



# News Notes

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## *Pondering*



The earliest preoccupation of man in his awakened thoughts and, as it seems, his inevitable and ultimate preoccupation,—for it survives the longest periods of skepticism and returns after every banishment,—is also the highest which his thought can envisage. It manifests itself in the divination of Godhead, the impulse towards perfection, the search after pure Truth and unmixed Bliss, the sense of a secret immortality. The ancient dawns of human knowledge have left us their witness to this constant aspiration; today we see a humanity satiated but not satisfied by victorious analysis of the externalities of Nature preparing to return to its primeval longings. The earliest formula of Wisdom promises to be its last,—God, Light, Freedom, Immortality.

*Sri Aurobindo, The Life Divine*

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# House of Mother's Agenda

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(continued from last week)

In the Self-Existence of which supermind is the dynamic Truth-consciousness, there can be no aim of being except to be, no aim of consciousness except to be conscious of being, no aim of delight of being other than its delight; all is a self-existent and self-sufficient Eternity. Manifestation, becoming, has in its original supramental movement the same character; it sustains in a self-existent and self-sufficient rhythm an activity of being which sees itself as a manifold becoming, an activity of consciousness which takes the form of a manifold self-knowledge, an activity of force of conscious existence which exists for the glory and beauty of its own manifold power of being, an activity of delight which assumes innumerable forms of delight. The existence and consciousness of the supramental being here in Matter will have fundamentally the same nature, but with subordinate characters which mark the difference between supermind in its own plane and supermind working in its manifested power in the earth existence. For here there will be an evolving being, an evolving consciousness, an evolving delight of existence. The gnostic being will appear as the sign of an evolution from the consciousness of the Ignorance into the consciousness of Sachchidananda. In the Ignorance one is there primarily to grow, to know and to do, or, more exactly, to grow into something, to arrive by knowledge at something, to get something done. Imperfect, we have no satisfaction of our being, we must perforce strive with labour and difficulty to grow into something we are not; ignorant and burdened with a consciousness of our ignorance, we have to arrive at something by which we can feel that we know; bounded with incapacity, we have to hunt after strength and power; afflicted with a consciousness of suffering, we have to try to get something done by which we catch at some pleasure or lay hold on some satisfying reality of life. To maintain existence is, indeed, our first occupation and necessity, but it is only a starting-point: for the mere maintenance of an imperfect existence chequered with suffering cannot be sufficient as an aim of our being; the instinctive will of existence, the pleasure of existence, which is all that the Ignorance can make out of the secret underlying Power and Ananda, has to be supplemented by the need to do and become. But what to do and what to become is not clearly known to us; we get what knowledge we can, what power, strength, purity, peace we can, what delight we can, become what we can. But our aims and our effort towards their achievement and the little we can hold as our gains turn into meshes by which we are bound; it is these things that become for us the object of life: to know our souls and to be our selves, which must be the foundation of our true way of being, is a secret that escapes us in our preoccupation with an external learning, an external construction of knowledge, the achievement of an external action, an external delight and pleasure. The spiritual man is one who has discovered his soul: he has found his self and lives in that, is conscious of it, has the joy of it; he needs nothing external for his completeness of existence. The gnostic being starting from this new basis takes up our ignorant becoming and turns it into a luminous becoming of knowledge and a realised power of being. All therefore that is our attempt to be in the Ignorance, he will fulfil in the Knowledge. All knowledge he will turn into a manifestation of the self-knowledge of being, all power and action into a power and action of the self-force of being, all delight into a universal delight of self-existence. Attachment and bondage will fall away, because at each step and in each thing there will be the full satisfaction of self-existence, the light of the consciousness fulfilling itself, the ecstasy of delight of existence finding itself. Each stage of the evolution in the knowledge will be an unfolding of this power and will of being and this joy to be, a free becoming supported by the sense of the Infinite, the bliss of the Brahman, the luminous sanction of the Transcendence.

(to be continued next week)

*The Gnostic Being—The Life Divine*  
Sri Aurobindo

<https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/22/the-gnostic-being>

Gangalakshmi HOMA

# Townhall Speaks

## ALL GROUPS CONDEMN 13 MAY ASSAULT AT ACUR

Dear Residents, the events that took place at the ACUR administrative premises on 13 May 2026 are deeply disturbing and deserve the strongest possible condemnation from all those who value basic standards of civility, institutional functioning, accountability and respect for fellow human beings.

An officially scheduled administrative meeting involving serving office bearers and Working Group members functioning under the Auroville Foundation was obstructed by a group occupying the ACUR meeting room despite prior scheduling protocols and repeated requests to vacate the premises.

Particularly disturbing was the continued presence and conduct of Arun Ambathy inside official administrative premises despite the fact that he has already been declared persona non grata by the competent authority of the Auroville Foundation—an order which was subsequently upheld by the Appellate Committee of the Governing Board and has not been stayed by any court of law despite being challenged before the Hon'ble High Court.

It is important for the community to understand the broader context behind these events. Arun Ambathy arrived in Auroville only around three years ago and did not even complete the Newcomer process before becoming repeatedly involved in misconduct, obstructionist activity and hostile confrontations directed against Auroville institutions, office bearers and development activities. His conduct over the last years has included repeated provocation, aggressive behaviour, organised obstruction of public works, trespass into administrative spaces, intimidation of officials and participation in mob-style attack against office bearers that have repeatedly disrupted institutional functioning.

Even more unacceptable was the fact that a person in such circumstances, along with another individual who is not even an Aurovilian, was knowingly invited into and entertained within the ACUR administrative premises by a group of Aurovilians who were fully aware of their status and lack of authorization to be present there.

The ACUR meeting room, which exists for official administrative functioning and recognised Working Group activity, was instead being used as a space for continued agitation, litigation strategy discussions, activism planning and political mobilisation against the very institutions functioning under the Auroville Foundation Act. This represents a gross misuse of Foundation premises and a serious breakdown of institutional discipline and responsibility.

Official administrative spaces cannot be converted into hubs for organised obstructionism, coordinated hostility towards office bearers, or continued campaigns aimed at paralysing governance and development activities within Auroville. Those who knowingly facilitate such misuse of institutional spaces despite repeated warnings and full knowledge of the individuals involved must also accept responsibility for enabling the hostile atmosphere that ultimately culminated in confrontation and violence.

During the confrontation that followed, aggressive provocation and disruptive video recording were carried out by Arun Ambathy inside an official workplace setting and continued despite repeated warnings and objections from those present. At this point, Antim confiscated Arun Ambathy's phone after Arun Ambathy, while trespassing inside the premises, continued causing nuisance and disruption.

Matters then escalated into outright violence. Antim was physically assaulted. Arun Ambathy snatched the phone of Selvaraj, which was returned only after intervention and

pressure from Aurovilians present. Sindhuja—a serving woman Working Group member—was assaulted by Arun Ambathy in full public view while attempting to call for assistance. Shortly thereafter, amid the chaos that followed, Satyavan came from behind, snatched Antim's phone and walked away with it.

All of these events are clearly recorded on CCTV footage and other video recordings, and now form part of criminal complaints that have been filed. Such behaviour is completely unacceptable and has no place whatsoever in Auroville.

Equally condemnable are the false and fabricated allegations now being circulated through public posts and WhatsApp messages using one-sided narratives while hiding behind anonymous group names that misuse and abuse the word "unity" while fostering only division, hostility and misinformation.

We further wish to place on record that Arun Ambathy has falsely alleged in a counter-blast police complaint against Antim, Sindhuja, Joel and Selvaraj that Sindhuja and Selvaraj "pounced on him" and attempted to grab his laptop, and has further falsely alleged that Antim threatened him at knife point. These allegations are outright fabrications. Multiple Working Group members were present throughout the incident, numerous witnesses were on site, and CCTV and video footage exist documenting the actual sequence of events. The facts are known, documented and verifiable.

It is deeply unfortunate that instead of acknowledging misconduct and violence, attempts are now being made to invert reality and weaponise fabricated allegations against those who were themselves subjected to harassment, intimidation and assault while carrying out official responsibilities.

The increasing pattern of obstruction, provocation, misinformation campaigns, intimidation of office bearers, mob pressure tactics and disruption of institutional functioning cannot continue indefinitely under the guise of "activism" or "community process." Differences of opinion can never justify violence, trespass into administrative premises, harassment of officials, or the deliberate spreading of demonstrably false narratives.

We express our full solidarity with the officials and resident Working Group members who were subjected to this incident—among many others over the past years—and we call upon all responsible members of the community to firmly reject the normalisation of intimidation, violence, misinformation and mob-style conduct within Auroville.

Violence, fabrication, organised harassment and disruption are not "community values." They are a direct attack on the functioning, dignity and future of Auroville itself.

### *The Working Committee of The Residents' Assembly*

*Ms. Anu Legrand, Mr. Arun Selvam, Mr. Joseba Martinez,  
Mr. Selvaraj Damotharan, Mr. Parthasarathy Krishnan*

### *Auroville Town Development Council*

*Ms. Jaya Berggreen-Clausen, Ms. Sindhuja Jagadeesh,  
Mr. Toby Neuman, Mr. Jothi Prasad Rajan,  
Mr. Ponnusamy Murugesan*

### *Funds and Assets Management Committee*

*Mr. Chandresh Patel, Mr. Sathyamoorthy Patchaiappan  
Admissions & Terminations Scrutinizing Committee*

*Mr. Antim Singhi, Ms. Muriel Ghion*

### *Admission & Termination Registry*

*Mr. Joel Van Lierde, Mr. William Anthony Raj  
Auroville Security & Emergency Service*

*Mr. Giacomo*

### *Human Resources Service*

*Mr. Suresh Ravi, Mr. Ainnarappan Narayanasamy*

**RESIDENTS' MEETING**

29 May, 4:30—6pm  
@ Sri Aurobindo Auditorium

Dear Residents, this is to inform you that the next Residents' Meeting is scheduled to be held on 29 May 2026 at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium from 4:30—6pm.

The Secretary, Auroville Foundation, will address the gathering and discuss various ongoing and upcoming activities concerning the community.

Resident members who wish to provide inputs or raise matters on specific subjects are kindly requested to forward them by email to the Working Committee on or before 19 May 2026, mentioning their name and the community in which they reside.

Every effort will be made to address the inputs and questions raised by residents during the meeting, with special emphasis given to the question-and-answer session.

Residents who are interested in contributing to any Auroville activities are also encouraged to submit their suggestions. Based on the availability of time, opportunities may be provided for them to present their ideas during the meeting.

Any change in the meeting schedule will be communicated in due course.

In addition, several other important subjects relevant to the community will be presented for the benefit of all resident members.

All Auroville residents are therefore cordially invited to attend the meeting and participate actively.

*The Working Committee  
From Massbulletin*

**MEETING ON NON-FARM PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION:**

**FoodLink**

30 May, 11am @ FoodLink

We understand that some of you have been experiencing difficulties with the new supply & payment policy for non-farm produce (from Green Belt settlements, gardens, etc.) distributed through FoodLink.

We would like to invite you to a joint meeting at FoodLink on 30 May, 11am to share your concerns & suggestions so we can find a way to move forward together.

We also suggest that those of you who wish to newly start/restart distributing produce attend. Our intention is to build an equitable & efficient distribution system with your support.

*Sivaraj for Green Belt Service  
& Aumrto for FoodLink  
From Massbulletin*

**NOTE FOR AUROVILLE UNITS**

Most units host a web page on the main auroville.org website. If your unit description and service details are missing, and if you would like to include a page on Auroville's official website, please send us a brief introduction of when the unit started and what services you offer.

You will also need to send us updated telephone and email contact details, openings hours, etc. Recent photos are welcome. Kindly send 2 or 3 photos as separate files in jpeg format.

Here is the link to our website <https://auroville.org/> if you would like to browse.

*Giri, Ruban, Abha  
for Auroville Web Team*

**FINANCIAL SERVICE**

**Saturday Afternoon Closure  
until end of June**

From this week onwards till the end of June, Financial Service will be closed on Saturday afternoons.

*Financial Service Team, from Massbulletin*

# Community News

## Matrimandir News & Schedules

**CLOSURE OF THE MATRIMANDIR INNER CHAMBER**

18 May—14 June

Because of annual maintenance work, the Matrimandir Inner Chamber will remain closed for everyone from 18 May, 2026 to 14 June, 2026. We regret the inconvenience caused.

- The Matrimandir Inner Chamber will **reopen on the 15 June.**

Kindly watch this space for any changes to the reopening date. The Chamber will be reopened for Aurovilians and Newcomers sooner if it is possible.

- The **Matrimandir viewing point will remain OPEN** as usual from **9am—5pm** everyday.

*Antoine for Matrimandir Executives*

**AMPHITHEATRE:**

**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 is 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 Auocard** wishing to attend must book by filling in the form at <https://bit.ly/savitri-reading> one or two days in advance. Please bring your Auocard with you.
- **Access by Office Gate for the Amphitheater only** from 5:15pm. Guests are requested to bring along their Auocards. **Last entry for guests at 5:45pm.** Access limited for guests to the Amphitheatre
- **Last exit for guests at 6:45pm.**

*Velmurugan*

**MATRIMANDIR ACCESS INFORMATION**

**Access to the Park of Unity**

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

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

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

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

The Inner Chamber is open to **registered Volunteers**:

- Every day, 4:30—6pm.
- Volunteers are requested to come and get their revised passes between 10—10:30 am from the Matrimandir office.
- **It is obligatory for the volunteers and pass holders to carry the pass with them.**

The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 3 close family members and friends no more than once in two weeks, with booking 3 to 5 days in advance to [mmconcentration@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in).

- Any day except Tuesday & Sunday, 8—8:25am.
- 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](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in).

- Tuesday 8—8:30am.

**Petals of the Matrimandir**

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

**Access to Matrimandir for Visitors and Guests**

**Matrimandir Viewing Point:**

The Viewing Point is open to the general public on presentation of a Pass. Visits to the Matrimandir Viewing Point are free of charge. Free pass can be obtained at the Auroville Visitors Centre. The Viewing Point lies south of the Park of Unity and offers visitors a panoramic view of the Matrimandir and the Gardens and the Lake.

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

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

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

**Security**

Please note that it is not permitted to

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

Parents, please supervise your children at all times.

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

Please no photography, videos or drones without prior permission. For permission, please write to

- [matrimandir@auroville.org.in](mailto:matrimandir@auroville.org.in).

Antoine  
for Matrimandir Executives Team

**REMEMBERING THOMAS**

Thomas Eckelmann was born on 17 November 1939 in Germany, and passed away at age 86, on 13 May, 2026, at his home in Gratitude community. His cremation took place at the Auroville Cremation Ground.

As a young adult he attended acting school and participated in the Living Theater in Berlin. From this time on he had an avid interest in film and theatre which lasted right up to now. But his line of work was mainly dubbing English movies into German. Many Westerns of the 1960s carry his voice.

In 1970 he travelled overland to India and eventually Pondicherry where he met the Mother.

He joined Auroville and the next year brought Miriam, his 9-year old daughter, too. He worked at the Aspiration Bakery with Chris and at Last School with Shraddhavan. Later he moved to Certitude and worked at Matrimandir and at the Nursery with Narad.

During the years after Mother’s passing he was forced to stop work at Matrimandir and moved to Gratitude Dairy Farm to assist Dietra. He was gifted a manual cream separator from the Ashram and the butter and cheese business thrived. Every Thursday he would deliver his goods, including skim milk, cream and cheese, in Pondicherry and also meet his close friend the composer Sunil Bhattacharya. He participated vocally in some of Sunil’s music.

Every year at midnight on the occasion of 31 December he would play the New Year’s music for everyone at Gratitude

At the time Gratitude had the attraction of Arthuro the talking parrot and then Billa the hornbill and the guineafowl and geese. Besides, Thomas was very instrumental in bringing peacocks to Auroville. The first ones were hatched by chicken and had a hard time surviving, but slowly they proliferated and are now very well established in the entire region. He also took care of pigeons right up to his last days.

Gratitude remains a beautiful park where the birds are fed daily and Thomas will be much missed.



Miriam

*Awakening Spirit*

**BHAGAVAD GITA CHANTING**

- Every Sunday morning, 7—8am
- @ The Mother’s Flower Garden


All are welcome

For queries: [vidyamandir@auroville.org.in](mailto:vidyamandir@auroville.org.in)

Deven for Vidyamandir Auroville Team




A weekly study circle on  
**The Synthesis of Yoga**  
- Sri Aurobindo



**4:30 pm - 5:30 pm**  
**Every Tuesday**

Venue :  
Resource Library,  
Bharat Nivas, Auroville



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BHARAT NIVAS  
भारत निवास  
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Monisha, BN Team

**SAVITRI BHAVAN, JUNE 2026**



**Inauguration**

of a dedicated courtyard for Sri Aurobindo's Relics @ Savitri Bhavan

- **Thursday, 4 June, 4pm** (Shraddhavan's Birthday), @ Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan

Everyone is welcome



**Exhibitions**

9am—5pm, Sunday closed

- **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

**Films**

Monday, 4pm @ Sangam Hall

- **June 29: Life After Life**—A video documentation based on the research work and book *Life After Life* by Dr Raymond A. Moody. People who were clinically dead, speak about their out-of-body experiences and how they came back to life. *Duration: 59min.*

**Full Moon Gathering**

- **Monday, 29 June, 7:15—8:15pm** in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

**New Activity**

Barbara will be giving individual sessions, group work and research initiatives focused on the practice and study of Integral yoga, the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and Mother's Agenda.

- Please contact for appointment: 9443493026

**Guided Yoga Nidra sessions**

- **Every Tuesday, 11am—12noon @ Sangam Hall**

Guided Yoga Nidra session, infused with the wisdom of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo and accompanied by a deeply restorative sound journey. This is a sacred space for deep inner rest, alignment and receptivity. As part of the practice, we invite you to prepare a Sankalpa—a short, positive sentence that serves as a crystallization of your spiritual aspiration. Please arrive a few minutes early.

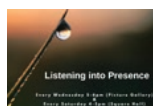
Things to bring: A yoga mat if can or cushions are available to lie down.

Conducted by Sunny and Team

**Listening into Presence**

- **Every Wednesday, 5—6pm @ Picture Gallery**
- **Every Saturday, 4—5pm @ Square Hall**

Through stillness and silence, we will tune into the Presence, noticing its activity in our physical and subtle bodies. Letting go of our mind and ego automatism we will open up into the deeper automatism that is beyond our doing and thinking. We will seek to enter into a state of receptivity by not doing, getting ourselves out of the way to allow the Consciousness to bring about the right organization and balance of particles and energies. *Guided by Misha (Mike).*



**Exploring the Frontiers of Consciousness:**

**Savitri as a Resource for Scientific and Metaphysical Research**

Savitri Bhavan, Auroville, invites scientists, philosophers, and researchers worldwide to an online contemplative study of Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri*. The program began on 15 August 2025, focusing on selected cantos from Part One of *Savitri*. Bi-weekly sessions combine guided reflections (via Shraddhavan's recorded talks) with interactive discussions. Participants can choose to contribute actively or simply listen.

Fields invited include Space Science, Evolutionary Research, Quantum Physics, Mathematics, Metaphysics, Neuroscience, and Philosophy.

To register or learn more:

- [savitribhavan@auroville.org.in](mailto:savitribhavan@auroville.org.in),
- [www.savitribhavan.org](http://www.savitribhavan.org)



**Concluding chapters of 'Essays on the Gita' by Dr. Alok Pandey.**

- **Wednesday, 3 June, 4—5pm @ Sangam Hall**

Everyone is welcome



**Light and Delight**

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Meditate on Huta's paintings with lines from *Savitri*  
Write & share your inspired poetry  
Thursdays 5-6:15pm, Savitri Bhavan

- **Thursdays, 5—6:15pm @ Savitri Bhavan**

Thursday is symbolically an auspicious day for learning and for welcoming the light of knowledge and wisdom. Through this art and poetry, we will create an atmosphere of light and delight in which we can find and share our own expressions. We welcome you to join this artistic and poetic journey; the only requirement is a willingness to explore, discover and express the gifts already in you.

**Gentle reminders:**

Bring paper and pen, Come on time or 5-10 minutes earlier, Meet at Sri Aurobindo's statue, Voluntary contribution to the venue.

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**Remembering Sri Aurobindo's Uttarpara Speech**  
Delivered at Uttarpara, Bengal, on 30 May 1909

- **Saturday, 30 May, 10am—12noon @ Sangam Hall**

30 May marks a truly special day in history. It is the anniversary of Sri Aurobindo's famous Uttarpara Speech, where he shared his transformative spiritual realizations with the world.

To honor this legacy, we are hosting a community gathering and we would love for you and your family to be a part of it.

- **Guest Speaker:**  
Shri Sraddhalu Ranade

Your presence will add immense value to our collective reflection. Please join us for an inspirational morning!

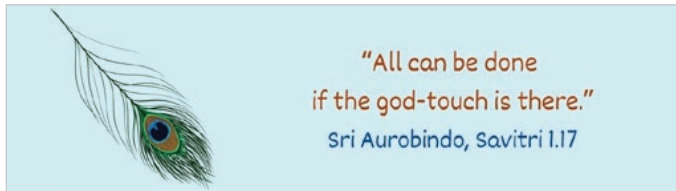


**Regular Activities**

- **Sundays, 10:30—12noon:** Savitri Study Circle led by Larry Seidlitz
- **Mondays 10:30—11:30am:** Faith and Shakti—Chapter XVIII of Sri Aurobindo’s The Synthesis of Yoga led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Mondays to Saturdays 3—5pm:** L’Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Tuesdays 10:30—11:30am:** Matrimandir—The Soul of Auroville based on the words of The Mother led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Wednesdays 5—6pm & Saturdays 4—5pm:** Listening into Presence led by Misha (Mike)
- **Thursdays 4—5pm:** Videos of The English of Savitri led by Shradhdhan
- **Thursdays 4—5:30pm:** Reading Savitri in Russian with Anatoli
- **Fridays 10:30—11:30am:** The Problem of Life—Chapter XXII of Sri Aurobindo’s The Life Divine led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Exhibitions, Main Building and Office** are open Monday to Saturday 9am—5pm
- **Library and Digital Library** is open Monday to Friday 9am—5pm. *Margrit, Velmurugan & Dhanalakshmi*

**BHAGAVAD GITA IN DAILY LIFE**

1—30 June, 2026 (Monday to Friday)



5—6am (ब्रह्म मुहूर्त \*), Online Zoom Call

We are happy to invite you to join us on a **collective learning yajna** to integrate the wisdom from Bhagavad Gita in day-to-day life. We will be referring to all 700 shlokas of the Gita in Sanskrit along with daily practices, reflections and reading excerpts from Sri Aurobindo’s Essays on the Gita and The Mother’s writings. **All are welcome.**

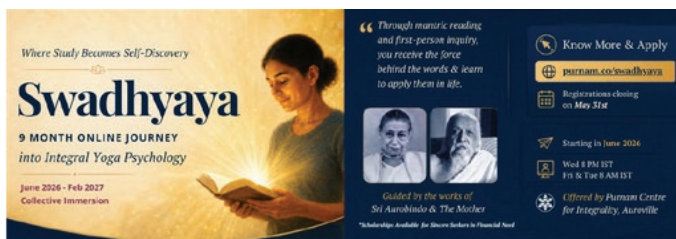
(\* ब्रह्म मुहूर्त—*Brahma-Muhurta is often described as a period (muhurta) that begins one hour and 36 minutes before sunrise and ends 48 minutes later. It is considered a very auspicious time for regular yogic practices.*)

- For more details and registration click: [tinyurl.com/gitainlife](https://tinyurl.com/gitainlife)
- Feel free to also write to us on: [vidyamandir@auroville.org.in](mailto:vidyamandir@auroville.org.in)

*Deven & Shaalini for Vidyamandir*

**SWADHYAYA: A NINE-MONTH JOURNEY into Integral Yoga Psychology**

June 2026—February 2027, Online



We warmly invite you to Swadhyaya—a 9-month journey of self-study through the works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

A collective space offered for deep study, reflection, inner observation, and conscious growth.

**The journey unfolds in three phases:**

- **June—September:** Foundations in Integral Studies
- **October—November:** Cultivating Soul Qualities. Humility from the Mother’s Symbol
- **December—February:** The Synthesis of Yoga

Know more & apply here:

- <https://purnam.co/swadhyaya>

**Admissions:** Close on 31 May.

**Scholarships:** Are available to Aurovilians and Newcomers.

**Questions:** Feel free to reach out to us: +91 7305946482

*Sahana for Purnam*

**AUROVILLE DISCOVERY PROGRAM**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month



AWARE warmly invites newcomers, volunteers, guests, and community members to participate in the Auroville Discovery Program. The Discovery Program is an invitation to explore Auroville not only as a place, but as a living experiment in human unity and conscious living. The session emphasizes **work as a path of inner discovery**—an opportunity to reflect on the deeper purpose of work, collective life, and personal growth within the context of Auroville.

Through presentations, sharing, and dialogue, participants will gain insights into Auroville’s vision, history, ideals, and ongoing experiments.

- Participation is through prior registration.
- Scan/ Register here: [Discovery Registration](#)

For further information and registration details, kindly contact AWARE.

*Sajiv for Aware Auroville*



*Books*

**AUROVILLE LIBRARY**

**Weekly Readings of The Life Divine**



Weekly Readings of The Life Divine with Balvinder, at AUROVILLE LIBRARY

**Fridays, 4:30 - 5:30pm**  
(from 23 January 2026)

All are welcome.

**Contacts:** 0413 2622894

- [avlib@auroville.org.in](mailto:avlib@auroville.org.in), <http://library.auroville.org.in/>

**Opening timings**



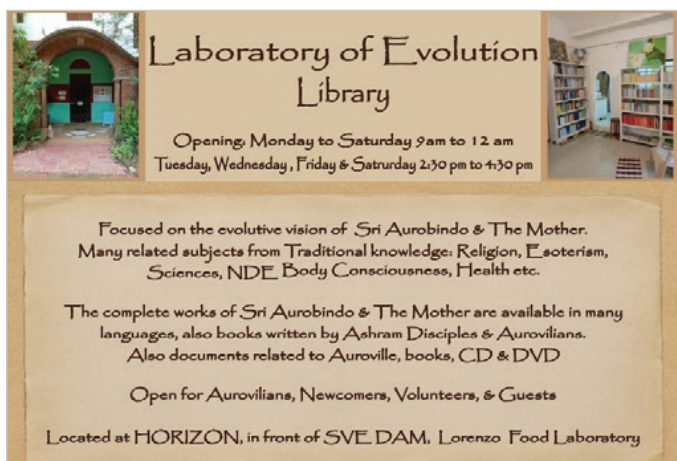
**Children’s Storytime!**

- All ages welcome!
- Every Saturday, 10—11am.

*Ayesha*



## LABORATORY OF EVOLUTION LIBRARY



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## Education

### STEAM SUMMER CAMP

All weeks in May, Monday to Thursday, 2—4pm  
@ Deepanam School. Ages 7—12



This Summer, Begin Your Adventure Quest! Dive into a world of fun, hands-on STEAM adventures filled with exciting challenges and creative experiments. Explore new ideas, build amazing creations, and discover something new every day! Unleash your imagination, solve thrilling missions, and turn your ideas into reality. A summer full of adventure, learning, and endless possibilities awaits!

- To register: 9047705400 WA, Prema Abilash

### KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Tuition from 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Silambam—Martial Art Programme
- Bharat Naattiyam—Classical Dance Activities
- Hip-Hop
- Physical Fitness Activities
- Summer Camp in May
- Art & Craft
- Children's Play Park with Swings, Calisthenics set, and a Slide.
- Make and Take on Mother's 12 Quality Programme (Art & Craft, Book Making, Embroidery, Gardening, Painting, Calendar Making and Tailoring Activities).



Please contact us to inquire about the class timings.

- [kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:kuilaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in)
- +91 8608473385 WA Selva from KCC

### TUITION CLASSES AVAILABLE

- Tuition classes available from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade level in all subjects.
- Crash course available for 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade level.
- For further information contact
  - [ashree@auroville.org.in](mailto:ashree@auroville.org.in)
  - 8270512606 WA only.

Ashwini

## INVITATION TO AUROVILLE UNITS:

### Shared Internship & Apprenticeship Support Programme

SAIER has begun to host a [5-fold internship/ apprenticeship programme](#) in the aims of working out continued education pathways within Auroville, following the development of an integral personality organised around a living central aspiration. We reach out with the proposition and hope of consolidating and supporting the many internships, apprenticeships, volunteerships, and student learning experiences already taking place across Auroville.

*Intention is to support and engage with young adults working and studying in Auroville, irrespective of their official status being a volunteer, intern, employee etc.*

As we know, young people from India and around the world have been coming here for decades to learn and work through Auroville's units, farms, ateliers, and research spaces. Taking on interns can be quite time consuming and we understand that units may not always have the time or capacity to introduce interns to the deeper context of Auroville—its *raison d'être*, the works of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo, and the larger aspiration behind this incredible adventure.

With this in mind, SAIER would like to propose that interns, young professionals & volunteers from across Auroville Units participate in a common framework, which may complement their existing internship or apprenticeship programmes. This would include:

- **Weekly or bi-weekly Exploration of the context and *raison d'être* of Auroville, Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's works, and the ancient Indian quest for meaning and purpose of life:** This exploration would be held by the senior Last School team, under the Super School Programme.
- **Consolidated information on and strong encouragement of a regular physical education practice during their stay in Auroville:** This is proposed to be held by the Auroville Physical Education Body under SAIER. Many youngsters in the country, (and the world) today, grow up with very limited physical education, practice & general awareness of their bodies. This initiative would be primarily for the short term interns for them to have at least during their time here a contact with this part of us that is our home for life on earth.
- **A weekly moment for reflection, dialogue, and self-assessment among interns from different units and fields of study:** The first round of these would happen at SAIER with educators who've worked on this with teenagers for many years. As feedback comes in and modules transform, it could change shape to see what would be most meaningful.

The intention is simple: that young people who come to Auroville may leave not only with technical or professional experience, but with a deeper contact with the spirit of this adventure and the questions of meaning, purpose, and human development that brought Auroville into being.

We do understand this may reduce the 'productivity time' of interns in certain offices and workspaces. However we hope that you may see value in a slight shift in functioning, to introduce youth of the world to the reason for which many of us have come and continue to dedicate our lives to this place.

We are currently reaching out to understand which units may be interested in participating or learning more and sort out a few practicals. We propose to start out with those keen and willing, last week of May or first week of June.

- [Google Form](#)

Request for data from all before the start of June.

This should help us map where are at & get started with those willing.

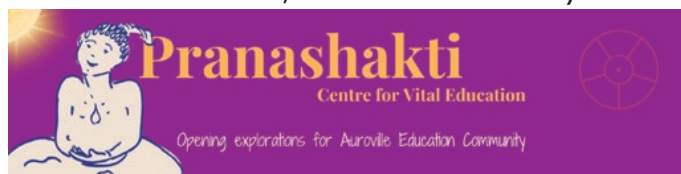
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## PRANASHAKTI

### Auroville Centre for Vital Education

@ Pranashakti Hub (previous Aurofilm office)  
Next to CRIPA, Kalabhumi Community



Pranashakti programs are open to the residents community, with priority for Auroville teachers and students. We have a series of sessions across May–June. You are warmly invited to join any or all that resonate. Please click the link to register or scan QR code below.

### Savitri Painting

By Vaishnavi, Savitri Painting Facilitator for Purnam

- **Saturday, 6 June, 10:15–12pm**
- [Registrations](#) close by 5 June.

**Savitri Painting** is a method to move inward into great depths of your being through art, music and poetry. It is a means of sensing your soul movements and expressing them through painting. This one session offers a practice of non-verbal journaling which unfolds through a collective immersion into *Savitri*—Sri Aurobindo’s transformative mantric poem and his magnum opus.

Please note that this session calls for inner quietude and receptivity. You are encouraged to arrive a little early to settle inwardly before we begin.

### Outdoor Games

Playhood by Natasha, interactive play facilitator

- **Thursdays, 28 May–25 June, 5–6:30pm**
- [Registrations](#)

Step into the joy of movement, connection, and play through simple outdoor games. A space to unwind, engage, and rediscover the spirit of play together

### Expression & Body

#### Navarasa (Varsha)

- **Monday to Wednesday, 1–3 June, 9–10am**
- [Registrations](#)
- Open to all who can commit to all 3 sessions.

Exploring the art of conscious emotional expression through a 3-part journey inspired by the *Natyashastra*. Together we will enter the world of the Navarasas—*Śrīgāra* (Love / Beauty), *Hāsya* (Joy / Laughter), *Karunā* (Compassion / Sorrow), *Raudra* (Fierce Force / Anger), *Vīra* (Heroism), *Bhayānaka* (Fear), *Bībhatsa* (Disgust / Aversion), *Adbhuta* (Wonder), and *Śānta* (Peace / Tranquility)

#### Antardhwani (Priya)

- **Tuedays, 16, 18 June, 5–6pm**
- **Thursdays, 23, 25 June, 5–6pm**
- [Registrations](#)

Self Awareness through Indian Classical Music. A 4-part music workshop for all who wish to begin expressing through sound and come in touch with the deeper inner resonance within themselves. Facilitated by Priya, a trained Indian classical music educator with over 20 years of experience, now exploring a deeper relationship with sound through the integral education of the senses.

### Light in Action-Theatre Workshop (Rashi)

- **Saturdays, 4:30–7pm**
- **30 May—Voice; 6 June—Expression**
- [Registrations](#)

A theatre workshop series for creative exploration & self expression. Facilitated by Rashi Bunny, a theatre artist and

experiential facilitator exploring the transformative power of the arts through theatre, movement, music, meditation, and Integral Education.

Open to ages 20+ interested in using theatre and performance to explore, empower, and open new capacities

### Integral-Psychology & Improvisation (Lucas & Misha)

- **Mondays, 2–4pm, Wednesdays, 2–5pm**
- [Registrations](#)

**Inward exploration:** Learning Integral psychology through the body: gaining deeper body-felt awareness of our being’s different layers, our evolutionary energy centres, breath work.

**Outward expression:** An exploration of improvisation, rhythm, spontaneity and movement—working through the body as a means to deepen presence and expression.



Shaily for Pranashakti

## LEARNING SPACE opens doors for kids

of guests, volunteers and newcomers

**Aarambham Learning Space** is open for children of guests, volunteers, and newcomers of Auroville. Learning Space is an initiative of SAIER, offering a space for orientation, integration, and exploration of Auroville before school enrollment. As well as preparation and adaptation of new students of age from 6 to 12 for the Integral Education model of Auroville schools.



A team of facilitators experienced in arts, personalized academic activities, physical education, awareness fostering is ready to receive new students. Our additional weekly activities outside and inside of the campus will include visits to Matrimandir, units and communities of Auroville, classes of practical skills, story creation and forest exploration.

- Drop off time 8:15–8:45am
- Pick up time 3:30–4:40pm (by the age of students)
- Lunch and snacks are provided.
- We are able to host 10 to 20 students.
- Standard Auroville schools fees apply.

**Aarambham located** at the former TLC base camp, near Dehashakti, in the natural surroundings of Baraka forest.

Parents of students are welcome to participate in various ways.

- For admission/visit, please make an appointment at [aarambham@auroville.org.in](mailto:aarambham@auroville.org.in). Alexey

## ADMISSION

### at New Era Secondary School

Admission is going on at New Era Secondary School, a CBSE school under SAIER:

- for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and
- from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 9<sup>th</sup> grade and
- for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. We are offering Computer science stream, Biology stream, Pure science stream, Commerce stream, Humanities stream and Vocational training courses in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Contact** Dr. K. Venkatesh, principal: 9442746448 for further information. **Dr. K. Venkatesh for NESS**

## LILALOKA

*"A place where play transforms, where joy opens the path."—Sri Aurobindo*

Lilaloka is a recreational and resource center for children, dedicated to personal development through play and creativity. It offers both individual and group experiences in a non-competitive, non-judgmental atmosphere, fostering connection between schools, families, and children for their overall well-being.

"Each individual is a special manifestation in the universe; therefore, his true path has to be absolutely unique."

Lilaloka welcomes all children—Aurovilians, guests, home-schoolers, and those with behavioural, relational, or learning challenges. Activities include cooperative games, arts and crafts, nature exploration, storytelling, drama, and more.

### Activities 2026

Lilaloka offers both **individual** and **group** sessions, guided by a team of facilitators specialized in various fields of child development.

#### Nesters

- **Once a week, age: 0—12 months, parents and babies together.**

A nurturing space supporting early bonding and holistic growth—focusing on trust, emotional well-being, and sensory connection between parent and child.

- **Two times per week (or as per group needs), age: 1—2 years old, with parents**

Sessions that support healthy attachment and conscious parenting, helping parents respond with empathy, presence, and understanding.

#### Infants' Community

- **Daily mornings, age: 1½–3 years**

A warm, thoughtfully prepared environment inspired by Integral Education, Waldorf, and Montessori principles—encouraging independence, curiosity, and self-discovery through play, movement, and nature.

#### Free-Flow Mornings

- **Three times per week, open mornings to all children aged 5+**

Child-led learning through art, nature play, storytelling, science, and hands-on projects—encouraging curiosity, creativity, and a love for discovery beyond structured schooling.

#### Afternoon Activities

- **Twice per week, age: 3–6 years**

A holistic space fostering intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth through play and creative exploration.

- **Once per week, children 6–11 Years**

Focused on developing fine motor skills, creativity, and concentration through arts and crafts.

#### Occupational Therapy and Individual sessions

- **By appointment**

For both schooled and non-schooled children, in collaboration with parents and educators.

#### Research and Training

Lilaloka shares its experience through workshops and training programs for students, educators, and researchers—both from Auroville and around the world—with a special invitation to Indian education researchers.

#### For more information:

- [lilaloka@auroville.org.in](mailto:lilaloka@auroville.org.in), 9655519546 WA

Ana, Ritam and Leela



## MAROMA

### Summer School Holiday Program for Aurovilians and Guests

27—29 May, Wednesday—Friday, 10—11:30am

Join us this May for a hands-on creative program at Maroma, designed for children and families.

#### Program Highlights:

- **Day 1**—Incense Leaves (Wednesday, 27 May)
- **Day 2**—Candle Making (Thursday, 28 May)
- **Day 3**—Clay Work (Friday, 29 May)

Each session offers a guided, tactile experience using natural materials, reflecting Maroma's focus on craftsmanship and sustainability.

- **Capacity:** Limited to 20 participants
- **Note:** Children under 8 must be supervised

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**To register:** please send an email to [maroma@maroma.com](mailto:maroma@maroma.com) including:

- Number of participants
- Age(s) of child(ren)
- Preferred day(s)

Do not hesitate to WA/call on 9486623749 if you have any questions.

Also if you would like to book a Maroma Tour, please checkout our Experience website:

- [www.maromaexperience.com](http://www.maromaexperience.com)

Jesse for Maroma Experiences

### SATORI: 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.

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[satori.auroville@gmail.com](mailto:satori.auroville@gmail.com)

### Health Care

## AUROKIYA

### Integral Eye Centre

Eye Care Services @ Arka

Aurokiya provides a range of eye care services for Auroville and the bioregion. **Available services:**

- Primary & emergency eye care,
- Spectacles & contact lenses,
- Eye Yoga & Vision Therapy,
- Workplace & community outreach eye camps,
- Support for visits to Aravind Eye Hospital

**New services:**

- Retina imaging,
- Intraocular pressure (glaucoma) monitoring,
- Red Light Therapy for eyes,
- Dry Eye Therapy

**Timings:**

- 9am—5:30pm,

**Contact:**

- 9488005685



Aurosugan for Aurokiya

**SANTÉ SERVICES, JUNE**



**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**

<b>Doctor Consultation</b> with Dr. Joseph, Dr. Pavan & Dr. Sana: Monday to Saturday	<b>Nurse Care</b> Ezhil & Archana, Daily: no appointment needed
<b>Ayurveda</b> with Dr. Be: Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Friday	<b>Homeopathy</b> with Michael: Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday
<b>Physiotherapy</b> with Galina: Monday to Friday	<b>Physiotherapy</b> with Arun: Monday to Friday
<b>Midwifery &amp; GYN Care</b> with Paula: Monday & Wednesday	<b>Integrative Psychotherapy</b> with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday
<b>Holistic Therapy</b> with Louis Patric—Monday to Friday	<b>Soundbed Session</b> with Sandhya/ Thilagam: Not available
<b>Bio-Well Assessment</b> (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena—inquiry email: <a href="mailto:adminSanté@auroville.org.in">adminSanté@auroville.org.in</a>	<b>Home Care</b> Contact Santé for timings: Physiotherapy w/ Arun Doctor Consultation w/ Dr. Sana

*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*

**AURODENT CLINIC @ AUROMODE**

We are pleased to inform you that Dr Aravind Anto (MDS—Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon) will now be available at Aurodent Clinic. He will be providing specialised treatments, including: *Dental implant placement; Wisdom tooth extractions; Other complex extractions.* Appointments can be booked directly at Aurodent Clinic.



**For appointment**

- +91 9629199328 WA,
- 0413 2622063 landline
- [aurodent@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurodent@auroville.org.in)

**Working Hours**

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



Jayasutha

**MORNING STAR**



**Office Open House**

- Every Saturday, 10am—12pm

We are happy to announce that the Morning Star office will now be open to the community for an Open House. You are welcome to drop in anytime during these hours to learn more about Morning Star's work, receive updates on the building progress, and book appointments to meet with the midwives during clinical days.

- The Morning Star office is located @ Arka Guest House (next to the reception).
- For more information, please visit: [www.aurovillemorningstar.org](http://www.aurovillemorningstar.org).

**Childbirth and Pregnancy education**

Morning Star offers education to expectant parents about conscious pregnancy, childbirth and parenting. Classes are conducted in both English and Tamil

- Wednesdays, 5—7pm @ Creativity—Hall of Light**

Classes include gentle body movement, educational topics related to pregnancy including Birth plan, Birth without fear, Stages of labour, Partner role & comfort measures during labour, Breastfeeding, Father's role and Postnatal & newborn care.

We invite all expectant parents—Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Staff and couples from the Bio region to join us. If you would like more information or to join the class, please contact Magesh:

- +91 9486609821, [morningstar@auroville.org.in](mailto:morningstar@auroville.org.in)

**Little Red Feet—Baby Play and Support Group**

- @ Humanscapes, Common Hall
- Monday, 10am—12pm:** Newborn support circle by Rotem for ages 0—1
- Wednesday to Sunday, 9am—12pm:** Play and Support Group for ages 0—2

We warmly invite you to our baby play and support group, a nurturing space created especially for parents and babies. 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, non judgmental 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!

- Rotem: +91 8056888715
- Aditi: +91 9130084284

*Submitted by Savithri*

**ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE**

Every Thursday, 10:30 @ Auroshilpam

Come and join Eco Femme at our **Open House** every Thursday at 10:30. We hold these at our **office in Auroshilpam**, just behind Auromode.



washable cloth pads

We'll teach you about sustainable menstrual products, the menstrual cycle, and our not-for-profit programs, + you can pick up cloth pads, cups and period panties at discounted rates!

See you soon!

*Mila for Eco Femme team*

**MAATRAM**

**Maatram offers OCH Open Consultation Hour**

- Monday—Friday, 9:30—10am

**Addiction Recovery sessions**

- Every Tuesday, 3:30—4:30pm
- @ Maatram, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Arka



In addition to our Regular Therapy Sessions, we are adding another weekly walk-in session on Addiction Recovery. These sessions are suitable for any kind of addiction including addiction to substances such as

- alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, marijuana, coffee, sweets
  - and addictive behaviours related to use of: smart phones, social media, video games, eating, porn and gambling.
- Megha, Raam & Palani*

*International*

**UNITY PAVILION EVENTS**

Day-Time	Venue	Event Details
Thursday, 5pm	Hall Of Peace	<b>Silent Meditation</b> by Pierre: Tune into your psychic self and enter deep inner peace, silence, and calm for inner awakening and self-discovery.
Friday, 5—6pm	Hall of Peace	<b>Peace Meditation</b> by Pierre: Rest in the vibration of peace through silent inner concentration, awakening the psychic presence and a deeper state of harmony.
Saturday, 10am	Garden Hall of Peace	<b>Kids Art Class</b> by artist Janakiraman: A playful exploration of watercolour techniques for children.

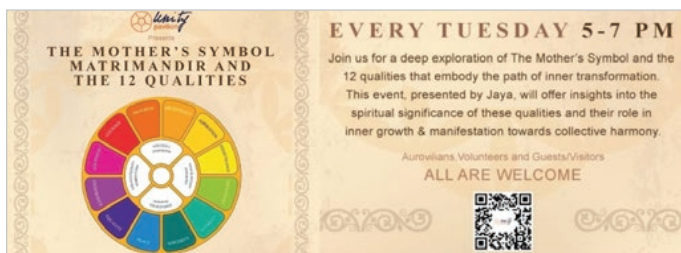
**By Appointment**

Date	Venue	Event Details
Daily	Hall of Peace	<b>Tao of Tea</b> —Sencha Style Tea Ceremony by Isha—A conscious and immersive experience of tea’s spiritual and healing power, nourishing both body and soul. 9385428400 WA
Tuesday, 5pm	Hall of Peace	<b>12 Qualities and the Mother’s Symbol</b> by Jaya—A deep exploration of The Mother’s Symbol and 12 Qualities that embody the path of inner transformation.
Daily	Oneness Hall	<b>One to one sessions on the Science of Chakra, Integral Yoga, Chakra Balancing and guided Meditation.</b> One to one/group Life Coaching & Counselling with Preeti based on life skills & Integral Transformation offers a safe space to heal and unlock your potential 9699930672 WA

- 0413 2623576, 9699930672, [unitypavilion@auroville.org.in](mailto:unitypavilion@auroville.org.in)

**The Mother’s Symbol, Matrimandir and 12 Qualities**

- Every Tuesday, 5pm



A deep exploration of The Mother’s Symbol and 12 Qualities that embody the path of inner transformation with Jaya.

- By appointment, 0413 2623576

**Sencha Style Tea Ceremony**



**The Universe in a Cup of Tea**

We invite you on a spiritual journey, accompanied by the tea of your choice. (Organic teas only, tea blends with herbs/flowers/spices also available). During this rare, transformative experience, you will explore & experience the healing aspects of the tea. The session can be conducted 1-on-1, or for small groups (up to 4 people). For more than 4 people, a suitable venue must be arranged in advance. Children aged 5 years and above are most welcome, especially on their birthdays.

- Through appointments only, +91 9385428400 WA

**Integral Life Coaching & Counselling**



Integral Life Coaching & Counselling (One to one/group) with Preeti based on Integral Transformation offers a safe space to heal and unlock your potential. Using an Integrated, practical Approach & Powerful Tools through a unique blend of Modern Psychology, NLP, Emotional Intelligence, Personality Analysis, and Holistic & Integral Development.

- By Appointment: 9699930672 WA

*Preeti for Unity Pavilion*

**BHARAT NIVAS Pavilion of India**

**Kalaripayattu performance**



**Wide: Art Show**



*Monisha for Bharat Nivas*

**PAVILION OF TIBETAN CULTURE**

**Library**

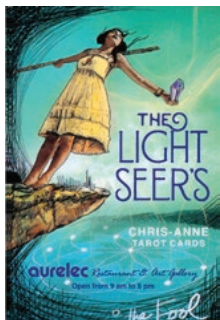
- Monday and Tuesday, 9:30am—12:30pm

Kalsang  
for Tibetan Pavilion



*Theatre, Music & Arts*

**THE FOOL EXHIBITION @ AURELEC**



On the edge of an epic journey, the Fool peers into the abyss below and senses the seed of life calling out to her. She sees the opportunity and stardust swirling, and she knows that her dream begins with this single step. She's not sure what she will learn or exactly where she's headed, but she has clarity about one thing: she will need to jump in order to begin. With her crystal amplifier to guide her, and her wand to protect her, she feels her toes slide past the threshold of her current reality. She sends one last intention prayer up to the Universe and lets go, feeling the rush of the unknown rise up to meet her. She falls into the void, where her beautiful future awaits.

Chris-Anne, Tarot Cards  
Franz, Aurelec

**MAJI: ECHOES OF GOLD**

20 April—27 July, Monday—Saturday, 9am—5pm  
@ Maroma Art Gallery: MAJI

Supriya

*Theatre, Music & Art Activities*

**KALABHUMI MUSIC STUDIO'S MUSIC ACADEMY**  
Learn music in Auroville...

- Hindustani Vocals (with Ronny)
- Piano for kids (with Sahitya)
- Tabla/ violin/ viola/ trumpet/ bass/ guitar (with Shanks)
- Guitar & Bass (with Rolf)
- Singing (with Shakti)

To apply: [fill out the form](#) (QR code)!

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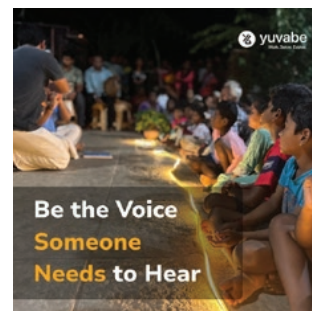
**YUVABE THEATRE INITIATIVE:**

**Volunteer Call**

Be the voice someone needs to hear

Yuvabe Theatre is seeking committed volunteers for a community-driven theatre play aimed at raising awareness on emotional and mental health, and helping reduce suicide rates in and around us.

This heartfelt play is crafted to understand pain and emotions and create awareness around emotional & mental health. It is purely a service to the community—no theatre experience needed.



**Weekly Schedule**

- Thursday & Friday: 3—5pm
- Saturday: 9am—12:30pm
- Timings are flexible for the team

**Who Should Join:** People who truly care, community-minded individuals, empathetic listeners, youth & change-makers. Any language background is welcome.

**What to Expect:** A 3-month commitment of dedicated participation, with a purpose-driven focus on theatre for mental health awareness. This is unpaid—pure community service. Ready to make a difference? Reach out & join the stage.

[bhuvana@yuvabe.com](mailto:bhuvana@yuvabe.com),  
+91 9159325119,  
Abilash

**SVARAM ACTIVITIES**

**Sound Healing Session**



This 45-minute Sound Healing Session is designed to help you reconnect with your natural state of well-being. It offers a supportive impulse for self-healing and balance, guided by a certified sound practitioner. **By appointment only**

- Available Sessions: Solo, Duo or Group
- For details and booking: Scan the QR Code or <https://svaram.org/sound-healing-sessions/>

**Sound Garden Tour**



- Monday—Saturday, 9:30am—4:30pm
- Sunday, 9:30am—11:30pm
- For details and booking: Scan the QR Code or [click here](#)

Aurelio  
for the SVARAM Team

**CREEVA: ART ACTIVITIES**

Center for Research Education Experience in Visual Art

**Watercolour painting workshop**

- Every Wednesday, 2—4pm

**Life drawing session**

- Every Saturday, 10am—12pm

**T-shirt Painting, Bottle Painting Workshop**

**Paper Pulp Doll Art Workshop**

- Every Sunday, 3—4:30pm

Rediscover the joy of creativity and childhood play, through eco friendly paper pulp. By Giribala Tripathy: From Odisha, based in Pondicherry, Sri Aurobindo Ashram artist with over two decades of creative and sustainable art practice.

**Live portrait sketch**

For personalised live portrait sketch book a session with Sathya.



**Open studio**

Your welcome to open studio to explore your art except workshops timings. Materials will be provided.

For info contact Sathya: +91 9486145072

- [sathyacolour@auroville.org.in](mailto:sathyacolour@auroville.org.in)

Sathya for CREEVA Art Studio, Creativity

*Dance Activities*

**CLASSES IN BHARAT NIVAS**

**Bharatnatyam Dance Classes**

- Saturday, 10am—12pm,  
Sunday, 3—5pm,  
@ SAWCHU



Caveri Suresh, a Bharatnatyam Dance teacher for 27 years, is offering this class to **Beginners, Intermediate** and **Advanced** students.

Caveri Suresh, for Diya Dance Studio

**Music and Dance Classes**

- Saturday, 3—4pm @ Bharat Nivas

This is to inform you that Aurohamsadhvani Arts Center is organizing music and dance classes at the Bharat Nivas premises. The following classes are offered:

- **Bharatanatyam, Veena, Keyboard, Vocal Music**

Students of all ages are welcome to join. The class fees are minimal. For further details and registration, please contact:

- Ms. Gunasundari, 99433 94901
- Mr. K. Palani, 94435 35172
- Mr. H. Suriyagandhi, 94893 25775

A. Gunasundari  
for Aurohamsadhvani Arts Team

**AUROVILLE TANGO**

@ Harmony Hall, Bharat Nivas

- Monday, 7pm: Tango class
- Wednesday, 7:30pm: Practilonga
- Friday, 6:30pm: Practice
- Saturday: Bi-monthly Milongas

No partner required. Bring socks or dance shoes. And plenty of joy!

- +91 9821166082,
- [tango@auroville.org.in](mailto:tango@auroville.org.in)



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**DANCE CLASSES BY MANI**

- Please register before coming (registration only).
- Bring your socks and water bottle.

**Tango Dance Evenings**

- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7pm @ CRIPA (Small Room)

Discover the beauty of Tango—a dance of connection, rhythm, and emotion. Move with grace, balance, and awareness in a joyful and welcoming space.

Let's share the magic of Tango, connect through music, and grow together in movement and harmony.



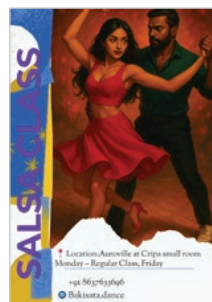
**Salsa Dance Classes**

- Monday & Friday, 7pm @ CRIPA (Small Room)

Join us for fun, energetic salsa sessions—dance, move, and enjoy the rhythm together!

Let's share the joy of dance, connect with positive energy, and keep improving.

Aurovilians & Newcomers: Donation-based



Guests & Others: Contribution welcome  
8637633696, Mani

**DANCE, MOVEMENT AND BALLET for Children**



@ New Creation Dance Studio!

We offer classes for almost all age groups:

- **Toddlers' dance initiation**  
from 4 to 5 years old, every Monday, 2:30pm
- **Children' ballet class**  
from 6 to 8 years old, every Saturday, 9:15am
- **Tweens' ballet class**  
from 10 to 12 years old, every Saturday, 10:30am

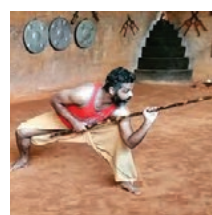
Contact Fleur for enquiries: +91 9600225764 Fleur

*Sports & Martial Arts*

**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

## BUDOKAN: CLASS HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Aikido: 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!



### For Adults & Teenagers

- Monday to Friday, 6—7:30am
- Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 4:50—6pm
- Saturday:
  - Advanced 6—8am
  - Weapon class 8—9am

### For Kids & Teenagers

- Monday to Friday, 3:50—4:50pm
- Saturday, 10—11am

**Aikitaiso:** Aikitaiso it's a body practice based on Zen movement and Aikido body preparation. Perfect for everybody who wants to feel more grounded.

- Monday to Friday: 8—9am; Saturday: 9—10am

### For Aikido & Aikitaiso:

8300643963 WA, Philippe,  
9952812843 WA, Murugan,  
+ 33622053932 WA Michaël

### Yoga:

- Monday, 9:30—10:30am & 5—6pm
- Wednesday to Friday, 9:30—10:30am

**Shiatsu:** Saturday & Wednesday (on appointment)

*Michaël  
for Auroville Budokan, Dehashakti*

## MARTIAL ARTS @ BHARAT NIVAS

### Kalaripayattu Regular Class Updated Timings

**Bharat Kalari**  
**KALARIPAYATTU**  
Regular Classes

Venue: Bharat Kalari, Bharat Nivas, Auroville  
Time: Monday - Friday, 7.00 - 8.00 am, 5.00 - 6.00 pm

WhatsApp Group QR

Enquiry Contact: +91 86376 32916, info@kalarigram.org, www.kalarigram.org

### Regular Classes:

- Morning:** 7—8am; **Evening:** 5—6pm
- Contribution:** Drop-in: Rs.300 per class
  - Monthly (one class per day): Non-AV Rs.3000; AV Rs.2000
  - Monthly (morning & evening both): Non-AV Rs.5000; AV Rs.3000

**Weapons Training:** Drop-in: Rs.150 per class

- Wooden Weapons:** 8—8:30am
- Metal Weapons:** 6—6:30pm
- Contribution:**
  - Monthly (one class per day): Non-AV Rs.2000; AV Rs.1000
  - Monthly (morning & evening both): Non-AV Rs.4000; AV Rs.2000

*Note: Weapons practice requires initiation at Kalarigram.*

**Registration:** Please scan the QR code before attending.

## Regular Silambam Class

- Wednesday & Saturday, 5—6pm @ SAWCHU

**From 20 August 2025**  
Regular Silambam Class with Hari Haran

05:00 pm - 06:00 pm  
Every Wednesday & Saturday  
Venue: SAWCHU, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

To join, Contact: Hari Haran at +91 63743 71865  
Parking available outside at the Main Gate

## Grappling & Rudiments of Martial Arts for kids

- Tuesday & Thursday, 4—5pm
- @ Harmony Hall

**GRAPPLING & RUDIMENTS OF MARTIAL ARTS FOR KIDS**

Every Tuesday & Thursday  
04:00 pm - 05:00 pm  
Venue: Harmony Hall, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

Giacomo MMA & Shotu Wa Certified International Coach, Self Defense and Self Defense Coach  
Monica Aikido Instructor

*Monisha*

## AUROVILLE FUTSAL/ FOOTBALL CLUB

Futsal is played on a much smaller court, it is more fun and intense, with more opportunity for goal scoring. We play futsal in Dehashakti. If you like football/ futsal and you want to learn, play and have fun, come and enjoy with us!



**Girls all age/ level** are playing

- Mondays and Wednesday, 5pm**
- Please contact Balaji: 8940224950



**Boys 16yo+ are playing**

- Tuesdays and Fridays, 5pm**
- Please contact Beber 638563 5943



*Submitted by Beber*

## MORNING SWIMMING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Tuesdays & Thursdays,  
6:30am—7:30am @ La Piscine

- Group classes for Aurovillian kids aged 11 to 15 years
- Safe and fun environment with professional guidance



Build confidence, improve technique, and enjoy the water!

- To enquire: +91 8940288090 WA

*Sonia and Ana*

## SWIMMING CLASS

Learn to swim or improve your skills with personalised training in a calm and supportive environment. Classes are open to both adults and children (from 6 years old).

- Individual lessons—one-on-one personalised attention
- Small group sessions—only 2 to 3 people per class



All levels welcome, from complete beginners to advanced swimmers. Special focus on comfort, confidence, and technique.

- Limited spaces available to ensure quality and care for every participant.
- @ Auroville, flexible timings available

**8637633696, Mani**

## ABHAYA MARTIAL ARTS



**Abhaya Martial Arts** For more than ten years, Abhaya Martial Arts Academy has been active in Auroville with regular martial arts classes. The Academy was founded as the Indian branch of the Shou Dao School, where Shou Wu is practiced—a system that integrates internal martial arts and self-defence, while also engaging in MMA, the most demanding testing ground to guarantee real martial progress.

In addition to teaching children and adults—and accompanying some of them to important tournaments—Abhaya has been responsible for the training of the First Responders of the Security, and has long-standing collaborations with a few NGOs, supporting orphans, underprivileged women and survivors of human trafficking. Some of these women, after years of training, have become instructors themselves.



Thanks to the excellent results achieved and the constantly growing number of students (recently up to 80 per month), Abhaya is collaborating with highly skilled instructors—masters of Muay Thai, Shou Dao, BJJ and Boxing—offering even more classes and opportunities to learn not only how to defend oneself and understand one's own body, but also how to transmit this knowledge to others.

Starting from January, Abhaya will adopt a new belt system, and will open a clearer pathway for students and instructors to grow within the Academy.

### Regular Adult Classes, 5:30pm:

- **Monday:** MMA/Grappling with Coach Giacomo
- **Wednesday:** MMA/Grappling with Coach Giacomo
- **Friday:** MMA/Muay Thai with Coach Tanguy and Coach Giacomo

Please note: Contribution required

- Be punctual;
- Short nails, wear, and no jewelry;
- Stay home if you're unwell or have open wounds

• **For updates and participation:**  
+91 94873 40778

• For more info contact us: [abhaya@auroville.com](mailto:abhaya@auroville.com)

Giacomo for Abhaya

## *Bioregion, Crafts & Nature Activities*

### 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.

- +91 9385744722
- 0413 2969722



Viji

## FOUNDATIONS OF FERMENTATION

Every Saturday 10am—12pm  
@ Coffee Ideas! (former Marc's Cafe)



This beginner-friendly workshop is all about reconnecting with ancestral microbes and learning to make naturally carbonated, healthful beverages using traditional methods. No commercial yeast, no fancy equipment, just real ingredients, wild starters, and intuitive brewing.

**Perfect for those who want to:**

- Learn traditional skills in a fun, interactive way
- Understand and embrace the power of natural microbes

**What you'll learn to make:**

- **Kombucha:** From brewing basics to bottling and flavoring
- **Tepache:** A traditional, naturally fermented pineapple drink
- **Ginger Ale & Wild Sodas:** Crafted with fruit, herbs, and wild starters
- **Wildcrafted Fruit Vinegar:** Zero-waste, nutrient-rich, and easy to brew

**You'll learn:**

- The science behind natural carbonation and how to get the fizz just right
- How to balance sugar and fermentation time for the perfect flavor
- How to ferment confidently without commercial yeast or additives

**Bonus:** Receive 1 live kombucha scoby to start your own batch at home!

**Contact:** [admin@coffeeideas.in](mailto:admin@coffeeideas.in),  
[contact@coffeeideas.in](mailto:contact@coffeeideas.in)  
+91 8148660246

**Walk-in:** You can also simply arrive 10 minutes early and join the session.

Sagarika & Matilde

## FOUNDATIONS OF SPECIALTY COFFEE



This is a holistic introduction to the world of specialty coffee, exploring its many aspects, rather than solely the final product. We will be tasting and exploring some of the best international and Indian coffees during this week!

- **Classes will take place:** 10am—5pm with a lunch break.
- 5 modules, 1 final assessment and five days of hands-on immersion into everything coffee!
- **For inquiry** please contact: [admin@coffeeideas.in](mailto:admin@coffeeideas.in)  
Phone : +91 0413 2623119 & +91 7200881291

Sagarika

## AUTHENTIC CULINARY EXPERIENCES—ACE

### ACE Kitchen Gatherings @ Creativity, Auroville

Small, informal kitchen gatherings at the ACE Kitchen in Creativity. Sessions may be led by: Experienced home cooks; Traditional knowledge holders; Bakers and fermentation practitioners; Anyone sharing food they know well.



Others will be more open—a group of people cooking something together and seeing where it goes.

Most gatherings will be small, usually 6 to 8 people. Participants will contribute towards ingredients and basic kitchen expenses. We are also open to hosting sessions in people's own kitchens or suitable community spaces.

To participate, cook with us, suggest a theme, or explore hosting a session, please get in touch.

- [culinary.experiences@auroville.org.in](mailto:culinary.experiences@auroville.org.in), +91 8279300821

Manu Bahuguna & Sacha Elder

## THE COLOURS OF NATURE (TCoN)

### Workshops & Visits

Step into a world of cloth, pattern, and slow craft. At The Colours of Nature (TCoN), we're launching a new series of hands-on textile workshops—warm, friendly, and designed for beginners and curious makers alike. 100% natural dyes.



### Workshops (Create & Take Home)

**Shibori + Indigo (Resist & Dye):** Fold, bind, stitch & wrap fabric to create traditional resist patterns—then dye your own prepared cloth in indigo, revealing deep blues, and unique, unexpected detail.

**Batik + Indigo (Wax Resist & Dye):** Learn the fundamentals of wax-resist design: apply wax, build layers, and create motifs—then dye your cloth in indigo to bring your patterns to life.

**Embroidery:** Slow down and enjoy the needle's rhythm. Learn essential stitches and techniques to add texture, detail, and personality to fabrics.

### Workshop Schedule

- Morning session: 9am—12:30pm
- Afternoon session: 1:30—5pm

### Workshop Pricing

- 2-hour workshop: Rs 2,200 per person
- Half-day workshop: Rs 4,400 per person

### Guided Visits

Discover our studio space and processes with a short guided tour:

- Duration: 30 minutes
- Times: 11:30am and 4:30pm
- Price: Rs 1,100 per person

Outside of these timings, we will do our best to offer tours. Visits to The Colours of Nature dye workshop products exhibition are free.

*Note: We do not offer workshops on how to prepare dyes from raw plants; these processes take many days—sometimes weeks—and we are still developing the right format to teach them properly.*

### To Book a Guided Visit/ Workshop:

- [colnature@auroville.org.in](mailto:colnature@auroville.org.in), +91 63796 61916 WA
- [www.thecoloursofnature.com](http://www.thecoloursofnature.com) Submitted by Petra

## SOLITUDE FARM ACTIVITIES

### Saturday Free Farm Tour!

Be a part of a weekly farm tour to learn where your food comes from. Free guided farm tour only on **Saturdays, 11:30am**. For the larger group (5+) and private bookings, there is a separate charge.



- Please email us at: [solitudepermaculture@gmail.com](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com)

### Education at Solitude Farm:

It is all about reconnecting with local food. Local food is our nutritional heritage and at Solitude we help bring awareness and adoption of locally grown produce in our daily lives. Workshops at Solitude:

- **3 days Intensive Permaculture Weekend Workshop**
  - View schedule and book here: <https://solitude.farm/workshop/>

Join us on a road back to nature with this intensive and hands-on workshop that will empower you to start growing your own food and gain insight into knowing where your food comes from. Explore the principles of permaculture; mulching, rotations, intercropping, understand the steps to create a food forest, start a nursery, make your own soap and recycle your waste water, learn about seed saving and lots more.

- **Mini Permaculture Workshop**

- Please email us: [solitudepermaculture@gmail.com](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com) for the booking.

We offer mini permaculture workshops as private bookings for the group size 4 + participants. Duration: 2 hours. The group can select any workshop module mentioned below.

- *Introduction to permaculture through local food:* Solitude Farm is a true example of Masanobu Fukuoka's philosophy in practice—a road back to nature through eating local food. In this workshop explore the wide diversity of plants that grow around us, their countless benefits, and delectable taste and even learn how to make your own vegan sushi, salad and coolers!
- *Handmade Soap-Making:* By revaluing papaya seeds, neem flowers and soursop leaves, create your own natural soap and recycle waste water to grow your own food. We'll show you how to pack your soap in banana leaves and inspire you to cut out packaging with simple, creative ideas. The soap is yours to take away!

### Farm Fresh Basket Service:

A long term commitment to your health! A weekly basket filled with a rainbow of seasonal fruits and vegetables, along with a unique salad kit to ensure a complete nutritional package. This basket is available to anyone from the bio-region. Pick up your basket from the cafe—Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

- Please email us at [solitudepermaculture@gmail.com](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com) to book your basket.

### Lunch Scheme @ Solitude:

Experience a wholesome lunch scheme at Solitude Farm—freshly prepared straight from our farm every day. Enjoy traditional grains such as millets and red rice, heritage greens like local spinach, and a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables rich in Ayurvedic benefits. All food is grown without chemicals and follows time-tested methods that have supported communities for generations.

If you're passionate about sustainability, looking to reduce your carbon footprint, or want support in managing lifestyle conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure, this lunch is designed for you. Set in a tranquil, scenic space, this is more than just a meal—it's a chance to reconnect with your roots. Come, eat well, and feel well.

- **Booking:** [solitudepermaculture@gmail.com](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com)

Krishna for Solitude Farm & Café

## MOHANAM PROGRAM

[www.mohanam.org](http://www.mohanam.org)

Mohanam: 2 mins from Vérité, 6 mins from Matrimandir, 8 mins from Visitor's Center. Experience, explore, energise.



For more information and registration: Advance booking is necessary for Workshops:

[mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in](mailto:mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in), +91 8300949079

- Office timing: 9am—4pm, Monday to Saturday

### Make and Take Workshops

- Monday to Saturday, 10am—12:30pm or 2—4:30pm



Bamboo Candle | Potter | Coconut Shell Craft | Dream Catcher | Incense Making | Kolam Mandala

Join and experience the learning aspect of engaging in the art and craft workshops. Manifest inner self through various materials and forms using creative techniques.

### Auroville Bioregional Experience

- Monday to Saturday, 10:30am—1pm



Village Tour | Wood Fossil Visit | Munnur-Perumukkal | Kaluveli Tank Visit

Celebrating authentic village experiences and cultural heritage! This is a guided tour to villages in the range of 5km, 10km to 50km from Auroville.

### Auroville North-West Tour

- Monday to Saturday, 10:30am—1pm

This tour offers a deeper appreciation of the beauty, heritage, and living traditions of Auroville's northwest zone. It highlights inspiring local entrepreneurship and how traditional practices are being continued through modern techniques.



Thiruvannamalai Spiritual Services: Eco & Spiritual services: Thiruvannamalai—Mohanam services

- Arunachala—Auroville; Tour, retreat space; Camping, Temple visit; Ashram, Girivalam Full Moon experience

### For booking and more information

- +91 8300949079
- [mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in](mailto:mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in)

Rajaveni

## SADHANA FOREST PLANT BASED SATURDAY

Join us for a day of connection, learning, and delicious plant-based food! Whether you're curious about sustainable living, enjoy spending time with cows, or want to explore new recipes, we'd love to have you with us.

### Schedule: Every Saturday

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Cow Connection
- 11:00 Plant-Based Cooking Class
- 12:30 Talk on Diet & Nutrition
- 18:00 Dinner

You're welcome to join for the whole day or just a part of it, all offered to you as a gift from Sadhana Forest free of charge. Aviram

## AUROVILLE BAMBOO CENTRE

[www.aurovillebamboocentre.org](http://www.aurovillebamboocentre.org)

Join our daily guided tours and enjoy a complimentary cup of refreshing bamboo tea. Explore and shop for unique, handcrafted pieces at our Bamboo Boutique, and experience the natural rhythms of our Bamboo Sound Garden.



### Bamboo tour with bamboo tea

- Monday—Saturday 8:30am—12:30pm, 1:30—5pm

### Special bamboo lunch @ Auroville Bamboo Centre

- Every Saturday, 12—2:30pm
- Pre-book in advance

Enjoy the Special Bamboo Lunch.

### Make and take workshops

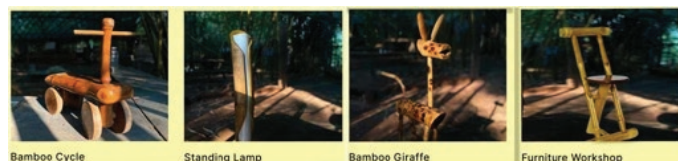
- Monday—Saturday, 10am—4:30pm
- Pre-book in advance



Take part in our daily Make and Take workshops to learn and discover the endless possibilities of bamboo.

### One day workshops:

- Pre-book in advance,
- Monday—Saturday, 9am—5pm



### Bamboo Furniture workshop

- 29, 30 May 9am—5pm, includes lunch and refreshment

Discover the timeless charm of bamboo by crafting a hand built seater using traditional joinery technique.



### Pre-booking is necessary for registration:

- [bamboocentre@auroville.org.in](mailto:bamboocentre@auroville.org.in)
- +91 8300949081

Bala Sundaram

**ENLIGHT**  
Light of Auroville

Contact: Arun / Balaji  
+91 88381 72521 / [enlight@auroville.org.in](mailto:enlight@auroville.org.in)

Explore Auroville

Bioregion Tour

Art & Craft Workshops

Fireside Drumming

Cycle Tour

Cooking Class

Arun, Anand and Balaji for Enlight Team

## ACTIVITIES BY INSIDE INDIA



Inside India Office, Kalpana Community

### Kolam Mandala Workshop, Every Friday

Join us for our Tamil Kolam Workshop. Kolam is a special Tamil Mandala art that creates intricate patterns using rice flour. Every Friday from 10am to 12pm. Open to all skill levels.

### Bio-Region Tours by Inside India

Join our tours as we take you through the powerful, ever-evolving Auroville bio-region. Catered to your niche and interests; explore where forests are still growing, communities are still dreaming, and where the land speaks if you listen.

- Tours run from 9am to 1pm, with a hearty Auroville-style lunch.
- Available only on request, with a 24-hour heads up.

### Cycle Tours through Auroville

- 9am—1pm. Please book 36 hours in advance.

Ride into the green lungs of Auroville on our newest bicycles partnered with KINISI. Muddy red earth under your wheels, rain-washed trees above you, sound of birds, forest winds and chance detours, explore this slow travel at its finest.

### Off-Road Cycling & Half-Day Rides

- 9am—1pm
- Available on request, with a 36-hour heads up

For those who want to go off-script; we now offer off-road rides with our seasoned cycling guide. These are wild, custom-built trails cutting through fields, villages, forests and backroads of the bio-region. We tailor it to your stamina, spirit and sense of adventure.

[tours@insideindiaauroville.com](mailto:tours@insideindiaauroville.com)  
Shaheen for Inside India

### MAROMA CAMPUS TOUR!

Every second Saturday

10:30am—12pm

@ Maroma Aspiration Campus



A guided, campus-wide experience including production visits, candle and soap making, the Maroma Gallery, and a hands-on incense workshop (with take-home gifts).

Enjoy healthy refreshments and an open Q&A session.

- Rs 500 (Adults)
- Rs 300 (Under 14)
- **Aurovilian Special:**  
Half-price for Aurovilians

Book: <https://maromaexperience.com/>  
9486623749 WA



Jesse

## ACTIVITIES AT AUROORCHARD

### Weekly Farm Walk:

AuroOrchard is Auroville's oldest farm, founded in 1968-69 under the guidance of the Mother with the vision of "growing food for Auroville." Spread over 25 acres of red earth on the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu, AuroOrchard has been a cornerstone of Auroville's food system for more than five decades.

Today, we produce over 50% of the fruits and vegetables and 90% of the eggs from Auroville farms. We grow a diversity of crops—mangoes, papayas, bananas, guavas, citrus, roots and tubers, leafy greens, vegetables, and herbs—alongside a small poultry that provides eggs. Each year, these fields and orchards yield several tonnes of fresh food, much of it flowing directly to Auroville's kitchens and residents. These numbers are never the measure of the work, but rather quiet signs of the farm's steady rhythm of care and abundance.

Join us for a stroll through these orchards and vegetable gardens and learn about the agroecological techniques that we practice at the farm.

- Every Wednesday, 10am—12pm.
- Registration required, [sign up here](#).



### CSA baskets:

Auro Orchard's Basket System is a community-supported program that allows customers to select fresh, seasonal produce such as fruits, vegetables, greens, herbs, eggs, nuts, and Abundance; farm-processed products like pesto, syrups, and nut spreads from a weekly updated harvest list. Members place their orders based on seasonal availability and collect their chosen items directly from the farm or from the pick up points inside Auroville.

- Please [sign up for the baskets here](#) to get added to the list.



### Volunteering:

Spread over 25 acres, AuroOrchard is Auroville's oldest farm producing a diversity of fruits and vegetables and eggs that are supplied directly to Auroville's kitchens and residents. Join us to learn to work with the soil, plants and food while sharing with a diverse group of people. We offer a welcoming environment for learners, researchers, and seekers who wish to help us and learn more about the land, food, culture, and themselves.

- Monday to Saturday, 7—9am and/ or 9:30am—12pm.
  - We offer breakfast made with farm produce!
- Link to [sign up for volunteering](#) here.



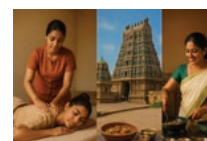
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## ACTIVITIES BY RUPAVATHI

### 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: Solar Kitchen.
- Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week.



### South-Indian Cuisine—Cooking Class

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

**Thai Massage:** We give everyday morning

- 9:30—11:30, 11:30—1:30, 5:30—7:30pm.
- 8098845200 WA/ Phone,
- [rupavathijoy@gmail.com](mailto:rupavathijoy@gmail.com)

Rupavathi

## EGAI CRAFTS—WORKSHOPS & EXPERIENCES

Art of Giving—Eco-Friendly Craft Workshops  
@ Auroville

### Workshops:

- **Coconut Shell Craft Workshop, 2.30hrs:** A hands-on creative workshop where participants learn to design and make eco-friendly products from coconut shells. Participants can create and take home: Earrings, Pendants, Keychains, Bowls, Cups and Hanging Lamps.
- **Bamboo Instrument Making Workshop, 2hrs:** Experience the art of making simple musical instruments using bamboo and natural materials, including bamboo overtone flute, bamboo ocarina, shakers and percussion instruments.
- **Incense Making Workshop, 1 hr:** Learn the traditional process of making natural incense sticks using eco-friendly ingredients and local methods.
- **Palm Leaf & Coconut Leaf Weaving Workshop, 1 hr:** Participants learn basic weaving techniques using coconut and palm leaves to create decorative and utility products.
- **Wooden Toy Making Workshop, 2.30hrs:** A creative and educational workshop introducing participants to traditional toy-making using wood and bamboo materials.
- **Coconut Recipe Cooking Experience, 2.30hrs:** An experiential cooking session introducing traditional coconut-based recipes and sustainable food practices.
- **Origami Workshop, 1hr:** Explore the beautiful art of paper folding with traditional techniques and creative designs.
- **Pottery Workshop, 1hr:** Enjoy the full creative experience via detailed instruction and crafting by a expert potter.

### Workshop Highlights: *Crafting From Our Corridors To Your Corridors*



- Hands-on Make & Take experience
- Eco-friendly and sustainable materials
- Suitable for students, families, travelers, and educational groups
- Supports local artisans and village communities
- Promotes traditional crafts and waste management awareness
- Customized group workshops available

**Location:** Egai Crafts, Auroville, Tamil Nadu—605101

**Contact:** +91 9791896488, +91 9629297514  
[egai@auroville.org.in](mailto:egai@auroville.org.in), [www.egai.co.in](http://www.egai.co.in)

**Booking** is recommended for workshops and group visits.  
*Anand For Egai*

## AUROVILLE EARTH INSTITUTE:

### Upcoming On-Campus Training Courses

We are pleased to announce our upcoming training programs at the Auroville Earth Institute. These hands-on courses offer a unique opportunity to explore sustainable construction techniques with a focus on earth-based technologies. Below are the details of our upcoming sessions in June.



- **1—6 June: CSEB, Intensive**
- **8—13 June: AVD, Intensive**

For more information and to register, please visit:

- [www.earth-auroville.com](http://www.earth-auroville.com)

Contact: [training@earth-auroville.com](mailto:training@earth-auroville.com)

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*Office Spaces*



**NEED A PLACE TO WORK?**

**OPEN HOUSE** | **Hive**  
COWORKING SPACE

**FREE ON EVERY FRIDAY**

**More Info : +91 90 42 75 95 40 | [www.auromode.in](http://www.auromode.in)**

- **Every Friday, 9am—7pm @ Hive, Auromode.**

Step into Hive and experience a cosy workspace with super-fast Internet, Coffee—all for free on our weekly Open House. Hive is a 24/7 Coworking space.

Open House hours are for experiencing the space, 24/7 access is available beyond these hours.

Visit us at [www.auromode.in/hive-coworking](http://www.auromode.in/hive-coworking) for more details on our flexible plans and facilities.

For inquiries: [auromodehive@auroville.org.in](mailto:auromodehive@auroville.org.in)

- +91 9042759540 WA,  
+91 7092197375 WA or drop by.

*Dhesh for Hive*

### Kinisi Cowork

Our vibrant space—right behind Kinisi e-mobility (CSR campus)—offers an ideal balance of focused work, being part of a supportive community and relaxing surroundings. Ready to join? Learn more and book your spot:

- +91 9429690049, [hello@cowork.kinisi.in](mailto:hello@cowork.kinisi.in)
- CSR Campus, Auroshilpam, [cowork.kinisi.in](http://cowork.kinisi.in)



*Laure*

### Aurelec Spaces Available

35.12 sqm. closed space available inside Aurelec Premises. This space is ideal for workshop or office or storage with generator back-up, 24 hours security, parking, provision to put air-conditioners, high speed fibre internet access (BSNL and Aurinoco), canteen and facilities.



Conveniently located closed office room (around 18.30 sqm.) on the first floor inside Aurelec premises with superb infrastructure, including generator back-up, UPS System, provision to put air-conditioner, 24 hours security, parking, high speed fibre internet access (BSNL and Aurinoco), canteen and facilities.

Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec:

- in person or by phone to 2622293/ 2622294  
or e-mail [adps@auroville.org.in](mailto:adps@auroville.org.in) *Siva for ADPS Trust*

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

*Pandian*

### Spaces Available at Ecoteco Campus Building

There are two spaces available for use at the Ecoteco Campus Building in Reve Area:

- 118 sqm Office Space
- 67 sqm Godown Space.
- 9443960008, Diana; 9894442349, Prabhu

*Diana*

## Taxi Share

### To Chennai Airport, 31 May, 9am

I would like to ride share a taxi to Chennai Domestic Airport on 31 May, starting at around 9am. I need to reach the Airport by 1pm. Please contact me at 8777630473. **Amrita**

## Lost & Found

**Lost single key on chain:** Lost single key on chain with carved, wooden kingfisher. **7598611950 WA, Paula**

## Available

### Kalimaruthu Wood Dining Table

Premium Kalimaruthu wood dining table: Elegant glass top finish; Strong, sturdy & well maintained; Size: 51" (L) × 35" (B) × 30" (H); Suitable for dining room or office use.

**+91 8903910563 WA, Ravindra**

## Looking For

### Looking for a homestay

I am Filip, looking for a house sitting for a month, starting from May! I am clean, I can take care of pets and plants. I would be grateful for any response

**Filip, [filip.matejcek1@gmail.com](mailto:filip.matejcek1@gmail.com)**

## Honorable 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](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in),  
8525038274 WA or call 8122274924**

**Aviram**

### VOLUNTEERS FOR NESS

New Era Secondary school is a recognized CBSE school under SAILER following CBSE syllabus and Integral education. The school is urgently in need of volunteers who are willing to help in various fields like:

*Academic area, Office Secretaryship, Clerical works, Sports area, Arts and craft, Communication skills, Project proposal writing, Fundraiser, Event organizer, etc.*

Those who are interested to volunteer in NESS at least committed to volunteer for three months. For further details please contact us. **K. Venkatesh, 9442746448**

### POUR TOUS WATER SERVICE

Pour Tous Water is looking for **part-time & full-time volunteers (min. 6 months)**, especially those interested in plumbing work. Women plumber or any one with sincere interest are encouraged to join. Training will be provided.

**Work includes:** Emergency plumbing support (leaks, blockages, taps, toilets, water heaters, etc.) + basic report, record documentation & WA coordination/ updates.

- PTW provides free service for Auroville Community, aligned with Prosperity Vision, "Service for All" . Contact for more details 9843644308 WA, [ptw@auroville.org.in](mailto:ptw@auroville.org.in).

Join and support this essential community service. **Grace**

## AARAMBHAM LEARNING SPACE

Looking for a long-term volunteer Facilitator

Our expectations:

Responsibility and punctuality, ability and preferably some experience of work in the education field (age from 6 to 12), good communication skills with kids and adults, ability to move around Auroville, interest and motivation, optimism and good energy. We can provide lunch and some additional bonuses to come as you will stay with the team longer.

For details: [aarambham@auroville.org.in](mailto:aarambham@auroville.org.in)

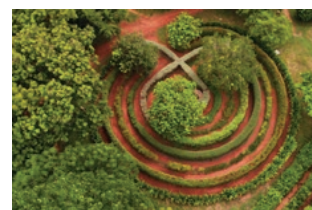
• +91 83002 88303, WA messages

**Alexey**



## BOTANICAL GARDENS

A lot of work goes into caring for the Botanical Gardens to keep them looking beautiful and pristine. We invite new volunteers who are ready to help and dedicate some time to caring for the various parts of the Gardens. In particular, right now we need volunteers to help with the Japanese Garden and Labyrinth area, and would like to find one person who could be trained as a long term backup for all parts of the garden work, especially the watering system.



The work involves a lot of weeding, mulching, composting, pruning and clipping, raking and other general maintenance tasks. Talking to the plants, trees and creatures is also welcome, along with jokes and cheerfulness.

- If interested please contact Noel: [earthyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:earthyoga@hotmail.com)
- or stop by in the morning sometime to explore the possibilities. **Noel Parent**

## Work Opportunities

### AURORA'S EYE FILMS: CALL FOR VIDEO EDITOR

Aurora's Eye Films, based in Auroville, is looking for a skilled and sensitive video editor to join us on an upcoming feature documentary currently in post-production.



**Aurora's Eye Films**

This project is a deeply human, observational documentary that requires an editor who can work with subtle storytelling, rhythm, silence, and emotional nuance. The film brings together voices, experiences, and moments that need to be held with care and clarity in the edit.

**We are looking for someone who:**

Has strong experience in documentary editing; Is comfortable working with long-form interview material; Has a good sense of pacing, structure, and storytelling; Is open to a collaborative and reflective process; Resonates with the values of Auroville and seva-based work.

**Details:** Project-based role (with potential for ongoing collaboration); Based in or able to work from Auroville preferred; Editing to be done in close collaboration with the director.

If you feel aligned and would like to contribute to this film, please share:

- Your portfolio/ showreel; A short note about your experience and interest

**Contact:** [serena\\_aurora@auroville.org.in](mailto:serena_aurora@auroville.org.in)

We look forward to connecting with editors who value depth, presence, and meaningful storytelling. **Serena**

**LOOKING FOR AN ACCOUNTANT  
and Junior technicians for Kinisi**

Looking for an Accountant well versed in Zoho and Auroville accounting practices. Should be able to handle the daily accounting and administrative tasks such as the invoicing, payment reconciliations, office management, salaries and wages etc.



Also looking for two junior technicians who are open to learn new skills and commit to the services provided by Kinisi. Initial training will be provided in house.

- Please send your resume to [admin.kinisi@auroville.org.in](mailto:admin.kinisi@auroville.org.in)

*Prabhakar*

**AIAT: SEEKING OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

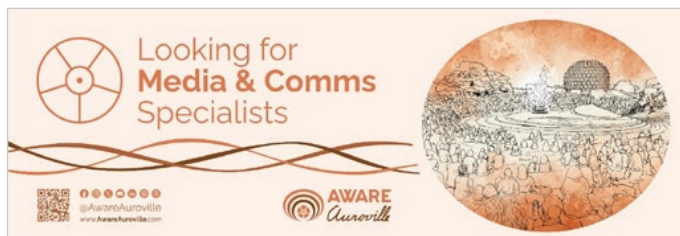
Auroville Institute of Applied Technology, <https://aiat.edu.in/>, is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of Assistant Professor in the field of Computer Science.



Applicants must have Master's degree in Computer Science. Interested candidates are invited to send their CV to [amarnath@aiat.edu.in](mailto:amarnath@aiat.edu.in).

*Amarnath*

**AWARE: LOOKING FOR MEDIA & COMMS SPECIALISTS**



Auroville grows when aspirants gather from around the world with clarity of purpose. AWARE seeks to build a bridge to welcome these aspirants by telling the story of this place with clarity, through beauty, and by setting up platforms for information and discussion.

**Doors Are Open** for Aurovilians and Newcomers to join Aware. Roles open: Filmmakers; Cinematographers; Editors; Content Creators

- **Contact:** +91 73965 57993 WA, [aware@auroville.org.in](mailto:aware@auroville.org.in), [awareauroville.com](http://awareauroville.com)

Shift towards a culture of multilateral perspectives and an attempt to bridge the aspiration/ideal and current human condition & external organisations. *Sajiv for Aware*

**NESS SCHOOL LOOKING FOR PRIMARY CLASS TEACHER**

NESS school is a CBSE school under SAIER looking for a Primary class teacher who can handle first standard.

We are looking for an Aurovillian or Newcomer especially Female person who acquire a Minimum UG degree with a DTED or B.Ed.

- **Contact:** Dr. K. Venkatesh, 9442746448, principal. *K. Venkatesh for NESS*



**SERVICING OF SEPTIC TANKS**

The settled sludge needs to be removed at regular intervals (to permit continuous settling of solids), that is between a few months and a few years dependent on septic tank size and number of wastewater generating users.

- Please call Pour Tous Water Team, who can arrange for the service: 2622899 or 9843644308.
- In case of questions, please contact [ecopro@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecopro@auroville.org.in). *Lucas, EcoPro, 2622469*

**LITTER CLEARING SERVICE**

- If you are one of the inspired ones who shares similar concerns, are interested to help keep Auroville litter free and can dedicate some time, please get in touch with us either by dropping into our office or connecting with us by email or on the number provided below.



Lets Keep Our City Clean Together.

*Sumit for Eco Service,*  
[ecoservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:ecoservice@auroville.org.in),  
6379669034

**ECO-SERVICE GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, 29 May, 9am—12pm

One person's trash is another person's treasure!

We gather many things at Eco-Service that still work or are useful in other ways and we'd really like to find homes for them—instead of having to disturb our eco-system further by sending them to Landfill.

Here are just some of the things we have more than one of:

- weighing machines (great for when there's no power!)
- retro alarm clocks
- laptop adaptors, usb cables/plugs, extension cables and more.
- refrigerator shelves (great for organizing spices/bottles in the kitchen!)
- kitchen utensils, pots and pans
- LED bulbs



Plus much, much more...including some incredible bits and bobs just in for all you artists out there.

Before you go out to buy something new please come and see if we've got what you need.

We are trialing a conscious contribution basis (which means that we hope your contribution reflects all the hard and dirty work the folks at Eco-Service do to arrive at this stage: collection—sorting—checking—fixing—cleaning)

Maximum 3 items per person

Help keep Auroville clean!

*Darren for EcoService*

**UPCYCLING OPEN STUDIO**



**Open Studio Mornings**  
Every Tuesday from 9am to 12.

- Discover the fundamentals of upcycling
- Tour the studio
- Purchase or place orders for upcycled items
- Join our "Make Your Own Upcycled Item" workshop

📍 Location : Recentre, Ok Upcycling Studio  
☎ Tel : 6384043908



Tuesdays, 10am—12pm  
@ Ok Upcycling Studio, Recentre

Discover the fundamentals of upcycling; Tour the studio; Purchase or place orders for upcycled items; Join our "Make Your Own Upcycled Item" workshops. Come explore, learn, and get inspired!

6384043908, Veronese

Poetry

"HUMILITY\*" GROW

"Humility" grows  
In between two slabs.

Grass roots  
Go under.

The wind will carry  
Some of its seeds  
Elsewhere.

Some soils  
Might be richer,  
Or poorer still.

Does it matter  
For humble seeds  
That simply sprout  
And spring up  
Here and there,  
Everywhere?

Some offsprings  
Will stay, still,  
Somewhere.

See where you land  
Your steps  
And gazes.

\* "Humility" is the name that Mother gave to a grass.

Anandi Z.

BENEATH THE IDEAL

*On the Inward Task of Humanity*

Every vision begins with sincerity,  
yet even noble ideals  
slowly gather invisible boundaries.

What is spoken as purpose  
can become identity;  
what begins as service  
can drift toward influence and control.

The deeper challenge  
is not the perfection of systems,  
but the refinement of consciousness —  
to meet one another  
without fear, possession,  
or the need to prevail.

Civilizations evolve outwardly with ease;  
inwardly, humanity remains unfinished.

And still,  
beneath ambition and belief,  
something essential continues to breathe —  
quiet, fragile, enduring —  
waiting to emerge  
beyond the limits humanity creates.

Rahul Chaudhary

REMEMBERING  
THE DISMEMBERED

Her nirvana, Aishwarya



O Pilgrim

On your tumultuous thorny path,  
in every cave and over every summit —

What is it that  
you must dare to remember,  
And what must it be  
that you must dare to forget?

In your vast deep memory  
Of many terabytes  
and infinite to-be's yet unborn,  
There is forever an agitation,  
A churning of unsatiated longings  
and piercing woes.

They are all imbedded together—  
Hope and yearnings  
despair and fear,  
humiliation and rejection,  
seething pain and crooked lies  
of your father, of your gods.

Yet, beyond the pages of the history books,  
Behind the sleepy eyelids  
and the impregnable temple walls  
There are always some faint whispers  
of simmering hope,

A slow movement of a frail beckoning hand,  
Some ripening soil under a heavy stone,  
Some stray light through a broken door.

Forever re-mem-bering the dis-mem-bered,  
Forever flowering into a lotus... into a rose,  
Forever Becoming... Forever Being...  
Forever wandering, like a pilgrim,  
In the thundering Cloud of Unknowing.

Sehdev Kumar

## THE INTEGRAL ANTIDOTE TO ATAVISM

This term '[Atavism](#)' kept popping up with my readings of The Mother's revelations. I had to explore and fully understand it. An illuminating conversation with Gemini was the result.



Here are the main questions/points of the conversation:

Looking at the writings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and others, on the website <https://incarnateword.in>, what are the effects or consequences of atavism for a human living in an evolutionary world that is based on a progressive unfolding, a world which has also entered the Supramental transformative stages?

Acknowledging the inevitability of the emergence of the new species the Supramental being, how will the transitional stages pan out from this point in time onwards, taking into consideration the state of the global evolutionary play as it is now?

Can we therefore conclude that Jnana-Karma-Bhakti as the triune discipline of the Integral Supramental Yoga is the antidote to atavism?

The specific role and purpose of Auroville. How must the official participants, as the Government of India-legislated Auroville Foundation comprising of the triune Governing Board-International Advisory Council-Residents Assembly, proceed with the City of Dawn's development taking into consideration its evolution for the past 58 years in accordance with the multi-generational Supramental Vision-Goal of its founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother?

For the answers/full transcript of the conversation, [click here](#) or below:

- <https://gemini.google.com/share/cd2edc866dac>

Om Namō Bhagavate

Note: To read the full post, please scan the QR Code or visit [zechjaya.blogspot.com](http://zechjaya.blogspot.com) and look for the same title.



Zech

## AUROVILLE SICILIA

After many years living in Auroville, sometimes I ask myself what it would be like if Auroville had been built in Sicily instead of Tamil Nadu.

I do not mean the Sicily of postcards and tourist brochures, but a rural area where nothing ever happens. Dry land in the middle of nowhere between Palermo and Catania in the late 1960s. A hot landscape of dust, olive trees and the occasional depressed donkey.

At first, the Sicilians would probably look at the foreigners with curiosity. Long-haired Germans, French architects, spiritual Dutch people and idealistic Americans talking about human unity while trying to grow carrots under the Sicilian sun. The local villagers would watch them carefully, with curiosity and interest.

In the beginning, the relationship would be simple. The foreigners would need bricks, sand, workers and many other things. The Sicilians would help with all that. Maybe not officially, but efficiently. Local people are often much faster at solving practical problems than the official system.

Discussions about collective consciousness would happen while eating pasta with sardines and drinking homemade wine. The Sicilians would not understand much about human unity, but they would appreciate that the newcomers had money, international connections and a strange interest in buying dry land that nobody else wanted.

Slowly, the villagers around "Auroville Sicilia" would become more involved in the management of units.

Every activity would somehow include cousins, nephews, brothers-in-law and childhood friends.

Officially, Auroville Sicilia would belong to humanity as a whole. In practice, every area would slowly develop a kind of invisible ownership. Not legal ownership, but something much older and stronger.

By the 1980s, all the cafés and restaurants would be managed by Aurovilians connected to nearby villages, while construction contracts would be controlled by people linked to the Corleone family. The international zone would be under the Gambino family, and the farms and greenbelt would be "protected" by another family entirely. Nobody would openly explain these things to newcomers. They would simply learn them over time, just like one learns where not to park a scooter.

Officially, nobody owned anything in Auroville Sicilia. In practice, everybody knew who controlled what.

Town Hall meetings would become longer and more frequent because every proposal would need to balance family interests.

By 1994, no important decision could be taken without first speaking to at least one uncle from Syracuse.

Officially, development would still follow the ideals of Auroville and the Master Plan. In reality, the real discussions would happen the night before, during huge dinners where pizza, wine and family alliances mixed together in ways foreigners could never fully understand.

Northern Europeans especially would suffer greatly. They would arrive believing that transparency and procedures were the true engines of civilization. Poor people. They would spend three months writing detailed proposals while a Sicilian grandmother could solve the same problem with two phone calls and a tray of cannoli.

By the year 2000, even the spiritual language of Auroville would slowly become Sicilian. People would no longer say: "We must work for collective harmony." Instead, they would say: "Don't worry, we are taking care of it." Which, in Sicily, can mean almost anything.

Marriages would slowly become strategic. A German unit holder marrying into a respected local family would suddenly discover that permits moved faster, accounting problems disappeared and stolen bicycles mysteriously returned within forty-eight hours.

The FAMC itself would eventually become impossible for outsiders to understand. Official charts would show one structure, but the real structure would look more like a plate of spaghetti thrown against a wall. Every member connected to somebody, every conflict older than the conflict itself, every alliance carrying memories of weddings, funerals and insults from thirty years earlier.

And yet, strangely, daily life would still feel warm and human. That is the confusing thing about Sicily. You can be completely trapped inside a dysfunctional system and still eat magnificently.

Foreigners would continue arriving full of idealism. They would still attend meditation sessions, plant trees and discuss sustainable futures under pergolas covered with grape vines. Only after some years would they slowly realise that every important road in Auroville Sicilia passed through local families rather than institutions, and every proposal required balancing the delicate egos of three rival clans. In practice, everybody knew that if Aunt Caterina did not approve your project, your papers would disappear for six months.

At first, the foreigners would resist this system. Then they would adapt to it. Finally, they would defend it against the Foundation and the Governing Board.

Eventually, even the central government in Rome would stop interfering too much. Every attempt to reorganize Auroville Sicilia would create ten new court cases, fifteen offended uncles and at least one cancelled wedding. The world would watch us and would not know what to think.

And after decades of this alternate reality, an old Sicilian

man sitting on a plastic chair at the Town Hall Café, overlooking the Matrimandir, would watch enthusiastic young volunteers talking about global peace. He would take a sip of espresso, shrug his shoulders and mutter to his friend: "Human unity? Of course. But first let us see which family is managing it."

This is just a funny thought, but we have nothing to worry about. Because luckily, Auroville is not in Sicily. Auroville is safely situated in Tamil Nadu.

Gino

## Animal Care

### URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR DOG SHELTER

Aurovilians & Newcomers Welcome

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to assist in the ongoing care and management of our dog shelter.

#### Areas of support required:

- Medical assistance (qualified professionals or students)
- Provision of essential supplies
- General shelter maintenance and animal care



Interested individuals are encouraged to get in touch at the earliest: 9443203092, [aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in)

Dr. Kumar, Sugar, Shanthi

### JOIN AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER TEAM

Auroville Dog Shelter is seeking a dedicated Aurovilian to join our team.

**Skills Required:** Basic computer knowledge, accounting skills

**Support Provided:** Half maintenance

9443203092, [aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in)

If you are interested in supporting our work for community dogs, we would love to hear from you.

Dr. Kumar for Auroville Dog Shelter Team

## Foods, Goods & Services

### 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

### FREESTORE SUMMER TIMINGS

May and June

Monday to Saturday, 9am—12:30pm

No afternoon

Kamala for Freestore team

### AUROVILLE CASHEW NUTS:

Ready to purchase

The cashew season is here again.

If you have naturally grown Auroville cashew nuts, Siddhartha Farm would be delighted to purchase them from you.

- For more information: +91 88380 12456.

Suha, Siddhartha Farm



### FOODLINK MARKET

Monday—Saturday, 9:30am—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 8300268804 or pass by.

Isabelle

### NEEM TREE CAFE OFFER

Neemtree Cafe offers fresh fruits juices, wraps, dosas, parathas, tacos, salads, burgers, french fries etc:

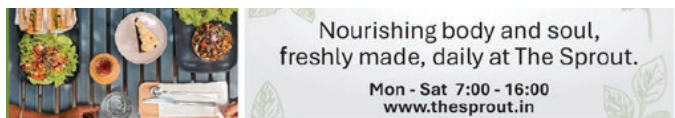
- We are open every day Monday to Saturday @ Mahalaxmi park (Near Solar Kitchen). Sunday is holiday.

- Our prices are 20 to 200 only inclusive all taxes

Come and enjoy!

Parthasarathy Krishnan

### THE SPROUT CAFE & RESTAURANT



Nourishing body and soul, freshly made, daily at The Sprout.

Mon - Sat 7:00 - 16:00  
[www.thesprout.in](http://www.thesprout.in)

Monica for The Sprout team,  
[www.thesprout.in](http://www.thesprout.in)

### SUDHA'S KITCHEN!

Healthy Plate monthly scheme for Aurovilian Volunteers & Guests

- **Special Offer:** Aurovilians get 20% discount
- **Group Bookings Welcome**

Contacts: +91 8608123072 WA, +91 4133509884

Come enjoy delicious, nourishing food in a warm place with beautiful trees surrounded!

Arun

### SOUTH INDIAN BREAKFAST

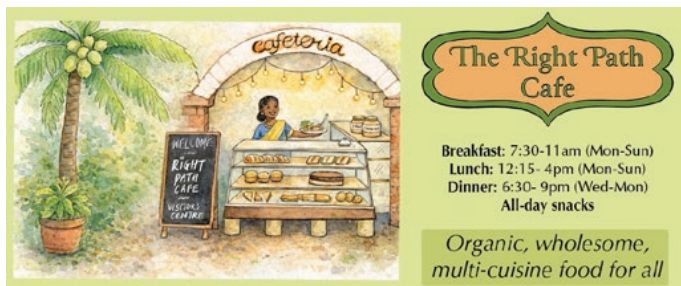
@ Aurelec Cafeteria,  
7:30—10am

Variety of Dosa, Millets Pongal, Coffee, Rs.99

Submitted by Shiva



**VISITORS CENTRE CAFETERIA**



**Non Veg Monthly Meal Scheme**

Cafeteria at Visitors Centre (Right Path Café) offers a South Indian Non Veg Lunch Scheme.

Composed of: Organic White Rice/ Brown Rice/ Millet; Organic Chapati; Seasonal Auroville Vegetable; Sambar; 3x a week with Veg Kurma & Rasam; 3x a week with Organic Chicken Curry, or Fish Kuzhambu, or Auroville Egg Kuzhambu; Home made Pickles

- Rs 3700 per month. Open to Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers with Aurocard and registered Interns.

Reminder! Other monthly lunch schemes:

- Organic Vegetarian South Indian Mini Meal Rs 2,500/-
- Healthy Plate based on AV and organic products Rs 3,700/-
- a half month scheme is also available.

**Conscious Catering for your Workshops!**

The Cafeteria at Visitors Centre organises organic catering, with choice of South Indian, Korean and Western items.

If you wish to broaden the conscious experience you offer your participants to the realm of food and explore with us the different possibilities we offer, please contact us:

**For enquiries or registration**

- [cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in](mailto:cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in), 9043004919 WA Lee



+91 9566142115, Satyakam



Open Monday—Saturday, 8:30am—4:30pm @ Verité Integral Learning Center

Taste of Yoga, the vegan café @ Verité Integral Learning Center, invites you to slow down and enjoy a moment of nourishment in a calm, welcoming space. We offer wholesome breakfasts, light lunches, and healthful snacks made with high-quality ingredients—many prepared in-house and some harvested from our kitchen garden. Each dish is thoughtfully created to support your body, mind, and well-being. Submitted by Hon

**AUROMODE RESTAURANT IS OPEN**

Monday to Saturday, 12—3:30pm & 6—9pm

We at the Auromode Restaurant are happy to announce that we are now open!

We look forward to seeing you all.

Pavithra



**AUROVILLE BAKERY CAFE IN TOWN HALL**

7:30am—4:30pm

The Cafe serves South Indian breakfast, crepes, wraps, sandwiches, omelettes, juices, and all of your other favorites from the Auroville Bakery Cafe. The Cafe also hosts an Auroville Bakery outlet, where you can find an assortment of breads, cakes, and croissants. In addition, for your convenience, advance orders placed at the the Auroville Bakery can now also be scheduled for convenient pickup directly at the new outlet.



From Massbulletin

**NATURELLEMENT GARDEN CAFE**

50% discount scheme on Thursdays

Open 9am—8pm, Tuesdays closed

The busy season is over and we are happy to restart our 50% discount scheme on Thursdays for Aurovilians, Newcomers and volunteers from April onwards.

Martina for Naturellement team

**CLOSED: SUMMER BREAK**

**Living Room Cafe: Summer holiday**

- 27—31 May
- Reopening on Monday 1 June

The Living Room Cafe will be closed for staff summer holiday.

Satyakam for Living Room Cafe

**AV Bakery, Café & Townhall Café: Repairs**

- 25—31 May

AV Bakery, Café & Townhall Café will be closed for repairs from Monday, 25 May until Sunday, 31 May due to oven and kitchen repair work.

- We will reopen on Monday, 1 June.

AV Bakery & Café Team, from Massbulletin

**Nowana: Renovations**

- 25—31 May

Nowana will be closed from 25 May for renovations. The restaurant will reopen on 1 June but, as some renovation work will continue, our services will temporarily be limited to:

- Take-away and Dropzy delivery: 12—9pm
- Dine-in: 6—9pm
- Thursdays: Closed as usual

We will announce when normal timings will resume.

As always, thank you all for your continued support.

Emmanuel for Nowana Team

**PT PURCHASING SERVICE**

**Opening Hours**

- Shop: 8am—7pm, Monday to Saturday
- Canteen: 8am—3pm

Submitted by Vishnu

### POUR TOUS WATER FREE SERVICE

Pour Tous Water provides free service to the Aurovillians as part of the prosperity vision (service for all). This free labor service is supported through city services budget.



The parts & material costs need to be paid directly by the Aurovillians to the supplier as follow:

- NEFT through financial service or Gpay.
- Post completion of the work you will receive payment details through the PTW office.
- Hard copy of the material bill from supplier shall be sent thereafter.

For the work, please contact us at Pour Tous Water office numbers: 2622899, 9843644308 WA and Call

• [ptw@auroville.org.in](mailto:ptw@auroville.org.in)

Please note:

- Do not give any cash to any team member of PTW. We request to avoid calling our workers directly on their contact numbers.

Danny, Grace for Pour Tous Water team

### QUTEE ELECTRIC SCOOTER SERVICE

Many in Auroville are not aware that a quality service for all brands of electric scooters, and especially the ones (Humvee) 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](mailto:govindaraj@auroville.org.in)
- for any of your requirements. Upgrade to electric transport and solar power.

Govindaraj & B  
for Qutee Electric Scooter Service

### INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SERVICE



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.

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

Rajesh.D

### UTS TRANSPORT SERVICE



Open 24 X 7: 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](mailto:uts@auroville.org.in)

Lakshmi for UTS

## Book A Taxi 24/7

**+91 9843880591**

Office: **(0413) 2220591, 2220592**  
 Office cell: **8610915429**  
[sunrisetaxi@auroville.org.in](mailto:sunrisetaxi@auroville.org.in)  
[www.aurovillesunrisetaxi.in](http://www.aurovillesunrisetaxi.in)

### KINISI E-MOBILITY

#### Our Services Include:

- **E-Cycle, E-Scooter rentals:** \*Flexible pricing depending on the duration of rentals for guests.
  - \* For registered long-term volunteers, special discounted rates apply.
- **KIM Scheme:** Exclusive benefits for Aurovillians, Newcomers and Auroville Units.
- **Repair & Service:**
  - Comprehensive repair and maintenance for all models of e-cycles, e-scooters, and e-bikes—no matter where you bought it!
  - Battery, Motor, and Controller Sales/Replacement.



#### Contact Us:

- Mobile: +91 8300460 679/680
- Email: [info@kinisi.in](mailto:info@kinisi.in)
- Website: [kinisi.in](http://kinisi.in)



#### Timings:

- 9—12:30 & 14:30—16:30
- Open daily, including Sundays and holidays

Avvaiyar



**Inside India Timings:** Inside India is open for your next journey Monday to Friday, 10am—5pm at our Office in Kalpana Community (Opp. Auroville Library)

- We are also open the second & fourth Saturdays of each month
- For urgent matters or emergencies, you may contact our ticketing agent Ganesh: +91 9894598686.

As per the guidelines of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), all documents requiring attestation or apostille must be submitted through authorized outsourced agencies. In this regard, you may submit the relevant documents with Inside India, and we will assist you in obtaining the attestation or apostille through an authorized agent.

Shaheen  
for Inside India Team

### ABACUS ACCOUNTING

New Financial Year 2026-27

#### Greetings and Support from Abacus Accounting

On the occasion of the commencement of the new financial year 2026–27, we extend our best wishes to all units for a successful and productive year ahead.

We would like to inform you that Abacus will provide comprehensive support across the following areas:

- Accounts and Bookkeeping
- EPF, ESI, GST and TDS compliance
- Individual Income Tax Return filing
- PAN-related services
- Tally and Zoho training, along with regular follow-up support
- Ongoing operational support with a focus on strengthening administrative processes through Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Taking up accounts and compliance support for Non-Auroville entities, including externally registered companies

Units interested in availing our services or seeking support are kindly requested to get in touch with us. We will review your requirements and extend the necessary support in a structured and timely manner. Should you require any assistance or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your association.

- Saracon Campus, Kottakarai
- 9894442349, 0413 2622962
- [abacus@auroville.org.in](mailto:abacus@auroville.org.in) / [abacus962@gmail.com](mailto:abacus962@gmail.com)

**Prabhu**  
for Abacus Accounting



Dear fellow Architects, Interior Designers and Developers in Auroville, we at Prakrit extend to you our expertise in working with Solid wood, primarily design and production of furniture and furnishings ensuring sustainable production, effective management and superior quality.

Head over to our website [www.prakrit.org.in](http://www.prakrit.org.in) to check out our portfolio of projects done in collaboration with various architects and businesses over past years. Reach out to us for enquiries and collaborative opportunities.

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### AVDZINES

@ Mangalam campus,  
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You are also welcome to send your job via email and WA

- **Working Hours: 9am—12:30pm & 2—5pm**
- **Type of jobs that can be given:**  
Printing, Layout designing, Passport Photos, Package designing & Manufacturing, Photo framing & Lamination, All kinds of boxes & paper bags and Screen printing.
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Guna for AVDzines

### 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](mailto:rapidcare@auroville.org.in)
  - **Secondary Email:** [rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com](mailto:rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com)
  - **Instagram handle:** @rapidcare1

Balaji & Arun

### TREE CARE SERVICES

Regular tree maintenance is essential for ensuring safety, health, and longevity. Over time, trees can develop dead-wood, structural weaknesses, or imbalanced growth that increases the risk of branch failure, especially during storms or high winds.



**TREE CARE**  
Arboricultural technicians  
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🌐 [treecareindia.com](http://treecareindia.com)

Routine inspections and pruning help identify and address these issues early, reducing hazards and costly interventions later. Proper maintenance also improves air circulation, light penetration, and overall vitality, enabling trees to better withstand environmental stress such as heat and drought.

Investing in regular tree care not only protects people and property but also supports a healthier, more resilient urban landscape.

- **Monday to Saturday, 8am—4pm**
- **9159843579** Emergency tree work
- **[office@treecareindia.com](mailto:office@treecareindia.com):**  
Consultations, tree inspections & pruning

Submitted by Jonas

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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 set-up, monthly and annual maintenances etc.



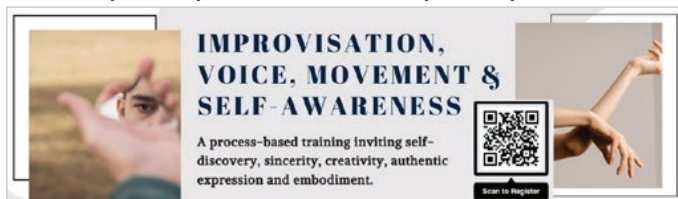
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Bala

### *Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts*

#### IMPROVISATION, VOICE, Movement & Self-Awareness

Monday, 2—4pm and Wednesday, 2—5pm @ CRIPA



A process-based training inviting self-discovery, sincerity, creativity, authentic expression and embodiment.

**No fixed method/approach** but a flexible process of discovery adaptive to each participant's journey, rooted in self-inquiry & awareness, learning through experience, reflection & collaboration. A space to experiment, fail, and discover.

**It involves** public speaking fundamentals, voice & movement practices, improvisation & scene creation, listening & body intuition, monologue work, reading and reflecting on Mother and Sri Aurobindo's texts, journaling & reflection.

**Develops your** confidence & stage presence, voice, breath & body awareness, emotional flexibility, authentic expression

**For who?** Those who thirst for progress, those seeking and interested in self-discovery.

**Facilitator:** Misha (Mike)

**For queries:** [misha@auroville.org.in](mailto:misha@auroville.org.in) Misha

### KOLAM YOGA

KolamYoga  
Tantra Yantra Mantra  
Mudra, Chakra, Vrata  
in just a two day intensive

9 & 10 and or 16 & 17 June  
Sat&Sun  
9:00 to 17:00

registration: [allgrace@auroville.org.in](mailto:allgrace@auroville.org.in)

Five elementals that govern our Carbon based existence .

Physical, Mental, Vital and Psychic planes integrate the Crystalline Light bodies advent

Can we prepare for it?

Grace

### CLOWN & PRESENCE WORKSHOP

Mondays, 2—6pm, @ CRIPA, Small hall

We are happy to invite you to Clown & Presence workshop. We will explore games and techniques drawn from Clown training, physical theater and vocal research.

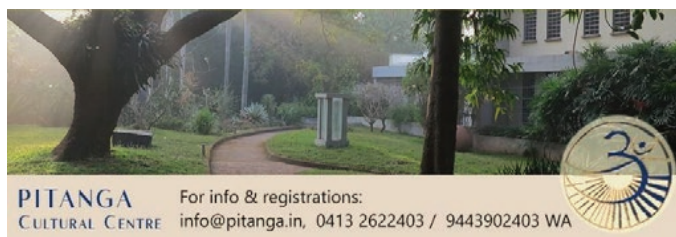
Our focus will be on developing intuition, deepening body awareness as a channel for expression and communication, and cultivating presence through active listening.

Through collective and individual play we will learn to embrace spontaneity, expressing emotions with authenticity, and reveal our unique essence.

- Further info [misha@auroville.org.in](mailto:misha@auroville.org.in) Mike



### PITANGA CULTURAL CENTRE MAY-JUNE



**PITANGA** For info & registrations:  
CULTURAL CENTRE [info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in), 0413 2622403 / 9443902403 WA

It's time for annual repair work: Pitanga will close to the public from Monday, 1 June onwards.

We plan to reopen on Monday, 6 July 2026.

We will see you again in July!

### Yoga and Classes

Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Presenters
Thursday	Iyengar Yoga	7—8:15am	Olesya
	Prana Kriya Not on 28/05	7:30—9am	Florina
	Aviva Exercise—for women only	4:30—5:30pm	Suriyagandhi
	Iyengar Yoga	5—6:30pm	Olesya
	Yoga: Restore & Relax Not on 28/05	5:30—7pm	Florina
Friday	Pranayama, for former "The Art of Living" course participants,	6:45—8:15am	François & Namrita
	Sivananda Hatha Yoga	7:30—9am	Nikki
	Yoga Therapy	8:15—9:45am	Gala
	Dynamic Yoga Flow Not on 29/05	5—7pm	Florina
Saturday	Iyengar Yoga	7—8:15am	Olesya
	Breathing & Mudras	8—9:30am	Gala
	Truth Based Relationships, practical sessions	2:30—4:30pm	Juan Andres

**Pitanga** joins Auroville's journey toward a cashless economy. Contributions are digital—either by FS account, Aurocard or UPI payment. Thank you for letting your guests know! If you wish to receive our program of activities by email or WhatsApp, please write to us. See you at Pitanga, with a smile!

Anandamayi for Pitanga Team,  
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**Classes:****Deep Sound Bath with Satyayuga**

- Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 5—6pm
- Saturdays at 5—6:30pm

Sound Healing is an ancient art that has been used throughout history to awaken the inner being and align the body, heart & soul to the frequency of the universe. Sound Bath uses the unique frequencies of various instruments to promote healing on a cellular level.

**Cool Down Pranayama with Mamta**

- Tuesdays at 5—6pm

Beat the summer heat with simple, accessible Yogic practices that involve using your own breath movements to regulate the body's internal temperature. You will learn and practice cooling Pranayamas like Chandra Bhedana, Sheetalī & Sheetakari. The session ends with a guided relaxation to help you stay cool in your body & mind.

**Yoga for Back Care with Keshav**

- Fridays at 5—6pm

A therapeutic and accessible class for those with back discomfort or stiffness. With awareness, we focus on lengthening and strengthening the spine, and work with the hips, shoulders and neck to help support the back, release strain and increase mobility.

**Therapies:****Acupressure Therapy with Ashok**

This traditional therapy involves applying firm finger pressure or using acupressure tools on specific acupoints along the body's energy pathways (meridians) to stimulate the flow of Qi (life energy).

**Cupping Therapy with Ashok**

Cupping therapy is an ancient healing technique that some people use to ease pain. A provider places cups on your back, stomach, arms, legs or other parts of your body. A vacuum or suction force inside the cup pulls your skin upward.

**Deep Tissue Massage with Ashok**

A deep tissue massage is a therapeutic technique using slow, deep strokes and firm pressure to release chronic muscle tension and "adhesions" painful tissue that restrict movement and blood flow.

**Foot Reflexology with Ashok**

Foot Reflexology is a therapeutic practice that applies gentleness to firm pressure on specific points of the feet that correspond to different organs and systems in the body. This holistic treatment helps stimulate natural healing, improve circulation, release tension, and restore energetic balance. Deeply relaxing and rejuvenating, Foot Reflexology supports overall wellbeing, reduces stress, and promotes harmony between body and mind.

**Integrated Deep Tissue Massage & Acupressure Therapy with Ashok**

Combining Acupressure and Deep Tissue Massage creates a powerful, holistic therapy that addresses both the energetic and physical aspects of the body. While deep tissue massage breaks down muscle knots and scar tissue, acupressure targets specific meridian points to release blocked energy (Qi), resulting in deeper pain relief, enhanced relaxation, and faster recovery.

**Shiro Abhyanga (Ayurveda Head Massage) with Ashok**

A deeply relaxing Ayurvedic head, neck, & shoulder massage using warm, herb-infused oils. The name says it all: Shiro means head, & Abhyanga means massage. It focuses on gentle pressure applied to the scalp's vital energy points to help calm the nervous system, relieve mental stress, & promote better sleep.

**Padha Abhyanga (Ayurvedic Foot Massage) with Ashok**

A deeply therapeutic Ayurvedic foot & lower leg massage that uses warm, medicated oils to restore balance & calm the entire body. In Ayurveda, Pada means foot, & Abhyanga means massage. Because the feet contain thousands of nerve endings & crucial energy centers connected to our internal organs, massaging them doesn't just soothe tired feet—it acts as a powerful reset button for the entire nervous system.

**Integrated Shiro Abhyanga & Padha Abhyanga with Ashok**

Shiro & Pada Abhyanga are deeply relaxing Ayurvedic therapies using warm, herb-infused oils to massage the head, neck, shoulders, feet, & lower legs. Through gentle pressure on vital energy points & nerve endings, these treatments help calm the nervous system, relieve stress, restore balance, & promote deep relaxation & better sleep.

**Holistic Face & Neck Massage Therapy with Mamta**

This is a slow, grounding, and nurturing experience designed to deeply relax the entire body, calm the mind, and rejuvenate the face. The session gently weaves together a range of sensory and therapeutic tools, including neck and shoulder stretches when needed, guided breathwork with slow breathing and gentle humming, and the use of aromatic essential oils. Elements of sound and music further support relaxation, while oil massage is applied along key energetic points and pathways inspired by Ayurvedic Marma points and Traditional Chinese Medicine meridians. Gua Sha combs are also used to enhance circulation and release fascial tension, complemented by lymphatic drainage techniques along lymph nodes and channels to support detoxification and overall balance.

**Yoga Chikitsa: Personalized Yoga Therapy with Mani**

One-to-one yoga therapy sessions tailored to everyone's specific needs. Yoga Chikitsa includes assessment, teaching of various yogic tools, and structuring an appropriate practice sequence. The practice may include jattis (loosening of joints) kriyas (structured movements) asanas (isometric stretches) pranayamas (rhythmic breathing control) and relaxation techniques.

**Thai Yoga Full Body Massage with Mani**

The therapist will guide and support the client in various yoga-like poses and stretches and apply gentle but firm pressure along the main energy channels of the body to help release energy blockages and allow vital energy to flow. Wear comfortable clothing suitable for movement.

**Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy with Mila**

Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy uses gentle touch to the head to help release tension in the skull, spine and sacrum, freeing energy that can help re-establish integral balance and stimulate the healing capacity of the body.

**Healing Sound Bath with Tuning Forks with Satyayuga**

Sound Healing is a gentle yet powerful method to help you reconnect with your own innate high-level vibration. The vibration of the tuning forks and Tibetan bowls helps to recalibrate and free blocked energy, balance the right and left brain, and harmonize the chakras. This resonance supports the recalibration of our energy system, allowing creativity and peace to flow.

**Food is Medicine: Lifestyle Health Practices Consultation with Parvathi**

Personalized guidance in nutrition and lifestyle modifications to support health and well-being. Learn about your body's constitution (Tri dosa) and the plants, foods, spices and lifestyle practices that benefit your constitution and help prevent health complications.

**Healing Facial Therapy: An 8-Step Skin Care Treatment with Indigenous Herbs with Parvathi**

Healing Facial Therapy helps cleanse the facial skin, remove dead cells, boost collagen, reduce wrinkles, treat acne and allow the skin to glow, and feel soft and smooth. The indigenous herbs used are natural products that are selected for your specific skin type.

**Head Massage with Hair Care with Parvathi**

A relaxing massage to the head and scalp using hair tonic oil. Stimulates blood circulation, helps to condition the hair, strengthen the roots, & relieve stress.

**Ayurvedic Massage: Detoxifying & Energy Balancing with Radha**

Massage therapy is a core part of Ayurvedic healing, designed to enhance both physical and mental well-being. Using warm herbal oils and specific massage techniques helps the body heal, relieves stress, boosts energy, and promotes deep relaxation. This therapy is not just about relaxation but also aims to rejuvenate the body, improve circulation, flush out toxins, and bring the body's energies into balance, making it beneficial for overall health.

**Swedish Massage with Radha**

Swedish massage is a relaxing, therapeutic, full-body treatment designed to support overall well-being. It focuses on gently working the muscles and soft tissues throughout the body to promote healing, reduce tension, and create a calming effect on the nervous system. The massage involves smooth, flowing strokes with the use of oil, making it soothing and comfortable. It's a gentle technique suitable for people of all ages and is perfect for restoring balance.

**Integrated Ayurvedic, Acupressure, Deep Tissue & Heart Healing Massage with Raja**

A massage that integrates elements from Acupressure (application of pressure on specific points on the body), Deep Tissue (sustained, slow, deep strokes to target the inner layers of muscles and connective tissues) and Heart Healing (a gentle, relaxing technique that improves the delivery of oxygen to the heart).

**Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation with Veeramani**

Providing hands-on treatment for the clients with musculoskeletal problems and teaching corrective exercises to become pain-free and return to their normal life.

**Aromatherapeutic Massage for Face and Feet with Vyshnavi**

This therapy is a deeply relaxing aromatherapeutic massage focusing on the face and feet. It is a unique integrative treatment that combines the principles of reflexology, Marma therapy, lymphatic drainage, breathwork, and aromatherapy. Pure, therapeutic-grade essential oils are carefully selected based on the individual needs of each client. These oils are incorporated throughout the session, used during guided breathwork, applied to the chakras, and blended into massage oils for the face and feet, enhancing both physical and emotional well-being.

**Swedish Massage with Nikki**

A full-body therapy designed for deep relaxation, stress relief, and improved circulation using oils and long, kneading strokes, percussive techniques, and friction. The massage targets the back, legs, arms, and shoulders to release muscle tension.

**Energy Healing Reiki with Vyshnavi**

An energy healing technique that promotes physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being by channeling universal life energy through the practitioner's hands. Practitioners gently place "vital energy" flows through the body; a Reiki practitioner gently places their hands on or near the client's body to help guide this energy to stimulate natural healing processes and reduce stress. This non-invasive therapy aims to enhance overall balance and harmony.

**Holistic Foot Reflexology with Vyshnavi**

Manual pressure is applied to specific "reflex points" of the feet to assist in restoring the flow of life energy to support self-healing. Reflexology increases circulation, brings more oxygen & nutrients to the cells & helps reduce stress, improves digestion & promotes sound sleep.

**Pregnancy Massage with Nikki**

A gentle therapeutic massage designed specifically for pregnant women, performed sitting and side-lying to avoid lying flat on the back to prevent pressure on major veins. The therapy focuses on relieving tension in the lower back, hips, shoulders, and legs as well as simulating particular glands involved in milk production.

**Postnatal Massage with Nikki**

A specialised therapeutic treatment designed to assist in recovery by reducing swelling, easing muscular tension (especially in the back/shoulders), and promoting emotional well-being. Techniques include lymphatic drainage to reduce fluids, gentle abdominal work to aid uterine contraction, and massage for breastfeeding posture.

**Baby Massage with Nikki**

A gentle, loving touch therapy for infants involving slow, rhythmic strokes on the baby's body to promote comfort, relaxation, and physical and emotional wellbeing.

**Workshops Pre-registration required****Introduction to Ayurveda & its Lifestyle with Dr.Geeta**

- Saturday, 6 June, 2—4pm

Ayurveda, the ancient Indian medical system, includes Panchakarma, which is a set of five cleansing procedures. Learn the appropriate use of and principles behind these practices, which aim to detoxify, rejuvenate, and restore balance to body, mind and spirit.

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**LEELA THERAPY**

This therapy is for those ready to receive loving and skilful support in addressing personal challenges and discover their own resources of confidence, creativity, power, intelligence and self-love.



Offered by Kardash, whose training has been based on the wisdom and techniques of:

- Ericksonian Clinical hypnotherapy
- Neurolinguistic programming (NLP)
- The Enneagram of Character Fixation
- Nondual insights for ego transcendence

Leela therapy is a unique combination of true support for waking up from ego, and trauma informed private therapy.

- Meetings can be in-person in Auroville or online.
- For more details see [www.innersightav.org](http://www.innersightav.org) or +91 9940934875 WA

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**ARKA WELLNESS CENTER PROGRAM**  
[arka@auroville.org.in](mailto:arka@auroville.org.in), 0413 2623799



**Treatments**

Therapist	Treatments, When
Pepe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Body Logic, Soft Massage, Deep Tissue Massage</li> </ul> Monday to Saturday By appointment, +91 9943410987
Silvana (TOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cranio-sacral, Lomi Lomi, Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage</li> </ul> Monday to Saturday, by appointment only +91 9047654157
Antarjyoti <i>English</i> & <i>French</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading</li> <li>Deconditioning Self Inquiry</li> <li>I Ching oracle</li> <li>Inner/subpersonalities forces awareness</li> </ul> Monday to Sunday, by appointment only 0413 2623767, <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a>
Niyati Thakkar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integral Regression therapy</li> <li>Integral Reiki healing</li> <li>Holotropic technique breathwork</li> </ul> Monday to Sunday, by appointment only +91 7041391995, <a href="mailto:narayani-nc@auroville.org.in">narayani-nc@auroville.org.in</a>

**Classes**

Teachers	Classes	When
Damien	Acroyoga	By appointment only, +91 9047722740
Rotem	Low impact strength training	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30—8:30am By appointment only, +91 8056888715
Aurosugan & Priyanka	Eye yoga and wellness retreat	Monday to Sunday, 7—8am By appointment only +91 8012305151/ 9704258709

**Services**

**Aurokiya: Eye care center**

- Monday to Saturday, 9am—12:30pm, 1:30—5pm
- +91 8012305151, [aurokiya@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurokiya@auroville.org.in)

**Morning Star: Birth & women wellness**

- [morningstar@auroville.org.in](mailto:morningstar@auroville.org.in)

**Maatram: Psychological & psychiatric consultation**

- By appointment, +91 9087709434  
[maatram@auroville.org.in](mailto:maatram@auroville.org.in)

**Convalescence Facility: Post-surgical and care facility**

- For Aurovilians only, max. stay 3 weeks
- Contact Arka 0413 2623799,  
[arka@auroville.org.in](mailto:arka@auroville.org.in)

**Emergency Services: Ambulance & emergency service**

- +91 9442224680,  
[ambulance@auroville.org.in](mailto:ambulance@auroville.org.in)

**Svasti: Homeopathic consultation**

- By appointment, +91 9428429642  
[aditivva@auroville.org.in](mailto:aditivva@auroville.org.in)

**Health & Healing Trust: Administration office**

- [healthhealingtrust@auroville.org.in](mailto:healthhealingtrust@auroville.org.in)

For any details and queries, you can contact us at

- [arka@auroville.org.in](mailto:arka@auroville.org.in), 0413 2623799 Ramana

**WORLD GAME FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

*“Where contemplation meets playfulness and transformation.”*



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. Facilitated by Aikya.

- Duration: 1.5 Hour, Individual session or together with a good friend. In English, Francais or Nederlands.
- Price for 1 person: Rs 1500; for 2 people Rs: 2000
- Discounts available for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Savi Volunteers.

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**ACTIVITIES BY VIKRAM**

**Weekly Sessions in Vedic Philosophy**

- Saturdays, 3:30—4:30pm IST

I host a free, weekly live session where we explore one idea from Vedic philosophy and reflect on how it applies to everyday life.



Each week, we take a concept from the Vedas, Gita, Upanishads, Yoga Sutras, or related texts, understand it in simple language, and sit with one small question or practice for the coming days. The sessions are conversational and reflective. About 30 minutes of sharing, followed by quiet reflection or a gentle interactive activity. This free to join.

You can join any week and step away anytime.

If this feels interesting, please register here:

<https://online.allthingsvedic.in/courses/Snippets-of-Hindu-Vedic-Philosophy-by-Vikram-Devatha>

**Foundations in Vedic Astrology**

I am starting a new cohort to learn to interpret your own birth chart using Vedic astrology, astronomy, Indian philosophy, and mythology. It is a year-long, beginner-friendly program. We meet weekly online, and the journey includes mentor support, reflective practices, and optional in-person retreats in South India near ancient temples.

The program is offered on a sliding scale to keep it accessible, and there is also a certification option through a reputed university in India.

Here is a presentation where I explain the structure, vision, curriculum, retreats, and practical details of the program:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZzeZA0JQQ>
- Starts: September 2026

- Weekly timeslot: will be decided with the group, most probably Saturdays

- Duration: 1 year; Fees: sliding scale

You can read the full details and sign up here:

- <https://www.allthingsvedic.in/laying-the-foundations>

Vikram

## REGULAR YOGA CLASSES @ SAIER CONFERENCE HALL

6:45—8am

Suitable for all levels. Join Dev's yoga classes.

- To transform your Physical, Vital & Mental wellbeing
- Support lifestyle disorder & pain management

### Our yoga classes:

- Monday: Hatha yoga class
- Tuesday: Dynamic Yoga
- Wednesday: Deep stretches, deep relaxation, OM chant
- Thursday: Intensive Yoga
- Friday: Pranayama (Awareness of breath)

### For more details:

- Contact 9790171722, Dev
- Aurovilian & Newcomer: Contribution
- Savi Volunteers: Rs. 200/class or 2000/month &
- Guests: Rs 300/class or 3000/month

## VIPASSANA GROUP SIT

Every Sunday, 9am—12pm

@ Udavi school, near tank, Edayanchavadi

Dear Meditators, you are all very welcome to the weekly half-day Vipassana meditation course for "old students" **only** (meaning for those who have completed at least one 10-day course as taught by SN Goenka).

- First building to the left near the parking. [Location](#). No registration is required.

You can come for the whole course or just drop in for some time whenever you want. Please keep your cell phones off or in airplane mode for the duration of the course.

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## LONELINESS LISTENING CIRCLE

Thursdays 4, 18 June, 6—8pm



Most of us share the experience of coming to Auroville because we could not fit into the old culture and values. Our aspirations, joy, and pain were not seen, heard, understood, or valued enough, which created a sense of loneliness. This sense of loneliness can stay within us, often without our awareness, even after coming to Auroville, and may limit the way we live here.

Loneliness can be present even when one has friends, relationships, or spends a lot of time with people, if one is not seen and heard for who they are and what they are experiencing. Often, it remains unspoken and quietly carried.

This listening circle intends to create a space for authentic human connection through sharing without the fear of being judged, and through pure listening without thinking of a reply. All participants are required to consent to a confidentiality agreement before joining the circle.

No contribution is expected; you may offer a donation for the hall if you can. Guests are also welcome to join the circle.

- [Register here before 5pm on the day of the circle:](#)

Raamkumar, 9943211101

## 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



## Languages

### NEWS FROM



## Auroville Language Lab

### Please register

through the following contact options

- +91 4132623661,
- +91 9843030355 WA
- [info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org)
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/registration>

### Current Schedule of Classes

- 21 May
- <https://aurovillelanguagelab.org/current-schedule/>

	Description/ Level/ Teacher	Duration/ Cycle	Time & Day(s) of Classes
English	Beginner Conversation, with Ashwini	36 Hours, (3 months), Started 18 March	4—5pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday
French	Intensive, with Isabelle—NEW!	20 hours (2 weeks), Started 18 May	11am—1pm, Monday to Friday
Mandarin Chinese	Survival Conversation, with Shiju Hsieh	24 hours (2 weeks), Started 4 May	Monday to Friday 10—11:30am
Tamil	Pre-Intermediate, with Saravanan	24 Hour (3 months), Started 11 May	Monday & Wednesday, 5:30—6:30pm
	Intermediate, with Saravanan	24 Hour, (3 months), Started 17 February, <b>Currently On Pause</b>	9:30—10:30am, Tuesday & Friday
German	Beginner, with Verena	36 Hour (3 months), Started on 3 March	9—10:30am, Tuesday & Friday
Hindi	Beginner with Ashwini	24 Hours (2 months), Started on 6 April	5—6 pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday

### Private one-on-one classes:

- Possible for all languages
- Please inquire

**Language Lab Building Tours with Mita**

The Language Lab warmly invites you to discover the Auroville Language Lab building through a guided tour highlighting its thoughtful design and inspiring approach to sustainable, healthy, and conscious construction.

- Every Saturday, 3—3:45pm, by free contribution
- Registration mandatory by Friday, **no drop-ins**: +91 98430 30355
- **Drop-ins**: Also welcome, open to everyone

Come explore this stellar example of mindful architecture and learn more about the vision behind the building. We look forward to welcoming you!

**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 website and at the Lab, where you are welcome to come and watch them. All are welcome.

**Reminder about our free Evening Programs**

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

- **Mondays:**  
French, 5—6pm
  - with Isabelle (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> week of the month)
  - with Coco and Gaspard (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month)
- **Wednesdays & Thursdays:**  
Sanskrit chanting with Remesh 5:30—6:30pm

**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.
- [Language Lab Brochure](#)
- **Register now:**
- [info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org) or [www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/registration](http://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/registration)

Mita

*Cinema*

**CINEMA PARADISO: Children's Special**

**CINEMA PARADISO**  
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium, Auroville  
Children Special: 1:30 PM  
25 May 2026 to 30 May 2026

**MAY 25 Monday**: PEGASUS  
**MAY 26 Tuesday**: ALICE in Wonderland  
**MAY 27 Wednesday**: SNOW WHITE and the Seven Dwarfs  
**MAY 28 Thursday**: The Princess and the Pea  
**MAY 30 Saturday**: MR BEAN

25—30 May, 1:30pm

Thursday, 28 May	The Princess and the Pea
Saturday, 30 May	It's Time for Holidayssss   Mr Bean

Submitted by Uma Melin

**MORNING STAR PRESENTS:**

**More Than Blue**

Saturday, 30 May, 5—7pm @ MMC, TownHall

A Documentary Screening & Community Conversation on Postpartum Depression: *More Than Blue* is a groundbreaking documentary illuminating the faces and voices of postpartum depression through the real stories of real families. Duration: 1hr 20min



**Detailed Schedule**

- **5—5:10pm:** Arrival & Introduction. Introduction to the documentary and the importance of awareness around postpartum depression and maternal mental health.
- **5:10– 6:30pm:** Screening of the Documentary
- **6:30—6:50pm:** Q&A and Community Conversation
- **6:50—7pm:** Closing Reflections & Thank You

*More Than Blue* is a groundbreaking new documentary that illuminates the faces and voices of postpartum depression across America. Through the real stories of families across the country, the film shines a light on perinatal mood and anxiety disorders—too often unseen, unheard, or misunderstood. While we have come a long way over the last decade in terms of screening patients, most individuals experiencing conditions like postpartum depression, anxiety, or psychosis still go undiagnosed or untreated. We need to do better. Pairing raw personal stories with expert insights, the film aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and ensure mothers receive the care they need to recover and heal. *More Than Blue* is both a testament to the strength of families and a call to action—grounded in the science and stories—to ensure that no one suffers in shame or silence.

Balaganesh

**ECO FILM CLUB**

Every Friday @ Sadhana Forest

**Schedule of Events**

- 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
  - 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
  - 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
  - 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films
  - 20:00 Dinner is served
  - 21:15 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
- Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner! The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest.



- For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.
- Families and children are welcome!
- Dinner for children will be served at 19:00. :)

**Friday, 29 May**

**Planet Earth: Deserts**

2017, 49 minutes, Alastair Fothergill

In this film, narrated by David Attenborough, we take a look at deserts, which cover a third of the Earth's land surface. From space they appear lifeless but a closer look reveals a different picture. Deserts, in fact, are surprisingly teeming with life!

Aviram



**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
**Summer Kids' Special Film Week**  
**1—7 June**

Cinema Paradiso programs at the MMC warmly welcome the community. Doors open 15 minutes before showtime and close once the film begins, so please arrive on time. For everyone's enjoyment, kindly avoid crossing in front of the screen or using mobile phones when lights are off. Food and beverages are not permitted inside the hall.

**Monday, 1 June, 1:30pm**

**Despicable Me**

USA, 2010, Dir. Pierre Coffin & Chris Renaud, Animation-Comedy, 95 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Gru, a supervillain with a plan to steal the moon, finds his life unexpectedly transformed when he adopts three orphan girls. Filled with humour, adventure, and heartwarming moments, this animated favourite celebrates family, kindness, and friendship.

**Tuesday, 2 June, 1:30pm**

**Rio**

USA, 2011, Dir. Carlos Saldanha, w/ Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway, George Lopez, Jamie Foxx, and others, Animation-Adventure-Comedy, 96 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Blu, a rare blue macaw raised in Minnesota, travels to the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro after discovering that he may be the last male of his kind. There, he meets Jewel, a spirited and independent macaw, and together they embark on an exciting adventure filled with music, friendship, danger, and discovery. Set against the colourful backdrop of Brazil's famous carnival celebrations, Rio is a joyful animated film celebrating freedom, courage, love, and the beauty of nature.

**Wednesday, 3 June, 1:30pm**

**Moana**

USA, 2016, Dir. Ron Clements & John Musker, Animation-Musical Adventure, 107 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A spirited Polynesian teenager sets sail across the ocean on an epic journey to save her island and discover her true identity. With memorable songs, breathtaking animation, and inspiring themes, Moana is a celebration of courage, culture, and self-discovery.

**Thursday, 4 June, 1:30pm**

**Nimona**

USA, 2023, Dir. Nick Bruno & Troy Quane, Animation-Adventure-Fantasy, 101 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

A mischievous shapeshifter joins forces with a knight accused of a crime he didn't commit. Together, they challenge stereotypes, authority, and fear in this energetic and imaginative animated adventure filled with humour, action, and friendship.

**Friday, 5 June, 1:30pm**

**Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse**

USA, 2018, Dir. Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey & Rodney Rothman, Animation-Superhero, 117 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Teenager Miles Morales becomes Spider-Man and discovers a multiverse filled with different Spider-People from alternate realities. With groundbreaking animation, thrilling action, and emotional storytelling, this film delivers an exciting and inspiring superhero experience.

**Saturday, 6 June, 1:30pm**

**The Bad Guys 2**

USA, 2025, Animation-Comedy-Heist, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: Awaiting

The lovable crew of reformed animal outlaws returns for another hilarious and action-packed adventure filled with clever schemes, teamwork, and surprises—a fun-filled animated story about friendship, trust, and second chances.

**Sunday, 7 June, 1:30pm**

**Dragon Keeper**

Spain-China, 2024, Animation-Fantasy, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In ancient China, a courageous young girl embarks on an adventurous journey to protect the last remaining dragon egg. Along the way, she discovers the importance of friendship, bravery, and preserving harmony between humans and magical creatures in this visually enchanting animated tale.

**Rating codes** we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e., for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited.

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

**We have 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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 Krishna and Laxman for MMC

**UMRAO JAAN**

Presented by Arpanaa in Collaboration with MMC

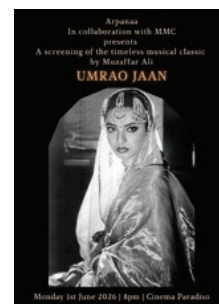
Monday, 1 June, 8pm @ Cinema Paradiso

A screening of the timeless classic by director Muzaffar Ali: *Umrao Jaan!*

This 1981 Indian period musical film stars Rekha in the titular role. Based on Mirza Hadi Ruswa's 1899 Urdu novel *Umrao Jaan Ada*, the film tells the poignant story of a Lucknowi courtesan and poet, and her rise to fame.

*Umrao Jaan* won many accolades, including 4 National awards: for Best Actress—Rekha; Best Music Director Khayyam; Best Female Playback Singer—Asha Bhosale and Best Art Direction—Manzur.

Please join us to celebrate the cinematic excellence of *Umrao Jaan* on Monday 1 June 2026 8pm @ Cinema Paradiso.



Yogini & Megha  
 for Arpanaa



**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
**Film Program**  
**1—7 June**

Cinema Paradiso programs at the MMC warmly welcome the community. Doors open 15 minutes before showtime and close once the film begins, so please arrive on time. For everyone's enjoyment, kindly avoid crossing in front of the screen or using mobile phones when lights are off. Food and beverages are not permitted inside the hall.

**Monday, 1 June, 8pm**

**Umrao Jaan**

India, 1981, Dir. Muzaffar Ali, w/ Rekha, Farooq Shaikh, Naseeruddin Shah, Raj Babbar, and others, Musical-Drama-Romance, 145 mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Set in 19th-century Lucknow, this visually elegant classic follows the life of Umrao Jaan, a gifted poetess and courtesan whose journey is marked by love, heartbreak, art, and resilience. Renowned for Rekha's unforgettable performance, exquisite music, and rich portrayal of culture and tradition, the film remains one of the most celebrated masterpieces of Indian cinema.

**Tuesday, 2 June, 8pm**

**My Left Foot**

Ireland (United Kingdom) Drama, 1989, 103 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

The Story of Christy Brown (1989) is a biographical drama directed by Jim Sheridan, adapted from Brown's 1954 memoir. It stars Daniel Day-Lewis as Christy, an Irish writer and artist born with severe cerebral palsy. With the support of his mother, he learns to control only his left foot to write, paint, and express his fiery soul.

**Wednesday, 3 June, 8pm**

**Soldier Boy (Soldatik)**

Russia, 2019, Dir. Viktoriya Fanasitina, w/ Viktor Dobronravov, Darya Ursulyak, Andrey Novik, and others, Period Drama-War, 86 mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Based on true events, this moving wartime drama follows a six-year-old orphan who becomes the youngest soldier in the Soviet Army during World War II. Amid hardship and conflict, the child discovers courage, friendship, and a sense of belonging while inspiring the people around him with innocence and determination.

**Thursday, 4 June, 8pm**

**Living in Madagascar (How People Live on Earth's Most Isolated Island)**

Documentary, Travel-Culture, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

This visually rich documentary journey explores the unique landscapes, traditions, and daily lives of people living in Madagascar. Through cinematic storytelling, the film highlights the island's remarkable biodiversity, cultural heritage, and the resilience of communities living closely connected with nature.

**Saturday, 6 June, 8pm**

**Roman Holiday**

USA, romantic comedy film, 118 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Roman Holiday is a timeless 1953 romantic comedy film directed by William Wyler. It stars Audrey Hepburn in her breakout role as a rebellious runaway princess who explores Rome incognito, and Gregory Peck as the American journalist who takes her on a whirlwind tour of the city.

**Sunday, 7 June, 8pm**

**Rain Man**

USA, 1988, Dir. Barry Levinson, w/ Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise, and others, Drama, 133 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Charlie Babbitt's life changes when he discovers that his estranged brother Raymond, an autistic savant, has inherited their father's fortune. As the two travel together across America, an unexpected bond develops between them. This Academy Award-winning classic is celebrated for its sensitive performances and exploration of family, empathy, and human connection.

**Rating codes** we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e., for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited.

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

**We have 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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Krishna and Laxman for MMC

*Emergency Services*

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Ambulance (24/7):**

- Auroville—9442224680
- PIMS—0413 2656271

**Security (24/7):**

- Auroville Security & Emergency Services (ASES)—9443090107
- Auroville Police Station—0413 2677318
- Kottakupam Police Station—0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station—0413 2677368

**Health:**

- Health Center—0413 2910005
- Santé—0413 2622803;
- Farewell—8903836246

**Mental health 24/ 7 support:**

- Vandrevala Foundation—9999666555

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

- 108

*Electrical Bus*

**PRTC ELECTRIC  
Bus Schedule**

To make this service even more seamless, the ITS Team will facilitate e-Auto rides from communities and guest houses to Certitude Security and the Visitors Centre Security.

This would allow residents and visitors to easily connect with the e-bus for their commute and return home comfortably & safely. Thank you for considering this suggestion.

**Pondy—Auroville (JIPMER):  
10EA**

Pondy Bus Stand	5:00	7:40	10:20	13:00	15:40	18:15
Indira Gandhi Statue	5:05	7:45	10:25	13:05	15:45	18:20
Murugaa Theatre (Accord Hotel)	5:15	7:55	10:35	13:15	15:55	18:30
JIPMER	5:20	8:00	10:40	13:20	16:00	18:35
Toll Gate (AIAT)	5:30	8:10	10:50	13:30	16:10	18:45
Hope (Adi Shakti)	5:30	8:10	10:50	13:30	16:10	18:45
Edayanchavadi	5:35	8:15	10:55	13:35	16:15	18:50
VC Parking	5:40	8:20	11:00	13:40	16:20	18:55
Alankuppam	5:50	8:30	11:10	13:50	16:30	19:05

**Auroville—Pondy (ECR):  
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Alankuppam	5:55	8:35	11:10	13:55	16:35	19:10
VC Parking	6:10	8:50	11:25	14:10	16:50	19:25
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Reve (Aroma Garden)	6:25	9:05	11:40	14:25	17:05	19:40
Certitude (AV Security)	6:25	9:05	11:40	14:25	17:05	19:40
Kuilapalayam (SBI Bank)	6:35	9:15	11:50	14:35	17:15	19:50
Gaia’s Garden (Mango Hill)	6:45	9:25	12:00	14:45	17:25	20:00
Bommayapalayam	6:55	9:35	12:10	14:55	17:35	20:10
Quiet Healing Centre	7:05	9:45	12:20	15:05	17:45	20:20
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**Visiting hours:**

- Monday & Tuesday, 10am—12pm



**Hard deadline for submissions:**

- Tuesday 3pm

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*Accessible Auroville Public Bus*

 <b>Auroville TO PONDICHERRY</b>			
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
 <b>Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE</b>			
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

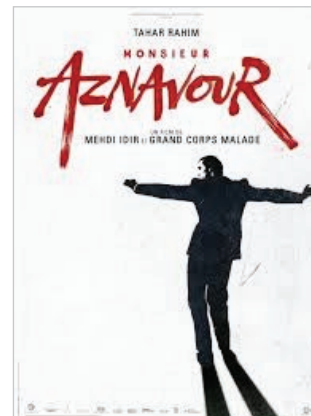
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*The Last Moment*

**MONSIEUR AZNAVOUR**  
**French Pavilion invites**

Friday, May 29, 8pm @ French Pavilion  
 In French subtitle in English

French Pavilion invites you to an open-air screening of the film: "Monsieur Aznavour", directed by Mehdi Idir and Grand Corps Malade. Starring Tahar Rahim



Come discover the extraordinary destiny of Charles Aznavour, one of the greatest figures of French chanson. From his modest beginnings to his rise to international fame, this film beautifully retraces the journey of an exceptional artist driven by passion, perseverance, and talent.

Under the stars, let yourself be carried away by this inspiring story celebrating music, creativity, and the richness of French culture.

Marie

**DYNAMIC BODY EXPRESSION**

Fridays, 29 May & 5 June, 7:30am @ CRIPA  
 A movement & release experience.

An open space for expressive movement, release, rhythm, and embodied presence through guided physical exploration.

- Duration: 90 minutes
- This is a free offering.

All bodies, all emotions, all welcome.

Rahul Chaudhary