



News Notes

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Photo by Alexey

*Bliss is the secret stuff of all that lives,
Even pain and grief are garbs of world delight,
It hides behind thy sorrow and thy cry.*

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri, p.453—54

Pondering



The world is a movement of God in His own being; we are the centres and knots of divine consciousness which sum up and support the processes of His movement. The world is His play with His own self-conscious delight, He who alone exists, infinite, free and perfect; we are the self-multiplications of that conscious delight, thrown out into being to be His playmates. The world is a formula, a rhythm, a symbol-system expressing God to Himself in His own consciousness,—it has no material existence but exists only in His consciousness and self-expression; we, like God, are in our inward being That which is expressed, but in our outward being terms of that formula, notes of that rhythm, symbols of that system. Let us lead forward God's movement, play out His play, work out His formula, execute His harmony, express Him through ourselves in His system. This is our joy and our self-fulfilment; to this end we who transcend & exceed the universe, have entered into universe-existence.

*Sri Aurobindo,
Essays Divine and Human, "The Object of Our Yoga"*

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The Last Moment

PASSING ON: BORIS



Boris, Marika home, passed away
in the late evening of 22 April. Om

Submitted by Editors

House of Mother's Agenda



Aphorisms 168—174

7 October 1969:

168—*The Cross is in Yoga the symbol of the soul and nature in their strong and perfect union, but because of our fall into the impurities of ignorance it has become the symbol of suffering and purification.*

169—*Christ came into the world to purify, not to fulfil. He himself foreknew the failure of his mission and the necessity of his return with the sword of God into a world that had rejected him.*

In this Aphorism what does "the sword of God" represent?
The sword of God is the power that nothing can resist.

10 October 1969:

170—*Mahomed's mission was necessary, else we might have ended by thinking, in the exaggeration of our efforts at self-purification, that earth was meant only for the monk and the city created as a vestibule for the desert.*

171—*When all is said, Love and Force together can save the world eventually, but not Love only or Force only. Therefore Christ had to look forward to a second advent and Mahomed's religion, where it is not stagnant, looks forward through the Imams to a Mahdi.*

Love alone as preached by Christ failed to transform man. Force alone as preached by Mahomed did not transform man, far from it.

That is why the consciousness which is at work to transform mankind, unites Force with Love, and the One who must realise this transformation will come on earth with the Power of Divine Love.

13 October 1969:

172—*Law cannot save the world, therefore Moses' ordinances are dead for humanity and the Shastra of the Brahmins is corrupt and dying. Law released into freedom is the liberator. Not the Pundit, but the Yogin; not monasticism, but the inner renunciation of desire and ignorance and egoism.*

This is irrefutably clear and it is exactly what we are trying to do. But human nature is rebellious and finds it difficult to win freedom at the price of renouncing desire and ignorance and egoism.

Most human beings prefer the slavery of desire and ignorance and egoism to freedom without them.

15 October 1969:

173—*Even Vivekananda once in the stress of emotion admitted the fallacy that a personal God would be too immoral to be suffered and it would be the duty of all good men to resist Him. But if an omnipotent supra-moral Will and Intelligence governs the world, it is surely impossible to resist Him; our resistance would only serve His ends and really be dictated by Him. Is it not better then, instead of condemning or denying, to study and understand Him?*

174—*If we would understand God, we must renounce our egoistic and ignorant human standards or else ennoble and universalise them.*

To the human way of understanding, the world is terribly immoral, full of suffering and ugliness, especially since the appearance of the human race. So it is difficult for the human consciousness to accept that this world could be the work of a personal God, because for man it seems to be the work of an omnipotent monster.

But Sri Aurobindo adds that it is better to try to understand instead of condemning.

And surely the best way to understand is to unite with this Supreme Consciousness so as to see as It sees and understand as It understands. This is certainly the only true wisdom.

And Yoga is the true way of uniting with the Supreme.

The Mother,
On Thoughts and Aphorisms

<https://incarnateword.in/cwm/10/aphorism-168-169>

Gangalakshmi (HOMA)

Townhall Speaks

AUROVILLE NEWCOMERS

Please connect with the ATR team at the old Entry office to proceed with your process.

- Contact: atr@auroville.org.in

The Working Committee
Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Tine

GUEST REGISTRATION SERVICE

Summer Schedule

9:30—12:30, Monday—Saturday

Guest Registration Service at Town Hall will be open:

- **ONLY in the mornings** during the month of May 2025
- and **closed in the afternoons.**

Rajeswari for Guest Registration Service Team,
Town Hall, grs@auroville.org.in

Community News

Obituary

REMEMBERING WALTER



Walter (Walter Wagner) was born in Stuttgart, Germany, on 7.12.1950. He was the only child of two individuals whose lives were broken by the war. His childhood and youth were difficult and he wanted to throw away his life, but there was always a protecting hand over him. That he felt.

His chosen destiny was to work with plants. In 1970 he graduated as a landscape gardener, then studied in

Munich and 1975 he became a qualified engineer of landscape architecture and environmental preservation.

At the office where he was employed there was a photo of the Nebula (an earlier design by Roger Anger, which became the Galaxy later) attached to the cupboard. Walter was always feeling attracted to it, not knowing what it was. He had been introduced to the Integral Yoga early through his spiritual friend and guide Heinz Kappes (1893-1988), a priest who emigrated to Jerusalem with his family in 1933 and stayed there for fourteen years, being a mediator between Arabs and Jews. In a second hand bookshop Heinz found Sri Aurobindo's "The Life Divine". After retiring, he went to Pondicherry, in 1959, and lived in the Ashram for one and a half years. The Mother gave him the task to translate Sri Aurobindo's works into the German language, which he did then in Stuttgart. Heinz was Walter's closest soul friend who taught him a lot.

His passion for photography made Walter travel through Ireland, Northern Ireland and America, doing landscape photography.

From 1981 to 1983 he ran a garden maintenance company in Stuttgart.

His thirst for light, for the sun, guided him to work as an assistant manager in Egypt from 1983 to 1985. There was a German on the farm who had lived in Auroville for some time. Walter became curious. In 1986 he came to stay in Auroville for several months, falling in love with the Matrimandir and the idea of a garden design based on the Mother's Symbol, and came back for good in 1987. He was welcomed at Matrimandir and jumped full-heartedly

into participation in the design of the Matrimandir gardens and the park.

Over the years he loved his multiple tasks and was a deeply dedicated and hard worker.

In 2005 he got the chance to be part of an intense garden seminar in Kyoto, Japan. This experience left a deep impact on him.

Mahalakshmi, the Mother's aspect of Harmony and Beauty, became his inner aspiration. And remained it ever since. Mahasaraswati was the other aspect to which he felt always drawn. His love for perfection.

His favourite book from Sri Aurobindo was "The Mother".

End of May 2023 he had an accident from which he recovered well, but not fully.

Walter had an intense inner life with lots of beautiful spiritual experiences.

On the 17 April early evening the Mother took him into Her arms while he was walking.

I translate here his message which he sent me the same day, at 2.53 pm:

'Our dear friend Heinz has made it clear to me that I will never be able to give back what good deeds other people do or did to me. I can only say "thank you".'

*With deep gratitude,
Mechtild*

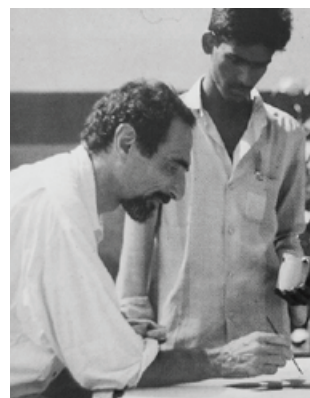
A silent gathering for Walter took place at the Matrimandir Banyan Tree on Monday, 21 April, around 5pm.

IN MEMORIAM ANDRÉ HABABOU

André Hababou, one of Auroville's early architects, arrived in Auroville in 1968, aged 26. On invitation of the Mother, at that time he started working with Roger Anger, Auroville's chief architect, and was his first draughtsman.

André was originally from Tunisia and spent the first 13 years of his life there. At the age of 14 he moved to France, and attended the Ecole des Beaux Arts, where he studied Arts and Architecture. He became a painter, and worked in architectural offices.

Through a chance meeting with an artist in Marseille, gradually André's interest in spirituality was awakened. He began to read books by Indian spiritual masters, and eventually read The Adventure of Consciousness, which drew him, in 1968, to the Ashram in Pondicherry. A brochure on Auroville had just come out. On its first page, there was a picture of the Galaxy, the Charter, The Dream and a photo of Mother. When he saw this brochure, it was like a revelation, an immense joy. "But this is where I must live!"



After selling his paintings in order to be able to travel, and then came to India over land, on the "hippie trail" so to say, which caused some initial difficulties at the Ashram. But after his meeting with Mother, accompanied by Roger Anger, the difficulties were over. When he first came to the Auroville area, he was taken aback because he did not find even the beginnings of a city as he had been expecting after seeing the beautiful model in the brochure. He recollected that "I wasn't disappointed—I



wasn't happy either—and I told myself that it was up to us to build the city; that we had to transform ourselves through doing it. It was a process that had meaning."

André began living in Auroville and working under the guidance of Roger Anger, and for the next 40 years, he helped create numerous private residences, apartment buildings and commercial facilities. He is cited and published, most recently in the journal *Architecture + Design*.

His projects included among others the Centre for Research in Communication and Publication (CRCP) in Fraternity; Surrender community—a residential collective housing project; the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture in the International Zone; commercial units Shradhanjali & Auromode Atelier, both in the Industrial Zone; and the school at New Creation.

For André, expressing beauty and harmony, which is automatically linked with functionality, was his aspiration and the most important aspect of his architectural work in Auroville.

André passed away on the night of 17—18 April. His burial took place at Auroville Burial Ground on Sunday, 20 April, the day he would have been 83.

Sources:

- <https://auroville.org/page/andr%C3%A9-hababou-3404>
- <https://land.auroville.org/André-54-aurovilian-years/>
- André Hababou—Auroville Wiki

An autobiography by André Hababou (previously published in French) is now available in English at the Visitors Centre bookshop, under the title "From Tunis to Auroville, In search of truth".

Annemarie

BON VOYAGE ANDRÉ

One summer afternoon, 23 years ago, I stepped onto the campus of Auromode. I was an 18-year-old student, searching for a place to intern.

What I found was the most beautiful workspace I had ever seen. It was alive with creativity and production, yet bathed in a calm, peaceful energy that instantly felt like home.

That day, I met Prema and André for the first time. Little did I know, this encounter would blossom into one of the most treasured relationships of my life.

Today, we said goodbye to André, on what would have been his 83rd birthday.

I remember him not just as a pioneer, but as a dear friend. One of my favorite memories of him is when he said, with his characteristic smile: "I arrived from France by road, searching for the City of the Future that was shaped like a galaxy... and when I asked where this city was, I was told, "You are here to build it" And build it he did, for nearly 50 years.

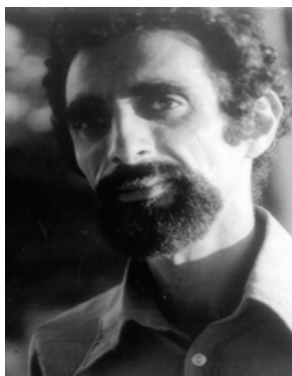
Auromode still carries the entrepreneurial and pioneering spirit that Prema and André lit within its walls. I see them in the buildings, in the hand-painted textiles, in the people who have stood by them for over three decades, who still remain the heart of the Auromode family.

On this tender occasion, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the first-generation pioneers of Auroville. What I see in them is unwavering faith in The Mother. They are as soft as hibiscus petals, and as resilient as the banyan tree, rooted deeply in the soul of this city, and yet branching out in strength, offering support and space for new generations to grow, to dream, to swing into the future.

They were rebels yes, but also realizers. They turned barren land into life. They built the very soul of Auroville—The Matrimandir. They are, and always will be, an inspiration.

We thank them for their legacy and we are grateful to carry their work forward, in the name of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. OM

Sowmya



REMEMBERING ANDRÉ HABABOU

André



Our brother and friend André Hababou left us on the morning of April 18, 2025. Born in Tunis on April 20, 1942, he would have been 83 this Sunday, April 20. André studied architecture between the ages of twenty and twenty-three. He arrived in Pondicherry at the end of 1968 and later settled in Aspiration, where he took part in its construction as one

of the first major communities in the early days of Auroville, along with Christopher (Cristof), Jean-Christophe, Claudine, Jean-Pierre (Baghawandas)...

I had a special relationship with this tall, slightly nonchalant Tunisian who was hyper-sensitive to atmospheres, and often worried about them. I loved his great simplicity and an uncomplicated mind.

However, he was curious about everything and always wanted to be sure to be understood: "Do you understand what I mean?" he would often punctuate his speech. I didn't live with him long enough to know all his activities, having been away from Auroville for 18 years. However, I do know that, after a more or less lengthy period of inactivity at Aspiration, he joined Roger Anger in Pondicherry to work with him on Auroville's urban development plans, as well as on the architecture of his future City-Vision.

In 1988, I returned permanently to Auroville and settled in Djaima, where I built a 120m² house based on André's plans and the model of his workshops, with pyramidal roofs.

He worked for many years at Aurofuture at Bharat-Nivas. I saw him every morning, as I was working with Walter for some time, on a study of the Matrimandir gardens.

Much later, André was to meet Prema, with whom he founded Auromode-atelier, for which he drew up the architectural plans and produced a number of his own designs for the market. Notably in Pondicherry, in the Kalki boutique he founded with Prema, Paul Pinton and Laura, and of which I was to become the "manager" for a time.

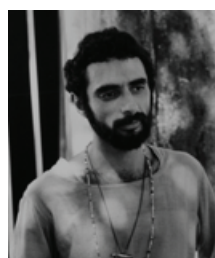
In collaboration with Christine Rolland, he has written a book of memories, *"De Tunis à Auroville, en quête de Vérité"*, Auroville Press, 2021. This book has just been translated into English.

I accompany this big brother with my tenderness for his latest adventure, to lighten the baggage of his life.

My heartfelt thoughts go out to his daughter, Pavitra, and all his friends.

Janaka

HELLO ANDRÉ



You, my playmate, my soul brother, and my lifelong friend!

You're in the room next door, which is still part of our world and our lives!

I still laugh when I think of you and this life of sharing that we had together!

You arrived in Auroville in October 1968, and your meeting with Mother was decisive in your life!

We met in January 1971 when I came to Auroville—we bonded through the Adventure that Mother had invited us to, and also through our shared origins!

Our soul brotherhood never left us until your departure!

You worked with Roger in the 70s, with whom you undertook so many projects for the construction of the City, and you became a distinguished architect!

You built many houses in Auromodèle and Auroville—the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, the Surrender housing complex, and of course Auromode Atelier, which you continued

to beautify until the end of your life! You always worked so that beauty could be expressed and endure in Auroville—we were so close in this shared vision of the City's manifestation! Your meeting with Prema changed your life, as did the arrival of Pavitra in your lives!

Together, we shared the creation of your biography, which Christine rendered so authentically, and just before your departure, its English translation by Anne!

I was so happy to walk alongside you for fifty-four years, and as we so often said, we don't believe in death but in life—so we will continue our journey through winds, tides, and storms—the Adventure of Mother!

*Louis, your brother,
your comrade, and your friend!*

Matrimandir News & Schedules

AMPHITHEATRE—MATRIMANDIR

Meditations at sunset with Savitri

6—6:30pm, every Thursday (weather permitting)

Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's long mantric poem, read by Mother to Sunil's music are on weekly for everyone to concentrate, in this beautiful open space in the very center of Auroville.



- **Reminder to all:** The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such. We request everyone: please do not use cameras, i-pads, cell phones, etc. No photos.
- **Guests with Aurocard** wishing to attend must book at mmconcentration@auroville.org.in one or two days in advance. Please bring your Aurocard with you.
- **Access by Office Gate for the Amphitheater only** from 5:45pm.
- Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocards.
- **Last entry for guests** at 6pm. Access limited for guests to the Amphitheatre
- **Last exit for guests** at 6:45 pm.

Velmurugan and the Access team

MATRIMANDIR ACCESS INFORMATION

Changes to the Access Policy

- Firstly all Pass Holders and Aurovilians bringing guests will have to sign into a register at the Office Gate.
- Secondly Aurovilians can bring their close family members to the Gardens 4:30—6:30pm daily as long as they inform before 11am on the day of the proposed visit to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in
- Thirdly, all guest houses and home stays please note: Guests only holding Aurocards, who wish to attend the Savitri Readings in the Amphitheatre on Thursday evenings will have to book one or two days in advance at mmconcentration@auroville.org.in
- The Matrimandir Access team also wishes to remind all Aurovilians acting as guides for visitors or guests that your guests can not be treated as friends and brought to the Park of Unity at any time. All Tours and guided individuals and parties should be taken to the Viewing Point.
- The Matrimandir Access team also wishes to remind anyone running workshops and camps that visits to Matrimandir or the Park of Unity are not to be included in the itinerary. All group visits should be to the Viewing Point only. Individuals attending these events who wish to concentrate in the Inner Chamber are welcome to make a booking in the normal way at auroville.org.

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 to the Gardens daily, 9am—3:30pm.
- Aurovilians wishing to bring close family to the Gardens at any other time should inform mmconcentration@auroville.org.in before 11am on the day of the proposed visit.
- Savi registered Volunteers and Donors require a pass to enter the Park of Unity. Timings will be indicated on the pass.
- Published events in the Park of Unity are open to Aurovilians, registered Newcomers, Volunteers, Pass holders and Guests. Guests should bring their Aurocards.
- Savitri Readings on Thursday evenings: Guests holding only Aurocards wishing to attend should book at mmconcentration@auroville.org.in one or two days in advance.

Access to the Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir

The Matrimandir is a place for silent individual concentration. The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers:

- Monday—Saturday: 6—8am, 4:30—7:30pm.
Sunday: 6am—12pm, 4:30—7:30pm.

The Inner Chamber is open to SAVI registered Volunteers:

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

The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 5 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—8:35am. Arrival at 7:45am 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—11am.

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

- Tuesday 8—8:30am.

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 cost. 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.
- Timings starting from the Visitors Centre Daily, 9am—5:30pm.

The Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir

- The Inner Chamber 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.

The Petals of the Matrimandir

The Petals are open to Aurovilians, registered Newcomers and Pass holders: Daily 7—8am, 5—6pm.

*Antoine
for the Matrimandir executive team*

VISITING MATRIMANDIR WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Kindly note the following points regarding bringing family and close friends to the Matrimandir.

The Park of Unity

Aurovilians may bring close family and friends (maximum 3, not guests) to the Gardens:

- 9am—3:30pm.
- 4:30—6pm, with prior information to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in the latest by 11am on the day of the visit.

The Inner Chamber of Matrimandir

Aurovilians with close family and friends (max. 3, not guests):

- **Monday to Saturday** (Tuesday morning Closed) 8—8:35am. Arrival 7:45am at the Office Gate with prior booking to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in

Thursday Meditations at sunset with Savitri

The guests with Aurocard wanting to attend the Savitri meditation on Thursday evening in the Amphitheatre have to book by filling in the form at the address <https://bit.ly/savitri-reading>.

Antoine, for Matrimandir Executives

Acres for Auroville

LAND CAMPAIGN, 24 APRIL: The Mother's Final Return to India



**The newest Matrimandir Garden:
The Garden of Wealth**

The new Garden of Wealth was inaugurated on The Mother's birthday, 21 February this year. It is one of the twelve gardens planned to surround the Matrimandir based on The Mother's vision and wishes, and the latest one completed. The flower that The Mother said symbolizes wealth is the Water Lily (Nymphaea), and it is the prominent flower in this new garden. Based on the meanings the Mother gave for the many varieties of Water Lilies, we see that wealth is meant to be understood on many levels: intellectual, psychological, material, feelings and actions what we share, receive, and give. And on a soul level, The Mother wrote:

*The only true emotional wealth is love for the Divine
True wealth is the wealth that one offers to the Divine*

We who love Auroville, know that Auroville, and in particular, the Matrimandir, are treasures in our lives—the sources of outer and inner wealth for us and on a larger scale, for humanity. Protecting the Matrimandir can only come by acquiring the missing land around it. Consolidating the Matrimandir's Peace area and the rest of Auroville's Master Plan land—remains the vital goal of Acres for Auroville—and we warmly invite your continued support!

A4A is in its 11th solidarity year of raising the funds to protect the Matrimandir and to consolidate the Master Plan land for Auroville's City and Greenbelt areas.

Join us for ensuring the future & securing the protection of Auroville!

- **Donating & Tax Deductibility information:** <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/>
- **News, videos, and land information:** www.land.auroville.org
- **Contact:** lfau@auroville.org.in Mandakini

LFAU LETTER—24 APRIL

Lands for Auroville Unified (LFAU)

Auroville Centre for Urban Research, Administrative Area, Auroville 605101, Tamil Nadu, India

24 April

The day of The Mother's permanent return to India

Today, 105 years ago,—The Mother, the inspiration source for Auroville returned to India, to Pondicherry for good. From the viewpoint of the spiritual evolution upon earth, her return was of crucial importance because through that, Sri Aurobindo's work of world transformation then acquired the new dimension of certainty, a new energy of success. Today, the world is in the throes of change and transformation and, we believe, this could be best interpreted in the light of Mother's vision of Auroville. Like every significant undertaking, Auroville has two major sides: the physical, outer, visible side and the side of ideas, ideals, visions, and inspirations. The success of Auroville means that both sides need to be developed: the physical, the outer, the visible side is fully realised in the sense that the central area called Peace is in place, with Matrimandir, its gardens, the lake, the tall trees on the periphery; then the four zones, viz Residential, Industrial, International, and Cultural; and finally, a developed Green Belt comprising life-nourishing, health-enhancing projects of a diverse variety. In all this, the latest innovations in building construction, architecture, technology, and modern knowledge in health, medicine, and education must be integrated with a conscious intention and aspiration to make Matter a vehicle to manifest the spirit. After all, the ideas, the ideals, the visions, and inspiration of Auroville can be summed up in a short extract from The Mother:

"...bring back

*the legitimate authority of the Spirit
over a matter fully developed and utilised".*

(Ref. MCW, V. 12, p. 249)

The present moment, called by Sri Aurobindo "The Hour of God", is especially favourable, even destined to prepare Matter for the manifestation of the Spirit. The advent of the internet, AI, and many other new technologies has generated intense curiosity and debate about the future of human life and, in that context, the purpose of human life. We believe that Auroville offers sensible and inspiring answers to many of those questions in the light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. That is why Auroville should take a high place in the emerging future. But that will be possible when both sides of Auroville—material and spiritual—are beautifully realised, integrated, and manifested. By securing & safeguarding the material base of Auroville in the form of land, we secure the physical side of Auroville and that in turn open up the chances for the spirit of Auroville to find, flourish, and establish a firm footing in Matter. Please specify your donations for "Acres For Auroville" via check, bank transfer or online:

- **Donating & Tax Deductibility information:** <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/>
- **News, videos, and land information:** www.land.auroville.org
- **Contact:** lfau@auroville.org.in

*With trust in Auroville's bright future,
Aryadeep, Mandakini*

Awakening Spirit

SAVITRI BHAVAN SCHEDULE, APRIL 2025



Exhibitions

- **Meditations on Savitri:** A painting exhibition of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961—67 is on display in the picture gallery
- **A Bilingual Exhibition on 'Sri Aurobindo:** A life-sketch in photographs' with texts both in English and Tamil is displayed in the upper corridor
- **Glimpses of the Mother:** Photographs and texts in the Square Hall

Regular Activities

- **Savitri Satsang, led by Narad:**
 - Every Tuesday, 4:40—5:30pm @ Savitri Bhavan
 - Followed by OM Choir: 5:30pm—6:30pm
- **Sundays 10:30—12pm:** Savitri Study Circle led by Larry Seidlitz
- **Mondays 3—4pm:** How to find the soul—Theory & Practice led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays 3—4pm:** Readings of the words of The Mother on Aims and Ideals of Auroville led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Mondays to Saturdays 3—5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Thursdays 4—5pm:** Videos of The English of Savitri led by Shraddhavan
- **Thursdays 4—5:30pm:** Reading Savitri in Russian with Anatoli
- **Fridays 3—4pm:** Reflections on 'Release of Ego' part 2 of Ch.9 from The Synthesis of Yoga led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Saturdays 5—6:30pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Exhibitions, Main Building and Office** are open Monday to Saturday 9am—5pm
- **Library and Digital Library** is open Monday to Friday 9am—5pm

Death, Dying, and Beyond: The Science and Spirituality of Death

Le livre: La Mort, Mourir, Et Au-Delà La Science et la Spiritualité de la Mort de Alok Pandey, MD est de nouveau disponible à Savitri Bhavan, Il ya une 20 de copies en Français.

Bienvenue à Tous avec Joie toujours...

House of Mother's Agenda Is Open

House of Mother's Agenda informs you, GangaLakshmi is present at H.O.M.A.

- Every afternoon, 3—5pm you have an opportunity to listen to Sweet Mother.



Savitri Satsang, led by Narad

- Every Tuesday, 4:40—5:30pm @ Savitri Bhavan

Savitri Satsang, an experiential reading of Sri Aurobindo's magnum opus, Savitri, shared by Narad in a new series that touches on its mantric beauty, poetic vastness, definitions of words and terms by Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, and by older Ashram disciples, in a deep line-by-line study.

- Followed by OM Choir: 5:30pm—6:30pm

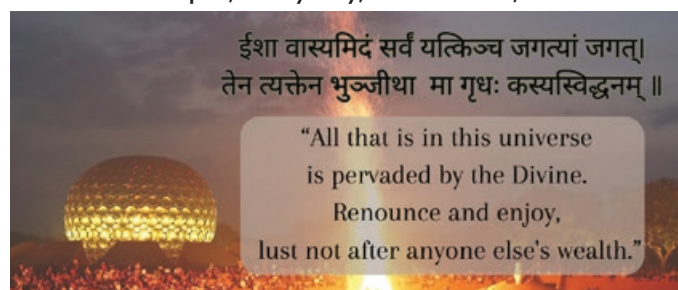


The OM Choir has been in its sacred home of Savitri Bhavan since its beginning for twenty-five years. Even earlier, when the Mother told Narad to bring down a new music, often one hundred and more people come to Aspiration during the prime months of Auroville fully devoted to bring down the new music that has the power of transformation.

Dhanalakshmi, Margrit & GangaLakshmi for Savitri Bhavan

ISHA UPANISHAD IN DAILY LIFE

6—26 April, every day, 5—6am IST, Online



All are welcome to a collective learning space for integrating the wisdom from

ईशोपनिषद् (Isha Upanishad) in daily life.

More details and registrations are here:

- <https://bit.ly/Isha-Upanishad>

To know more, write to: vidyamandir@auroville.org.in

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LABORATORY OF EVOLUTION LIBRARY



Focused on the evolutive vision, work of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother. Many related subjects from Traditional knowledge: Religion, Esotérisme, Contemporary Sciences, New Physics, New Biology, New Dimensions, NDE Body Consciousness, Health .. etc.

You can find there the complete works of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother in many languages, books written by Ashram Disciples & Aurovilians. Also documents related to Auroville, books, Cd & DVD, films & lectures.


- **Open** Monday to Saturday 9am—12pm Tuesday & Friday 2:30—4:30pm
- Open for Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, & Guests
- LOE Library is now **located at Horizon**, in front of Sve Dam, on the right side of Lorenzo's building.

Kalyani


A weekly study circle on

The Synthesis of Yoga

- Sri Aurobindo



By **Deepti Tewari**
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Every Tuesday
Venue :
 Resource Library,
 Bharat Nivas, Auroville



Monisha for BN Team

Education

SECOND PART

of the Radical Transformational Leadership workshop in Tamil @ Unity Pavilion

Dear Community, we are very happy to share with you the 2-part Radical Transformational Leadership workshop in Tamil for growth and full potential of all, especially senior students, educators and alumni.

The program is designed at three levels: 1) enhances self-awareness and personal potential, 2) enhances ability to see underlying patterns in self, school, work and society that result in recurring problems, and 3) enhances ability to design and implement equitable and enduring solutions.

- **Session 1:** 5 May, 9am—4:30pm and 6 & 7 May, 9am—12:30pm
- **Session 2:** 30 & 31 May, 9am—4:30pm

Context:

The program helps participants to get in touch with their individual potential/greatness, building efficacy, clarity, and harmony in study, work, and family-related environments and provides tools for participants to solve problems with value-based solutions while addressing underlying patterns that give rise to the problems.

The tools explored in this program will help to:

- support participants to source their inner capacity and transcend fear or feelings of lowness & lack of self-worth to build resilience and purpose in life.
- builds capacity for increased self-worth, personal confidence and drive for inspired-action.
- fosters a wider mindset of inter-community sustainability and well-being for all.
- fosters institutes/workplaces to become spaces of learning and unfolding where action becomes integrally directed towards common growth and goals.
- transforms norms of blame, exclusion, bullying, guilt, complaints, and gossip towards responsible speaking and actions.
- cultivates accomplishment.
- move from resignation towards action, producing results.

The session will be facilitated by **Dr. Srilatha Juvva**. Srilatha is a professor at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, a trained social worker, and a member of the state board for inclusion. Srilatha is deeply interested in transforming the narrative of mental health, disability, and addiction from one of stigma and being diminished to one that includes and exercises one's full potential.

- **For registration and information**, please contact: stewardship4newemergence@auroville.org.in
- **For queries**, contact: +91 9487830093

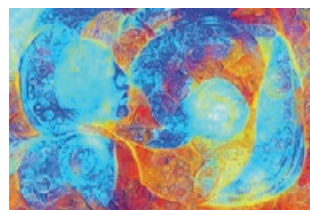
Savithri for the Radical Transformational Leadership team in Auroville

INTEGRAL MATHEMATICS:

A Journey of Insight and Inspiration

Friday, 25 April, 4 pm
 @ Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan

The qualitative essence of mathematics through ancient Sanskrit scriptures, revisiting Sri Aurobindo's illuminating insights, and tracing the paths of history's greatest mathematicians.



This series invites you to nurture qualities of insight, intuition, and intellectual depth, unveiling the transformative power of mathematical exploration.

- Sankhya Philosophy by Kapila Muni "System of Sixty", Part 2: **Appeasement, Perfection and Radical Facts**

Everyone is welcome

Facilitated by Team Enlight and Savitri Bhavan
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Ilaignarkal Education Centre Presents

LET'S TALK—THOUGHTS BLOSSOM

Auroville Youth Education Centre
 Towards Golden Jubilee...

Every Thursday

- **First Session:** 3—4pm, **Second Session:** 4:15—5:15pm
- **Topic:** Mindscape Let's Talk—Thoughts Blossom
- **Facilitator:** Poet R. Meenakshi
- **Venue:** Youth Education Centre

We will converse in both Tamil and English. People of any age and anyone can participate cordially. No fee, love is the investment.

- Please register your attendance for Thursday by Tuesday evening 4:30pm

Thursday Circle Organizer contact:

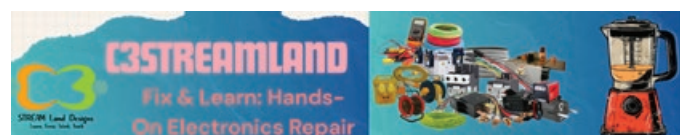
- 0413 2623773, tamil@auroville.org.in

We believe this event will be of interest to the Auroville community, and we appreciate your help in sharing this information.

Ayyanar
 for Ilaignarkal Education Centre

STEM LAND—ELECTRONIC REPAIR COURSE

Fix & Learn: Hands-On Electronics Repair



We are looking to create a course to train children in fixing mixie, grinder, water filter, microwave oven.

- **If you have an old equipment** that doesn't work or is on its last legs give it a second life while supporting students learn. Please send a message in SMS, WhatsApp, Signal to the number in the contact. We can pick them up for you in the AV area for the quantity we need for the course.
- **Outcomes:**
 - Understanding appliances
 - Hands on learning
 - Debug and Repair

Nithyasandhosh,
 +91 9751241372,
 STEM Land,
 Udavi school campus, Auroville

AUROVILLE PHYSICAL EDUCATION BODY (AVPEB) Announces its One Year Course in Physical Education Teacher's Training 2025/26



IAPE course aims to create a new squad of sports teachers who are:

- empowered with the latest in sports science,
- equipped with on ground practical training and supervision
- and sparked with the spiritual significance of the human body

Course commences: July 2025

The course is open to ALL aspirants and will prioritize those who aspire to become Physical Education teachers in Auroville Schools.

If this interests you and feels like your calling, fill the form to receive the detailed brochure by scanning the QR code in the poster or click the link below:

- <https://tinyurl.com/5n66z934> or scan QR code to fill the form.

We will contact you individually in the coming weeks.

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Lijun, +91 84893 11336

for AVPEB, Auroville Physical Education Body—SAIER,
Unit under Auroville Foundation

AUROVILLE INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

Offers Bachelor's Degree Courses

• Auroville Institute of Applied Technology at the Aurobrindavan campus **offers bachelor's degree courses** (B.Voc.) in Software Development and Machine Learning, Applied Electronics and Chip Design, Electric & Electronics Technologies (Renewable energy and Mechatronics and Production Technology) affiliated with Pondicherry University.



These courses are skill-centric and of three years; candidates with a +2 or equivalent are eligible to join a B.Voc. course. B.Voc. graduates are eligible for lateral entry in the 4th year of a B.E. course. Students learn by doing projects from the people working on projects (mentorship) and at industrial sites (internship program).

Eligible are students with +2 or equivalent.

- **AIAT is looking for a part-time English teacher** with a minimum qualification of an M.A. in English. Interested candidates should apply to principal.aiat@auroville.org.in

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VISUAL MATHEMATICS CLASSES

We are happy to bring back 'Visual Mathematics classes' to **children under 7 years**. These classes offer a strong visual base and act as a foundation for the mathematics concepts learned later in school.

We are thankful for the consistent and strong parent support for this activity and we would like to show our heartfelt gratitude to each one of them.

Snehal, +91 9529673687 WA

 KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE (A CENTRE FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN AUROVILLE)				
செயல்பாடு ACTIVITY	தாள் DAY	நேரம் TIMING	பெரியவர்கள் மற்றும் குழந்தைகள் FOR CHILDREN & ADULT	வயது வரம்பு AGE GROUP (ONLY 10 TO 20 STUDENTS PER GROUP)
ஆங்கில வகுப்பு ENGLISH CLASS	MONDAY AND THURSDAY	10 AM TO 11:30 AM	FREE	ABOVE 18 years
தையல் செயல்பாடு TAILORING ACTIVITY	MONDAY TO SATURDAY	2 PM TO 4 PM	FREE	ABOVE 13 years
மாலை நேர வகுப்புகள் EVENING TUITION CLASSES	MONDAY TO SATURDAY	6 PM TO 8 PM	FREE	From 1 st Grade to 9 th Grade
கராத்தே KARATE	MONDAY	3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM	FREE	ABOVE 5 years
ஹிப்-ஹாப் நடனம் HIP-HOP DANCE	TUESDAY	3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM	FREE	ABOVE 5 years
சிலம்பம் SILAMBAM	WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM	FREE	ABOVE 5 years
பரத நாட்டியம் BHARATHA NAATTIYAM	THURSDAY	3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM	FREE	ABOVE 5 years
குழந்தைகள் விளையாட்டு பூங்கா CHILDREN PARK	EVERYDAY	10 AM TO 7 PM	FREE	ABOVE 5 years
ஒலியம் மற்றும் கைவினை ART AND CRAFT	MONDAY TO SATURDAY	2 PM TO 3:00 PM	FREE	ABOVE 5 years
Email: kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in OR kulaicreativecentre.auroville@gmail.com WhatsApp: + 91-86084 73385 / 9843195290 WEBSITE: www.kulaicreativecentre.org				

Submitted by Selva for KCC

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Educational Services

- Physics and Chemistry CBSE grades 11—12;
- Edexcel IGCSE and International Advanced Levels (grades 9—12).
- Mathematics 7—8 grades as preparation to high school science.
- Exam preparation through knowledge and understanding.

Sergei, 9442934078,

satori.auroville@gmail.com

TUITION CLASSES AVAILABLE

- **Tuition classes** available from 1st to 12th grade level in all subjects.
- **Crash course** available for 10th and 12th grade level.
- For further information contact ashree@auroville.org.in / 8270512606 WA only.

Ashwini

AUROVILLE LIBRARY

Contacts and Timings

- 0413 2622 894, avlib@auroville.org.in

Opening timings:

- **Mornings:**
Monday—Saturday: 9am—12:30pm
- **Afternoons:**
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 2—4:30pm.
Tuesday: 4—6:30pm.

Laura

Books

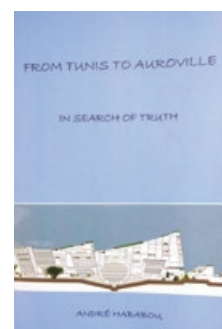
AUTOBIOGRAPHY BY ANDRÉ HABABOU

Auroville Press wants to inform you that an autobiography by André Hababou (previously published in French)

is now available in English under the title "From Tunis to Auroville, In search of truth".

Andre recounts his first years in Tunisia, the antisemitism that was prevalent at the time, his difficult transplantation to France, his sensation of never being at home anywhere, and, finally, his discovery of Auroville, which will become his true home for the rest of his life.

Visitors Center bookshop,
Vivekan



Youth Initiative

AMMA FESTIVAL

1 May @ Youth Centre

We are happy to announce the upcoming Amma Festival—a celebration dedicated to honoring the love, care, and hard work of all those who keep Auroville alive through their daily contributions.

We kindly ask units to invite your bioregion workers to the upcoming Amma Festival, as this event is dedicated to appreciating their contributions.

We would also be grateful if you could support the festival by contributing food, if possible.

Your participation and support will help make this a truly meaningful and heartwarming event.

Looking forward to celebrating together!

Jisung on behalf of Youthlink



TRIVIA & BOARD GAMES NIGHT WITH PIZZA

Friday, 18 April: Trivia Night

Saturday, 19 April: Board Games Night

7—10pm @ Youth Center, Auroville

We're hosting two cozy evenings full of laughter, friendly competition, and delicious pizza — and everyone's invited!

Come for either night or join us for both — whether you're into quirky trivia, strategic board games, or just good company and cheesy slices, there's a spot for you.

Let's gather, play, and enjoy two beautiful nights of community fun.

Jisung on behalf of Youthlink



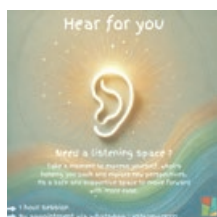
HEAR FOR YOU

Looking for a space to talk, reflect, and gain clarity? Hear for You offers a one-on-one conversation space where you can freely express yourself in a safe and supportive environment.

Each session lasts about an hour and is focused on active listening and guidance, helping you bring more clarity to your current situation and find what can bring meaning and fulfillment into your life.

Sometimes, all we need is someone to truly listen. I'm here for you. Book an appointment: +91 6384615721 WA

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Health Care

ADDICTION RECOVERY SESSIONS

@ Maatram

Every Tuesday, 3:30—4:30pm

@ Maatram, 1st floor, Arka

In addition to our Regular Therapy Sessions, we are adding another weekly walk-in session on **Addiction Recovery**.

Raam & Palani

SANTÉ SERVICES



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Schedule

Working Hours

- Monday—Saturday, 9—12:30pm & 2—4:30pm

Tests and Sample collection

- Monday—Friday, 8:30—12pm.
- No sample collection on Saturday.

For emergencies

- Auroville Ambulance 24/7: +91 9442224680
- Government Ambulance 24/7: 108

Appointment

- Please call Santé on 0413 2622803 during working hours for an appointment

Santé Services Schedule

Doctor Consultation with Dr. Gunashree & Dr. Sana: Monday to Saturday	Nurse Care Thilagam, Ezhil, Archana & Sandhya, Daily: no appointment needed
Ayurveda with Dr. Be: Monday (classes*) Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Friday	Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday	Homeopathy with Michael: Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday
Midwifery & GYN Care with Paula: As per availability	Soundbed Session with Sandhya/ Thilagam: Monday to Saturday
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena— inquiry email: adminsante@auroville.org.in	

*Ayurveda Classes:

- 2pm, basic principles of Ayurveda
- 3pm, reading of Ashtanga Hrudaya (one of the 3 main literature on Ayurveda)

In Santé, we value our patient's confidentiality & make every effort to ensure their privacy. In case of cancellation or to reschedule, it is necessary to inform us in advance.

Dasha for Santé Services,

sante@auroville.org.in,
<http://sante.auroville.org.in>

WEEKLY BABY SUPPORT CIRCLE: LITTLE RED FEET

Every Wednesday, 9am—12pm

@ Humanscapes

Hello, wonderful parents! Join our Weekly Baby Support Circle hosted by Lilaloka!

We warmly invite you to our Weekly Baby Support Circle, a nurturing space created especially for parents of newborns to one-year-olds. Come as you are, connect with other parents, and celebrate the journey of raising your little one.



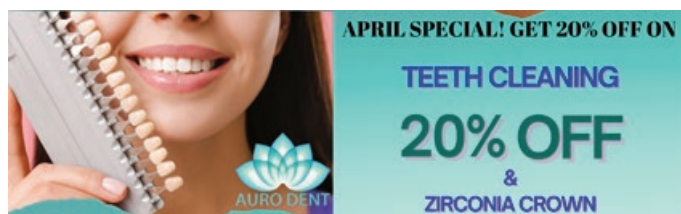
Here's what to expect:

- Heartfelt Connections:** Share your joys, challenges, and stories with other parents who truly understand.
- A Safe Haven:** A welcoming, nonjudgmental space for growth, encouragement, and community.
- Inspiring Sessions:** Special guest speakers to guide and support you on topics that matter most.

We can't wait to welcome you and your baby into this circle of love and support. Let's grow together!

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AURODENT DENTAL CLINIC APRIL SPECIAL



Get 20% OFF on teeth cleaning,
20% off Zirconia crown

Offer Details: Open to all Aurovilians and Guests.

- Valid until 30 April, 2025

Working Hours:

- Monday to Friday, 9am—5:30pm
- Saturday, 9am—1pm

For Appointments:

- 9629199328 WA, 0413 2622063 landline
- aurodent@auroville.org.in Jayasutha for Auroident

SERVICES PROVIDED

This is Sruthi, 27 years old, an Aurovilian born and brought up in Auroville. I have completed my Masters degree in Physiotherapy (MPT) and I am specialised in Orthopaedics. I am ready to provide home care visits at your place.



Neck pain, Low back pain, Knee pain, Heel pain, Frozen shoulder, Shoulder related pain, Muscle injury, Ligament injury, Sprain and strain, Sports injuries, Sciatica, Post fracture/ surgical rehabilitation, Stroke/ Paralysis, Facial palsy/ Bell's palsy, General fitness, Ergonomic advice, Geriatric care, Myofascial massage (Head&Neck/ Back)

- Pain is a sign that has to be taken care of.
- Kindly get in touch with me if you need my service.

+91 7904769496 WA,
auroshruthi@auroville.org.in
Sruthi Sundaram

Animal Care

OPEN LETTER: URGENT ACTION NEEDED to Address a Serious Rabies Outbreak in Auroville

Dear Madame Secretary, the Auroville Dog Shelter is compelled to bring to your urgent attention a recent and serious rabies outbreak in Auroville. Despite extensive vaccination efforts, including the administration of over 1,500 vaccinations following a one-time grant of Rs. 6 lakhs in emergency funding from AVI USA between August 2024 and January 2025, these measures have proven insufficient to adequately protect the residents, visitors, children, and guests of Auroville from the deadly threat of rabies.



Last week, a pet Dachshund, confirmed rabid by post-mortem brain biopsy conducted by specialized veterinarians from Mettupalayam College, attacked and bit more than 30 dogs in heavily frequented areas, including Crown, Solar Kitchen, Bharat Nivas, and the Visitors Centre. This incident caused widespread panic in Kottakarai and underscores the severity of the situation. The Department of Animal Husbandry has been notified again of this latest rabies case. Auroville had already been designated as a rabies outbreak zone last year. The Auroville Dog Shelter is receiving daily calls from concerned residents reporting suspected rabid dogs, which we cannot rescue due to the lack of quarantine facilities!

While a 1,000-dog-per-year sterilization project is underway, still, too many puppies are born and dumped within Auroville and present an ongoing risk, as these animals are potential carriers of the virus. To avert a potentially disastrous mass rabies outbreak that would endanger the lives of residents, visitors, and animals, we implore the Auroville Foundation to provide immediate and substantial funding to contain this grave threat.

The current facilities of the old and crumbling Auroville Dog Shelter are inadequate to cope with this severe crisis. The shelter lacks a secure quarantine facility, limiting its capacity to isolate more than one rabies-suspect animal at a time. With a monthly BCC funding allocation of only Rs. 50,000, the shelter is just barely surviving and struggles to reach its monthly running costs of Rs. 3.5 lakhs. The shelter is only able to employ one veterinarian for half a day and lacks a dedicated emergency rescue and mobile vaccination team for Auroville. Furthermore, our stock of vaccines is nearly depleted, and we urgently require a supply of both canine and feline vaccinations to provide free vaccination services. A petition, signed by nearly 1,000 concerned residents and animal lovers, requesting increased monthly funding for the shelter, has been disregarded for many months. Additionally, the allocation of land, funding, and the granting of building permission for the new Auroville Dog Shelter have been delayed for over 1.5 years while the old shelter is disintegrating.

The Auroville Dog Shelter urgently calls upon the Auroville Foundation to acknowledge the potential danger and impending disaster facing Auroville in the coming weeks. We implore you to take immediate action by providing the necessary funds to combat this outbreak and safeguard the health and safety of all residents, visitors, guests, children, and animals.

Please act now so we can help!

In Service,
Arthur for Auroville Dog Shelter

UNA AND DAYO LOOKING FOR A HOME

Una a light coloured chippiparai female abandoned last year in Auroville. After having a litter she is now sterilized, vaccinated and is being fostered. She is in search of a permanent home. It would need someone with space, and time to let her settle in as it seems she has been through much. Yet given that she is extremely loving.



Una's last remaining pup, Dayo about 2.5 months old, a light brown male chippiparai—indie mix is vaccinated, dewormed, healthy and happy. Presently being fostered along with his mom he is in search for his home.

- For those interested please contact foster +91 9787825952 tele/ WA

Submitted by Lisa

LOOKING FOR HOMES FOR TWO KITTENS

A beautiful ginger cat that was roaming around and kept on sitting in front of my door meowing, gave birth to 2 kittens, a male (ginger with a little white) and a female (3-colored brown, black, white). The two sweet kittens are ready to be given away soon to animal loving children or adults. If someone misses a female ginger cat, please also contact me 94896 01312, SMS or WA, or email shivaya@auroville.org.in.



Shivaya

International

Unity Pavilion Presents

THE MOTHER'S SYMBOL, MATRIMANDIR & 12 QUALITIES



ART CLASS WITH ARTIST JANAKIRAMAN



SENCHA-STYLE TEA CEREMONY



Experience the spiritual and healing power of tea in a conscious and immersive way. Through this unique ceremony, we will explore the healing aspects of tea of choice, allowing it to nourish both body and soul.

Discover a new perspective on tea drinking as you embrace awareness and relaxation.

- Sessions are available as a one-on-one experience or for groups (4+ people).
- Children (5+ years) are welcome. Special Kids birthday sessions available.
- Pre-booking or by appointment: +91 9385428400 WA

Priya for Unity Pavilion

The French Pavilion presents

JOIN US FOR PÉTANQUE

@ the French Pavilion!

Every Sunday, 4—5:30pm, opposite Visitor Center

Discover Pétanque, a classic French game of skill and strategy, played by tossing steel balls close to a small wooden ball (cochonnet). Open to all levels, it's perfect for socializing and having fun. Also a good opportunity to practice your French! Come share a friendly moment and connect with others in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere!

Vivekan



LA MÈRE RACONTE

(The Mother tells)

French Practice

from classes given by the Mother at the Ashram

Every Thursday, 4:30—5:30pm

@ Pavillon de France

In the 1950s, The Mother gave classes in French at the Pondicherry Ashram, later compiled into *La Mère raconte*.

Using simple and figurative language, she conveyed her thoughts in various registers of French.

This workshop explores these texts, helping participants deepen their understanding of both French and The Mother's teachings. Open to all levels, sessions include reading, vocabulary exploration, and group discussions in French, English, or Tamil. Led by Augustin (Tamil/English) and Jean-François (French).

Vivekan



The Pavillon de France
and Alliance Française Puducherry present
DERRIÈRE LE VOILE...L'ÈRE DE MAHSA

A play by Chahla Chafiq

Interpreted and performed by GenPol and Salmi Elahi

In French with English Subtitles

Monday, 28 April, 7pm

@ Alliance Française Puducherry

A moving play exploring a professor's quiet life in Iran, shaken by the women's uprising under the cry "Woman, Life, Freedom." As past and present collide, he revisits his beliefs through the story of rebel poet Tahreh, the first woman to unveil before a male audience.

Her courage challenges his own silences, reviving deep questions about love, fear, and freedom. This timely piece offers a powerful reflection on history, gender, and the human spirit.

- Shared transportation from Auroville:
Departure at 6pm from Solar Kitchen.

For those who wish to avoid night driving, we are organizing a common, shared-cost bus to Puducherry. Limited seats available. Please write to france.auroville@gmail.com before April 24 to reserve your place.

Vivekan



AN EVENING IN TRIBUTE TO CRISTOF PITÖEFF

24 April 6:30pm @ Pavillon de France

With GenPol in French

On this 24 of April, we will have the joy of launching the website icristof.fr.

It's now been two years since Cristof passed away—but don't worry, he's not that far. He's still here to inspire us. As for Sébastien, he has spent the past two years gathering and organizing the texts, recordings, and videos Cristof left us—like a legacy. A gift full of depth, love, and humor.

Cristof's body of work began in the early 1970s and what he leaves behind is immense. We're already looking at over 6,000 pages in the form of plays, poems, essays, and other writings—not to mention hours of audio and short poetic videos.



Mère,
tu m'as dit : de ton nom
j'ai entretenu tout ce qui appartenait
à un pays, une nationalité, une
civilisation. Et moi j'aurais le droit :
Peut-être, Mère, désormais est
pour toujours n'appartenir qu'à
Toi.

Cristof used to write a text every year on April 24 to celebrate the Mother's arrival in Pondicherry. That's why Sébastien chose this day to put the website online, and why we've decided to celebrate it at the French Pavilion.

On 24 April we'll present the website, read some of Cristof's texts, and also take the opportunity to celebrate the 105th anniversary of the Mother's arrival in Pondicherry. We'll end the evening by sharing a drink together—feel free to bring something along for a friendly potluck-style gathering!

Vivekan

FEMINITY AND CORPOREALITY IN BOLLYWOOD CINEMA Through French Philosophical thought

A conference by Dr. Pattnaik

In English with simultaneous translation in French

Monday, 29 April, 5pm @ Cinema Paradiso

The lecture will begin by exploring the radical idea that Simone de Beauvoir proffered that one is not born but becomes a woman. Michel Foucault has reminded us that the body, corporeality is not a natural fact, a given in life but has a genealogy and a history. We will explore through the work of these philosophers and contemporary Indian cinema how corporeality and the notion of the feminine are configured and materialised on screen through dominant power structures, as they open up vistas of resistance. The lecture will foreground the body as a site of pedagogy and feminist philosophy and a space of critical subversion.

Dr. Sonali Pattnaik is a poet, author, academic, and visual artist with over 20 years of teaching experience. She holds a PhD in English and specializes in gender, cinema, and visual studies. Her work has been widely published and awarded, both in India and internationally.

Simultaneous translation in French will be available through headphones during the conference.

Vivekan



Theatre, Music & Arts

PHOTO EXHIBITION BY TIM: Trees—Their Outer Garment

@ Pitanga

The ongoing exhibition got extended till 30 April



Art Gallery timings: Monday to Saturday, 8:30am—12:30pm and 2:30—5:30pm.

Sundays and holidays closed

Andrea

Bharat Nivas Presents

Incredible: A showcase of Artistic Brilliance

• 18 April—17 May @ Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas



Submitted by Monisha

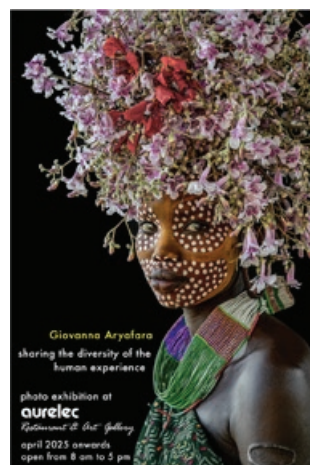
GIOVANNA ARYAFARA

Sharing the Diversity of the Human Experience

Photo exhibition @ Aurelec Restaurant & Art Gallery, open 8am—5pm, April onwards

Giovanna Aryafara, a photographer, travels the world in search of subjects that awaken our emotions, invoke a sense of shared spirituality, and reveal our world through a minimalist, design-inspired lens.

Her works offer access to the beauty of our Earth, inspired by her love of sharing the diversity of human experience.



Jana for Aurelec

Theatre, Music & Art Activities

SVARAM PROGRAMS

SVARAM Sound Journey

• @ Unity Pavilion, every Wednesday, 5:30—6:30pm



SVARAM Sound Journey

- @ Kala Kendra, Bharat Nivas
- Daily, 2:30—3:30pm.
- For details please click the link or scan the QR Code:

<https://svaram.org/sound-journey-bharat-nivas/>



Here are our other Social Media links:

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@SvaramStreams/about>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/svaram.org>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/svaramsoundexperience/>

Aurelio and the SVARAM Team
svaram@auroville.org.in
svaramprograms@auroville.org.in

THE AUROVILLE CHOIR:

Call for Tenor Singers

The Auroville Choir is looking for tenor voices (high male voice) to join our ensemble.

- **Full choir rehearsals:**
Every Thursday, 6—8pm.

In addition, each voice section meets separately once a week for focused practice:

- **Men—Tenor/Bass:** Wednesdays, 7—8pm.
- All rehearsals take place @ CRIPA in Kalabhumi.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Nuria

- +91 7639191307, 0413 2622310

- nuria@auroville.org.in.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Nuria



CREEVA: INFORMATION & UPCOMING NEWS



Weekly Art Workshops & Sessions

- **Watercolour Painting Workshop** by Sathya
 - Every Monday, 5—7pm.
- **Life Model Drawing Session:**
 - Every Tuesday, 5—7 pm.
- **Live Portrait** by Sathya:
 - Reach out to schedule a session.
- **Open Studio:** A space for everyone to explore their artistic potential
 - Every day, 9am—5pm,
 - Contact Abi: +91 90420 58981

For info contact Sathya:

- +91 9486145072, sathyacolour@auroville.org.in

Sathya for CREEVA Art Studio,
Creativity, Auroville

Dance Activities

AUROVILLE TANGO

@ Harmony Hall, Bharat Nivas

New batch starts the first week of each month

- **Monday:**
7—Introduction to Tango
8—Improvers
- **Wednesday**
7:30—Guided Practice
8—Long Practice

No partner required.

Bring socks or dance shoes.

And plenty of joy!

- +91 9821166082
- tango@auroville.org.in



Maud

DANCE CLASSES BY MANI

Choose your Dance: Bachata, Kizomba, Salsa, Tango

Register now: +9186376 33696

Salsa Dance

@ New Creation dance studio

- Tuesday: Salsa class, 6:30pm
- Saturday: Workshop, 7pm

@Bakisata_dance

Embrace the Rhythm
and Let Go!



Tango Dance @ CRIPA

Monday

- Beginner, 6:30—7:30pm
- Intermediate, 7:30—8:30pm

Friday

- Workshop, 6:30—7:30pm
- Open practice, 7:30—8:30pm

Contact: +91 8637633696



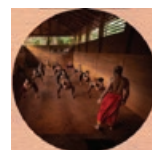
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Sports & Martial Arts

BHARAT NIVAS PRESENTS

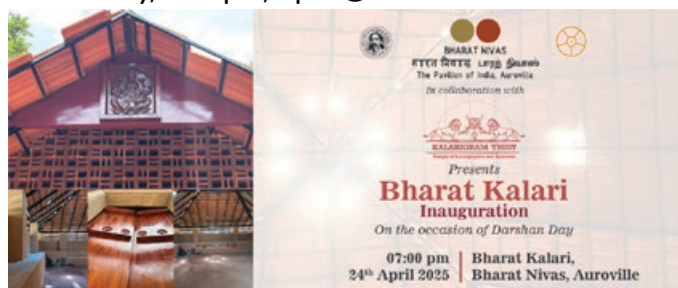
Kalaripayattu Class

- in Collaboration with Kalarigram:
Bhumika Hall, 6—7am, Monday to Friday
- For Registration:
bharatnivas@auroville.org.in,
office: 0413 2622253
- Contribution is applicable



Bharat Kalari Inauguration

- Thursday, 24 April, 7pm @ Bharat Kalari

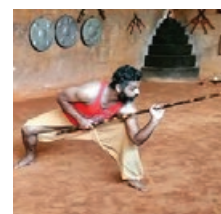


Monisha for BN Team

KSHETRA KALARI

@ Aspiration Sport Ground

- **Kalari Classes for Beginners**
 - Morning classes: 6:30—7:30am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Evening classes: 5—6pm,
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- **Kalari Classes for Advanced People**
 - Morning classes 6:30—7:30am
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- **Kalari Massage Available**
 - By appointment, 9042009200



Maneesh

KALPANA GYM

Open 7—9am & 5—8pm
Monday to Saturday.

Satyakam

ABHAYA MARTIAL ARTS

Abhaya Martial Arts has trained more than 500 students of all genders, age and levels of experience, hosting also Muay Thai coaches, Black belts of BJJ and exposing our students to a series of highly transformative practices. We took our students to national competitions and also started to give to our students official belts and degrees recognized by **Shou Dao School**, a martial art academy recognized by the Olympic Committee.



Our regular classes for adults

- **Monday:** MMA/Grappling 5:30pm with coach Giacomo
- **Wednesday:** MMA/Grappling 5:30pm with coach Giacomo
- **Friday:** Kickboxing 5:30pm with coach Ruben

Contribution required. Be punctual, short nails, in sports-wear and no jewelry. Stay home if you are sick or if you have open wounds.

If you wanna be updated about these changes and know how to participate, please contact +91 9487340778 WA

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu classes for kids!

Abhaya Martial Arts is happy to share that after overwhelming requests, we have resumed kids Brazilian Jiu-jitsu classes in Dehashakti Gym.

- We welcome kids from 4—13 years old on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30—4:30pm.**

Contribution required.

Send your kids in sportswear, with a bottle of water and a big smile.

The class will be led by Monica, an experienced assistant instructor very well known and loved by kids. Abhaya teaches Brazilian Jiu-jitsu for kids in a non competitive way, focusing on discipline and self-control, giving them a practical and realistic basis for a martial art journey. Brazilian Jiu-jitsu is the closest to real life self e training and it has proven results in building cognitive skills and fine motor development, especially for kids.

For more information and to be part of the WA group contact +91 8448077070

Submitted by Giacomo

AIKIDO CLASSES

Aikido is a martial art created in the 1920s by Morihei Ueshiba, a master in traditional Japanese martial arts.

Aikido is a path which aspires to the unity of mankind, the unification of the self with the universe, the union of Spirit and Matter.

The Auroville Aikido group always welcomes new practitioners, Youth and Adults, and those who would like to revive their abandoned practice!

Adult Aikido classes

- **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 6—7:30am**, early morning. Beginners are most welcome. Girls and women are especially called to join us.
- **Wednesdays, 5:30—7pm.** Welcome!

Children/ young students

- **Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4—5pm.**

Contact for more info and registration

- budokan@auroville.org.in
- 8300643963 WA, Philippe G.
- 9952812843 WA, N. Murugan

*Cristo, Rita, Surya & Philippe
for Auroville Aikido*



GIRLS' FUTSAL FOOTBALL CLUB

Tuesday and Friday at 5:10pm @ Dehashakti

Girl's football team in Dehashakti. If you like football and you want to learn, play and have fun, come and enjoy it with the other girls.

- Age group 15+ only.
- Contact Beber 6385635943 for details

Beber



SWIMMING CLASS

Swim to Serenity: Waves of Strength!

Water therapy, Open water, Oceanic, Water dance, Water movie, Swimming in pool.

@watersport_mani

Book now: +91 8637633696

Package swimming class

Mani



Bioregion & Nature Activities

AUROVILLE BAMBOO CENTRE

Bamboo Centre Campus Tour

Bamboo Centre campus tour offers a holistic experience into the world of bamboo all in one place. Takes you from the bamboo sapling, different species, varieties of raw materials, workshops, products, food and wellness services related to bamboo is curated into an educational tour with bamboo tea and refreshments.



- 11am—12:30pm, 2:30—4:30pm
- Every day except Sunday
- Registration one day in advance.

Every Saturday Auroville Bamboo Tour with Special Bamboo Lunch



- 11:30am—12:30pm, every Saturday
- Registration one day in advance.

Special Bamboo Lunch for Groups in week days

- 11:30am—12:30pm, every day except Sunday
- Registration two day in advance.

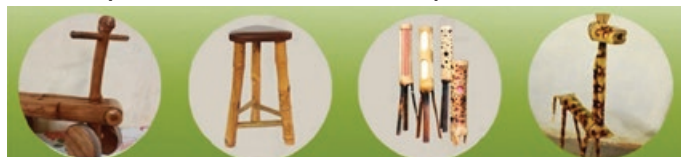
Trainings and workshops

The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people.

Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

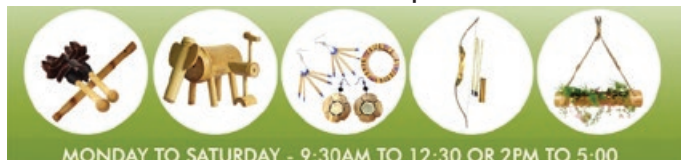
Daily, Make and Take Hands-on Workshops Experiences

One-Day, Make and Take Workshops



- 9am—12:30pm, 1:30—5pm
- Registration one day in advance.
- **Furniture Workshop:** This immersive learning experience that offers the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of furniture construction and then make and take the furniture piece back home. This unique workshop will take place under the guidance of an expert.
- **Bamboo Lampshade:** Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Lampshade at Bamboo Centre and take home your own hand made lampshade at the end of the workshop.
- **Bamboo Giraffe:** Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Giraffe at Bamboo Centre and take home your own hand made giraffe at the end of the workshop.
- **Bamboo Bicycle (For Kids):** Are you ready to bring your cycling aspirations to life? Join our immersive 1-day Bamboo Bicycle frame-building experience and embark on a journey that goes beyond just assembling a cycle.

3 Hours Make and Take Workshops



- Walk-in registration available
- 9am—12:30pm or 2:30pm—5pm
- **Bamboo Toys:** Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys at Bamboo Centre and take home your own hand made Toys at the end of the workshop.
- **Bamboo Musical Instruments:** We at Bamboo Centre are happy to share our vast experience and knowledge gained over 15 years. Come and learn to make your own traditional/ folk instruments at our centre from professional craftsmen and take home your own hand-made instrument at the end of the workshop.
- **Bamboo Jewellery:** Choose to craft, out of bamboo and learn to make your own Bamboo Jewellery at Bamboo Centre from professional craftsmen and take home your own handmade Jewellery at the end of the workshop.
- 10am—12:30pm or 2:30pm—5pm
- **Bamboo Planter:** Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Planters at Bamboo centre and take home your own hand made Planter at the end of the workshop.
- **Bamboo Archery:** Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Archery at Bamboo Centre and take home your own hand made Archery at the end of the workshop. This course provides you with the opportunity and guidance for create their own bamboo archery and bow from start to end. All tools and materials provided in the cost of course.

For more information, special requirement, and pre-booking contact:

- Preferred: bambooworkshop@auroville.org.in or bamboocentre@auroville.org
- or +91 8300949081, 0413 2623806/ 2964727
- Flexible training dates offered to groups
- www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

Archana
for Bamboo Centre Team

MOHANAM PROGRAM

For more information and registration for all the tours, workshops, classes and events:

mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Call/WA: 8300949079

Office: 10am—4pm,
Monday to Saturday

Auroville Bio-region hub for art, craft and culture to bridge and promote Local Tamil culture

1 day advance booking is necessary.



MOHANAM PROGRAM

Auroville Bioregional Experience with Mohanam

Tour Activity	Duration
Village Tour	3 hours
Munnur & Perumukkal Visit	6 hours
Kaluveli Tank Visit	6 hours
Bio-region Village Temple Tour	4 hours
Navagraha Temple Visit (Moratandi Navagraha Temple & Prithyangara Temple)	3 hours
Wood Fossil Visit and Quarry Shower	6 hours

Classes @ Mohanam Campus

1 day Advance booking of classes is necessary:

Activity	Time	Description
Cooking Class	Monday to Saturday, 10am—12:30pm	Learn to cook traditional South Indian food and snacks.
Saree Draping	Monday to Saturday, 10am—4pm	Learn how to drape a saree and model your look in an optional photoshoot.
Siddhar Ongara Five Elements Chanting	Every Saturday, 3:30—4:30pm	Chanting calms the mind, boosts energy, and fosters inner peace—join our class to experience its transformative power.

Make & Take Workshop @ Mohanam Campus

Craft Activity	Duration
Pottery Making	1 hour
Kolam Mandala Painting	2 hours
Coconut Shell Craft	3 hours
Incense Making	1.5 hours
Lampshade Making	3 hours
Paper Marbling	1 hour
Candle Making	1.5 hours
Soap Making	2 hours or 1 day
Traditional Leaf Craft	2 hours
Bamboo Jewellery	2 hours
Dreamcatcher	2 hours



Pottery Making



Kolam Mandala Painting



Candle Making



Incense Making



Soap Making

Balu
for Mohanam Program

BEING-NATURE-BEING-FOREST

Walk in Presence with Aikya

Every Monday, 4—6pm

@ Auroville Forest

Having lived for almost 30 years in Auroville, I got to feel the rhythm and subtleties of the forest. And still now, every time, there is something new to discover in the outside nature or in my inside nature. The forest helps me to consciously slow down, and helps in refining my senses.

If I then open to the living wisdom of Nature, a subtle air almost, a Presence of the living, I feel myself, my body bathing in a conscious light of joy and beauty.

I now offer this re-connection to others, to you.

- **Meeting point** in front of Auroville Library to take you to a special location.
- Very small groups, **please register** sending a message to this number: +32491259966 WA.
- **Contribution:** Between 600 and 1000Rs depending on what you can give. Discounts available for groups, Aurovilians, Newcomers and Savi Volunteers.
- **Good to know:** Carry your water, have a mode of transport, come open hearted.

To know more go to my website:

- <https://spiritandnature.org>



Aikya

ENLIGHT



Explore Auroville



Cycle Tour



Forest Walk



Cooking Class



Fireside Drumming



Folk Dance and Music



Bamboo Workshop



Wood Joinery Workshop



Pottery Workshop

ENLIGHT

+91 76398 10621/82700 71581/0413-2963034

enlight@auroville.org.in

Arun, Anand and Balaji
for Enlight Team

WELLPAPER WORKSHOP

10am—4pm

Every day except Sunday

Join our workshop to learn & enjoy the process of turning waste paper into art. Create your own unique upcycled products from old newspapers to take home.

Wellpaper:

- +91 9385744722
- 0413 2969722



Viji

EGAI GIVING

Arts and Crafts



Toys Workshop: Craft simple toys made of wood and bamboo.

Finger Painting Workshop: Tap into your inner child and learn how to paint with your fingers.

Coconut Shell Workshop: Make and take earrings, keychains, bowls, and pendants.

Incense Workshop: Come and make your own agarbatties.

Products



We make craftwork out of eco-friendly materials such as coconut shell. All our products are unique by design and sustainable.

- **Contact Anand:** +91 9791896488,
egai@auroville.org.in

Anand

Looking For

Volunteer Seeking House Sitting: Sajiv

This is Sajiv, a theatre artist and performer. I am a SAVI volunteer who has been living and contributing my service in Auroville for the past 1.5 years. Being a responsible and caring individual, I am looking for a house-sitting opportunity for a period of 6—8 months (or shorter if needed).

I will take good care of your home, ensuring its upkeep and security while you are away. If you or someone you know is looking for a reliable house-sitter, please feel free to reach out. +91 7396557993 WA, sajiv.pasala@gmail.com.

Sajiv Pasala

Almirah in Reasonable Condition

I need an almirah in reasonable condition, for free or a very reasonable price. Contact Santo.

nanci@auroville.org.in, +91 9751907083, Santo

Looking for a House to Sit: Anandi

Looking for a house to sit from now until the end of June. Preferably with pets.

Anandi, +91 7598566665

Available

Bicycle Hercules available

I want to give my old cycle Hercules to someone who is in need of one. It may need some small repairs. If you want to have it come to Jivatman's place at Transformation.

Jivatman

Housesitting Opportunity for a Cat Lover

Looking for a cat-loving individual—either a SAVI volunteer, newcomer, or Aurovillian—to house-sit a basic apartment in Vikas, from 16 May to 12 August.

The apartment is very simple: it has no WiFi, no TV, no washing machine, no UPS, no air-conditioner, no hot water, and only an Indian style toilet. One indoor cat requires daily care, feeding, and litter box cleaning. There is no need to pay for community contribution. If you're someone who enjoys a simple space and loves cats, this could be perfect for you.

Ivana, ivana@auroville.org.in

Honda Hero Splendor Plus I3S 2010

Well-maintained, recent battery with 19-month warranty left, insurance. 14,000Rs.

Daniel +91 8807300562



E-Luna Kinetic Green electric scooter for sale

Bought new in 2024. Must sell. In perfect condition. Selling with side wheels, but they can be removed if you don't want them. Sale price includes registration and license. It is a great vehicle and great price! 80,000.

Shari,
+91 7305941614



Battery with UPS

1-year-old, used battery is in very good condition. The new place that I moved to has its own battery, so I am selling mine. Bought on 12/04/2024, 6CL 150AH. Battery will come with a working condition UPS. Rate: Rs 12000.

+905333501030 WA, Seza

Office Space Available: Auromode

Office Space inside Auromode Premises with superb infrastructure, including Generator back-up, 24 hours Security service, Aqua Dyn drinking water, Car & Bike parking and restaurant.

Contact Mr. Pandian at Auromode in person, +91 9943390391 or pandian@auroville.org.in



Submitted by Pandian

Co-working space at It Matters

CO-WORKING SPACE
Auroville Main Road
Open: 9am-6pm
Mon-Wed-Thu-Fri
Daily rate: 250rs
A/C space / Internet



Call us / also on whatsapp: +91 9344 087 925
Email us: itmatters@auroville.org.in

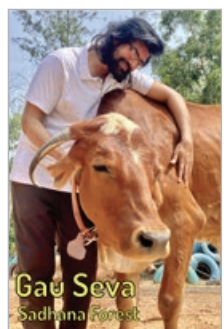
If you need a co-working space, come to It Matters on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am to 6pm. There is high speed internet and A/C. Check it out! Daily rate 250rs. Location: Auroville Main Road

• itmatters@auroville.org.in or +91 9344087925 WA

Bhakti & Sandra

Honorary Voluntary

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala!

You are most welcome to join us on any day from 7am onwards, and have a vegan breakfast at 8:45am. Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking. If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,
8525038274WA or call 8122274924

The Sadhana Forest team,
Aviram

VOLUNTEERING @ ECOSERVICE

Everyone is welcome at Ecoservice because it's our communal attempt to practice what we preach about ecology and a city the Earth needs.

Tuesday mornings
is a dedicated time that all
are welcome to randomly drop in

for some onsite sorting and other activities, to look around or whatever. For regular volunteering, special projects or needs, please call first.

B for Ecoservice, 7598911090 WA



SAIER IS LOOKING

For a Volunteer Caretaker

SAIER is looking for a volunteer caretaker. Simple long-term accommodation provided in exchange for few hours per day of not exhausting physical work. Extra bonuses can be provided if you become long term member of the team.

• If you are interested please contact Alexey,
alexey@auroville.org.in.

Alexey

Work Opportunities

THE EARTH INSTITUTE:

Admin Secretary & Training Co-ordinator

The Earth Institute is seeking a dynamic and dedicated individual for the role of Admin Secretary & Training Co-ordinator.

Requirements:

- Proficiency in English & Tamil
- Proficiency in MS Office tools, Google Docs and other administrative software
- Familiarity with various software platforms is an added advantage

Responsibilities include:

- Handling training course coordination, registrations, and follow-ups
- Managing email and phone communication for training and general inquiries
- Assisting walk-in visitors and handling publication sales
- General administrative support and documentation

If you are passionate about contributing to a meaningful organization and meet the above criteria, kindly send your resume to: info@earth-auroville.com or +91 413 2623064/2623330

T. Ayyappan



LIVE EDGE FURNITURE MAKING

We offer an opportunity to be highly creative in a small team. At TreeCare we are passionate about giving a second life to trees that had to be cut for various reasons. If this resonates with you, come work with us.

We work with untreated, air-dried, and solid wood, designing and building unique live-edge furniture and lifestyle products.

- **Work hours and commitment:** A daily commitment of 6 hours for a minimum of 2 months is required. However, we encourage a duration of at least 6 months.
- **Prior Experience:** Any training or education in working with wood, Treecare.

9443737945, creations@treecareindia.com

Tina for Auroville unit Treecare



AUROVILLE INSTITUTE of Applied Technology Is Looking for an English Teacher

AIAT is looking for a part-time English teacher with a minimum qualification of an M.A. in English. Interested candidates should apply to principal.aiat@auroville.org.in

Lavkamad



AIKIYAM SCHOOL: Join Our Team of Educators!

Are you passionate about shaping young minds and fostering a love for learning? We are looking for dedicated and qualified educators to join our esteemed institution!

Vacancies:

- Social Science Teacher (Middle/High School)
- Pre-Primary Teacher

Requirements:

- Bachelor's or Master's Degree in the respective subject with B. Ed (for Social Science Teacher)
- Diploma or Certification in Early Childhood Education (for Pre-Primary Teacher)
- Prior teaching experience preferred
- Strong communication in Tamil, English and classroom management skills

What We Offer:

- Competitive salary package
- Supportive and dynamic work environment
- Professional development opportunities
- Engaging curriculum and innovative teaching methodologies

How to Apply:

- Send your resume and a cover letter to aikiyamschool@auroville.org.in or contact 9786211534, 0413 2622358 for more details.

Join us in nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

Radhakrishnan, Principal NCBS

Foods, Goods & Services

SOUTH INDIAN BREAKFAST @ Aurelec Cafeteria

7:30—10pm

Variety of Dosa and
Millets Pongal, Coffee
Rs.99

Submitted by Shiva



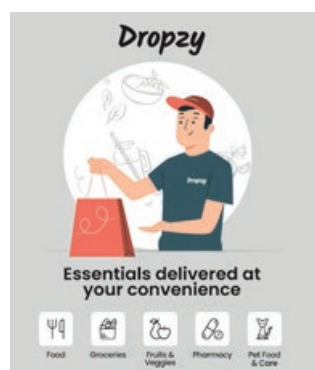
DOWNLOAD OR ACCESS Dropzy App

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.auroville.dropzy>

iPhone Browser Version:
<https://app.dropzy.in/public/dropzy>

Desktop: <https://app.dropzy.in/public/dropzy/desktop-version>

Sathish



BHARAT NIVAS PATHWAY

Medicinal Herbal Nursery Counter



Medicinal Herbal Nursery Counter
Green and Clean Land



Venue: Bharat Nivas Cafe,
Bharat Nivas, Auroville

Green and Clean Land:

Indoor and Outdoor Plants for your House and Garden. Your journey into holistic wellness begins here! Nourishing and preserving bio-diversity for environment protection in collaboration with Martuvam Healing Forest.

We warmly invite you to bring Auroville's native plants from your garden to showcase at our nursery counter. Together, let us share the beauty and benefits of these plants with humanity.

Offer your contributions with a minimal donation and become a part of this collective effort to promote nature's gift for a better tomorrow. Let's grow and give, together!

Souvenir Outlet



Monisha

ANNAPURNA FARM BASKETS



Annapurna Farm offers farm baskets of produce/ products (dairy, fruits, and grains) from Annapurna to connect with the consumers directly.

Residents/ volunteers/ guests can select from the range of produce/ products to order via google form. Orders are delivered to Foodlink & PTPS on Saturdays. Some of the produce/ products are exclusively available for CSA orders.

- We have a WhatsApp group to make weekly announcements for the order form links and occasional farm updates.
- Please scan the QR code to join the group or [follow this link](#).



Madhuri for Annapurna Farm

HEMPLANET:

Explore the Benefits of Hemp!



Visit Hemplanet for a range of hemp-based products, including hemp oils, protein powders, hemp foods like granola bars and pasta, and body care products. All products are eco-friendly and perfect for a healthy lifestyle.

- **Location:** First Floor, Building 1, Auroville Main Road, Reve Area, Auroville
- **Opening Hours:** Monday to Saturday, 10am—4:20pm
- **Contact:** +91 8098021280/ +91 7824975821.

Davide

FOODLINK MARKET IS OPEN EVERY DAY



Monday—Saturday, 9:30am—12:30pm

We welcome you every morning from 9:30am to 12:30pm. We are open to volunteers, guests & visitors and we accept payments by FS account, Aurocard and UPI.

- For more info, call/ WA +91 83002 68804 or pass by. *Isabella for FoodLink*

TASTE OF YOGA VÉRITÉ CAFÉ



Kathir for Vérité programming

THE SPROUT TIMINGS: DAILY, 7AM—4PM



Monica for The Sprout team, www.thesprout.in

LIVING ROOM CAFÉ

Open every day, 8am—9pm

Come enjoy delicious meals and coffee in our cozy space, located on The Crown across from the Auroville Library.

We serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner for Aurovilians, newcomers, volunteers, and guests. We look forward to seeing you!

Debo for The Living Room Cafe Team

FREE STORE

Our operating hours are:

- **Monday—Saturday:** 9am—12:30pm
- **Tuesday & Thursday:** 2:30—4:30pm

We kindly request that all items/clothes be dropped off only during our working hours. Please do not leave anything outside when we are closed.

Your support helps us continue serving the community, and we truly appreciate your generosity!

Kamala for the Free Store team

ANY TIME DOSA AND PONGAL

@ the Pathway Café

Bharat Nivas Café has been serving Masala Dosa, Onion Dosa, Ghee Dosa, all day, everyday at a very good price. Now for the Pongal lovers: you can also get Pongal or Khichidi everyday. We also serve organic Tea only for Rs 20. Please, come and enjoy, welcome to Bharat Nivas café.

Arabinda for Bharat Nivas team

SHARED TRANSPORT SERVICE

Shared Transport in Auroville is dedicated to offering **cost-effective travel options** by arranging shared trips between Chennai and Auroville. Additionally, we provide **local trips** within Auroville and Pondicherry.



- Taxi bookings can be made directly through our STS (ITS) office.

Location: ITS (Integrated Transport Service), Solar Kitchen Area, in front of PTDC, Auroville—605101

Contact: 8098776644/ 9442566256, its@auroville.org.in
Rajesh.D for Shared Transport Service



Any Taxi bookings can be done directly to our UTS office. The contact numbers are:

- Landlines: 0413 2623586, 0413 2623587
- Cellphones: 9047015801
- Email: uts@auroville.org.in *Lakshmi for UTS*



Your trust and encouragement inspire us every day to continue providing reliable and eco-conscious transport solutions for everyone: From **E-scooter and bike rentals** to **taxi and transport services**, **electric rickshaw pickups and drops**, **electric bike maintenance and delivery services**, we are honored to serve the diverse and vibrant needs of this incredible community.

Rajesh I.T.S.



QUTEE ELECTRIC SCOOTER SERVICE

Many in Auroville are not aware that a quality service for all brands of electric scooters, and especially the ones (Hum-vee) made here over the years, is conveniently available. The Qutee service center is located near the Certitude entry of Auroville across from the Road Service just off the tar road before the Puncture Service.



New and old electric scooters can be repaired, maintained or replaced. Also battery services (recycle, repair, replace), Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS) and solar system services can be conveniently arranged. All work is coordinated by Govindaraj (Aurovilian) with decades of experience.

- You may call Qutee 9443372418/WA 9092637055 or email govindaraj@auroville.org.in for any of your requirements. Upgrade to electric transport and solar power.

*Govindaraj & B
for Qutee Electric Scooter Service*

RAPID CARE SERVICES

Rapid Care Services is your trusted one stop solution for repair and maintenance and ancillary works since 2022. For more information or to schedule a service, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Services offered

Category	Service
Metal Works	Channels, Doors, Piping, Fabrication
Plumbing	End to End, Job works
Furniture	Repairs, Made to order
Masonry	Repairs, Renovations and Remodulation
Painting	End to End, Job works, Floor Waxing
General Maintenance	Fumigation, All Home Utilities, Fencing
Installations	Washer and Dryer, Air Conditioner, Inverter, Water filter, Security Camera
Electrical Works	Wiring, Metre box, Lights, Switches & Sockets, Motion sensor
Cleaning Service	Deep cleaning—House, Office, Guest house etc, Bathroom cleaning, Water tank cleaning Vacuum cleaning, mopping, dusting, floor polishing, polishing mirrors.
Landscape Design	Overall design of outdoor spaces, from entrances to courtyards and community areas.
Repair & Renovation	Roof leakage, alterations to a pre-existing structure or building, upgrades to an existing building, outdoor space, or existing infrastructure.
Transport Service	Load Carrier facility

- **Contact:** + 91 8270071581
- **Primary Email:** rapidcare@auroville.org.in
- **Secondary Email:** rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com
- **Instagram handle:** @rapidcare1

Balaji & Arun

SURABHI SUPPLIES

Your one-stop shop for quality materials and equipment in Auroville! We offer discounted prices on construction supplies, appliances, machinery, and more through bulk purchases, saving you time and money.



- **Contact us for all your procurement needs:** surabhisupplies@auroville.org.in

+91 9843846458 WA, Phone, Iyyappan

SERVICE AVAILABLE

- Gardening work: fencing, cleaning, cutting, pruning, planting, digging
- Keeth Hut house building any size
- House repair: masonry, carpentry, plumbing
- Shopping service

Please contact Ranjith, Aurovilian:

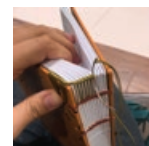
- +91 8610997059, subramani13@auroville.org.in

Ranjith

BOOK BINDING

We bind, repair, and restore all books with Hand made paper, cloth and leather at Vanaville workshop behind Tanto restaurant in Kulapalayam.

8940648542, Michel



RUPAVATHI JOY ACTIVITIES

Bio-Region Temple Tour

Interested in learning more about the religious heritage in and around the bio-region? Come take a guided tour of temples around the bio-region. Starting point from Solar Kitchen. Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week. Please contact me in advance for more information and booking.

South-Indian Cuisine

Cooking class: Learn to cook some delicious delicacies of south India with Rupavathi.

Thai Massage & Tailoring

We give every morning from 9:30—11:30, 11:30—1:30, 5:30—7:30pm.

This is for both the classes: we can tailor and customize any kinds of dresses, sari-blouses and kurtas.

- For any of the above services, contact:
- 8098845200 WA/ ph., rupavathijoy@gmail.com

Rupavathi

INSIDE INDIA



inside india
DREAMS & MEMORIES

- Kalpana Office, 10am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday
- Landline 0413 2623030, +91 9894598686 WA.
- ticketing@insideindiaauroville.com

Olivier Normandin
for the Inside India Team

SARVAM COMPUTERS OFFERS RELIABLE SERVICE

Sarvam Computers is located in Utsav Complex. Sarvam Computer offers all types of computers sales and service, data recovery, all types of Apple device sales and services, office network and server setup, monthly and annual maintenances etc.



Contact Sarvam Computers

Utsav Phase—1 A, First Floor, Vérité Radial, Auroville

- 0413 2622050, 9443211891, 9786953603
- FS account: 251263
- sarvamcomputers@auroville.org.in

Bala

Poetry

STRING THE INSTRUMENT

Clear your throat

And sing!

Melodies travel.

People will stop and listen

Perhaps sing along

Perhaps sing their own songs.

Anandi Z.

IDEAL OF HUMAN UNITY

Sri Aurobindo's work on this title has proven the fact that his knowledge exceeds far beyond us. Yet the call for subjecting to this notion has always been translated or either transcended from a being of a profound nature. This is only the Truth in which we abide ourselves of the nature of ourselves and attune to the ultimate truth of things in a constant progression of a spiritual life.

The need for progress, under the context of preparing for the bigger role to be played on, under which the circumstances of Daylight of the midnight Suns shines through the eternal glass of life. As Gautama determined to find a cure for earthly sufferings, yet at first it might sound ridiculous to hear it from someone of this century, but Gautama clearly states that everything has a cause in order to initiate the action—the 'cause and effect' often termed as the profound teachings of Buddha. These teachings points out the ways of attaining liberation towards Buddha hood, a path leading into the emergence of a new species on this Divine Life source, an eternal deity that endures, encompasses all life force of the Divine play. The responsibilities that maketh man are innate in his very nature of the being, an important factor for the ideal of Human unity in accordance to the evolution of consciousness in each individual Self. The Soul's cognizance have been concentrated into subtle mould of the brain that can be expanded as every new birth takes place, and the provision of these innate experiences can be only seen or shown in the circumstances of the Self, indulging in His Truth of Self abidance.

The qualities that lead to duality of things in nature and action are very much varied on the outer shell, but the essence in its inner form share a very corresponding oneness, which will be seen with an eye inwardly that overcomes success and failure with a tranquil poise. The path leading out towards the liberation of Self of the Spirit, contradicts the very notion of suffering in its perpetual aspiration striving towards the Superhumanhood. As through the Yoga of Work an individual's actions are perfected and yet inevitable as they are the determining factors for a Life Divine at play.

The embodying factor that encodes in itself the key to a united empowerment of Consciousness in the beings of a nation, a world. The spiritual and the supramental consciousness that echoes the Drums of Liberation through all existence of the Self and the all knowing One. As the liberation of self and the One can possibly be understood through the evolving nature of the spirit in accordance with the emphasis of action on the physical body.

The Self is not bound by action, as it's movement of action is only determined or defined by the mind of thinking man in which it perceives the action on the very crust of its entirety. But the Will of the beating heart serves a higher power in nature with an attitude of Selfless Sacrifice.

The coming of the age of Eternal Light shining through the corpses of Darkness have endured itself in a timeless space and have entered the hearts of the Self, of the Divine Will, which changed the course of this endlessly spinning mould of clay.

The Will of beings in nature have always been scouted out by the actions played through the individual. Each possess a Will to determine the course of their action, but not the fruit.

The one action done by many with an attitude of Selfless Sacrifice is often termed as a rigid factor corresponding to the leaders in power of this political—economic world.

It is yet a mystery, the one superpower that we all hold is ourselves, the power of the entire world could deplete the forces of Darkness, which is engulfing the earth, but yet, we still have the peace keepers who have entered the battle field and are at once at power play.

The key is within, yet we are still unfolding the folds of life. The decision will be made, either to revolve of the old ways of life, or to pave the path for the emergence of the new world.

Where's your stand ?

Nirmal

EULOGY FOR THE EGO

"They need to see you, they need your help, it's a difficult period for everyone."

"My help is there for all those who need it—it's the ego that prevents people from receiving it. Does V. understand the difference between the ego and the psychic being?... Ego is the obstruction. Ego was necessary to shape humanity, but we are now preparing the way for a superhumanity, a supra-humanity. The job of the ego is over—it did its job well, now it must disappear. And it is the psychic being, the Divine's representative in man, that will stay on and pass into the next species. So we must learn to gather all our being around the psychic. Those who wish to pass to the supra-humanity must get rid of the ego and concentrate themselves around the psychic being."

But does he know the difference between the ego and the psychic? Because the ego is very artful—a rogue!..."

The Mother. [Agenda of 13 April 1972](#)

With that as a prompt, another question appears:

What exactly is the ego, as defined by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother?

I asked ChatGPT, and a very interesting conversation unfolded, giving a glimpse of a bright future where an exponentially increasing number of modern humans with our ever-advancing InfoComm tools will find it easier to fully understand their One Eternal and Infinite Source and the purpose of their mutual existence with everyone and everything else, who will then consciously participate in the hastening of our shared Integral Supramental Evolution. Thus, the fitting title: "Eulogy for the Ego".

- [Here is the link.](#)

Note: for readers of the printed version, please scan the QR Code to access the link or type the address below on your browser.

Zech



THE POTENTIAL OF KINDNESS

Dear Auroville Community, how might small acts of kindness transform our lives? We invite you to help us discover the answer by participating in our research project, "The Potential of Kindness."

Over the coming months, we're organising events designed to explore how kindness activities affect participants' wellbeing, social connections, and self-compassion. We hope to learn about what kindness means, how kindness varies across different cultures, and what obstacles might prevent us from giving and receiving kindness.

These events provide opportunities to contribute to meaningful research as well as the possibility of experiencing new perspectives on kindness.

Kindness Circles—Safe, welcoming spaces to share personal stories of giving and receiving kindness (available in both English and Tamil).

- **Kindness Film Screening:** Watch a film together on the theme of compassion.
- **Random Acts of Kindness Week:** Participate in daily challenges to spread kindness.
- **Loving-Kindness Meditation:** Join this meditation on compassion for yourself and others.

All events are open to Aurovilians and Newcomers. If you would like to participate in any of the above events (or perhaps host your own kindness event as part of our research), email helen@auroville.org.in or message on WA +91 7094753054.

Let's explore the potential of kindness together.

Helen & Nikethana



AUROVILLE RADIO TV

Dear Aurovilians, your favourite radio is always working for you. Stay tuned!



Last published podcasts

- [Marlenka's weekly Offering—Ep. 134](#) (Literature)
- [Savitri—Ep.6: Introductory Comments in Tamil by Dhanalakshmi](#) (Spirituality)
- [Cosmic Inner Weather Report—Ep. 7: The Ladies meet across the ether.](#) (Conversations)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making—Ep.50 "Time to Draw"](#) (Arts & Culture)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—Ep.489](#) (Integral Yoga)

Latest Youtube videos

- [Auroville Youth Choir—Live performance from Cripa, Auroville](#)
- [Jat Gelo Jaat Gelo Bole—Cover by Ronnie—Auroville Singing Festival 2025](#)
- [Seeking Our Inner Being Group Discussion with Youth-link—Ep.1](#)

...and more! on www.aurovillerradiotv.org

For more information write to radio@auroville.org.in

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Do you have an idea that could inspire, inform, or uplift our community? Share it with us! If it aligns with our vision, we'll support you in shaping it into inspiring podcast.

Let's co-create something meaningful and extraordinary together!

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- Explore more on:
 - www.aurovillerradiotv.org
 - www.youtube.com/@AurovilleRadioTV

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Looking forward to hearing your ideas!

Sai Priya
for Auroville RadioTV Team

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

MINDFULNESS OFFERINGS IN APRIL

Booking is required:

+91 7094753054 WA or visit innersightav.org

Miksang—Mindful photography exploration

- Sunday, 27 April, 8:30—10:30am

Miksang means 'Good Eye' in Tibetan. It is a form of contemplative, mindful photography. The focus is not on technique, but on discovering a moment of fresh, direct perception where the world stops us out of the blue and wakes us up to something deep and true.

It is a practice to align our eye, mind and heart together in a single moment. It can help you open more fully to the present and see the ordinary magic of the world erupt in front of you.



Helen

ACTIVITIES BY LAKSHMI & VALERIA

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Transformational Yoga

- Tuesdays, 9:15am, Wednesdays, 10:45am @ Vérité

Going beyond physical practice, Transformational Yoga is an integral approach to physical health, emotional balance, mental and spiritual clarity. You will learn and practice Hatha Yoga asanas, Pranayama breathing, mantra chanting and meditation techniques as tools to make a difference in your everyday life.



Dance of the Chakras

- Every Tuesday, 5pm—6:30pm @ Verite

A Meditative Healing Experience. Join us for a transformative journey through movement, breath, and energy! Dance of the Chakras is a sacred meditative dance that aligns, heals, and energizes your body, mind, and spirit. Through fluid movements and rhythmic expression, we awaken each chakra, releasing blockages and inviting balance.

Benefits: Deep emotional and energetic healing. Release stress and stagnant energy. Activate inner peace and self-awareness. Connect with your authentic self. No dance experience needed—just an open heart!

Ecstatic Rhythms

- Fridays, 10am—1pm @ [Revelation Forest](#)

Embark on a transformative journey, integrating Dance, Voice, and Breath: a unique workshop designed to awaken your authentic self through the harmonious fusion of movement, vocal exploration, and breathwork.

What to Expect: Dynamic Movement, Vocal Activation, Breathwork

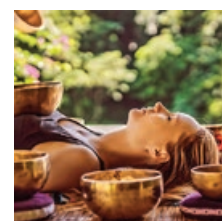
- Rs 600 Guests, Rs 350 Savi volunteers, conscious donation Av/Nc



Sound Chakras Healing

Guided vibrational Sound Journey using Shamanic Drum, Tibetan Bowls and tuning forks to Reduce Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Stimulating the natural cellular healing process, Rebalancing the emotions & Reconnecting with your true essence.

- Individual Sessions, Couple Sessions
- Group Sessions (on request)



Empowering Women Through Love & Shakti Awakening. Nurturing the Feminine

- Friday, 25 April, 10am—4:30pm, Lunch included @ [Janis Villa](#), Bommapalayam

This transformative workshop is designed to guide women on a journey of self-discovery, empowerment, and divine feminine awakening. Rooted in the ancient wisdom of Shakti the primordial feminine energy this experience will help women reclaim their inner strength, embrace self-love, and cultivate deeper connections with themselves and others.

Through guided meditations, heart-opening practices, and sacred movement, you will tap into your inner power, sensuality, and intuition, fostering a deeper sense of confidence and purpose.

Cultivate relationships rooted in balance, respect, and authenticity. **Registration:** Contact Lakshmi, +918489764602



Aquatic Harmony

- By appointment only.

Sound & Water = Magic

Imagine floating in water as healing frequencies ripple through your body, releasing tension and realigning your energy. Water amplifies sound, so every vibration reaches deeper, soothing not just your muscles, but your soul. This is sound healing in its most powerful element. This is where silence meets serenity.



Reignite your inner harmony: holistic intuitive massage

After a long pause, I have felt the deep call to return to my offering—holding space for you through holistic Intuitive Massage. This is more than just bodywork; it is a fusion of intuitive touch, Lomi Lomi, deep connection, and presence, allowing for profound release and renewal.

This journey is for those who seek to reconnect with themselves, to feel nurtured, held, and revitalized. If you feel the call, I welcome you with an open heart. By appointment only.

Unlock the Garden of Your Heart: A Journey of Love & Healing

- 26 & 27 April, 10 am—5:30pm

@ Lahe by Loka, near Auroville Visitors Centre parking

Step into a sacred space where healing, connection, and love await. To open your heart, soften your edges, and let love in!

Join us for a **transformative 2-day experience** designed to help you: Heal emotional wounds, Reconnect with your inner child, Rediscover your radiance, Attract love into your life.

How we'll guide you: Breathwork, Meditation, Vocal Activation, Intuitive Movement, Compassionate Sharing

Our signature ritual: Sound Healing in Water—our hallmark offering, designed to unlock the deepest chambers of your heart.

It's time to deepen your self-awareness, awaken your heart, and live an authentic life filled with love.

Let your heart bloom.

- Contribution: 4k for guests, 2k for Av and Newcomers
- Surprise Bonus for people who sign up today.

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INTEGRAL UNFOLDMENT

Life Coaching (Aletheia Coaching School)



Are you feeling stuck? Looking for a renewed purpose?

Life is an incredible journey, unfolding one chapter at a time. In some moments, it's natural to feel stuck or lost, or longing for a new direction.

I'm here to support those ready to go deeper—beyond the surface—courageously exploring what's emerging and navigating roadblocks with presence and authenticity.

Through a transformative approach inspired by **Internal Family Systems (IFS)**, **Focusing**, and the **Diamond Approach**, we'll uncover your innermost self and help you get unstuck and move forward with clarity and purpose.

By Dave (JOI Anitya)
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WORLD GAME FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN



Create, Explore with the World Game in Auroville

This is an opportunity to be creative, to be able to express your own individuality and your unique, living soul. Tradition of Auroville since its creation, the world game is used as a tool to "know oneself", this being the core of all learning.

Click to know more: [Adults](#) or [Children](#)

Facilitated by Aikya or Elena

- **Duration:** 1,5 Sessions are on appointment.
- Individual session or together with a good friend.
- **Price for 1 person:** Rs 1500; for 2 people: Rs 2000. **Discounts** available for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Savi Volunteers.
- The session can be done in English, Francais, Espanol, Nederlands.

To book an appointment: +32491259966 WA,
spiritandnature@auroville.org.in.

Elena

VEDIC ASTROLOGY FOR BEGINNERS

Starting May 2025

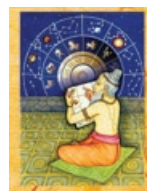
The new batch of Vedic Astrology will begin in **May 2025**. This is for beginners, and will cover Astronomy, Indian Philosophy and Mythology, as well as the basics of Vedic Astrology.

It will be a **year-long online program**, with in-person retreats to get an experiential feel of the topics involved.

If you are interested and curious about these topics, please find the **registration link**:

- <https://allthingsvedic.in/astrology101>

Vikram



MOVEMENT EXPLORATION:

Move, Breathe, and Flow

- Every Friday, 5pm @ Vérité, Auroville

Through dance, breath, and stillness, we create harmony between body, mind, and spirit, releasing blockages, enhancing our senses, and opening to the natural flow of life.

Valeria, +91 8148538159



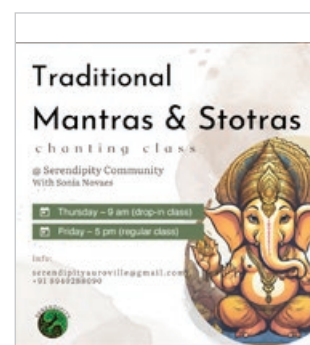
TRADITIONAL MANTRAS AND STOTRAS

Chanting Classes

@ Serendipity Community
with Sonia Novaes

- **Thursdays, 9am**, Drop-in class
- **Fridays, 5pm**, Regular class

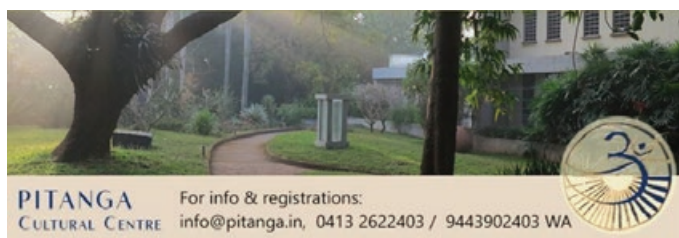
Everyone is welcome who wants to learn traditional chanting of mantras and prayers with precise pronunciation. If you'd like to explore further and continue your studies of mantras and chants, you're welcome to join our regular classes.



Sonia,

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Program April 2025

Drop-In Classes: Join without prior registration!

Mondays	
8am–9:30am	Yoga Therapy with Gala
4pm–5pm	Listening Within guided by Mike
5:30pm–6:45pm	Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Flowrina
Tuesdays	
7:30am–8:30am	Hatha Yoga with Priyamvada
10am–12pm	Kolam Yoga with Grace
4pm–5:15pm	Yoga: Restore & Relax with Flowrina
Wednesdays	
8am–9:30am	Yoga Therapy with Gala
5:30pm–6:45pm	Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Flowrina
Thursdays	
7:30am–9am	Yoga: Chakra Conditioning with Flowrina
4pm–5:15pm	Healthy Pelvic Floor with Flowrina, for women only
4:30pm–5:30pm	Aviva Exercise with Suriyagandhi, for women only
5:30pm–7pm	Kundalini Yoga with Bel
5:30pm–7pm	Yoga: Restore & Relax with Flowrina
Fridays	
6:45am–8am	Pranayama with François & Namrita, for former “The Art of Living” course participants
8am–9:30am	Yoga Therapy with Gala
4:30pm–5:30pm	Readings of The Life Divine with Balvinder
5:30pm–6:45pm	Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Flowrina
Saturdays	
7:30am–8:45am	Yoga: Prana Flow Conditioning with Flowrina
8am–9:30am	Breathing & Mudras with Gala
2:30pm–4:30pm	Truth Based Relationships–Practical Sessions with Juan Andrés

Youth Activities

These are ongoing educational programs. If a child is interested, parents need to talk to the teacher before joining the class.

- **Energy games for children, 9 yrs. +, with Gala**
 - Saturdays 10am–11pm

Classes, by Prior Registration

- **Prenatal Yoga Circle with Flowrina**
 - Mondays, 10:30am–12:30pm
- **Art Therapy with Gala**
 - Thursdays, 3–5pm for adults
 - Fridays, 3–5pm for families

Healing Space, by Appointment

- Acupuncture by Heidi S.
- Antigymnastique® individual session by Francesca F.
- Shamanic Healing by Auomira
- Yoga Therapy with Nadia A.

New Activities

- **Listening Within guided by Mike: Mondays 4–5pm**

Through stillness and silence, we will listen deeply into our bodies. You may sit or lie down, however you feel comfortable. Tuning into the natural workings of our unique bio-intelligence, feeling its rhythms in our bodies. Letting go of any sort of technique/method or meditation we will attempt to tune directly into Presence. Letting go of our assumptions/ideas to truly feel into the utmost natural expression of our Life, by listening deeper and deeper within...

“In absolute silence sleeps an absolute Power”. Sri Aurobindo

- **Healthy Pelvic Floor with Flowrina**

A weekly drop-in class about the maintenance and health of the pelvic floor.

- Thursdays 4–5:15pm
- For women only

Just like a house needs a strong foundation, our bodies rely on a well-aligned pelvic floor for stability and health. This class is designed to bring awareness and care to this essential part of our body.

Through interactive and practical sessions, we’ll explore exercises to strengthen and relax the pelvic floor as needed. Inspired by yoga and pelvic floor gymnastics, the class will offer valuable techniques for long-term wellbeing.

Open to women of all ages and levels, including pregnant and postnatal participants. Prevention is key—start caring for your foundation now. Flowrina invites: *“I’m here to guide and support you on this journey.”*

Pitanga supports a cashless economy in Auroville. If you are hosting guests who would like to participate in our activities, please inform them that contributions must be made cashless.

If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us. See you at Pitanga, with a smile!

2622403/ 9443902403 WA, info@pitanga.in,
Andrea for Pitanga Team

QUIET HEALING CENTER



Woga® (Yoga in Water) Course 1 & 2 with Dariya

- 25–26 April, 8:45–5pm, 12 hours

Woga is a combination of two words: water and yoga. It is based on classic yoga poses and stretches, modified for standing in water that is waist-to-chest height. Woga focuses on Hatha Yoga in water, including asanas performed in standing position, against the wall, in floating position, and under water. The course also includes pranayama and meditation.



Classes follow a structure similar to land-based yoga: breathing exercises, warm-ups, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. The key difference is that you are in a warm water pool! Swimming skills are not required.

By reducing the effects of gravity, water allows ease of movements, unblocks joints, lengthens and relaxes muscles, alleviates negative tensions, and prevents stress, insomnia and anxiety.

- **Prerequisites:** no previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim).

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www.quiethealingcenter.info/
quiet@auroville.org.in

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER

April Program

arka@auroville.org.in, 0413 2623799



Treatments

Therapist	Treatments, When
Barbara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoga of Mother and Sri Aurobindo Healing and Awareness on all levels (physical, vital, emotional, mental and psychic) Mother's Flower Medicine (vibrational remedy) Individual Sessions and Groupwork Psychosomatic Therapy and Breath Therapy Consciousness/ Energy/ Body Work based on Integral Yoga <p>Only by Appointment baritam@auroville.org.in</p>
Pepe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Logic, Soft Massage, Deep Tissue Massage. <p>Monday to Saturday, by Appointment +91 9943410987</p>
Silvana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cranio-sacral, Lomi Lomi, Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage <p>Monday to Saturday, by Appointment only +91 9047654157</p>
Antarjyoti (English & French)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading Deconditioning Self Inquiry <p>Monday to Saturday, by Appointment only 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr</p>
Niyati Thakkar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integral Regression therapy Integral reiki healing Holotropic technique breathwork <p>Monday to Sunday, by Appointment only +91 7041391995 niyatithakkar2112@gmail.com narayani-nc@auroville.org.in</p>
Olesya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visceral massage (it uses manual abdominal pressure to improve health, metabolism, and immunity helping with conditions like gastritis, diabetes, bronchitis, cystitis, hormonal disorders, and migraines) <p>by Appointment only, +91 9159052743 olesya@auroville.org.in</p>
Shruti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiotherapy, in Orthopedics. Neck pain, Frozen shoulder, any shoulder related pain, Low back pain, Knee pain, Heel pain, Muscle injury, Ligament injury, Sports injuries, Sciatica, Post fracture/ Surgical rehabilitation, Stroke/ Paralysis, Facial palsy/ Bell's palsy, General fitness, Ergonomic advice, <p>by Appointment only, +91 7904769496 auroshruthi@auroville.org.in</p>

Classes

Teachers	Classes	When
Damien	Acroyoga	by Appointment only +91 9047722740
Teresa	Pilates	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30—8:30am Friday, 5:30—6:30pm by Appointment only +91 7867998952

Olesya	Iyengar yoga	Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30—8am Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5—6:30pm or by Appointment +91 9159052743
Aurosugan & Priyanka	Eye yoga and wellness retreat	Monday to Sunday, 7—8am by Appointment only +91 8012305151/ 9704258709
Priyamvada	Hatha yoga	Monday, 8—9am, Friday, 7:30—8:30am by Appointment +91 9486261640

Services

Aurokiya: Eye Care Center

- Monday & Saturday, 9am—12:30pm, 1:30—5pm
- +91 8012305151, aurokiya@auroville.org.in

Maatram: Psychological & Psychiatric Consultation

- By appointment, +91 9087709434
maatram@auroville.org.in

Convalescence Facility: Post-Surgical and Care Facility

- For Aurovilians only, Max. stays 3 weeks
- Please contact Arka
0413 2623799, arka@auroville.org.in

Emergency Services: Ambulance & Emergency Service

- +91 9442224680, ambulance@auroville.org.in

Svasti: Homeopathic Consultation

- By appointment: +91 9428429642
adititva@auroville.org.in

Health & Healing Trust: Administration Office

- Health & Healing Trust
healthhealingtrust@auroville.org.in

Ramana, Arka

COSMIC DANCE WAVE:



A Healing Journey Through Movement

We warmly invite you to experience our transformative Cosmic Dance Wave, where the ancient art of healing merges with the freedom of dance. This unique journey guides you through four Divine energies:

- Earth Energy—Mahasaraswati:** Ground yourself and connect to your physical light body and call in Divine manifestation
- Water Energy—Mahalakshmi:** Leave your emotional baggage behind and flow into love, beauty and abundance
- Fire Energy—Mahakali:** Find your true inner power and transform anger and fear through dynamic expression
- Air Energy—Maheswari:** Clear your mental patterns and move into higher consciousness and create a Divine reality

Through this sacred practice, you'll experience:

Deep healing across physical, emotional, vibrational, and mental planes, Elevation of your personal frequency, Connection to states of wholeness and higher consciousness. Integration of body, mind, and spirit. @ Verité

Sandhya

VÉRITÉ EVENTS APRIL 2025

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9363624083

or programming@verite.in, www.verite.in



Yoga & Other Classes

	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Presenters
Mondays	Yoga Asana: Deep Stretch & Relaxation	7:30—8:30am	Radha
	Yogic Breathing Techniques for Opening the Lungs	9:15—10:15am	Mani
	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
Tuesdays	Sivananda Yoga (no class April 15)	7:30—8:30am	Mani
	Transformational Yoga	9:15—10:15am	Lakshmi
	Dance of the Chakras	5—6:30pm	Lakshmi
Wednesdays	Yoga Asana: Deep Stretch & Relaxation. (no class April 2)	7:30—8:30am	Radha
	Yoga to Energize the Joints (no class April 16)	9:15—10:15am	Mani
	Peace with Pranayama (no class April 2)	5—6pm	Mamta
Thursdays	Sivananda Yoga	7:30—8:30am	Mani
	Transformational Yoga	9:15—10:15am	Lakshmi
	Open Heart Space Meditation	5—6pm	Samrat
Fridays	Sivananda Yoga	7:30—8:30am	Mani
	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
	Movement Exploration	5—6pm	Valeria
Saturdays	Hatha Yoga for all	7:30—8:30am	Swetha Shri
	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
	Sivananda Yoga	5—6pm	Mani

Treatments and Therapies

Therapist	Therapies (by appointment only)
Mamta	Face & Neck Massage
Mani	Yoga Chikitsa: Personalized Yoga Therapy
Mila	Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy
Parvathi	Food is Medicine: Lifestyle Health Practices Consultation
Parvathi	Healing Facial Therapy: An 8-Step Skin Care Treatment with Indigenous Herbs
Radha	Ayurvedic Massage: Detoxifying & Energy Balancing
	Swedish Massage
Raja	Integrated Ayurvedic Acupressure, Deep Tissue & Heart Healing Massage
Satyayuga	Healing Sound Bath with Tuning Forks
Susan	Heart-Centered Resilience
Vyshnavi	Energy Healing Reiki
	Holistic Foot Reflexology
	Holistic Rebalancing Massage

Workshops (pre-registration required)

Day & Date	Workshops (pre-registration required)	Timings	Presenters
Friday, 25 April	Introduction to Ayurveda and Its Lifestyle	2—4pm	Dr Geeta
Saturday, 26 April	Introduction to Shamanic Practices	9:15am—12:15pm	Auromira
Saturday, 26 April	Panchakarma: Ayurvedic Purification Techniques Workshop	2—4pm	Dr Geeta

Introduction to Ayurveda and its Lifestyle with Dr. Geeta. Friday, 25 April, 2—4pm

Ayurveda, the ancient Indian medical system, offers simple lifestyle practices for self-care and healing. Learn the principles and practices of diet, exercise, sleep and relaxation which help to detoxify, rejuvenate, and restore balance to body, mind and spirit, according to your own nature.

Introduction to Shamanic Practices with Auromira

• Saturday, 26 April, 9:15am—12:15pm

Explore the ancient practice of shamanic journeying—a powerful tool reconnecting us to Nature for healing, guidance, and self-discovery. Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced practitioner, you'll gain practical insights to deepen your self-inquiry practice. This highly experiential workshop includes guided meditative live drum journeys, along with a step-by-step approach to ensuring successful and safe practice. You'll leave with a deeper understanding of shamanic practices and the tools to continue your journey with clarity and confidence.

Panchakarma: Ayurvedic Purification Techniques with Dr. Geeta. Saturday, 26 April, 2—4pm

For human health and healing purposes, Ayurveda has a Panchakarma, which is a set of five cleansing procedures. Through this workshop, you will learn about these 5 types of cleansing and purification processes. You will learn about internal cleansing as well as external physical body cleansing.

Awareness Through the Body: Explorations with Amir. Friday, 2 May, 9:15am—12pm

Explore a variety of themes and objectives from ATB practices. An eclectic practice developed in Auroville for more than 30 years, based on Integral Yoga, ATB facilitates a space for introspection, reconnecting with oneself, nurturing presence and inner discovery.

Introduction to Ayurveda and its Lifestyle with Dr. Geeta. Friday, 2 May, 2—4pm

Ayurveda, the ancient Indian medical system, offers simple lifestyle practices for self-care and healing. Learn the principles and practices of diet, exercise, sleep and relaxation which help to detoxify, rejuvenate, and restore balance to body, mind and spirit, according to your own nature.

Pranayama, Mantra and Kirtan Chanting: The Journey Within with Swetha Shri

• Saturday, 3 May, 9:15—11:15am

A meditative and heart-opening practice that weaves together the healing powers of Pranayama (breathwork), Mantra (sacred sound), and Kirtan (devotional singing). This session invites you to move inward, anchoring the mind through conscious breath, awakening subtle energy through the mantra, and opening the heart through the joyful rhythm of Kirtan. Together, these timeless practices create a space for deep stillness, emotional release, and spiritual connection. No prior experience is needed, just your breath, your voice, and a willingness to journey within.

Kolam Splash: Colorful Fun with Kowci

• Saturday, 3 May, 2—4:30pm

Learn to create Kolam's, the ancient South Indian art form where intricate patterns are drawn on the ground using rice flour or coloured powders to invoke divine blessings. You will be introduced to Kolam's cultural significance, discover how symmetry & geometry come into play, and enjoy a hands-on experience creating simple to complex Kolam designs.

Aparna & Anandhi

It Matters

Schedule from 25 April—4May

Weekly Activities—A/C Room

All activities are:

Rs./500 for guests and 50% discount for Aurovilians/ Newcomers/ Savi registered volunteers.

Extra discount vouchers available, only for weekly activities, not for workshops.

• It Matters Café is open now!

• Workshop pre registrations:

- itmatters@auroville.org.in,
- or +91 9344087925 WA



Date	Activity
Friday, 25 April, 3—4pm	Abundance & Psychology with Matthias
Sunday, 27 April, 2:30—3:30pm	Integral Yoga Psychology with Matthias
Friday, 2 May, 3—4pm	Abundance & Psychology with Matthias
Sunday, 4 May, 2:30—3:30pm	Integral Yoga Psychology with Matthias
Date	Workshops in April*
Saturday, 26 April, 3—5pm	Language & Verbal Awareness with Vismai, Rs. 900
Date	Event
Friday, 25 April, 4—6pm	Live Music and coffee/ tea/ juice
TBC	Henna design: come experience the traditional henna hand design in a A/C and cozy environment

*Pre-registration for Workshops is mandatory/ 50% discount for Aurovilians and SAVI volunteers

More info on instagram: @auroville.curated

Saranya for It Matters

AUROMODE SPA

Offers Cosmetology Services

Auromode SPA, offering services like facial, pedicure, manicure, waxing, threading, haircuts and hair coloring. Working from Monday to Saturday only by appointment call or WA: 9443635114.

Meha for Auromode SPA



LEELA THERAPY

A unique combination of psychotherapy, self-inquiry and ancient teachings of Enneagram of Liberation.

I invite you to be supported by heart based and trauma-informed skills, taught by Leela School of Awakening.

Private 1:1 sessions are a powerful and intimate container to work on your deep emotional healing and self-discovery.

Anything, and everything is welcomed.

Leela therapy is offered by Kardash in person or on-line.

- For more details see www.innersightav.org or Kardash +91 9940934875 WA.
- Please note updated timings:
 - Mornings: Monday & Wednesday,
 - Afternoons: Tuesday & Thursday
 - Full Day: Alternate Friday or Saturday

Submitted by Kardash



SOUND THERAPY & SELF HEALING

Rejuvenating soundbath combined with breathing techniques for maximum benefits.

• By immersing yourself in the vibrations from a sound bed you will start to connect with your body's consciousness.

• By performing specific breathing exercises and deepening your connection with the chosen organ, you will be able to release negative emotions such as anger, sadness, and hate—and be able to invite joy, love, and stability into yourself. These exercises can be continued as a Self-Healing practice at any time in the future.

• **Contact** 9385428400 call/ WA to book your session today! Donation Based



Submitted by Isha

ACTIVITIES BY ANGELA @ ANITYA

@ Anitya Community/ Joy of Impermanence, Thamarai Hall

Offering a massage session

I'm happy to share that I will now be offering massage sessions as part of well-being practices at Joi Anitya. You are welcome to experience:

- **AMA Massage:** A seated acupressure massage using rhythmic thumb pressure, stretching, and percussion on energy points (tsubos) to promote relaxation and revitalization (20-30 min, clothed, on an AMA chair).
- **Swedish Oil Massage:** A deeply relaxing full-body massage that relieves pain, improves sleep, reduces stress and muscle tension, and supports overall well-being (60 or 90 min).

These sessions are offered as part of my volunteering at Joi Anitya. The money will support their project. If you're interested, feel free to reach out to book a time!

Looking forward to sharing this practice with you.

Angela for JOI Anitya, +33 750604028 WA

Languages

LEARN

English and Hindi

- **Learn spoken/ written English and Hindi** language for fluency and confidence!
- **For more information** contact Ashwini: 8270512606.

Ashwini, Aspiration

**NEWS FROM
AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB
April, 2025**



**Current Schedule of Classes
as of 24 April**

Lan- guage	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	The English of Shakespeare	9:30–10:30am	Tuesday & Thursday Monthly with Rupam
	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate	10:30–11:30am	Tuesday & Thursday Monthly with Rupam
	Creative Writing	9:30–10:30am	Monday & Wednesday Monthly with Rupam
	Learn English through theatre	11am–12pm	Monday & Wednesday Monthly with Rupam
	Beginner with Ashwini	4:30–5:30pm	Wednesday & Friday
	Kids with Ashwini	2–3pm	Tuesday & Thursday
French	Beginner	TBC	TBC with Jean-François
Tamil	Beginner	9:30–10:30am	Tuesday & Friday with Saravanan
Spanish	Beginner	2:30–4pm	Monday & Wednesday with Mila
Hindi	Spoken Beginner	5:30–6:30pm	Wednesday & Friday with Ashwini
Italian	Beginner	TBC	Registration Open with Karuna

Tomatis

We still have some spaces for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers adults, teenagers and kids to do the Tomatis listening training programs—so don't delay to grab these spots. Have a look at <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/alfred-tomatis-method/> for more info. If you have been waiting a while, or thinking about this for long, now is your chance.

- Send an email to tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org.

Due to some postponements, two-week and three-week slots have opened up, which are great for the 30-hour Wellness Listening Training programs or shorter language programs. Open to all.

- Resonance, the book!
Check it out at <https://books.aurovillelanguagelab.org>
- To enquire or register:
tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org or call 0413 2622467 or 3509932.

Courses

Looking for additional French teacher

Due to increased demand, we are currently looking for a native French speaker to teach French classes at the beginner level. Please contact the Language Lab with your details.

Private and group classes for English

Rupam: Our private and group classes are tailored to meet the unique needs of each student. However, please note that learning is not confined to the hour you spend with me. To truly develop a new skillset, it must become a part of your lifestyle. Be prepared to engage in various exercises that will challenge you to step out of your comfort zone and overcome your inhibitions.

Vismai: offers English conversation lessons one-on-one and to small groups limited to 2-3 learners. Her classes are customized according to each individual's level and pace. Each class is divided into several segments focusing on aspects such as pronunciation, tuning the ear to various accents, fluency in conversation, basic grammar, reading comprehension, idiomatic expressions, and sentence construction. The lessons make use of poetry, film, song, and quiz to allow an easy assimilation of the language. Enquire for timings.

Beginner English with Ashwini:

- Wednesday and Friday, 4:30–5:30pm

Ashwini will take on a new group of students and work through her proven English lesson plans that she has been giving for over a decade.

Head on over to the Lab's online form and complete your registration now so that we can keep you posted!
<https://aurovillelanguagelab.org/registration/>

Spoken Hindi for Beginners with Ashwini

- Started 4 April, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30–6:30pm.

Brush up your language proficiency with this 12-hours Hindi crash course. We will fast-track our way to acquiring an essential vocabulary for everyday conversations using techniques to speak effectively and confidently. This will be supplemented with quick and widely applicable grammar tips.

Conversational Tamil (pre-intermediate) with Saravanan

- Registration Open. Started 15 April.
Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30–10:30am

Especially suitable for those who have gone through a beginner level, this course will help you apply the fundamentals acquired earlier while gaining confidence in conversational Tamil. Our fun, interactive lessons and supportive environment will make it easy and enjoyable.

Beginner Spanish Course with Mila

- Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30–4pm,
started 17 March.

This comprehensive beginner Spanish course, starting 17 March led by our veteran instructor Mila, is designed to equip you with the fundamental skills needed to understand and speak Spanish. Over the course of three months (36 hours), you will delve into essential grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation, enabling you to engage in basic conversations and navigate everyday situations in Spanish. Whether you're planning a trip to a Spanish-speaking country or simply want to expand your language skills, this course offers a supportive and immersive learning environment to kickstart your Spanish language journey.

Italian—Beginner Level, Registration Open

Our long time Italian teacher Karuna, with years of experience would love to start a new class. So, if you've been thinking about starting or getting back into learning Italian, please do register your interest online.

<https://aurovillelanguagelab.org/registration/>

Reminder about our free Evening Programs

The evening conversation classes are a chance for all to practice speaking with native speakers offering their time. Barring indicated exceptions, these sessions happen weekdays from 5 to 6pm as follows:

- **Mondays:** French
 - with Isabelle (1st, 3rd and 5th week of the month)
 - with Coco and Gaspard (2nd and 4th week of the month)
- **Tuesdays:** Spanish with Gloria
- **Thursdays:** We are looking for a new anchor to host one more meet-up for English.
- **Fridays:** Conversational Hindi with Smriti, 5–6pm

We are still looking for native speakers to facilitate German, Italian and English conversation. Actually, any weekday from 5—6pm is open for people to offer their language. Big thanks to Darren for his time and presence for English the last few months, and to Isabelle and Patricia for French.

Film Shows

Two documentary films, one on the Alfred Tomatis method (48 minutes) and one on the special features of the Language Lab building (27 minutes) are available on our new website and at the Lab, where you are welcome to come and watch them. All are welcome.

Communication with the Lab

Service through our BSNL phone numbers: 2623661 (Lab) and 2622467 (Tomatis).

- For language-related matters: +91 9843030355WA.
- For Tomatis please use 0413 3509932.

Mita, Mano, Louis & Vismai
for Auroville Language Lab

Cinema



**Presents at Aurofilm Studio in Kalabhumi
(next to CRIPA)**

**Aurofilm's Screenings in April
New Venue and Timing!!!**

Attention: Dear film lovers, we inform you that in the upcoming months from April to June, Aurofilm will not screen its Friday movies at the MMC auditorium/Cinema Paradiso. We hope to return in July after the summer!

However, during the month of April, we will be screening the Friday's films at our Studio in Kalabhumi, next to CRIPA. And we will start at 7:30pm.

We hope to raise enough financial support to continue promoting the best values of Cinema as a service to the community! Therefore, Aurofilm is happy to announce that it has been accepted as an AVI USA partner. Here we are sharing the link to support us. You can consider becoming a monthly supporter!

- <https://give.aviusa.org/page/AuroFilm>
- Or, you can make your contribution through our financial collection account number 252658.

We look forward to seeing you at our studio in Kalabhumi!

Friday, 25 April 7:30pm: "The Virgin Spring"

Original title: Jungfrukällan

Directed by Ingmar Bergman, Sweden, 1960

With: Max von Sydow, Birgitta Valberg, Gunnel Lindblom, Birgitta Pettersson

Synopsis: Set in medieval Sweden, The Virgin Spring tells the harrowing tale of a young woman, Karin, who is brutally attacked and murdered while on her way to church. Her parents, devastated by the loss, unknowingly take in the three men responsible for her death, leading to a shocking and tragic confrontation. Director Ingmar Bergman weaves a tale of revenge, faith, and the search for justice, exploring the themes of innocence, guilt, and the complexities of human morality. The film won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film as it is a must-see for its masterful storytelling and unforgettable exploration of vengeance and moral conflict.

The film will be introduced by Dr. Alexander Pereverzev!

Original German, Swedish, Serbian version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h29'



Cine-Master class

- Sunday, 27 April, 5—7:30pm
@ Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to our Cine-Master classes!

Welcome to this chapter, this time led by Sasikanth Somu on "India: Matri Bhumi" by Roberto Rossellini, Italy, 1959.

Overview: "India: Matri Bhumi" is an Italian documentary and narrative merge in Roberto Rossellini's miraculous, poetic portrait of India. It is a documentary film-fiction hybrid. Divided into four episodes the director performs a ritual trip with India covering culture, beautiful architecture and also the State of Indian society, to create an impression on the State of the Indian community at that time, 1959.

Commissioned by India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, India: Matri Bhumi takes us beyond the bustling streets of the cities and into the country's rural villages, where humans, nature, and animals coexist even as the forces of industrial modernization encroach.

This unique blend of neorealist travelogue and scripted vignettes was cited by Rossellini as a personal favorite among his own works! Italian version with English Subtitles, 1h30'.

Our speaker Sasikanth Somu is a professional photographer and he teaches at Future School, Auroville. Also a film enthusiast!

The Aurofilm building is in Kalabhoomi, close to CRIPA hall. You may carry your torch light.

Note: Contributions are very welcome!—Aurofilm Collection Acc. No. 252658
Susana and Aurofilm team

AN APPEAL FOR £160

HELP us at Cinema Paradiso in supporting the screening of an inspiring work by a woman Palestinian filmmaker, exploring essential food and foraging this April.

While we typically receive films free of charge, unique circumstances require us to cover a discounted screening fee of £160. We are seeking a donor who can directly pay the UK-based distributor by early April or pay via AVIs or INR and cover for the exchange rates as well.

- To contribute, please email mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. Nina for MMC-CP

Cinema Paradiso Presents
On Monday, 5 May 2025 @ 8pm @ MMC Auditorium, Auroville

A Pre-Premiere Screening
of a film in an Indian language w/ English subtitles

Which Film? – Come n Find

India, 2025, 88 mins, Romantic-Drama w/ English subtitles, Rated NR (best to assume PG-13 / R)

This film, scheduled to premiere in June 2025, from an award-winning director, is being offered as a "pre-screening" that is typically meant for viewing and discussing with a discerning audience before the film premiers. For this reason, we are unable to share any further details about the film.

A brief Q&A with the director and lead actor will follow the screening

The screening of this film has been made possible by the director and the entire film team. Since this is a pre-premiere screening, we cannot say much about the film but judging by the director's previous films this promises to be reflective and excellent!

DO NOT miss this rare occasion
where you get to watch and reflect on a film before anyone else!



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
28 April—4 May

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is operating at 100% seating capacity. Seating starts about 15mins before screening and stops as the film starts. Kindly arrive in time. A reminder not to use cell phone for any reason while the program is on, and no food/ beverage to be taken inside the hall.

Maintenance—Monday 28 April

There will be no screenings due to maintenance work. If the work is completed on time, we may schedule an 8pm screening at the last minute and announce it via the Art & Culture Bulletin.

Potpourri—Tuesday, 29 April 8pm

The Graduate

USA, 1967, Dir. Mike Nichols w/ Calder Willingham, Buck Hendry, Dustin Hoffman, and others, Satire-Drama, 106mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Benjamin Braddock returns to California after college, unsure about his future. He is seduced by Mrs. Robinson, his father's partner's wife, and they begin an affair. Warned about avoiding her daughter Elaine, Ben reluctantly takes her out on a date and falls for her. When Elaine discovers his affair with her mother, she rejects him, but Ben is determined to win her back. It is an old classic that was mentioned in the film Plastic People we scheduled during the Eco-Film Fest.

Selection—Wednesday, 30 April 8pm

Powidoki (Afterimage)

Poland, 2017, Writer-Dir. Andrzej Wajda w/ Boguslaw Linda, Zofia Wichlacz, Bronislawa Zamachowska, and others, Biography-History, 98mins, Polish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Set in post-war Poland, the story follows Wladyslaw Strzemiński, a visionary artist who defies the oppressive Stalinist regime. Despite losing his limbs and facing relentless political persecution, he fights to preserve his artistic freedom and inspire his students. His resilience and passion for art become a powerful testament to individuality and creativity in the face of tyranny.

Interesting—Thursday 1 May 8pm

Artifishal

USA, 2019, Writer-Dir. Josh Murphy w/ Brett Galyean, Yvon Chouinard, Jim Lichatowich, and others, Documentary, 75mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The film delves into a clash between conservationists and the salmon-hatchery industry, exposing how artificial propagation accelerates environmental decline. As wild salmon near extinction, it challenges humanity's trust in nature and the future of ecosystems. We extend our gratitude to the film team for sharing this impactful story with us! Due to a technical challenge, we could not include this film in our Eco-Film week.

International—Saturday, 3 May, 8pm

Ainda Estou Aqui (I'm Still Here)

Brazil-France, 2024, Dir. Walter Salles w/ Fernanda Torres, Fernanda Montenegro, Selton Mello, and others, Biography-Drama, 137mins, Portuguese-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In 1971, Rubens Paiva, a former congressman and critic of Brazil's military dictatorship, is taken from his home and disappears without explanation. His wife, Eunice, embarks on a relentless decades-long quest for answers, confronting injustice and uncovering painful truths. This gripping political drama captures the resilience of the human spirit in the face of oppression. Acclaimed for its emotional depth and powerful storytelling, it offers a poignant exploration of love, loss, and unwavering determination.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 4 May, 4pm

Luck



USA-Spain, 2022, Dir. Peggy Holmes & Javier Abad w/ Eva Noblezada, Simon Pegg, Jane Fonda, and others, Animation-Fantasy, 105mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Sam, an orphan cursed with lifelong bad luck, steps into the real world alone. Just as life feels overwhelming, fate intervenes—a black cat and a lucky penny turn her world upside down. With odds suddenly in her favor, Sam embarks on a thrilling journey where luck, love, and destiny collide. Could this be her moment?

Pedro Almodóvar Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Pedro Almodóvar explores blurred boundaries of human life, navigating between conformity and transgression, normality and the outrageous, the possible and the impossible. His films span high art and lowbrow humor, naturalism and soap opera, masculinity and femininity, and conventional morality and deviance.

Ciné-Club Sunday, 4 May, 8pm:

Todo Sobre Mi Madre (All About My Mother)

Spain-France, 1999, Dir. Pedro Almodovar w/ Cecilia Roth, Marisa Paredes and Others, Comedy-Drama, 106 mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

After a tragic incident shatters her world, Manuela returns to Barcelona to find the father her son never knew. Along the way, she must confront her past and tie up loose ends. With emotional complexity and unexpected twists, her journey becomes a profound exploration of loss, love, and self-discovery.

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 kindly email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We have a new projector and are undergoing major maintenance. To support this, please consider contributing to "Cinema Paradiso" (Account #105106) through one-time or recurring donations. Recurring contributions can be channeled through Unity Fund from your Unit/Activity. Individual Aurovilians, guests, or one-time contributions can be made directly to MMC-CP Account #5106; we'll pay the GST on them and treat it as a donation. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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ECO-FILM FESTS 2004–2025

20 Years of Eco-Film Fest: A Closing Note

Rooted in my experience curating a documentary film series and volunteering with a community-run cinema during my university days in the U.S., Eco-Film Fest began in Auroville in 2004—yes, even before Cinema Paradiso's regular screenings took shape. It was nourished by conversations with fellow Aurovilians like Marco (Feira), who shared a belief in the power of cinema to shape understanding.



In those early years, filmmakers and distributors responded with remarkable trust and generosity. Screening fees were waived, films were offered freely, and some even came in person to present their work. That spirit of shared storytelling formed the backbone of the festival, helping create a space for dialogue, discovery, and collective reflection.

But things have shifted.

The modest recurring budget that once allowed us to offer honorariums, host filmmakers, or attend festivals to network and discover new work is now gone. Globally too, the culture of open sharing feels more strained. This year, an Indian documentary—ironically funded by a philanthropic group—quoted Rs50,000 just to send and retrieve the film. We declined.

Each of the films screened this week came with immense generosity and relevance—rare, urgent, and evocative documentaries not easily available beyond commercial circuits, and almost never accessible in our region. Their timely themes resonated not just globally but locally—touching on sustainability, community, health, and justice. That they were offered to us freely was no small gesture.

And yet, participation was uneven. Apathy where engagement was hoped for. Encouragement from outside, but quieter response from within. Perhaps it's timing. Or perhaps, in Auroville, what garners attention isn't always just the content—but the constellation of familiarity, perception, and presence around it.

Maybe this is a natural transition. Maybe it's time for the Eco-Film Fest to morph into something else—perhaps paid, but more sustainable. We're exploring other formats.

For now, what remains is this: a space held for twenty years with care. Stories shared in trust. Films that inform, provoke, and inspire. A closing chapter that still believes in the quiet power of cinema to awaken something deeper.

Thank you to the filmmakers. Thank you to those who showed up.

A pause, not an end—light still travels

"Nature shall live to manifest secret God,

The Spirit shall take up the human play,

This earthly life become the life divine.

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri, Book 11,
Canto 1, pp. 710–711

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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

Monday to Saturday	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—Roundabout	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

Monday to Saturday	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—Roundabout	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

Emergency Services

Ambulance (24/7): Auroville—9442224680

• PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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• Vanur Fire Station—0413 2677368

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• Health Center—0413 3509942 & 3509943

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• Farewell—8903836246

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