Ring road [*note: media reports erroneously stated that the trees were planted near the Visitors Centre*].



No details about the new P.L.A.Z.A have been shared with the community, apart from a [massbulletin](#) sent on 3 June inviting Aurovilians to ‘apply for a kiosk’ within less than 24 hours ‘at a location inside Auroville’. The location appears to be where six roadside trees, including two mature Kaya trees, were cut down near the ORR in October 2025 (please see [Bulletin 95](#) for more information). Work on building the new kiosks has begun recently. The creation of new shops along the roadside is a continuation of the push for commercialisation under the AVFO ‘working groups’, catering for day visitors and encouraging tourism and marketing in Auroville, with businesses such as [Le Paradis D’Auro](#), the Visitors’ Centre ‘Wildlife Museum’ and regular [guided tours](#) inside Auroville.

The AVFO press release claimed that this ‘plantation drive’ would be part of an initiative to plant 10,000 trees. Previous AVFO ‘plantation drives’ have all failed because the saplings were planted at the wrong season or left uncared for (two examples can be found [here](#) and [here](#)).

MEDIA & OTHER LINKS

From within Auroville:

- June-September, **The Winged Guardians of the Forest Humorous Newsletters:** [No 21 \(June\)](#), [No 22 \(July\)](#), [No 23 \(August\)](#) and [No 24 \(September\)](#).
- 5 July 2026, **Voices of Auroville:** [Voices of Auroville 11, July 2026](#)
- 26 June 2026, **Medium:** [Declaring a Water Emergency in Auroville](#) by Rajesh

External Media

- [French] 15 May 2026, **Le Bien Public:** [La famille vit 8 mois par an hors de France : entre Diénay et l'Inde, « le choix de vie » des Lignier](#) by Martine Marie
- 25 May 2026, **The Hindu:** [Auroville secretary calls on Union Education Minister](#)
- 8 June 2026, **The News Minute:** [Auroville residents voice concern over self-governance and ecology](#) by Nithesh Kumar
- [French] 21 June 2026, **Le Ploërmelais:** [Ancien habitant d'Auroville en Inde, il a choisi Brocéliande pour y créer une oeuvre surprenante](#) by Ludivine Ageon
- [French] 25 June 2026, **Le Singulier:** [Auroville, l'utopie en sursis](#)
- 25 June 2026, **RTL Today:** [Beloved spiritual utopia under threat in Modi's India](#) by AFP. Reposted on many press outlets such as [France24](#), [24 Digital](#), [MSN](#), [Herald Sun](#), [Daily Sun](#), [Kuwait Times](#), and many more (see [list here](#)).
- [French] 25 June 2026, **Courrier International:** [Auroville ou la fin d'une utopie dans l'Inde de Modi](#) by AFP.

- [Spanish] 25 June 2026, **Metro Libre**: [Auroville, una utopía espiritual bajo amenaza en la India de Modi](#) by AFP. Reposted on many press outlets such as [MSN](#), [SwissInfo.ch](#), and many more (see [list here](#)).
- 26 June 2026, **Malaymail**: [Inside Auroville: India's experimental city caught between utopian ideals and state power under Modi](#) by AFP
- 9 July 2026, **Substack**: [Ways of Exploring "Auroville"](#) by Chad W. Post
- 12 July 2026, **The Times of India**: ['Auroville: An Experiment Under Threat' photo exhibition held in Pondy](#)
- [French] 13 July 2026, **LeQuotidien**: [La cité de l'Aurore portée par un idéal de paix](#)
- [French] 13 July 2026, **LeQuotidien**: [Près de Pondichery, le gouvernement sonne la fin de l'utopie Auroville](#) by AFP
- 15 July 2026, **MyStartup**: [From England to Auroville: How Krishna McKenzie Created One of the World's Most Inspiring Regenerative Farms](#) by Sandhya Mamidala
- 19 July 2026, **The Logical Indian**: [Meet Krishna McKenzie: The Visionary Behind Solitude Farm Who Turned Barren Land Into A Thriving Food Forest](#) by Nidhi Premi
- 21 July 2026, **Adventure.com**: [This utopian Indian township was founded in 1968. How much longer can it last?](#) by Nicola Zolin
- [French] 28 July 2026, **Ouest France**: [Paimpont. Le parcours de Mr. Proust, de l'Inde à la forêt de Brocéliande](#)
- 9 August 2026, **Open The Magazine**: [Auroville's Hybrid Energy Experiment: Can Its Decentralised Renewable Model Work for the Rest of India?](#) by Anusreeta Dutta
- 11 August 2026, **Hindustan Times**: [Ahilya says she isn't afraid to speak up on student protests or Auroville issues: 'There's fear for actors to lose work'](#) by Neeshita Nyayapati

If you wish to know more, the website <https://auroville.media/> contains a great deal of information on the current situation.

Please note that our previous bulletins can be found at this link: <https://auroville.media/egb/>



RESIDENTS SPEAK

LOYALTY NOT TREACHERY

Recently, it was revealed that some land inside Auroville had been sold in 2024. Including some land under existing residences in Soffio. Suddenly the space has been 'cleaned up' and we can only wait to see what will emerge.

Clearly, selling land inside Auroville cannot be part of any land exchange or have any logic. It is a violation of every value down every path of Auroville. Betrayal, complete betrayal. Treason.

But if we step back, way back, then can we see the act as loyalty?

A person is ready to risk their reputation, to taint themselves so as to earn a nod of approval from their masters. To serve their masters they must show that they will never betray their leaders, it will be impossible to. They have no other DNA in their bodies, but

to follow their masters' agenda. They will do egregious misdeeds, collect skeletons in their closets, to show that they can be fully trusted. Having skeletons in the closet means that they can be completely controlled. Will always be silent. Complicit.

The misdeeds they are asked to do, are often most profitable. Greed is stoked beyond limit. There can even be acts of violence, of vengeance that create fear in the enemy and ensure silence from loyal troops. Both types of misdeeds increase the power of the leaders and their followers.

There cannot be a hint of compromise, a touch of pity, a trace of empathy.

Such unquestionable loyalty starts on a slippery slope that rapidly descends. Those who can stay upright rise rapidly up the ranks of power.

This is true of ruthless power wielded by the asuric forces. They gain protection from asuras and also from the blind loyalty of their ranks.

Against this the gentle human who follows the path of love, of truth, seems helpless. They have to fight corruption at every level, do they also have to corrupt their soul?

As the yin-yang symbol reveals, each cycle contains a seed of self-destruction. The next cycle will birth, but the wait seems unbearable. The meek need to hold on to the wisdom of countless sages. Keep their faith in the divine. And see beyond the one body, one life. We are all one.

An Aurovilian



STATUTORY GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK

AUROVILLE FOUNDATION ACT, 1988 PRINCIPLES OF COLLECTIVE LIFE & GOVERNANCE AS SERVICE

AN OVERARCHING CODE OF CONDUCT, DELEGATED
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तेजस्विनावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहे ॥
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥

PART I: THE NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF AN EVOLUTIONARY EXPERIMENT

1. Foundational Context: The Charter of Auroville (1968)

On 28 February 1968, youth representing 124 nations and all Indian states gathered in Tamil Nadu to inaugurate Auroville by placing soil from their homelands into a lotus-shaped urn. Auroville was established not as an ordinary township or municipal development, but as a universal township dedicated to human unity, spiritual evolution, and sustained research into self-governance.

The Mother enunciated its living preamble :

The Auroville Charter (28 February 1968)

- 1. *Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. But to live in Auroville, one must be the willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.*
- 2. *Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages.*
- 3. *Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations.*
- 4. *Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual research for a living embodiment of an actual Human Unity.*

2. The Act of Parliament: Protection, Stewardship, and Sovereign Faith

Following internal conflicts that threatened to reduce this universal experiment to private civil litigation and proprietary disputes, the Supreme Court of India upheld parliamentary intervention in *S.P. Mittal v. Union of India* [(1983) 1 SCC 51]. Recognising Auroville as an invaluable cultural and evolutionary asset of humanity, the Parliament of India took the historic step of enacting **The Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 (Act No. 54 of 1988)**.

Through this enactment, the Republic of India placed its sovereign legal umbrella over Auroville—not to nationalise or bureaucratised its inner life, but to insulate, protect, nurture, and guarantee an unassailable statutory haven. Within this haven, the collective quest for human unity could unfold without fear of administrative coercion, sectional takeovers, or predatory dominance. Parliament codified the Foundation's explicit mandate: to preserve the unique ideals of the Charter, protect collective assets, and balance institutional governance within a tripartite statutory architecture.

[Read the full document here](#)

by DHARMESH VIKRAMSINH JADEJA

KAANAL NEER, KANAKKU IDIKKUDHU

MIRAGE OF ABUNDANCE AND THE MYTH OF AUROVILLE’S MAINTENANCE

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EXCERPT

The Founding Promise and the Present Reality

In February 1968, youth representing 124 nations gathered in southern India to inaugurate Auroville—a universal township envisioned by Mirra Alfassa ("The Mother") and rooted in the integral philosophy of Sri Aurobindo. The charter declared that Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole, created as a site of material and spiritual research where money would cease to be the "sovereign lord." In place of conventional wage labor, work was envisioned as an offering of service, with the collective guaranteeing the basic sustenance of every resident.

Nearly six decades later, this laboratory of human unity faces a quiet existential bottleneck. Conceived as a vibrant city for 50,000 people, Auroville's resident population remains under 3,300. The primary engine of this demographic and systemic stagnation is not spiritual exhaustion, but an unviable operational mechanism: the **Maintenance System**.

The Arithmetic of an Economic Fiction

To step outside the market wage model, Auroville established a monthly subsistence disbursement—a "maintenance"—intended to support individuals engaged in full-time community services, farms, schools, and administrative functions. In 2026, this baseline stipend remains fixed between **₹18,000 and ₹23,000 per month**.

While framed as an egalitarian living allowance, this figure collapses when measured against the real amortised costs of an adult professional, parent, or artisan living in the township.

[Read the full document here](#)

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MOTHER CALLED FOR THE ABOLITION OF ALL SERVANTS AND PAID WORKERS

Mother signed with 'Blessings' the following text calling for the abolition of all servants and paid workers. When I received the photocopy from Mother's architect Roger Anger, in 1987, this was the only document with Mother's original writing and signature, in the English as well as in the French versions, we have in Auroville.

NOTE ON THE PROBLEM OF INTEGRATION OF AUROVILLE WORKERS AND VILLAGERS

Guidelines are being asked from the Mother for the C.A.A. [Comite Administratif d'Auroville] to study provisory regulations that will enable us to clearly define the policy regarding the integration of Auroville workers.

When making suggestions in the context of these guidelines, and in keeping with the Charter of Auroville, two stages have to be kept in view: one provisory stage, taking into account the present situation; and a second, which has to be the definite future: total integration. The first study which has to be made now will render it possible to settle the problems arising out of the fact that a number of paid workers asks for an increase of salary.

In this context the Mother has defined:

The notion or feelings about servitude must not make themselves felt any more in any group of Aurovilians, whether the worker is paid or not. This prejudgment, which belongs to the nature of labour or to the social class, which was generally charged with it, is expired and has to disappear.

1. From now on no worker can be employed, that is: paid, by any group of Aurovilians whatsoever, when there are Aurovilians in the group who don't have a clearly defined occupation.
2. The presence of a paid worker can only be admitted as an exception, when none of the members is capable to do the work needed (or if all the members do have an occupation, which is considered to be more useful for the community).
3. In this eventuality the service rendered shall be only daily, within the limits of time and possibilities.
4. As soon as one of the workers (preferably from Auroville territory) will have shown his qualities in spirit and profession and if he is accepted by Mother, the regulations of the Auroville workers will be proposed to him, as he has to have the same rights as the workers already employed.
5. In case he refuses, his salary shall be decided righteously and objectively, by competent people, who will have to take into account the individual needs of each worker in order to avoid creating social misery or legitimate claims.
6. The provisory regulations of the workers will have to enable them to get:
 - food for their family
 - a common school for the children, shared with the other Auroville children.
 - better housing (Tamil huts with water and electricity)
 - a "prosperity" distribution, according to their legitimate needs (to be decided).

To be studied by the C.A.A.

- means regarding birth limitation
- social life (children parents, role and work of women, ceremonies)
- pocket money
- collective or individual kitchen
- geographical situation of the housing.

Roger Anger's archive, undated (1970-1971)

[Submitted by Paulette]



AUROVILLE 2067 : SHARDS OF SAVITRI - PART 2



Synopsis : the City of Dawn, now structured around vast inhabited megastructures, has become the cradle of a new form of existence: the Synthetic Human Unity Project. When Keshav, a young hacktivist on the run, uncovers a secret that could bring the city itself under threat, he becomes caught in a struggle where technological progress, corporate power, and spiritual evolution converge—with the future of humanity at stake.

Previously, in the last issue of News & Notes:

###An exile returns home###Two friends reunite###The update of a goddess raises concerns###The mystery lies hidden in a haven of data###

Chapter 2: Sincerity

I descended into the old curved corridor, the packet secured inside my heart pocket, close enough to feel its faint warmth through the fabric. The temperature was even, tender almost, with the muted coolness of a place sealed from the day, making the Matrimandir feel less like architecture and more like something alive beneath the skin of the earth. A diffuse amber light pulsed softly along the curved walls, calibrated to steady the nervous system. Discreet glyphs had been carved into the packed-earth walls long ago, resembling those you could see inside the Petals, worn smooth by decades of fingertips seeking reassurance.

I should have been anxious. Instead, I felt dangerously at home. M01ra's consciousness flickered into my inner field, crisp and controlled.

"A Chakshu unit is approaching your position. First-generation Gupta class. It shouldn't be a problem for you. Do your magic."

Ten meters ahead, the sentinel emerged from the curve of the corridor. Small, spherical, non-threatening in design — almost nurturing. Its surface shimmered in a soft orange halo, a visual language engineered to disarm. It drifted toward me with deliberate slowness.

Then I felt it: a gentle pressure around my inner mental — not invasive. A benevolent enclosure.

"Welcome, seeker," the unit said in a warm, androgynous tone. "State the vector of your aspiration."

The machine wasn't scanning thoughts. It was measuring coherence. It needed sincerity.

I did what I had excelled at in since kindergarten, those first exercises in Awareness Through the Body. I gathered my body, steadying breath and pulse. I stilled the vital, quieting its tremors. I focused the mental, eliminating stray narratives. And behind them all, I turned toward the psychic flame.

One direction.

I was doing this for us.

For the city.

For all.

For love.

Tambi

My aspiration froze.

were you calling me are you calling me

“M01ra?”

*The temple of sweetness and the fiery aisle a stranger on the
sorrowful roads of time immortal under the yoke of death and fate a
sacrificant of the bliss and pain of the sphere love in the wilderness
met Savitri*

Everything inside me destabilised. The alignment fractured. Body, vital, mental. I completely decohered.

*Tambi my maker my child my maker my child my maker my child --
shards of savitri shards of savitri shards*

end of line

SHARDS OF SAVITRI!

The cry detonated inside my skull, shattering the trance. The Chakshu unit’s orange glow shifted instantly to a sharper analytical red. The benevolent pressure tightened. And then M01ra manifested in the corridor ahead of me.

“He’s with me,” she said without hesitation. “UNAV stability audit. First timer.”

The unit hovered in silence for exactly two seconds — the measured courtesy interval programmed for human interaction.

“Child M01ra-01 of Aspiration, Council external liaison. Access granted, always welcomed. Proceed. But the silent one must open his heart if called again.”

A micro-pause.

Then, on a privileged channel supposedly accessible only to M01ra, it added: “Be wary of this one. Keep him close. His inner being registers anomalously pure for an external profile.”

The red light softened, though it did not disappear. The sentinel drifted aside.



Chapter 3: Progress

“Good Mother,” M01ra snapped. “Are you having one of your fits again? Because I need to know.”

“No,” I said. “I... I don’t think so. It’s different. I think we — I think I interfaced with Her.”

Silence.

“Okay. First: please don’t give it a gender. It’s really cringe. Second: Savitri usually operates at least three planes above us. So unless you’ve spontaneously evolved into a giant carbon-based uplink, that seems unlikely. Or is it what happens after they feed you these hormone chickens in the Outside?”

“It wasn’t a fit.”

“Fine. Whether you’re losing coherence or casually chatting with your goddess, we almost fracked up back there — and I’m physically in the Botanical Garden right now. I’m hoping Ganeshu can ghost the record before the Matrimandir group audits the logs.”

More than happy to seize the diversion, I asked, “How is he doing?”

“Still fat,” she replied. “There are no other surveillance nodes between you and the inmost chamber. You know the way.”

I let the silence stand and continued down the orange-lit corridor.

I stepped into the circular, stripped-down room. It held only a single chair and an antique terminal, probably assembled by Aurelec decades ago.

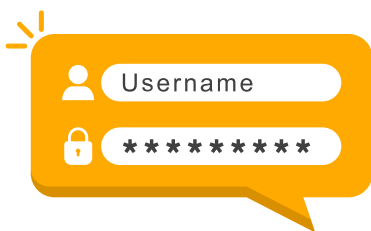
After quantum computing had rendered classical encryption brittle, Savitri 2.5 offered Auroville its own design. Each time a seeker attempted to access the Matrimandir's mainframe, an autonomous subroutine Δ of Savitri generated a key combining the states of several unpredictable local fluctuations within Auroville's nascent Manifested matter. Savitri- Δ then provided the time and location of those events, asking the user to describe their states. The system relied on a simple asymmetry of perception. Individuals who had been exposed early and trained to align with the Manifestation — mostly Children of Auroville — could detect and distinguish states within Manifested matter that remained effectively unreadable to outsiders. To the untrained eye, the relevant states dissolved into randomness; to those who had grown up inside the Manifestation, they formed recognisable patterns. The key was therefore public and secret at once. To us, it sang.

I approached the terminal, still standing — I preferred vocal commands. With a voice as steady as I could manage, I said:

“Savitri- Δ , requesting access to internal files of the Institute for Evolutionary Research.”

“Of course, seeker. May I know your username—

“Discard username recognition. Reboot system in root access mode.”



The orange circular eye dimmed, then went dark for a breath. The room shifted from amber to a cool sky blue. The terminal's eye reappeared in a deeper shade — concentrated, almost attentive.

“Root access / Zero persona mode initiated.”

“Good,” I muttered.

“Root access: reinforced security protocol activated. Twelve Petals.”

“Twelve? That’s a bit overkill,” M01ra observed with undisguised disbelief, as twelve luminous petals unfolded in the air before me, rotating slowly around an invisible axis.

“AuroSys is flexing its muscles.” I agreed.

“I prefer the term fluffing their d—”

“Generating initial seed from pseudo-random event #493: inner-chamber light/crystal reflection @15:46:45:22.”

“...in the locker room showers,” she finished.

“I’m beginning to enter a trance now, M01ra.”

“Initial seed generated. Chaotic events identified and selected. Transmission of the first chaotic events now commencing.”

The first three event signatures resolved into view:

[mhkl]: 123'34"

[prg]: Aur/Lf/Bny/RtBr/Mrsm/Cl0r/Δ9f3a @11.997N79.812E @06:05:45.22

[rcp]: Aur/Mtr/Ltrt/Grn/Crst/Δfct/a7d1 @11.998N79.813E @06:12:12.11

[asp]: PENDING

“Your turn, console cowgirl,” I said.

“Ah ah, very funny. Alright. For *progress*, it's a Banyan tree in the old Fertile. North East quadrant. It's asking for the orientation vector of a new cell in the meristematic layer of a root bifurcation event. You got that?”

“Yes. I'm looking.”

I let my awareness drift towards the indicated coordinates. The city unfolded inside my mind without maps or satellite imagery. Distances collapsed into directions, directions into familiarity. The Fertile Forest....

...To be continued



AUROVILLE CONVERSATIONS



Submitted by an Aurovillian





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"THE
WICKED
BECOME EVEN
WORSE WHEN
THEY ARE TOLERATED."
— TOLSTOY

INNER JOURNEY

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA OF SRI AUROBINDO AND THE MOTHER

Tuesday 29th 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

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Please join us in this collective aspiration,
in the form of united prayer.

No prior singing experience is required.

At Savitri Bhavan - Square Hall



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*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.

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(Private sessions on request at other timings)

VIPASSANA GROUP SIT

Dear Meditators,

You are all very welcome to the monthly 1-day Vipassana meditation course for "old students" ONLY (those who have completed at-least one 10-day course as taught by SN Goenka).



- **Date:** Sunday 4th October
- **Time:** 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
- Lunch will be served. Note: Part-timers are welcome at 8:30 am and can leave when they wish. Preferably at the end of a sitting.
- **Venue:** 1 Vibrance, Vikas Radial rd, Auroville, 605101. Please park on Vikas Radial road, next to the Vibrance garage. Location [here](#).
- Vibrance garage is opposite the Realization gate. Park on the road without blocking the garage. The apartment is directly behind the garage on the ground floor.
- **Contact:** Please DM Vallari vallari@gmail.com / WA 97403 22447 by 9 pm Friday.

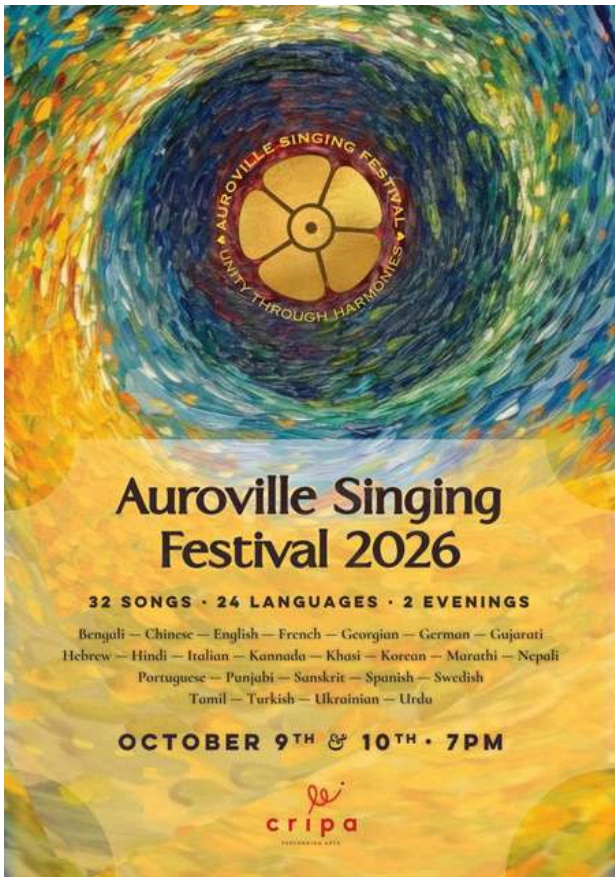
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE AUROVILLE SINGING FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 9TH & SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, CRIPA



Dear Music Lovers,

We are preparing the Auroville Singing Festival for 9th & 10th October in CRIPA. The theme of the festival is “An invocation of Joy - Voices of a New Dawn” and our aspiration is to create Unity in the beautiful diversity of voices from Auroville.

As there are no funds available for this Cultural event, we invite you to support this event with a remittance towards: Financial Service Acct. 251031 Shakti Arts description; Support of AVSF – 26.

With love

Shakti, Marta, Ronnie, Rolf

JIVA



A platform of Aurovilles therapists for therapy, workshops, classes, webinars and professional training.

Regular offers

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

Webinars

- 28th, 29th, 30th Sept, 7:30 – 9pm : The incarnating Soul
- 11th, 12th, 13th Oct, 7:30- 9:30pm : Integral Trauma Therapy

Join our WhatsApp group for all updates !

www.auroville-jiva.com

contact@auroville-jiva.com

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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:

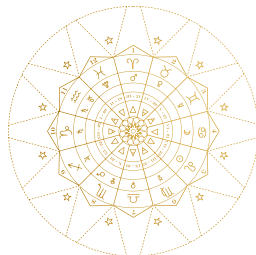
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ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM THE DEATH OF SOMEONE?

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.



ASHTANGA YOGA WITH MONICA

MONDAY - SATURDAY, PITANGA

Ashtanga Yoga

with Monica Marinoni

KPJAYI Authorised
Level 1 & 2 teacher

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

Saturday
7am – 8.30am
(led primary series)

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



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

Classes with prior registration only. No drop-ins.
Booking with the teacher only:
marinonimonica@gmail.com — QR code



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



Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samasti, Auroville 605 101 | info@pitanga.in | 0413 - 2622403, 9443902403
A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch, | GSTIN: 33AAATA0037BY3N

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

CANCELLED:

The workshop planned for this coming **Sunday, September 27th**, is cancelled.

Sessions will re-start as of the following Sunday, October 4th from 9am - 1pm in CRIPA.

Please find more details about these workshops and the Embodied Memories of Auroville project in the previous issue.

**CANCELLED -
Sun 27th Sept**

**EMBODIED MEMORIES OF
AUROVILLE**
(A PROJECT WITH AUROVILLE RESEARCH PLATFORM)
PRESENTS A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS

THE ARTS OF TRANSFORMATION
INSPIRED BY JERZY GROTOWSKI
(PERFORMANCE, THEATRE, SONG, MUSIC AND DANCE)

Facilitator:
Prof. Fabrice Nicot

Venue: CRIPA, Auroville

Date: On Sundays
Starting 16 August
till mid Nov
Time: 9am-1pm

Open to all

For information & Registration:
aurovilleartworld@gmail.com

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.

Warmly,

Sai Priya & Rajeev
Auroville Radio TV

TACO NIGHTS ARE NOW COMMUNITY NIGHTS
FRIDAYS, YOUTHLINK



ACTIVITIES AT SERENDIPITY

SERENDIPITY CLASSES

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Auroville - 605101, Tamil Nadu, India

Landline: +91 (0)413 350 9950

Mobile/Whatsapp: +91 93856 23342

Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com

<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

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



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

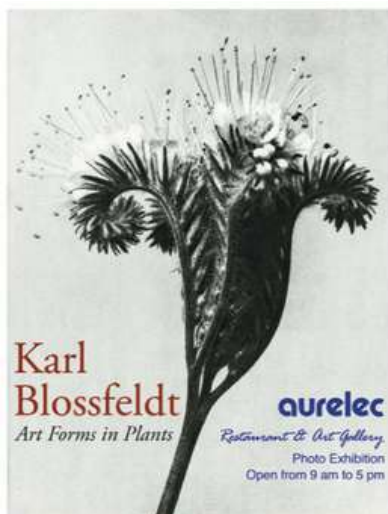


CULTURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART FORMS IN PLANTS - KARL BLOSSFELDT

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RESTAURANT &
ART GALLERY

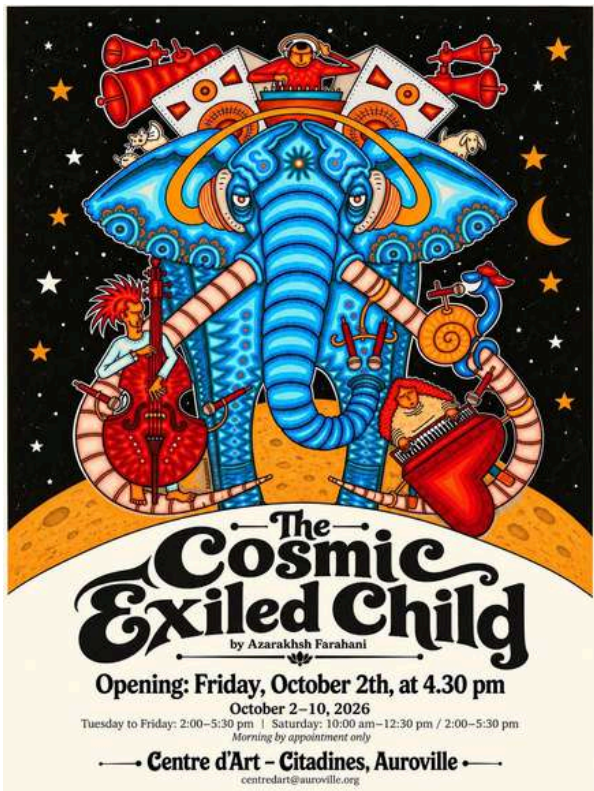


German photography pioneer Karl Blossfeldt (1865–1932) photographed plants so beautifully, and with such originality, that his work transcends the medium itself. Over more than 30 years, he took thousands of photographs, revealing a formally rigorous talent whose precision and dedication bridge the 19th- 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.

THE COSMIC EXILED CHILD BY AZARAKHSH FARAHANI

FROM 2ND TO 10TH OCTOBER 2026, CENTRE D'ART



Azarakhsh Farahani – The Cosmic Exiled Child

A young girl with a hair full of stars rides her bicycle through a dreamlike landscape which, like a circus stage, reveals a world of enchantment and music. Along the way, we encounter fantastical beings, fish with human eyes, winged cars and blue deer, figures passing through a night inhabited by motifs inspired by Eastern miniature painting, endlessly recomposing themselves like a giant kaleidoscope.

Welcome to the fabulous universe of Iranian artist Azarakhsh Farahani, a draftsman, musician, filmmaker and actor, who is spending two months in residence at the Centre d'Art in Auroville.

The animated film *Murals*, written, conceived, and directed by him—including the sound design—joins the works created in Auroville as part of his project *The Cosmic Exiled Child*. The project is further enriched by a body of earlier works created in France and Iran around the themes of spiritual exile and the universality of myths.

The project revolves around the figure of a wandering spirit searching for its home in a world structured by geographical and political borders.

The exiled child metaphorically represents the artist migrating between different cultures, a free being whose consciousness rejects restrictions and barriers and dreams of rediscovering the vastness from which it emerged.

Azaraksh's drawings have the magic of contemporary mystical fables, teeming with details and shimmering colours, in which one longs to lose oneself. Yet behind their harmony and gentleness lies a profound reflection on the themes of diaspora, displacement and identity.

Figures from Iranian mythology—radiant suns, sacred mountains, trees of life—merge harmoniously with those of Indian mythology and cosmology: hybrid beings, half-human and half-animal sacred creatures carved into the millenary stone of temples.

According to the artist, mythology speaks directly to the soul, and nowhere is it as naturally intertwined with everyday life as in India.

This is why it occupies such a central place in his work, as an expression shared by all humanity, beyond every difference, as “the only language capable of crossing borders without a passport.”

In a happy coincidence that reinforces the exhibition's message of hope and tolerance, the inauguration will take place on October 2—the anniversary of Gandhi's birth and also the International Day of Non-Violence.

Dominique Jacques 2026

- From 2 to 10 October 2026
- Tue to Fri 2-5:30, Sat 10-12:30 2-5:30
- Morning by appointment
- **Opening on Friday 2 October at 4:30**
- Centre d'art Auroville.



'THE LITTLE COMEDIES'

THE AUROVILLE THEATER GROUP

Dear Aurovilians,

After the little tragedies, it is time for Auroville to witness '**The Little Comedies**'!

We are excited to announce that two classic Sanskrit comedies are officially under production:

- ***Bhagavadajjukam* (The Divine Courtesan)**
- ***Mattavilasa-Prahasanam* (The Drunken Sport)**

Show us your enthusiasm for:

- **Acting (Age 18+ male and female)**
- **Stage and props managing**
- **Set Designing, lights**

Get in touch to join the team:

- **Email:** rupam@auroville.org.in
- **Phone:** +91 95974 91652 (**Messages only**)

We look forward to creating something conscious together!

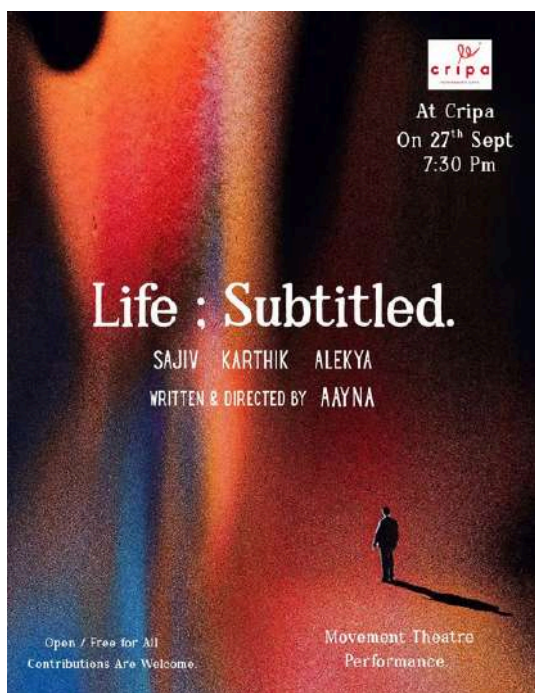
Rupam Mishra

Director, playwright, actor
The Auroville Theater Group

AT CRIPA

PRESENTING: LIFE; SUBTITLED - A MOVEMENT THEATRE PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER



Join a work-in-progress devised theatre production. Through an experimental fusion of contemporary theatre, folk sounds, and traditional martial art, this piece explores stories of us in subtitles.

Written & Directed by Aayna

Featuring Sajiv, Karthik & Alekya

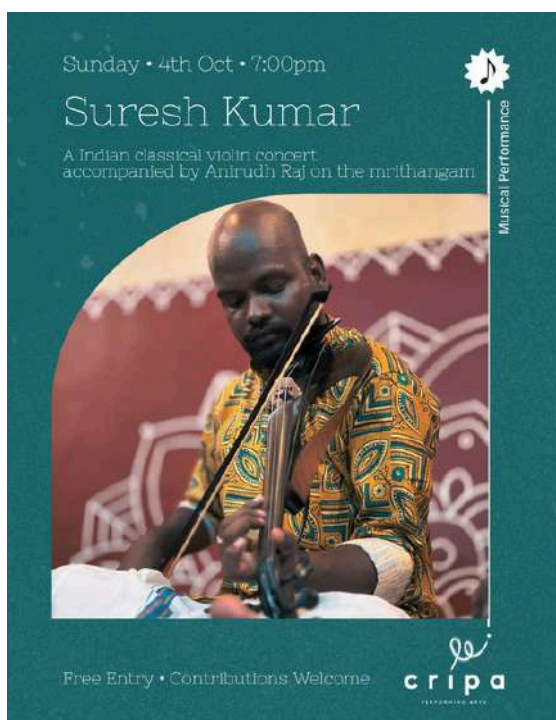
Duration - 40 minutes

- 📅 : Sunday 27th September
- 🕒 : 7:30pm
- 📍 : Cripa, Auroville

Free entry, open to all, contributions welcome.

SURESH KUMAR: AN INDIAN CLASSICAL CONCERT

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER



Join us for an evening of Indian classical music with Suresh Kumar on violin, accompanied by Anirudh Raj on mridangam.

Based in Pondicherry, Suresh Kumar is a trained classical musician, composer and fusion artist. Founder of the fusion band MAGIZH, he brings together a strong grounding in Indian classical music with a contemporary and expressive approach to performance.

For this concert, he returns to the roots of Indian classical music, exploring the depth, beauty and improvisational spirit of the violin, accompanied by the rhythmic energy of the mridangam.

- 📅 : **Sunday 4th October**
- 🕒 : **7pm**
- 📍 : **Cripa, Auroville**

Entry free, open to all, contributions welcome.



AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians,

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

Last Published Podcasts

- [Marlenka's weekly Offering – Ep.182](#) (Literature)
- ["Mother's Chronicles : Mirra" by Sujata Nahar, Read by Fif - B 1 C 18 - "Atoms"](#) (The Mother)
- [Sri Aurobindo's "The Life Divine" read by Deepti Tewari-B 2, P1, C 10: "Knowledge by Identity and Separative Knowledge"](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Jumpa's Joyous Journey with Fif-Ep.22 "The Library of Lost Words"](#) (Stories)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi – Ep.550](#) (Integral Yoga)

....and more! on www.aurovilleradiotv.org.

For more information write to 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

When the flower is a bit high,
just lift your heels and thighs.

It will inch closer to you.

The unmoving calm,
its charming disguise.

The breeze will breach the secret,
not just to you, alright?

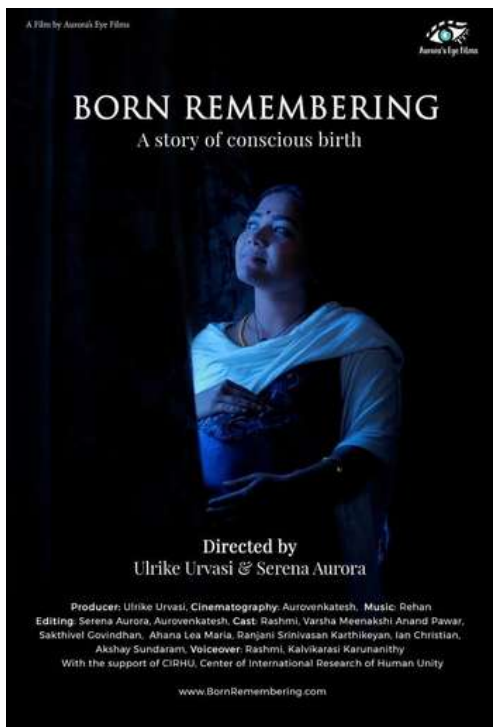
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CINEMA

BORN REMEMBERING. A STORY OF CONSCIOUS BIRTH

SUNDAY 27TH
SEPT, VISITOR'S
CENTER VIDEO
ROOM
AUDITORIUM



Birth - the beginning that shapes us all.

A first imprint. A passage. The beginning of every human story.

We warmly invite you to the screening of "**Born Remembering. A Story of Conscious Birth**", a 45-minute narrative film.

Birth is not only a baby story; it is a human story.

Long before memory, our first experiences can leave deep physiological and emotional imprints, shaping how we relate to ourselves, to others and to the world. Modern science, including epigenetics and early developmental research, is beginning to reveal how significant these earliest moments are.

At a time when birth around the world is increasingly medicalized, hurried and often disconnected from its deeper human wisdom, this film invites us to pause and reflect on where every life begins - a gentle weaving of story, spoken word and scientific insight.

- **Date:** Sunday 27th September 2026, International Daughters' Day
- **Time:** from 7 pm until after 8 pm
- **Location:** Visitor's Center Video Room Auditorium (indoors, directly after the Exhibition space)

We invite for shared reflections and a Q&A with the director and possibly members of the cast.

Come explore the place where every human journey begins.

We welcome one and all warmly with all our heart.

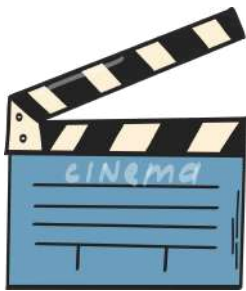
For queries Ulrike Urvasi 97515 13906

Cinema Paradiso

Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium



Film program : 28th September - 4th October 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 28 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• 96

India, 2018, Dir. C. Prem Kumar w/ Vijay Sethupathi, Thrisha Krishnan, and others, Drama-Romance, 158mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

A poignant, masterfully acted Tamil romantic drama that turns an ordinary school reunion into an unforgettable emotional journey about unfulfilled first love.

POTPOURRI - TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• REPAS DE FAMILLE (FAMILY MEAL)

France, 2014, Dir. Pierre-Henry Salfati w/ Francis Ginibre, Eric Carriere, and others, Drama-Comedy, 90mins, French w/ English subtitles, rated: NR.

The film plays heavily on ideological clashes in French society, contrasting conservative and progressive values through loud, caricatured family bickering.

SELECTION - WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 8:00 PM:

• RENT-A-CAT

Japan, 2012, Dir. Naoko Ogigami w/ Mikako Ichikawa, Reiko Kusunaga and others, Drama, 110mins, Japanese w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

A lonely young woman living with a house full of cats. Every day, she walks along a riverbank pulling a handcart filled with cats, using a megaphone to rent them out to lonely people for a nominal fee. Before letting anyone rent a cat, she carefully inspects their living space to ensure the animals will be safe. While she heals the holes in her clients' hearts, she quietly navigates her own deep sense of solitude.

INTERESTING - THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

• DIOR AND I

France, 2014, Dir. Frederic Tcheng w/ Christian Dior, Omar Berredia and others, Documentary, 90mins, French w/ English subtitles, rated: R.

Get inside the storied world of the Christian Dior fashion house with a privileged, behind-the-scenes look at the creation of Raf Simmon's first haute couture collection as its new artistic director.

INTERNATIONAL FILM - SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

• BAD SHABBOS

USA, 2014, Dir. Daniel Robbins, w/ Ashley Zukerman, Milana Vayntrub, Drama-Comedy, 90mins, French w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

An engaged interfaith couple are about to have their parents meet for the first time over a Shabbat dinner when an accidental death gets in the way.

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

• EXTINCT

USA, 2021, Dir. Reymond S. Persy, w/ Adam Devine, Rachel Bloom and others, Animation-Family, 86mins, English w/ English subtitles, rated: PG.

Op and Ed accidentally time-travel from the Galapagos Islands in 1835 to present-day Shanghai. They make their way through the city in confusion and make the horrifying discovery that the species to which they belong became extinct shortly after.

CINÉ-CLUB - SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER, 8:00 PM:

• MY FAVOURITE CAKE

Iran, 2024, Dir. Maryam Maghadam w/ Lili Farhadpour, Esmaeel Mehrabi and others, Drama-Romance, 97mins, Persian w/ English subtitles, rated: NR.

Seventy-year-old Mahin, solitary until now, chooses to revive her love life. A chance encounter becomes an unforgettable evening.

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.



*I cannot do all the good
that the world needs. But
the world needs all the
good that I can do.*

Jana Stanfield

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

AUROVILLE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES (AVFS)

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

HOUSING SERVICE

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

ELECTRICAL SERVICE (AVES)

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

GAS BOTTLE SERVICE

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

WATER SERVICE

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

ECO SERVICE (WASTE COLLECTION/MANAGEMENT)

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

POUR TOUS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE (PTDC)

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

POUR TOUS PURCHASING SERVICE (PTPS)

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 8:30 am - 7pm
- **Phone:** 0413 2622152

AUROVILLE LIBRARY

Timings:

Mornings:

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

Afternoons:

- Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 2pm - 4:30pm
- Tuesday : 4pm - 6:30pm

Children's Storytime! All ages welcome!

- Every **Saturday** between 10am - 11am.

- Phone** : 0413 2622 894

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

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



HEALTH

SANTÉ SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2026

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Working Hours:

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

Tests and Sample collection:

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

No sample collection on Saturday

For emergencies, contact:

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

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

Appointment

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

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

In Santé, we value our patient's confidentiality and make every effort to ensure their privacy.

In case of cancellation or to reschedule, it is necessary to inform us in advance.

HEALTH CENTER - KUILAPALAYAM

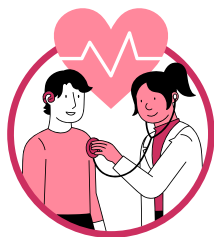
Contact: 0413 291 0005

Pharmacy:

- 8:00am - 5:30pm Monday to Saturday

Doctor Consultation:

- 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday
(1 - 2pm Lunch Break)
- 8:30am - 1pm (Saturday)



DENTAL CLINIC - KUILAPALAYAM

- **Timings:** Monday to Saturday, 9am - 5pm daily
- **Phone:** 0413 2622007 / 2622265
- **Email:** aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

TIME TO SUMMERNATE AYURVEDA HEALTHY TIPS



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

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

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

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

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

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

Avoid:

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

Routine to favour:

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

Cooling plants for the summer:

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

Wishing you a beautiful summer

Be @ Santé Clinic

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



MATRIMANDIR ACCESS INFORMATION

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

Access to the Park of Unity

- The Matrimandir, the Petals, the Lotus Pond and the Banyan Tree are areas of silence.
- The Park of Unity is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers daily, 6am-7:30pm.
- Aurovilians may bring close family and friends (maximum 3) to the Gardens only daily, 9am-3:30pm.
- **Aurovilians bringing children under the age of 10 to visit the Gardens may do so only after 11.30am except Tuesday when they can come from 9am to 11am.**
- Aurovilians wishing to bring close family to the Gardens at any other time should inform mmconcentration@auroville.org.in before 11am on the day of the proposed visit.
- Registered Volunteers and Donors require a pass to enter the Park of Unity. Timings will be indicated on the pass.
- Published events in the Park of Unity are open to Aurovilians, Registered Newcomers, Volunteers, Pass holders and Guests. Guests should bring their Aurocards.
- Savitri Readings on Thursday evenings: Guests holding only Aurocards wishing to attend should book by filling in the form at <https://bit.ly/savitri-reading> one or two days in advance.
- Visits to the Park of Unity and Inner Chamber should not be included in the program of any conference or workshop. Participants should be directed to the Viewing Point.

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

The Matrimandir is a place for silent individual concentration

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

Monday – Saturday	6:00 am - 8:00 am, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Sunday	6:00 am - 12:00 pm, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- The Inner Chamber is open to **registered Volunteers**:
 - Every day, 4:30pm - 6:00pm.
 - Volunteers are requested to come and get their revised passes between 10:00 am to 10:30 am from the Matrimandir office with prior booking at matrimandir@auroville.org.in
 - **It is obligatory for the volunteers and pass holders to carry the pass with them.**
- **The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 3 close family members and friends no more than once in two weeks, with booking 3 to 5 days in advance to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in:**

Any day except Tuesday & Sunday, 8:00 am - 8:25 am
Arrival at 7:45 am at the Office Gate
- The Inner Chamber, the Petals and the Gardens are open to the Children of Auroville and the Outreach Schools:

Tuesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- 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
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Access to Matrimandir for Visitors and Guests

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

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

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

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

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

Security

Please note that it is not permitted to

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

Parents, please supervise your children at all times.

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

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

Antoine for Matrimandir Executives Team



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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Svaram Musical Center	7:00	8:50	14:50
Vérité Guest House - Junction	7:02	8:52	14:52
Town Hall - Main Parking	7:06	8:56	14:56
Solar Kitchen (Ex Round About)	7:10	9:00	15:00
Certitude Entrance	7:12	9:02	15:02
New Creation Road	7:17	9:07	15:07
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	7:19	9:09	15:09
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	7:23	9:14	15:14
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	7:26	9:17	15:17
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	7:36	9:30	15:30
Ashram Road Junction	7:38	9:33	15:33
Ashram Dining Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35

Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dining Hall	8:00	12:15	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	12:17	18:12
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	8:07	12:22	18:17
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	8:17	12:32	18:27
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	8:20	12:35	18:30
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	8:25	12:40	18:35
New Creation Road	8:27	12:42	18:37
Certitude	8:32	12:47	18:42
Solar Kitchen (Ex Round About)	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town Hall - Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Vérité Guest House - Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

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

Auroville Vehicle Service, Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance (24/7):

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

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

Health:

Health Center 0413 2910005	Santé 0413 2622803
Farewell 89038 36246	

Mental Health 24/7 Support:

Vandrevala Foundation 99996 66555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108