

# News & Notes

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A son of the two Mothers, he attains to kingship in his discoveries of knowledge,  
he moves on the summit, he dwells in his high foundation.

*Rig Veda.*

I have arisen from earth to the mid-world, I have arisen from the mid-world to heaven,  
from the level of the firmament of heaven I have gone to the Sun-world, the Light.

*Yajur Veda*

## *The Ponder Corner*

She has tried to go higher and deeper within and call out into the front the soul and inner mind and heart,  
call down from above the forces of the spiritual mind and higher mind and Overmind and create under their light  
and by their influence the spiritual sage, seer, prophet, God-lover, Yogin, gnostic, Sufi, mystic.

This is man's only way of true self-exceeding: for so long as we live in the surface being or found ourselves  
wholly on Matter, it is impossible to go higher and vain to expect that there can be any new transition  
of a radical character in our evolutionary being.

*The Evolutionary Process — Ascent and Integration,  
Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

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# House of Mother's Agenda

*"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive section of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive section of the world will be embraced – not "embraced": ABSORBED in the power of Sri Aurobindo's thought.*

*Those who already are have the good fortune of being the first ones, that's all."*

*The Mother, Agenda 16 February 1972 (+ 50 years = 2022)*

**August 10, 1963**

*(continued from last week)*

**Satprem:** *I asked myself if for everybody the supramental process will always automatically involve a lot of physical suffering.*

**Mother:** No.

No, because I have a growing proof that those things I have mastered now, in the body, I have the power (I keep receiving letters and notes from here or there, from people here or there who have an illness)... it is beginning; so far it's only a beginning, a very small beginning: the power to eliminate pain.

You know, on a smaller scale, what happened with your illness.

**Satprem:** *Yes, but I didn't mean sick people. I mean people who today or in the future will seek to effect the transformation in themselves.*

**Mother:** No, they...

**Satprem:** *Will they have to go through all that suffering?*

**Mother:** No! That Sri Aurobindo wrote very clearly: for all those who have faith and open themselves in surrender and faith, the work will be done automatically (*When Satprem suggested publishing this passage in the Bulletin along with the beginning of Mother's comment on the Aphorism, she observed, "I don't want to speak of that now, it isn't yet time. We need not tell them too clearly that the work is being done for them, they know it only too well! (Laughing) No need to insist!"*). As long as he was here, mon petit, all the thirty years I spent with him working, NOT ONCE did I have to make an effort for a transformation. Simply, whenever there was a difficulty, I repeated, *My Lord, my Lord, my Lord...* I just thought of him – hop! it went away. Physical pain: he annulled it. You know, some things that were hampering the body, some old habits that had come back, I only had to tell him: off they would go. And through me, he did the same for others. He always said that he and I did the Work (in fact, when he was here, it was he who did it; I only did the external work), that he and I did the Work, and that all that was asked from the others was faith and surrender, nothing more. If they had trust and gave themselves in perfect trust, the Work was done automatically.

**Satprem:** *In your body's cells, it is therefore a universal progress that is being made, it's the earth that progresses.*

**Mother:** Yes. (silence)

This body was built for that purpose, because I remember very well that when the war – the First World War – started and I offered my body up in sacrifice to the Lord so that the war would not be in vain, every part of my body, one after another (*Mother touches her legs, her arms etc.*), or sometimes the same part several times over, represented a battlefield: I could see it, I could feel it, I LIVED it. Every time it was... it was very strange, I had only to sit quietly and watch: I would see here, there, there, the whole thing in my body, all that was going on. And while it went on, I would put the concentration of the divine Force there, so that all – all that pain, all that suffering, everything – would hasten the preparation of the earth and the Descent of the Force. And that went on consciously throughout the war.

The body was built for that purpose.

At the time, there was still a lot of mental activity, and those experiences took all the forms the mind gives to things – very nice, very literary! Now, all that is over – happily, thank God! A complete silence – I don't make speeches on the thing. But the experience of last night!... And to think that when an experience lasts half an hour, three quarters of an hour, one hour, it's considered extraordinary – it lasted from 8:30 till 2:15, nonstop.

**Satprem:** *A sort of ubiquity in the cells?*

**Mother:** Yes, yes. A oneness – the sense of Oneness. (silence)

*(to be continued next week)*

**Volume 4. 1963: Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth**

[http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/agenda\\_04/1963-08-10-01\\_e.htm](http://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/ma/agenda_04/1963-08-10-01_e.htm)

# Townhall Speaks

## TO THE AUROVILLE COMMUNITY FROM THE FAMC

Dear Community, we would like to inform you that in our last meeting with the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation on Friday, May 27, she informed us that the Ministry of Education, Auroville's nodal Ministry, had agreed to remove from the Rules of the Auroville Foundation 1997 what she called 'a typo', namely the inclusion of the words "of the Residents' Assembly" after the word "FAMC" in some sections of the Rules.

In doing so, it would be uncontestable that the FAMC is a committee constituted by the Governing Board. The Rules, as they are now, are confusing as the FAMC is defined as a committee constituted by the Governing Board; but certain sections of the Rules speak about 'FAMC of the Residents' Assembly.'

We have replied to the Secretary that we disagree with her interpretation that this is a 'typo' For almost immediately after receiving the Rules of the Auroville Foundation in 1997, the then Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, Mr. N. Bala Baskar, wrote to the Ministry of Human Resource Development with the request to rectify the error and change the definition of the FAMC into: "FAMC means the Funds and Assets Management Committee constituted by Residents' Assembly under sub-section (3) of section 19 of the Auroville Foundation Act." But this has not happened. Ever since 1997, the amendment of the Auroville Foundation Rules has been subject of discussion and letter and email exchange between the HRD Ministry, the Auroville Foundation and the Working Committee, resulting in substantial files. Successive Governing Boards of the Auroville Foundation, including the former Governing Board, have recognized the FAMC as a committee of the Residents' Assembly and have repeatedly requested the HRD Ministry to approve the amended Rules of the Auroville Foundation.

We have also given legal reasons why the position taken by the Secretary is, in our opinion, untenable.

The Government of India is fully entitled to change the Rules of the Auroville Foundation as it may deem fit, in accordance with the Auroville Foundation Act. If our understanding of the Auroville Foundation Act is correct, such changed Rules will first need to be laid before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a period of thirty days – the Parliament may make changes – and afterwards be notified in the Gazette of India. We have informed the Secretary that we await the notification of the changed Rules of the Auroville Foundation in the Gazette of India.

*Sincerely, FAMC, members are: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan*

## FAMC REQUEST TO TDC WRT ASSET DEMOLITIONS, RESIDENTS RELOCATION, PROTOCOLS, ETC.

Dear community, we want to let you know that on 13 May we requested the TDC to meet with us to discuss specifically *asset demolitions, residents relocation, protocols, etc.* On 19 May we followed up with TDC in particular with regards to 2 notifications sent to Hilde & Tency, and Serendipity, and Mukta (all in Center Field), on 15 & 17 May respectively, informing of 'removal' or 'demolition' to be undertaken in the next few days. In our communication to TDC on 19 May we cited the L'avenir d'Auroville 'Application for Demolition NOC' with particular reference to this text in the application, and which we expect to be applied.

*"The FAMC will take into consideration the current economic value of the asset based on which recommendations will be made to the TDC for approval/ rejection of this application."*

We sent a reminder of our request to meet on 25 May. This is for your kind information.

*Regards, FAMC, members are: Amy, Angelo, Jonas, Lisa, Marc, Palani, Ranjith, Stephan*

## DETAILS ABOUT UPCOMING ATDC MEMBER SELECTION

Dear Community, regarding the upcoming selection of the Working Groups, concerning the selection of the ATDC, we have been asked to clarify a few points.

The selection of the ATDC will be based on the TDC Standing Order (SO) 2011. Although another TDC SO was issued in 2019, it still remains to be published in the gazette.

As an Office Order (OO) needs to implement the SO, and as the current interim TDC members were not selected by the RA as is required by the SO 2011, the RA will now select upto 13 members from amongst the residents of Auroville to fill the Functional areas of the TDC; additionally, 1 member is nominated by the GB and 1 member is nominated by the WCom.

The current ATDC members, Anbu and Toby who's term should end on 15 July 2023 as per the OO 491 will be relieved of their position but are still eligible to be selected by the RA, or appointed by WCom or GB.

The TDC as selected by the SO 2011 will be the Interface Team as per the 2017 RA ratified structure of the ATDC and they will appoint the Technical Team. The Council encourages the new Interface Team to employ, at their discretion, any staff presently working with ATDC.

With best wishes for a dynamic and collaborative ATDC team to be selected.

*Kind regards, Auroville Council*

## NOMINATION FOR THE WORKING GROUPS

Dear Community, the Council encourages Aurovilians who understand the importance of participating in the growth and organization of Auroville, to step forward and nominate themselves for one of the 5 Working Groups to be selected in the upcoming selection process. Your service, skills and time are much needed.

The groups for which members will be selected are:

- Auroville Council
- Funds and Asset management committee (FAMC)
- Working Committee
- Entry Board
- Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC)

Please do respond with your nominations to the mass mail from RAS on the Selection Process.

*Warm regards, Auroville Council*

## EDITORS' NOTE: AVWC AND THE WCRA



There is a lot of confusion due to existence of two Working Committees:

- The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly, whose members are Chali, Elisa, Gilles G., Hemant, Juergen A, and Sauro
- Auroville Working Committee, whose members are Anu, Arun, Partha, Srimoyi, Joseba, Selvaraj, and Tine

The information being published by the WCRA and AVWC are often quite contradictory. We publish both for your consideration. *Roy, AgniJata*

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE: TIME OFF

The Entry Service office will be closed for 2 weeks from 23 May to 5 June

## THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Dear Community, we hope that this message finds you well in spite of the challenging times we are collectively going through.

Since the latest decision of the Residents' Assembly on May 10th, and the appointment of our interim members on May 14th, we have been dealing with a number of urgent and sensitive issues which have unfortunately not left much space for communication. These include attempts to take over our office space in Town Hall, FIRs (First Investigation Reports) filed against six Aurovilians including members of the Working Committee, Visa-related issues, the issuing of a Media Release, and some legal matters.

Many of you will have seen the disinformation and energy being put to try and discredit the Residents' Assembly, its processes and us as its Working Committee. It is an uncomfortable and confusing time, but now is the moment – more than ever – to remain united and true to Auroville's spirit.

- **We would like to clarify the following:**

The update of the Register of Residents does not affect the validity of any RA-ratified decision-making process, including the most recent RAD or the selection process being initiated. The Office of the Secretary should indeed keep the register updated, following due process and with appropriate communication and transparency, but this does not have any impact on the functioning of the Residents' Assembly. Residents' Assembly Decisions are taken based on the Master List, which is regularly updated by the Residents' Service. We understand there are concerns amongst many in the community about this topic, notably about the new form that has been circulated by the Office of the Secretary. We will be sharing more information at the earliest. We have also accepted the RAS's invitation to participate in the upcoming General Meeting on the topic of the RoR.

An FIR has been made against six Aurovilians, including three members of the Working Committee. The FIR claims are based primarily on the invalid attempt to intervene in the functioning of the Residents' Assembly. It is very unfortunate that this has extended to attacks on individuals. We are taking the most appropriate actions for legal protection on this matter and will keep the community informed in due time.

The Working Committee has recently issued a media release ([click the link](#)) to address some of the misinformation and allegations being put out by the Foundation Office spokespersons and others.

The admin rights of AuroNet have been handed over to the Secretary's Office and our access for posting information and updates to the community on behalf of the Working Committee, which used to be one of the major tools of our communication, has been removed. We are closely coordinating with FAMC and the Auroville Council to take steps to restore the previous situation.

Our intention and requests to organize a constructive meeting with the Mme Secretary remain. So far, we didn't receive any reply.

We will endeavor to keep you updated on the many sensitive topics we are engaged with as soon as possible.

We have truly appreciated the support shown by residents, and are inspired by the peaceful and healthy responses which have emerged under extreme situations. Let us all continue to make space for a higher synthesis of perspectives, to realize more deeply our unity in diversity.

- We can be contacted on the same email ID: [workingcom@auroville.org.in](mailto:workingcom@auroville.org.in) and the contact number stays the same: 0413 2622143.

*More soon,  
The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly  
Chali, Elisa, Gilles G., Hemant, Juergen A, Sauro*

## AUROVILLE WORKING COMMITTEE: THREE WORKING UPDATES

Dear Aurovilians, we could not reach you these last days as all means of communication were cut and we had been driven out of our office. The locks were changed, also without notice and passwords and keys withheld so that we could no longer access the office, the computers or files if needed. Our posts were removed from AuroNet by the Council's orders.

These are challenging times but also a time of much deeper transition and we thank everyone who has reached out and stood in support, even if a bit shyly, these last days.

In keeping with the community approved PWG clause of removal we informed the RAS of our decision on 27 April, 2022, of removing 3 members from the previous team with the reasons, and to circulate this to the rest of the community as stipulated. <https://auroville.org.in/article/90796>

We have also inducted 3 interim members as stated in the PWG clause and are now a 7 member team working together. It is a balanced group with a good mix of age, genders, nationalities, north and south variations and we are happy to work together to serve Auroville and the Mother's Dream.

The Auroville Foundation has kindly offered the team a temporary space till things get sorted. Meanwhile, we have resumed our regular meetings with the Secretary, Dr Jayanti Ravi from 11 May, 2022

High on the agenda remains the visa issue which needs to be pursued urgently.

The other important point is the filling out of the RoR questionnaire as soon as possible, by all residents, regardless of nationality and many people have already completed this. Please take a few minutes and take the trouble to fill out the forms so that we can conclude this exercise in the next two weeks.

Here is the [link to the googleform](#). The printed version is [attached](#). Copies are also available at the Foundation Office and can be filled out and handed over directly. If you need any help with filling out the questionnaire please write to us at [workingcom@auroville.org.in](mailto:workingcom@auroville.org.in).

We expect to be working every day and will update you on the time and place where you can reach us in the next days.

### Filling the Register of Residents (RoR)

A gentle reminder that everyone takes a little time to [fill out this form as soon as possible](#).

So far 300 completed forms have come in. It should not take too long for all those in the RoR to come forward and complete their forms.

The RoR was last updated in 2005. The sooner we complete this exercise the easier it will be for all our processes to resume.

For those not able to fill the googleform online please download the attached form, fill it out and hand it over at the Foundation. The printed forms are also available at the Foundation reception. You can go there and fill them out directly.

This only applies to those who are already entered in the RoR, confirmed adult Aurovilians over 18 years old.

### Visas

So far, of the 595 applications sent to the Foundation, 554 have received their 5 year visa as recommended by the Working Committee. 37 have received between 1 year to 6 months and 4 people have received a 3 month extension. No visa recommendations have been refused.

Periodic updates can be found on the Auroville Foundation website: [aurovillefoundation.org.in/visa](http://aurovillefoundation.org.in/visa)

Thank you for your patience till things under investigation get sorted out. We will keep you updated regularly.

For urgent queries call: 9843984181

Dear Aurovilians, Here are some new updates:

## Assistance with the Register of Residents

As some people have difficulty in filling out the form due to language, lack of email or other issues or, due to an inability to come to the Foundation office due to health, a few members of the Working Committee and the Foundation are willing to assist and will be visiting communities between 5 to 8pm everyday, where assistance is needed. Till the Working Committee email is restored, please write to us at: [aurovilleworkingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilleworkingcommittee@gmail.com) for assistance. Or call: 9443459067 / 7639810621

Since 2005, a complete update of the RoR has not been done. In 2019 only a little over a 1000 ID cards were issued. 17 years is a long time and many changes have happened since. Some people have left Auroville, have been away for over 5 years, moved to a different community or, passed away. All this needs to be updated.

## Visit of Lieutenant Governor, Pondicherry (Governing Board member)

This afternoon the Working Committee of the Residents Assembly received a brief visit of the Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Auroville Governing Board member). An update on the recent events was shared with her and regarding the work that the team was engaged with. We also conveyed our aspiration for normalizing good relations between all, and to keep working towards Auroville's future according to the Mother's Vision. We were grateful to have her support and firm conviction towards the realization of the Mother's city for the future of humanity.

## Special Gathering

The Lieutenant Governor has generously agreed to attend a gathering of Tamil Aurovilians on Saturday, May 28, from 4 to 7 pm at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas. Aurovilians interested in understanding the present situation and the future growth of Auroville and help in building the city are welcome. The discussion will be in Tamil. The LG will speak on the occasion. All members of Auroville are invited.

*Anu, Arun, Partha, Srimoyi (continuing members)  
Joseba, Selvaraj, Tine (interim members)  
The Working Committee*

## REGISTER OF RESIDENTS (ROR) FORM

Dear Community, we are writing in response to questions we have received about the Register of Residents (RoR) form which the office of the Secretary has circulated to be filled out by all residents.

In our view, although the form circulated by the Office of the Secretary is not in the format as prescribed in the Admission and Termination Regulations, 2020, we suggest people take their own decision to submit or not the form received from the office of the Secretary, as per their own judgment. Disclosure of information beyond what is stipulated in the form presently approved and gazetted (Form 1 of the Admission and Termination Regulations) is purely a voluntary choice and it is not linked to any inclusion or exclusion in the Registry of Residents.

- Find in this link, [the Admission and Termination Regulations, 2020](#).
- Find in this link, [Form 1 of the Admission and Termination Regulations](#).

*The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation*

*Chali Grinnell, Elisa Goëta, Gilles Guigan, Hemant Lamba, Dr Juergen Axer, Sauro Mezzetti."*

The following letter was sent recently to the Office of the Secretary by the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly: ([see the Long Read on Page 23](#))

## RESIGNATION OF AURONET ADMIN AND MODERATOR SUPPORT

Dear Community, this is to inform you that due to the new situation regarding Auronet, Annemarie has resigned as Auronet admin and Julietta, Dan and Martin have resigned from the Auronet moderator support team.

We thank them for their dedicated work.

The Auronet guidelines are no longer upheld.

*Best regards, Auroville Council*

## CRP3C RESOURCE PEOPLE: CONFLICT RESOLUTION POLICY, SECTION 3, COORDINATION

Dear Auroville community, most conflict cases dealt with by the Auroville Council are addressed through processes described in the [Auroville Conflict Resolution Policy](#) (CRP) 2015, such as:

1. Direct conversation between conflicted parties,
2. Mediation/Facilitation and,
3. Arbitration.

However, some cases are considered 'exceptions' under section 3 of the CRP policy and are taken care of by another team, the CRP3C (Conflict Resolution Policy 3 Coordination). These exceptions cover, amongst other things: Violence or threat of violence, Substance abuse (alcohol or drugs), Psychological health issues, Child Protection.

The CRP3C group exists since a few months, interacts regularly through email and WhatsApp groups, meets physically every 2 weeks and comprises the following members: Anandamayi and Indra (AVSST), Dr Saif (Matram), Balaji, Ganesh, Shivaya and Suryan (AVC), Angela, Dan, Divya, Sam and Shaalini (Resources Persons), Honor and Leela (AVCP), Mukta (Facilitation and Meditation Coordination).

Ideally, the team should have a WCom representative/liason as part of CRP3C in future.

In order to address more specifically the 'Psychological health issues' and the support these persons need, the CRP3C is looking for additional Resources Persons that could help with the following tasks:

- Accompany people for daily activities (walking, doing errands, sport, etc.)
- Presence and support through: talking, playing games, entertaining, etc.
- Specific support for seniors
- Healing modalities

**We are looking for people who :**

- Can commit for a given period of time
- Have a capacity to listen with empathy
- Are patient and good-willed
- Are reliable, etc...

As this new kind of 'support' in Auroville would require a specific set of skills (necessary training can be provided), time and commitment, it would be seen as a full or part-time job and support in the form of maintenance can be considered.

If you have time and are interested in this kind of service and work to support community members, please send an email to [Crp3@auroville.org.in](mailto:Crp3@auroville.org.in).

Thank you for your support for the well-being and growth of our community,

*The CRP3C Team  
(in consultation with Auroville Council)*

\* CRP3C – Conflict Resolution Policy, section 3, Coordination

# Community News

## AUROVILLE MATTERS

### PASSING ON

#### Peter Holl

In the late afternoon of Wednesday, 25 May, our long-term pioneer friend and brother Peter Holl passed away in a hospice in Hamburg after coping with cancer for more than a year. He was 74.

Having been part of a Sri Aurobindo study group in Berlin in the very early seventies, 'Peti' as he was called (pronounce Peete), left his job in the banking world, had his father drive him to the autobahn and hitchhiked overland to India, arriving in the Ashram in 1972 where he received Mother's darshan and lived for some time. At the end of the 70s, after a track in the Himalayas which he made with Helmut whom he knew from the Berlin study group, the two came to Auroville and started the community of Grace in 1979 by building the first keet huts and digging a well.

Being passionately in love with homeopathy, Peti qualified himself thoroughly by following schools and courses in various countries and certainly India. Between his many activities – such as football and several long bike hikes with his Aurovilian mountain biker friends in the Himalayas, an occasional theater stint, his lively partnership with Brazilian singer Eliane and walks with Sri M – he functioned as a much appreciated homeopathic therapist, whose calm and subtle healing power and advice touched many. He will be sorely missed.

Peti's sporting life ended by a fall fifteen years ago, severely injuring a shoulder, but after recovery he continued his work as therapist with Auroville's holistic Integral Health center. When visiting his family in 2020, and discovering the onset of his illness, he was most distraught not to be able to return to Auroville because of the covid epidemic. His love and commitment to the Auroville experiment, its yoga and high call was always up front and guided him through the challenge of these last years. As he wrote last month from Hamburg to a close Auroville friend: "My only recipe now is surrender..., surrender, surrender..."

Thank you, dear Peti, for having been with us so long. May you be hiking the spheres with Godspeed till your return to the City of Dawn.

Our warmest condolences go out to his siblings Marianne and Hans, who have closely stood by him these last years.

OM~

#### Bye, Bhaga!

Bhaga, one friend and myself, at the Buenos Aires Port (Argentina) waiting for the boat to go to Uruguay for giving workshops on Mother's work on the cells of the body.

Old companion at the Matrimandir Camp and to so many other Mother's Adventures, in Auroville, in Puducherry, in Uruguay, in Argentina...

Till the next time, dearest sister-friend.

*Within Her Arms and Love,  
Anandi ayun, Certitude*



#### Love and Peace, Peter Holl

Most of us, if not all of us, would remember musicians Eric Clapton and George Harrison. They were the best of friends. But Eric Clapton ran away with George Harrison's wife. Despite this event the two men remained the best of friends.

Well, Peter and I share a similar story. Many decades ago Peter got together with my then wife Eliane. Despite that, our friendship grew stronger over the years. In fact I will forever be in debt to Peter. He saved my life. When I fell ill with malaria and typhoid together, it was his miracle homeopathic medication that made me better. I will never forget that. We were always there for each other.

Peter was a huge positive influence on me. I told him this over the phone just a few weeks ago. He made me a better man. And I mean that from the bottom of my heart.

I will miss you my brother. You are no longer with us in person Peter but your presence will always be felt, and you will never be forgotten.

Thank you for your immense contribution to Auroville's growth. Thank you for everything my brother.

*Love and Peace, Amando*



#### A CALL FOR GOODWILL AND HARMONY

Dear Aurovilians friends, dear all, we, at AVI, have shared the friendship and goals of Aurovilians over the decades and feel deeply part of the great Auroville family. With our hearts and energy, we are happy and feel privileged to participate with you in this great adventure and goal. We fully understand that only Aurovilians can decide on the orientations concerning Auroville's development. It is not in our mandate nor do we wish to intervene in the internal affairs of Auroville nor to take sides with one tendency rather than another. However, as lifelong partners and supporters it seems normal and healthy that we should share concerns at critical stages.

Please be assured that the AVIs members :

- in the vast majority are admirers (and for many disciples and devotees) of Sri Aurobindo and Mother. They know their works and aspire to be open to their action.
- love India, respect its institutions and laws, and have a deep gratitude for the spiritual radiance of India, the only country in the world where the unique experience of Auroville could have been created, and continues to be manifested, and are grateful for the moral and material support that India has provided for The Mother's City of Dawn.
- run centers that continuously bring in substantial support for Auroville projects, growth, and Master Plan land consolidation.
- are deeply attached to the concept of a true international Town aiming at housing 50,000 inhabitants, as defined by Mother. There are several interesting experiences of eco-village and even eco-city around the world, but the project of Auroville is unique and fundamentally different, being a spiritual city aspiring to achieve human unity.
- understand also the sense of urgency, and even the feeling of frustration, felt by several Aurovilians, that the construction of the City has not been accomplished as fast as desired.

Auroville is a symbol and a concentrate of the general world situation, and the crisis that Auroville is going through is part of the spiritual journey of humanity.

If dialogue and harmony can be re-established among Aurovilians, on the basis of goodwill itself and with respect for the institutions, values and ideals of Auroville, apart from any ideological creed, then the influence that Auroville will have on the whole world may be decisive.

That is why I, on my own behalf, encourage the efforts of Aurovilians of all opinions to come together with the goodwill that The Mother wanted as the basis for the spirit and ideals of Auroville to be achieved. May we stand with you all for the goals of harmony, unity, and the fulfillment and flowering of the City of Dawn.

*In Mother's Grace and Love,*

*Christian Feuillet or Pragna  
(name that Champaklal gave to me when I brought  
Sri Aurobindo's relics to Montreal  
Sri Aurobindo Center in 1987)*

*We must give importance to the things that unite and ignore, as much as possible, those that separate.... the union can remain intact and constant if we keep always in mind the essential points and principles which unite, and the Divine Goal, the Realisation which must be the one unchanging object of our aspiration and works. The Mother*

## AWAKENING SPIRIT

### MEDITATION WITH SAVITRI READ BY MOTHER TO SUNIL'S MUSIC

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre – Matrimandir



Every Thursday at Sunset.

During the summer the Meditation is with Mother and Sunil's "New Year Music", before we restart a cycle of Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music.

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music 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.
- Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.
- Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5:45pm.
- Please be seated by 5:55pm.

*Thank you,  
Surya & Amphitheatre Team*

## BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM, JUNE 2022



**BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM**  
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Calendar of regular events of June 2022

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm  
Meditation

7th & 21st, Tuesday 5:30 - 6.30pm, reading  
"The Mother's Questions & Answers- Vol-7"  
in English by Rama Narayana

3rd & 24th, Friday 4:00 - 5:00pm, reading  
"The Sunlit Path"  
in English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi

Talk on Auroville for Newcomers by  
Raman (Center Field, Auroville)  
27th, Monday at 5.00pm

14th, Tuesday at 6:00pm full moon, reciting  
Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra for 30min

No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street Location  
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

kshetram2014@auroville.org.in



## SAVITRI BHAVAN, JUNE 2022



### Exhibitions

- **Meditations on Savitri:** The series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is now on display in the picture gallery
- **Glimpses of the Mother: Photographs and texts** In the Square Hall
- **Sri Aurobindo:** A life sketch in photographs, in the upper corridor

### Films, Mondays at 4pm

- **June 20:** Integral Yoga – Sri Aurobindo & The Mother's vision of Supramental Consciousness and how Haridas Chaudhuri brought it to the West

Haridas Chaudhuri was sent as a representative of the Integral Yoga to the USA.

He speaks about the Renaissance of India and shares his insights into Sri Aurobindo's revolutionary work and spiritual experiences. The 'California Institute of Integral Studies' (CIIS) was founded in 1968. Duration: 55min.

- **June 27:** Meditations on Savitri, Book One – The Book of Beginnings, Canto 4: The Secret Knowledge, Part 1.

King Aswapati has reached a high level of spiritual development and sees yet higher levels before him. He understands that human beings are not only mortal, bound by death and ignorance: a greater existence lives within each of us. Duration: 35min.

### Full Moon Gathering

- **Tuesday, June 14, 7:15 – 8:15pm**  
in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

### Mudra-Chi

- A workshop on Mudra-Chi on **Saturday, June 25 at 5pm** led by Anandi

### Regular Activities

- **Sundays 10.30–12 noon:** Savitri Study Circle
- **Mondays 3-4pm:** Psychic Awakening led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays 3-4pm:** Yoga and the evolution of man led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4-5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Fridays 3-4pm:** Readings of the Mother's commentary on Dhammapada led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Saturdays 3-4pm:** Introduction to Integral Yoga, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Saturdays 4-5:15pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Exhibitions, Main Building and Office** are open Monday to Saturday 9-5
- **Library** is open Monday to Friday 9-5
- **The Digital Library** can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9-4

Welcome to the session on:

## श्रीमद् भगवद्गीता SHRIMAD BHAGAVAD GITA

We will focus on Chapter 5 of the Gita known as  
संन्यासयोगः (The Yoga of the Renunciation of Action)  
with explanation of key Sanskrit shlokas.



Dr. Sampadananda Mishra is a scholar of Sanskrit and Indian culture with over 25 years of dedicated service. He is devotee of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Presently he is working as a Professor at Rashtram School of Public Leadership and Rishihood University, Sonapat.

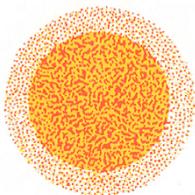


**SATURDAY - 11TH JUNE, 2021**  
**10:30 AM TO 12:00 PM**  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 929 9405 2722**  
**PASSCODE: YOGA**

For questions or registration, please write to:  
[devabhasha@auroville.org.in](mailto:devabhasha@auroville.org.in)  
Warmly, Samskritam Auroville Team

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS TRAINING



SAIER is pleased to offer a 100 hours Physical Education Teachers Training program over a year with the goal of improving the overall quality of physical education in Auroville. The program is for those who are already teaching to develop their skills, as well as for those who are interested in potentially becoming teachers to

form a solid base for their work.

The program is being organized with a volunteer from Portugal who has a PhD IN Sport Science and over 20 years experience in Pedagogical Supervision and training teachers at University level.

The first 45 hours session of the program will take place for three weeks at Dehashakti Sportsground:

**13 June – 3 July, 2022**

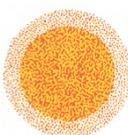
**3 – 6pm, Monday through Friday**

Each day includes one hour of didactics (theory) and two hours of practice. The curriculum includes Integral Education, sports science, curriculum development, session planning, cooperative and competitive games, communication skills and more.

- Please email [saiier@auroville.org.in](mailto:saiier@auroville.org.in) by 6 June to express your interest. This program is free of cost.
- If you are undecided about joining you are welcome to attend the first day (13 June at 3pm at Dehashakti), to see if this program is right for you. *Lijun*

#### FREE BASKETBALL CLASSES TO STUDENTS 10 TO 13 YEARS OLD

**13 – 17 June, 3 – 6pm, Dehashakti**



We are offering 5 days free basketball classes to students aged from 10 to 13 years old at Dehashakti. You will learn and practice some basketball skills and drills from the classes. 13 June – 17 June, 3pm – 6pm, Monday through Friday

- Please email [saiier@auroville.org.in](mailto:saiier@auroville.org.in) by 9 June to express your interest.

Sincerely, Lijun, For SAIER

### THE ARTS

#### CHILD PORTRAIT



I (Roof Studio/Auroville Art Service) offer to draw your baby so that you can keep the memory of his/her first smile forever. My mission is to bring attention to children and their upbringing by my drawing/painting of them. "How to Bring Up a Child?" is an essential question to our society. I do not provide an answer but hope to trigger a public discussion about it. My values are gratitude, humbleness and love.

My work is my impressions of the happy child, not a photo-like picture. I purposely chose smiling kids of an early age as they smile only when they are really happy. I enjoy my work and if you send me a photo of your child between 6 – 18 months of age, I will send you back for free a photo of my work. I will keep the right to exhibit the picture publicly and the copyright to it.

I work with full confidentiality – no information about you or your baby will ever be made public. The photo should have some shadows, no flat light please. You could hold your baby so naturally it will be create shadow from the side of you. And a smile needs to be there.

Please contact me on: [ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk)

**AURODHAN**  
ART GALLERY

**AUROVILLE**

**Aurodhan Art Gallery  
&  
Roof Studio / Auroville Art Service**

Presents

**Exhibition "How to Bring Up a Child"  
Portraits of Children By Ivana Frousova**

Photo Credits Edward Sled

Date: 6 - 11 June 2022

Time: 10am - 6pm

Venue:  
Aurodhan Art Gallery  
33, Francois Martin St.  
Kuruchikuppam  
Puducherry  
605012

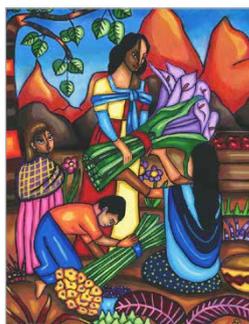
**Statement of Artist**  
"How to Bring Up a Child?" is an essential question to our society. I do not provide an answer but I wish that the physical and emotional needs of all children are met. My values are gratitude, humbleness and love.

Contacts:  
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Roof Studio/Auroville Art Service  
Email: [ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk)  
Mobile: +91 709 4344154

### HONORARY VOLUNTARY

#### GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day from 6am 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),

WA 8525038274 or call  
8122274924.

Looking forward to welcoming you!  
The Sadhana Forest team,  
warmly, Shek

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## WORK OPPORTUNITIES

### HR HUB INITIATIVE



HR Hub Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers who are looking for suitable work to find it, and to help Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions to find the right individuals to step in

### Handyman

A dynamic project is looking for a person to join their team and work together in community with adults and children.

An enthusiastic DIY (Do It Yourself – or handyman/woman), practical, capable of helping to maintain the physical aspects of the campus.

Plumbing/electricity/ masonry/carpentry skills would be an asset, as well as the capacity to oversee maintenance work by external workers. Working closely with adults and children will be a part of the task.

### Service Administrator

Preparation of weekly Agenda for meeting and sharing with concerned parties

Taking meeting notes; finalizing the weekly meeting notes and sharing once approved with the concerned parties; manage Invitees to the meeting (invitations and timings)

managing the e-mail inbox; e-mail liaison with other working groups.

Managing the Google Team Drives; sending out drafts prepared by the members once quorum is achieved; create drafts, as and when assigned by the members; create a two-monthly report to be posted on AuroNet and News & Notes ... plus other extra administration tasks.

- This is a full time position for a full time maintenance.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at [hr\\_hub@auroville.org.in](mailto:hr_hub@auroville.org.in)

## LOOKING FOR

### Looking for german Children's books



Hello Auroville family, my name is Aidan, I turned one in March and I would really love to have some more German children's books to read with my dad! I love all kinds of books! If you have any to give away, my father Shivaji would be more than happy to pick them up for me. You can WA him: 9443438024

Thank you so much, Aidan  
Regards, Mohini Schilling

### Auroville Child Protection and Safeguarding



Safeguarding Children  
Auroville Child Protection

Dear Community, Auroville Child Protection and Safeguarding, (AVCP) is currently **looking for a smartphone** for our AVCP sim card that can support WhatsApp. If you happen to have one lying around that we could have, we would be happy to take it off your hands and/or pay a second hand rate for it.

Thanks! AVCP Team

Contact: [avcp@auroville.org.in](mailto:avcp@auroville.org.in)

or Leela +917094926849

### Needs a Housekeeper

I'm Christine, living in Fertile, looking for an Amma for two days a week. As soon as possible

Contact Christine 9489805493 (I do not speak Tamil) so if you can send a message with your name and tell me that it is for housekeeping work, I can call you back with a Tamil speaking person.

### Looking for House Sitting



Hello, My name is Etsuko. I'm a clean & quiet Yogini Newcomer, looking for a long-term house-sitting.

Please contact me at [etsuko.shimabukuro@gmail.com](mailto:etsuko.shimabukuro@gmail.com)

Thank you, Etsuko

*Editor's note: This image of Yogini is seated base (padmapitha) in sukha-asana pose. She is displaying her right hand in vitarka-mudra and the left is placed on the ground.*



## AVAILABLE

### Are you looking for a nice family dog?



Pepper is house trained and great with (little) children. He is a 1 year old, very happy dog and social with people and dogs. The reason we are looking for a home is because we leave the country. If interested please contact me +919766126866.

Shrutti

### Office Space Available



Dear All, an office space of the size 35 sq m in Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam will be available for rent from the 1 June, 2022. For more details and scheduling a visit, contact us at [research@auroville.com](mailto:research@auroville.com)

Have a great day!

Priyal, Aurosarjan Trust

### Eco Friendly Delivery



I'd like to introduce Bara who owns beautiful white strong bulls and is available to plow, transport building materials, wood, furniture, compost etc at a cost less than a tuck tuck with no pollution noise or otherwise.

Anywhere within the Auroville area. (but he will take a little longer than tuck tuck to deliver!) 24 hours notice preferable. All three of them will be happy to help you.

Bara phone, no/WA 8300730775 for more details and quotations.

Highly recommended. Bryony Spencer

## FOODS, GOODS AND SERVICES

### FREE STORE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Saturday mornings, 9am to 12:30pm



Free store will be open from Monday to Saturday in the mornings only from 9am to 12:30pm, for the months of May and June.

Thanks and Regards, The Free Store team.

**SANTÉ SERVICES IN JUNE 2022**

Crown Road, Phone: (413) 2622803

Email: [sante@auroville.org.in](mailto:sante@auroville.org.in)

Website: <http://sante.auroville.org.in>

**Working Hours**

Monday – Saturday: 8:45 – 12:30pm



**Tests and Sample collection**

- Monday – Friday before 12:00pm.
- No sample collection on Saturday.

**Appointment**

Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment & to check availability of the therapist.	
Doctor consults with Dr. Senthil, <b>Daily</b>	Nursing Care, Ezhil & Thilagam, <b>Daily</b> (No appointment necessary)
Acupuncture with Andres, <b>TOS</b>	Ayurveda with Dr. Berengere <b>Wednesday</b>
Homoeopathy with Michael, <b>Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday</b>	Psychotherapy with Juan Andres, <b>Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Friday</b>
Midwifery & Couples/ Family counselling with Monique, <b>Tuesday</b>	Pregnancy Care & Women’s Wellness with Paula, <b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>
Paediatric Physiotherapy with Swati, <b>TOS</b>	Physiotherapy with Osnat <b>TOS</b>
Physiotherapy with Rebeca, <b>TOS</b>	Physiotherapy and Massage with Galina, <b>Monday – Friday</b>

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

**AUROVILLE EGGS FOR ALL...**



Dear Community, we are writing to you regarding the egg production at AuroOrchard. Our chickens are laying 5500 eggs per week.

Uptil last week, this was easily distributed by foodlink. However, with many people traveling out of Auroville, schools being closed and the recent price increase, we are not able to distribute these eggs in the community.

We request you all to prioritize getting eggs from AuroOrchard or any other Auroville farm. You can place your order at Foodlink or directly with us by sending us an email at [auroorchard@aurovill.org.in](mailto:auroorchard@aurovill.org.in).

Please also share with us if you have any suggestions on how to deal with this problem.

*Thank you for your support  
In service, Auroorchard team*

**TERRASOUL FARMERS MARKET**

Friday’s from 9 to 12:30pm

Terrasoul farm market on Friday’s from 9 to 12 30pm. Fresh vegies and fruits.

- Saturdays farm tour at 12pm and community vegan Tamil lunch. Booking is needed

• [terrasoul@auroville.org.in](mailto:terrasoul@auroville.org.in), 9443434182 (WA, Telegram).

*Thanking you, Juan*

**LATEST NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL SHOP**

**Important notice for International Travelers:** Please know in detail which documentation regarding Covid regulations are required for your travel.



**Our Travel Consultant Mr. Ganesh** is available at Kalpana for issuing, rescheduling for all kind of ticketing Bus, Train, Flights and travel insurance which includes a Covid 19 Cover:

*This policy covers Medical Expenses arising out of Covid-19 outside India, including Medical Expenses incurred during Quarantine period subject to the policy terms and conditions. Accommodation and non-medical incidental expenses arising during Quarantine period stand excluded.*

**Contact:**

- One can meet him from 10:00 to 16:00,
- by phone 2623030 or / and by WA after office timings: +91 9894598686,
- by e-mail: [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in) or [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com).

All payments (including Credit / Debit cards use) should be routed via the Financial Service.

- **Effective 15 June, Air Austral** will operate a second flight every Wednesday from Chennai to French Reunion Island. This will be in addition to their existing flight every Saturday from Chennai to Reunion Island and onwards to Mauritius, Seychelles, Johannesburg, Madagascar, Mayotte and more.
- **Chennai to Reunion flights** are operated by Airbus A220-300, Air Austral’s latest-generation aircraft with two Cabins – Premium Economy and Economy Class.
- **Enjoy the promo fare** valid for ticket issuance till 05-June.

**AUROMODE HIVE OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, 4 June, from 10am to 5pm

Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House on Saturday, 4 June, from 10am to 5pm. We will have free internet! All are welcome to try out our coworking space, Free of Charge!!!

**Auromode Hive**  
Coworking space

20% Off Aurovillians Newcomers Volunteers

Hi-Speed internet Fully AC Conference room Video projector Color printing Self serv. Kitchen

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**Auromode Hive Team**

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## AUROVILLE TELEPHONE SERVICE (AVTS) ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2021 - MARCH 2022

BSNL had given copper connections maintenance to Navitel in May 2020 on contract, and their services turned out to be very poor. Under these circumstances, Auroville Telephone Service participated in the national level open bidding in July 2021 for the above-mentioned service. After several careful studies we were selected in the bidding, and subsequently work order was issued in Oct. 2021. We are now an authorized body to maintain the connections from the main distribution frame (exchange) till users' end. The payments for this work will be made against the number of connections maintained at Auroville Exchange.

In September 2020, AVTS was appointed as BSNL Fibre Service Partner to provide fibre optic connections. With Aurinoco's technical support and collaboration, AVTS is providing fibre connections work in Auroville. This enables us to phase out dilapidated copper cable connections in the city area. Payments for this work are credited to AVTS every month by BSNL. It is to be noted that this amount should be used for our fibre connections bill payment only. To maintain transparency, and for better administration we have made a request to BSNL to adjust our revenue share from the monthly consolidated bill payment. This request is in the process, and we expect a favorable answer.

Through other BSNL franchises, connections are made available to remote communities in the greenbelt where the community fibre cable has not been laid.

At BSNL exchange, one telecom technician is available in the day time and on need-basis during the night time. This maintenance allows for uninterrupted connections in the Auroville city area. We are exploring the possibility of bringing the exchange building under our management so that its premises can be used both by AVTS and Aurinoco in the future.

This year, 3 new copper connections, 4 broadband connections in copper, 231 new fibre optic connections, 1 shift, and 184 plan changes were facilitated. Now, totally we have 509 fibre connections, 188 connections given through our franchise and 321 connections given through other franchises. In copper 331 connections with ADSL broadband and 524 connections with voice only.

We keep changing the current plan to available cheaper plans with high speed and more data to reduce our monthly payments to BSNL. Since 2018, we have been practicing this, and now our average payment to BSNL Rs. 9.7 lakh/month.

In March 2022, at Town Hall, a BSNL tower with 3G antenna was added and it is working very well. It is expected that before October 2022 4G antennas will be added in the exchange tower as well in Town Hall tower for better coverage.

### Financial Details

Income (₹ Average Per Month)	
10% Group Billing discount	105416
BSNL fibre service partner work (Receivable from BSNL)	26998
Service charges / others	39659
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172073</b>
Expenses (₹ Average Per Month)	
Employee cost	135458
Community fibre cable network maintenance (Payable to Aurinoco)	26998
Administration and Maintenance of BSNL infrastructure cost	16900
<b>Total</b>	<b>179356</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>7283</b>

**Note:** On 18 April 2022 we have received Rs. 2, 13, 295/- from BSNL for copper cable maintenance & fault attending services in AV exchange for the period of October 2021 to January 2022. This payment is against the number of connections maintained at AV exchange.

### OPEN HOUSE AT ECO FEMME

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am

eco femme

washable cloth pads

Dear friends, join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every Thursday morning from 10:30am.

Come and learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not-for-profit programs and pick up discounted cloth pads, cups and cloth nappies. See you soon!



The Eco Femme Team

## Voices and Notes

### AUROVILLE RADIO



Dear Aurovilians, please check the latest podcasts of your favourite radio! Stay tuned!

[Here you can listen](#) to the stream channel (playing 24/7).

[Here you can see](#) on-air schedules.

### Last published podcasts

- [Audible Weed Walk – Ep.82 “Celebrating the spirit of the Girmitiyas, our African cousins”](#) (Food Education)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering – ep.55](#) (Literature)

...and more! on [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org)

Please help us to relocate the radio!  
Donate to F.A. number 251369

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

Peace and Love

### POETRY

#### WHO HOLDS SWAY

Who holds sway  
In the world?

The swing sways  
High and low  
As the child

Kicks off ground  
Let go of fear, and  
Let out cries of joy.

∞

Till the heartland  
Till it becomes  
The Homeland.

With joyful Gratitude, Anandi Zhang

VERSOS DE VERANO / SUMMER VERSES

Verano verde	Summer green
Silencio	Sunday
de domingo	Silence
y alas.	and wings.

Anandi ayun, Certitude

LOTUS IN THE MUD

Abandon All Hope  
 Ye Who Enter Here  
 So reads the sign  
 On the door to Hell

In every Ice Age  
 In every cold night  
 In every cold war  
 In every cold bed  
 In every cold heart  
 Who has not known  
 The stench of such Hell  
 And the strangulating knots  
 Of Hopelessness?

Trudging in such dungeons of despair  
 Where does one see a ray of light  
 Or hear a faint whisper  
 Of consolation  
 Or feel the warmth  
 Of a passing embrace?

Again and again  
 On the convoluted perches  
 Of fear and uncertainty  
 On unmade beds and crushed pillows  
 Of Broken Hearts  
 And Broken Bones  
 Of Broken Promises  
 And Broken Dreams

Hope languishes  
 Like an abandoned orphan  
 Making all Black Holes  
 Seem as our inevitable destiny  
 And our suffocating desolation  
 As our only fraternity.

Yet, miraculously  
 Grace descends  
 On our benighted earth  
 On our crooked hearts  
 On our tortuous thoughts  
 On our parched lips  
 On our wanton feet

It is Mother Ganga  
 Descending from the Heavens  
 With her breasts  
 Brimming with milk  
 Bringing life and hope  
 To the thirsty  
 And the parched

Here, below.

From behind  
 Thick broken clouds  
 A million fireflies  
 Swarm the dark forest  
 And in unison they glow

Suddenly, it is dark no more

Tell me, O Wanderer  
 Is it merely some stray light  
 Of a distant meteor  
 A million light years away?  
 Or, is this the glow of Hope  
 In the muck of life  
 Down here, below?

O Pilgrim to this Blessed Earth  
 There is no Hell  
 Only a forgotten  
 Veiled

Lost Paradise  
 Waiting to be discovered

In every impenetrable mole  
 Tiny little flowers are floundering  
 To shoot forth from every crack

From every throat  
 Heavenly music is waiting to burst out  
 From every hole  
 Of every flute

O Pilgrim, Go  
 Go down that cankerous  
 Rabbit Hole  
 A Wonderland lies awaiting

An Alice  
 In every role.

In every crevice  
 There is a path to freedom  
 At every door  
 Bells are ringing

Awake  
 Awake, O Sleeper  
 The Ocean is churning  
 The great waves arise

See how Mohini is emerging  
 With a chalice of Amrit  
 She is Savitri  
 She is Sarasvati  
 She is Lakshmi

And, You, Satyavan, are immortal  
 You are forever

Awake, awake O Sleeper  
 The Sun has risen  
 In the City of Dawn  
 There is light everywhere  
 It is the Sun of Hope  
 It is the Light

Of Eternal Hope  
 Scattering seeds of Hope  
 Everywhere  
 In every crack  
 In every hole  
 In every crooked heart  
 In every sleepy soul  
 If such an indistinct parched seed  
 In such dark dingy waters  
 Can become such a beautiful lotus  
 What might not you and I,  
 My Love  
 Become  
 In our journey to the Sun!

Sehdev Kumar

### SRI AUROBINDO ON INTERNATIONALISM

The idea of humanity as a single race of beings with a common life and a common general interest is among the most characteristic and significant products of modern thought. It is an outcome of the European mind which proceeds characteristically from life-experience to the idea and, without going deeper, returns from the idea upon life in an attempt to change its outward forms and institutions, its order and system. In the European mentality it has taken the shape known currently as internationalism. Internationalism is the attempt of the human mind and life to grow out of the national idea and form and even in a way to destroy it in the interest of the larger synthesis of mankind...



The idea of internationalism was born of the thought of the eighteenth century and it took some kind of voice in the first idealistic stages of the French Revolution. But at that time, it was rather a vague intellectual sentiment than a clear idea seeing its way to practice; it found no strong force in life to help it to take visible body. What came out of the French Revolution and the struggle that grew around it, was a complete and self-conscious nationalism and not internationalism. During the nineteenth century we see the larger idea growing again in the minds of thinkers, sometimes in a modified form, sometimes in its own pure idealism, till allying itself with the growing forces of socialism and anarchism it took a clear body and a recognisable vital force. ... It is founded on a view of things which looks at man in his manhood only and casts away all those physical and social accidents of birth, rank, class, colour, creed, nationality, which have been erected into so many walls and screens behind which man has hidden himself from his fellow-man; he has turned them into sympathy-proof shelters and trenches from which he wages against him a war of defence and aggression, war of nations, war of continents, war of classes, war of colour with colour, creed with creed, culture with culture. All this barbarism the idea of the intellectual internationalist seeks to abolish by putting man face to face with man on the basis of their common human sympathy, aims, highest interests of the future. It is entirely futurist in its view; it turns away from the confused and darkened good of the past to the purer good of the future when man, at last beginning to become a truly intelligent and ethical being, will shake away from him all these sources of prejudice and passion and evil. Humanity will become one in idea and feeling, and life be consciously what it now is in spite of itself, one in its status on earth and its destiny.

The height and nobility of the idea is not to be questioned and certainly a mankind which set its life upon this basis would make a better, purer, more peaceful and enlightened race than anything we can hope to have at present.

Sri Aurobindo, *SABCL vol. 25, The Ideal of Human Unity*, pp.548-9, Submitted by Paulette

### THE ONLY TRUE ESCAPE

*"The only true escape is a change of consciousness, a change into a greater, wider and purer way of being, and a life and action based upon that change. It is therefore to that that the energies must be turned, once the spiritual orientation is complete. This implies no contempt, but the preference of the only effective means over those which have been found ineffective,"*

Sri Aurobindo

On the progressive issues necessary for the individual and collective implementation and manifestation of the Vision and Work of Auroville's founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

Auroville already has a Governing Board, appointed by the current Government of Mother India, that has behind them thousands years of legacy in the form of governance known as [Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam](#) and [Sanātana Dharma](#)\*. For the residents who have come to Auroville to live here, a clear reminder:

*"But to live in Auroville, one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness."*

We were not invited to come here by our founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to dabble in politics or to continue with the old, conventional ways of man. We were invited to do Yoga with the Divine as willing servitors, towards a Life Divine on Earth beyond all human conventions. Taking care of the essentials needed by our current animal-human body, such as food, shelter, clothing, education, work, social activities and other basic needs, is only an obvious necessity. For the rest, stand down and leave the essential governance of the City of Dawn to the Governing Board in continuing to modernise and build the environment suitable for all aspiring Yogins attracted by the Vision and Work of our founders. [The current Chairman of the Governing Board](#) and the [Secretary of the Governing Board](#) have already made that clear in their recent address.

It is no coincidence that the Governing Board and International Advisory Council, appointed by the Government of Mother India, are legal parts and parcel of the Auroville Foundation, including the Resident's Assembly. If you have the skills and capacity to help with the governance, then collaborate and co-create, with the intent of propagating the Dharma. Otherwise concentrate on the Integral Yoga, or whatever spiritual path that leads one to the union and identification with the Divine.

Of course, in the evolutionary integral perspective of contrasting yet complementary acts, each individual is always playing one's unique role in the grand scheme of keeping the balance and harmonisation of things and events, with the relative acknowledgement of reaping the karmic effects of one's unconscious actions in conjunction with non-karmic divinely guided actions towards a diviner future.

Here's Sri Aurobindo for further guidance, amongst many easily available others, to the truly aspiring Aurovilians for a Life Divine for all:



## Chapter Two. Qualities Needed for Sadhana Indispensable Qualities

It goes without saying that the qualities you speak of are helpful in the approach to the spiritual path, while the defects you enumerate are each a serious stumbling-block in the way. Sincerity especially is indispensable to the spiritual endeavour, and crookedness a constant obstacle. The sattvic nature has always been held to be the most apt and ready for the spiritual life, while the rajasic nature is encumbered by its desires and passions. At the same time, spirituality is something above the dualities, and what is most needed for it is a true upward aspiration. This may come to the rajasic man as well as to the sattvic. If it does, he can rise by it above his failings and desires and passions, just as the other can rise beyond his virtues, to the Divine Purity and Light and Love. Necessarily this can only happen if he conquers his lower nature and throws it from him; for if he relapses into it, he is likely to fall from the path or at least to be, so long as the relapse lasts, held back by it from inner progress. But for all that the conversion of great sinners into great saints, of men of little or no virtue into spiritual seekers and God-lovers has frequently happened in religious and spiritual history – as in Europe St. Augustine, in India Chaitanya's Jagai and Madhai, Billwamangal and many others. The house of the Divine is not closed to any who knock sincerely at its gates, whatever their past stumbles and errors. Human virtues and human errors are bright and dark wrappings of a divine element within which once it pierces the veil, can burn through both towards the heights of the Spirit.

Humility before the Divine is also a sine qua non of the spiritual life, and spiritual pride, arrogance, or vanity and self-assurance press always downward. But confidence in the Divine and a faith in one's spiritual destiny (i.e. since my heart and soul seek for the Divine, I cannot fail one day to reach Him) are much needed in view of the difficulties of the Path. A contempt for others is out of place, especially since the Divine is in all. Evidently, the activities and aspirations of men are not trivial and worthless, for all life is a growth of the soul out of the darkness towards the Light. But our attitude is that humanity cannot grow out of its limitations by the ordinary means adopted by the human mind, politics, social reform, philanthropy, etc., – these can only be temporary or local palliatives. The only true escape is a change of consciousness, a change into a greater, wider and purer way of being, and a life and action based upon that change. It is therefore to that that the energies must be turned, once the spiritual orientation is complete. This implies no contempt, but the preference of the only effective means over those which have been found ineffective."

*Sri Aurobindo, Letters on Yoga, Volume II,  
Part One: The Path of the Integral Yoga*

[https://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37\\_28/02\\_002\\_e.htm](https://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/37_28/02_002_e.htm)

\* Sri Aurobindo's Uttarpara Speech on this day in history  
30 May 1909

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## CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & HEALING ARTS

### WORKSHOP THE ART OF CHI

13 – 17 June, Monday to Friday, 7:30 – 10:30am.



Tai Ji Quan & Chi with Hans. Open to all.  
@ Dehashakti & Budokan Dojo.

For info contact Hans

- WA 8110848123 or
- [bodyawareness@auroville.org.in](mailto:bodyawareness@auroville.org.in)

Hans

## CREEVA: WEEKLY ADVENTURE



### CREEVA

CREEVA is very excited to announce a weekly adventure that will be available **June/ July/ August**. It's teacher, Kumud our volunteer has taught fundamentals of design for five years and is a graduate of The National Institute of Fashion Technology in Hyderabad. He is interested in introducing us to Visual literacy. When he showed CREEVA artists of the width and depth of his teaching we thought we'd like to take his classes. Kumud insists these classes are for those who think they have no visual creativity or visual literacy and those who know they do.

Together we have organized his classes: 3 days a week. You can choose either of 3 days:

- Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 3 – 5pm or
- Tuesday/ Thursday/ Saturday 9:30 – 11:30am.

From 16 on up any age, towards contribution, all materials are provided.

Sign up for the first week in June or any of the weeks in June and July to start to see if this adventure "draws" you, then take the classes as long as you want.

#### Information and to sign-up:

- Sathya, 9486145072
- Kumud, 7592805013
- Audrey, 9489408358, 2622641

*With happy expectations and love, CREEVA*

## PITANGA



(0413)2622403/ 9443902403

[pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

## Yoga and Care for pregnant women

We are welcoming Camilla in our team. Camilla followed her 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training course with Bala Yoga School in 2020. Since then, she is teaching online and offline in different places of Auroville and now in Pitanga.

### Vinyasa Yoga: Tuesdays, 7:30 – 8:30am, Drop-in class



In this class we will always start with a full body warm-up, Pranayama (breath work) following with a standing and sitting Asanas and ending with a cool down sequence and final relaxation, letting the body take in all the benefits from the practice.

### Prenatal Yoga: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Prenatal yoga helps you prepare for childbirth, labor and most important connects you with the baby/babies inside of you. In the 1 hour we would be practicing breath work, stretches and strengthening of the legs (needed for labor) ending with a final relaxation for you and the baby.

Interested pregnant women are invited to contact Camilla first before coming to class: +91 97875 22192

- If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: [pitanga@auroville.org.in](mailto:pitanga@auroville.org.in)

**ARKA WELLNESS CENTER  
& MULTIPURPOSE HALL**  
Regular activities, June 2022



**VÉRITÉ JUNE MONTH SCHEDULE**  
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**Treatments**

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacolouring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 9600094875, +353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina, 9791719387, +393462258049 (WA)	Monday to Friday, Morning
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques	Mukta, 9655422346	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry Also in French	Antarijyoti: 0413 2623767, <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a>	Monday to Sunday

**Classes**

Classes	With Whom	When
Acro Yoga	Damien- 9047722740	Monday to Saturday
Pilates	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30-8:30am. Wednesday 4:15pm Friday 5:30pm, Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30-8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5-6:30pm.
Qigong yang Style	Marco, 9600094875, +353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Saturday, Appointment, 8:30 to 9:30am

**Classes (drop-in session) :**

**Nataraj Dance Meditation – with Nirmal**  
Saturdays, from 5 to 6:30pm

Nataraj represents the energy of dance; dance becomes meditation when the mind dissolves and only the dance remains, when the 'doer' disappears and embodiment manifests. These 60-minute sessions follow Osho's Nataraj Meditation format, with enhancement of the soundtrack using live improvised instrumental music. The soundtracks are varied and live music is created to offer new experiences in every session.

**Therapies (prior appointment required) :**

**Heart-Centered Resilience – with Susan**

Learn simple, heart-focused skills that help self-regulate your body's response to stress and build resilience. These scientifically validated tools have been proven to increase wellbeing, personal and professional performance and quality of life. Best learned in a series of three 60 – 90 minute sessions.

- By appointment: +91413 2622 606, +917867805812 (WA), [treatments@verite.in](mailto:treatments@verite.in)

**VIBRATIONAL SOUND BATH: RELAX – RETUNE – RECHARGE**

Experience deep meditation, tranquility and self-healing



invoked by harmonious resonating sounds of the unique musical instrument from Russia, which transmits the message of Love and Oneness.

Silent listening to the play of resonances induces a state of quietness in the mind, peace in the heart and happy relaxation in the body. Base tones of the Russian Singing bells create space for deep psychological experience and help to reset the whole system to its original equilibrium, bringing the sense of completeness, centering and integration. Led by Vera and Ashesh Joshi, 15 years of experience in Auroville and internationally.

- Duration 1h30.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday at 3pm,
- Saturday at 11am and 2pm.

Individual, family and group sessions on request at other timings. Limited number of participants.

Kindly Book: [ph/WA/Telegram 9489147202](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/00299a11111111111111), 9486247202

**SOUND CHAKRAS HEALING**

Guided vibrational sound journey using Chakra mantras, Tibetan bowls and Tuning forks to help to Reduce Stress. Anxiety. Depression. Stimulating the natural cellular healing process. Rebalancing the emotions & Reconnecting with your true essence.



- Individual Sessions
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- Group Sessions (max 4 people)

*A For appointments, please contact: Lakshmi, +918489764602, [lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:lakshmiprem369@gmail.com)*

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### Peter Holl

Our dear colleague for the past 25 years has gone home, after a prolonged battle with cancer. Peter had been giving over 35 years of service to Auroville community offering homeopathic treatment to Aurovilians – always keen to study, and improve his practice. Peter was associated with Dr. Sankaran from the 80s, and Sigrid joined him in his yearly visits to international Homeopathic conferences in Mumbai at the end of the 90s. Michael Z. built up Quiet HealingCenter, and Peter worked there, after 20 years of offering homeopathy at the Auroville Health Centre. In 2005 Peter joined me at Integral Health, and we spent decades studying together, learning from each other's work, and taking up homeopathic research work together. Malar learned a lot from Peter in the last years, and Malars keen observation skills, and passionate study of homeopathy starts to give great results.

Peter was there with us, quietly, without "taking up space", but with the eye and ear to capture the essentials. We lose a dear friend, a closely collaborating colleague and wise teacher. We miss him dearly.

### Aqua Terra – Water of Unity

We are offering Aqua Terra, a homeopathic remedy prepared from the water from 324 water sources on Auroville's 50th Birthday. We invite all interested to meet on Saturday 15th January 11am at Integral Health, to share the research as well as potential benefits for Auroville community. All are welcome to pick up Aqua Terra C 200 and C 1000 from our remedy box in the waiting area.

*Sigrid offers therapeutic consultancy since 1997, special focus on constitutional homeopathic remedies for chronic diseases, migraine, autoimmune diseases, and treatment of children incl special needs children and behavioral issues.*

*Malar offers consultancy in Tamil, as well as First Aid Remedies and PC remedies.*

- **First Aid Kits with 32 remedies** are available, description in English, French, German and Tamil are available. Please contact us if you would like to learn how to use homeopathy for First Aid.

Available from our remedy box in the waiting area, 24-7, for free:

- PC Shock Trauma, PC Allergy, PC Diabetes, PC High Bloodpressure etc. and 70 more PC remedies for trauma, as well as chronic diseases are available. Benefits are well established – no side effects.
- Harmony and Samata, remedies related to Mothers and Sri Aurobindo energy, which can enhance meditation, and support healing.
- **Consultations** are free for Aurovilians and newcomers, from others donations are welcome. Consultations are generally held in English, French, German, and Tamil
- Malar is managing the office, the FirstAidKits and PC remedies, **daily Mondays to Fridays 9 – 12:30am**,

You are welcome to contact us at [integralhealth@auroville.org.in](mailto:integralhealth@auroville.org.in) to enquire about the most suitable approach for your health or psychological issue.

**Integral Health, Prayatna 2623669**  
Central building 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Sigrid, [sigrid@auroville.org.in](mailto:sigrid@auroville.org.in)

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## HOLISTIC: HEALING AND CONSCIOUSNESS



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or e-mail: [contact@auroville-holistic.com](mailto:contact@auroville-holistic.com)

### Schedule: June 2022

- **Ashtanga Yoga Classes, Mysore style**, with Christine P.
  - Monday/Wednesday/Friday Saturday
  - From 6 June, at 7:30am

For beginners, advanced students. The teaching is adapted to each one and his (or her) own issue (So you can join even if you have physical issue)

- **Hypnotherapy** with Christine P. Any time on appointment, last 2h: Hypnosis, healing purpose / regression.
- **Workshop: De-stress your mind with Scientific Sound & meditation.** Tuesday & Thursday at 4pm, Saturday & Sunday at 11am. Last 1h15 min. For the purpose of deep relaxation.
- **Health & Life Coaching** with Christine P., on appointment. Our days for open consultation will be Monday/Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Improve work performance & qualities. Goal setting, relationship issues, etc. Healing purpose.
- **Health & consciousness program** with Christine P. & Mradul J. Contact us for details and appointment. Involvement in the therapy and advises given are required. Talk one to one session/CBT/NLP/Meditation/Systemic Therapy.
  - Looking for your next step in your life?
  - Difficulty to make a choice or take decisions.
  - Suffering from panic attack, anxiety, sleeping disorder, depression, etc.
  - Anyone, who wants to enhance his (or her) relationships, etc.
- **AMI: Analysis of multiple Intelligence** with Mradul J., on appointment basis. 1<sup>st</sup> appointment last 20 min: to take the finger print. 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment is for the counseling (1h). Scientific way to discover your hidden talent and potential.
- **Acupressure therapeutic massage** with Christine P. Any time on appointment. Lasts 1h30 min. For any health issue or emotional blockage. Rebalancing the energy and harmonization of the chakra.



**NEWS FROM  
AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB**



Please remember to put your mobile phones on flight mode and switch off all wireless and bluetooth devices before you enter the lab, since it is a wireless-free space

**The Language Lab's Opening Hours**

Monday – Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Saturday: 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Location: International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

Phone: (0413) 2623 661, 4036920/22.

Email: [info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org)

Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab  
Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

**Spanish Conversation with Mila**

There is still space for more students in Spanish Conversation Classes (Intermediate) with Mila! This course began on 19 April 2022 and is for students who already know a bit of Spanish and would like to hone their conversational skills. Join now!

- **Classes take place** Tuesdays & Fridays from 3:45pm to 5pm, for 2 months.

**Elementary Italian with Davide**

Davide's Italian Course commenced on 1 April 2022. You are still welcome to join the course in case you know a bit of Italian and would like to hone your language skills. You will be provided with all the support and material from Davide to catch up!

- **Classes take place** Wednesdays & Fridays, 4pm to 5pm, for 3 months.

**Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan**

Our teacher, Murugesan is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil Course, as soon as we have a minimum of 4-5 students

- **Classes will take place** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4pm to 5pm, for 3 months.

**To join or enquire:**

Please [fill out our form](#). You may also drop us an email at [info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org), or call us at 2623661 or come visit us!

- **Please Note** Registration (correct contact details on our database, plus payment/contribution) is important when joining a course with us. Please see our team member at the front desk to ensure this is complete before joining a course, thank you!



**Current Schedule of Classes**

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English Always Ongoing	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am – 11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate, Group 2	10:15am – 11:15am	Wednesday & Friday
	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate, Started on 25 May 2022	02:30pm – 03:30pm	Wednesday & Friday
French	Beginner, Started on 18 April 2022	03:15pm – 04:15pm	Monday & Thursday
	Elementary, Started on 11 April 2022	02:00pm – 03:00pm	
German	A1 Beginner, To start on 15 June 2022	9am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, Started on 23 April 2022	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started on 4 March	09:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start June	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, Started on 3 March 2022	02:30pm – 04:30pm	Thursday
Spanish	Beginner-Advanced, Started on 22 March	02:30pm – 03:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
	Spanish Conversation, Started on 19 April	03:45pm – 05:00pm	
Japanese	Beginner-Advanced, Started on 11 March	02:00pm – 04:00pm	Friday
Italian	Elementary, Started on 1 April 2022	04:00pm – 05:00pm	Wednesday & Friday

**Summer Language Courses at ALL**

**New: German with Verena**

Great news for German Learners!

Verena will soon start a new A1 Beginner German Course! Verena has been trained through the Max Mueller Bhavan, Chennai/ Goethe Institute, and she brings a variety of interactive tools and offbeat approaches to her classes. We have always got fabulous feedback on her course! By the end of it, you would be able to carry out simple conversations in German like introducing yourself, talking about your work, your family, your hobbies, and ask & answer questions about everyday things like shopping, restaurants, holidays, etc. No previous knowledge of German is needed for this course!

- **Classes will take place** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9am to 10:30am. From 15 June to 15 September. Register soon! Limited spaces.

**New: French with Jean-François Claude**

We have exciting news for French Learners!

After waiting many months to be able to come to Auroville, language-enthusiast & training expert, Jean-François Claude is finally here, with his wife, Sylvie. He will be a long-term volunteer with us for a whole year! Jean-François is immensely excited to interact with all the different cultures of Auroville while helping students & learners access the French language and culture. Mother gives a special place to French, alongside English, simplified Sanskrit, and Tamil as the four main languages of Auroville. In a 1966 note, she wrote: "The working language in the Auroville office will be French, and those who do not know French must learn it." Here's a perfect opportunity to learn this beautiful language!

Starting mid-May, Jean-François will offer group courses at all levels, and will be conducting the two currently ongoing courses. He is happy to provide private classes as well as ten-to-twenty-day intensives. We'll probably run several batches, so that students can progress from one level to the other through the year. For the intermediate and advanced students, Jean-François is very happy to offer courses in French literature, in addition to Conversational French.

- **Enquire now to join!** In case you have any queries, Jean-François is available to meet Mondays & Fridays at the Lab between 10am and 12noon.

**New: English Conversation with Ramesh**

Our long-term volunteer, Ramesh, is ready to take your English-speaking skills to a new level. Yoga trainer, YouTuber, and Excel expert, Ramesh brings a range of experiences to his classes. Starting mid-May, he will offer English Conversation Classes for students who already know a bit of English.

- **Classes will take place** Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30am to 10:30am. Enquire now to join!

CINEMA

ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at 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.

**\*\*Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00:)

Friday 10 June: Re-greening the desert

2012 / 47 minutes / John D. Liu

For more than 15 years, cameraman and ecologist John D. Liu has been working on his worldwide mission to green deserts and to restore biodiversity.

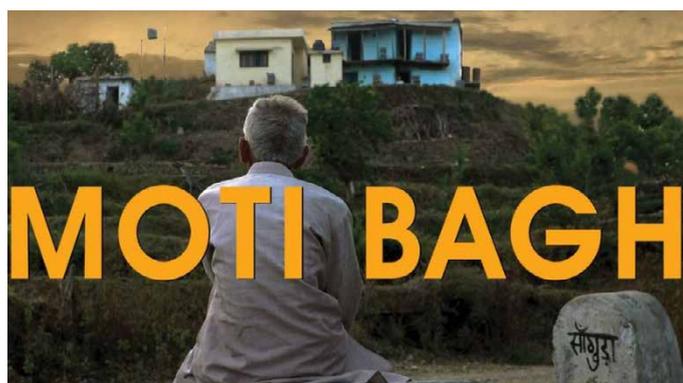
It all started in 1995 when Liu filmed the Loess-plateau in China. He witnessed a local population who turned an area of almost the same size as The Netherlands from a dry, exhausted wasteland into one green oasis. This experience changed his life. From that moment on, Liu has been travelling all over the world to convince and inspire government leaders, policy-makers and farmers with his film material and knowledge. Liu diligently spreads the message that restoration of ecosystems is not only possible, but also economically very meaningful.

Backlight accompanies Liu on his mission in Jordan and shows on the basis of Liu's own film material that a green future is possible worldwide.

AVFF2022 THURSDAY AT CINEMA PARADISO

9 June, Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall, 8pm

There will be a public screening of a feature film from the Auroville Film Festival 2022. It will be screened on Thursday, June 9 at Cinema Paradiso, Town Hall from 8pm onwards:



Moti Bagh

2019, India, Documentary, Hindi, 1hr

83 year old Vidyadutt Sharma holds the record for growing the heaviest radish in India, weighing 23 kgs. He now aims to beat the world record of 31kgs.

Over the last five decades, he has built up Moti Bagh, his 5 acre farm, in a small Himalayan village in northern India. Around him lie 7000 ghost villages, left to die, with no one to till the land – a chilling testimony to large scale migration by locals in search of employment in the cities.

With no manpower at their disposal, the few locals employ Nepali labor. But there is unease because of this dependence and the growing influence of the Nepalis. As market forces exert pressure, family dynamics also change. Vidyadutt's journalist son, Tribhuvan, lives and works in Pauri, a large town 35kms from Moti Bagh. His two children wish to chase their own dreams in the metros.

Vidyadutt Sharma, farmer, activist and poet, chronicles the changing landscape in verses of resistance. As he and Ram Singh, his Nepali farmhand, plough the fields to keep a dream called Moti Bagh alive, we wonder if it will ever return to its old glory.

Screenings/ Awards:

- Oscar Entry nominated 2019,
- India Best Long Doc, Idsffk, Kerala 2019
- Special Jury Mention, Cms Vatavaran 2019.

**Director, Writer:** Nirmal Chander Dandriyal

**Producer:** Psbt / Doordarshan

**Cast:** Vidyadutt Sharma



Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

Cavale/On The Run: Friday 10 June, 8pm

On Fridays, 10, 17 & 24 June Aurofilm will present 3 films: "Trilogy" by Belgium film director Lucas Belvaux:

- "Cavale/On the Run",
- "Un couple épatant/An Amazing Couple"
- "Après la vie/After the Life"

Cavale/On The Run

Written and directed by Lucas Belvaux, Belgium, 2003  
With: Lucas Belvaux, Catherine Frot, Dominique Blanc, Ornella Muti, Gilbert Melki, Patrick Descamps

**Synopsis:** A thriller, the film tells its story in stark, often wordless scenes. Bruno Le Roux, a former leftist revolutionary has escaped from prison and goes in search of old cohort Jeanne who is living a new life as a teacher, wife and mother. He is also looking for Jacquillat, a drug dealer whose double cross sent him to prison...

This film is actually the second installment of the Trilogy series. It would 'normally' be preceded by Un couple épatant/An Amazing Couple, which is a comedy, and followed by Après la vie/After the Life which is a drama. In UK the distribution company altered the order of the trilogy placing the second film as the first one, and we opted for this choice as well!

Belvaux explained that the idea behind Trilogy is that the main characters in a particular story can be seen as the secondary characters in others; the three films happen at the same time and share a series of common scenes and plot points, complementing each other, but each has its own perspective and style. The audience is left with the duty of piecing the films together! We hope you will enjoy this "Trilogy", which is Aurofilm's summer offering!



**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**

Film Program  
 6 June 2022 to 12 June 2022

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. It is open to all. However, temperature check, registration and Mask (and not scarves etc.) is a must even now. Please come prepared and enjoy the films. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email. If as per regulation, there are any changes we will let you know.

**Indian- Monday 6 June, 8:00pm:**  
**KADAISI VIVASAYI (The last farmer)**

India, Writer-Dir. M. Manikandan w/ Nallandi, Vijay Setthupathi, Yogi Babu, and others, Comedy-Drama, 122mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Maayandi is an octogenarian farmer who lives by himself in a small village in Tamil Nadu. He leads a satisfied life tending his field and farm animals. A lightning strike on an old tree in the village, a bad omen, stirs people to organize a prayer for which they need to grow some grains. Since Maayandi is the last remaining farmer in the village, he is approached, and Maayandi agrees. As he started to farm, two dead peacocks appear on his land. Without knowing its whereabouts he buried them; in the process falling prey to a bigger plan. Peacock being the national bird, is protected. Police accuses Maayandi for the crime. Can Maayandi defend himself and resist the pressure to sell his property to a developer? A touching yet funny film. Must see!

**Potpourri – Tuesday 7 June, 8:00pm:**  
**HAMLET LIKEMAAILMASSA (Hamlet goes business)**

Finland, 1987, Dir. Aki Kaurismaki w/ Pirka-Pekka Petelius, Kati Outline and others, Comedy-Drama, B&W, 89 mins, Finnish w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR

A bizarre film noir reworking of Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'. After the death of his father, young Hamlet inherits a seat on the board of a company controlled by his uncle that decides to move into the rubber duck market. But Hamlet is suspicious of the circumstances surrounding his father's death.

**Interesting – Wednesday 8 June, 8:00pm:**  
**JEEN-YUHS: A KANYE TRILOGY – 2**

USA, 2022, Dir. Coodie Simmons & Chike Ozah w/ Ye, Kid Cudi, Justin Bieber, and others, Documentary-Music, 90mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

This much acclaimed three-part film follows the life of Kanye West, in an intimate portrait as he builds his way from singer to businessman and becomes a global brand. The second episode is Purpose – Kanye hustles to establish his voice at the label; when a car crash and broken jaw threaten it all, the unstoppable artist turns pain into platinum. We will screen the next episode next week to complete the series.

**AVFF 2022 – Thursday 9 June, 8:00pm:**  
**MOTI BAGH**

India, 2019, Dir. Nirmal Chander Dandriyal w/ Vidyadutt Sharma, Documentary, 60 mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR(G)

83yrs old Vidyadutt Sharma holds the record for growing the heaviest radish in India, and now aims to beat the world record of 31 kgs. Around his 5 acres farm in a small Himalayan village lie 7000 ghost villages left to die, with no one to till the land. As he and his Nepali farmhand plough the fields to keep a dream called Moti Bagh alive, Sharma chronicles the changing landscape in verses of resistance.

**International – Saturday, 11 June, 8:00pm:**  
**VERDENS VERSTE MENNESKE**  
**(The worst person in the world)**

Norway, 2021, Dir. Joachim Trier w/ Renate Reinsve, Anders Danielsen Lie, Herbert Nordrum, and others, Comedy-Drama, 128 mins, Norwegian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

A modern dramedy about the quest for love and meaning in contemporary Oslo. It chronicles four years in the life of Julie, a young woman who navigates the troubled waters of her love life and struggles to find her career path, leading her to take a realistic look at who she really is.

**Children's Matinee – Sunday, 12 June, 4:30pm:**  
**TURNING RED**

USA-Canada, 2022, Dir. Domee Shi w/ Rosalie Chiang, Sandra Oh, Ava Morse, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 100 mins, English, Rated: PG

Mei Lee is a confident, dorky thirteen-year-old torn between staying her mother's dutiful daughter and the chaos of adolescence. And as if changes to her interests, relationships, and body weren't enough, whenever she gets too excited (which is practically ALWAYS), she "poofs" into a giant red panda!

**Russian Classics Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**

**Sunday 12 June, 8:00pm:**  
**STALKER**

Soviet Union, 1979, Dir. Andrei Tarkovski w/ Anatoliy Solonistyn, Natalya Abramova, and others, Drama-Sci-fi, 162 mins, Russian w/ English Subtitles, Rated:NR.

As with all Tarkovsky films, this film too is brilliantly made. In an unnamed country at an unspecified time, A post-apocalyptic wasteland is known as The Zone. An illegal guide, whose mutant child suggests unspeakable horrors within The Zone, leads a writer and a scientist into the heart of the devastation in search of a mythical place known as The Room. Anyone who enters The Room will supposedly have any of his earthly desires fulfilled.

**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, or Rating not available.

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Thanking You,  
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# Appendix

## THE LONG READ



### SUMMATION OF THE ACTION POINTS OF THE 58<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNING BOARD MEETING REPORT

#### Item No 59.04:

The action-taken report on the decisions of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Governing Board was noted by the Board.

#### Report of Secretary, AF

- The action points of the 58th Governing Board meeting of 18th January 2022 have been discussed with the concerned Working Groups of Auroville and relevant office orders communicating the same are being issued.
- Each Working Group has taken up one or more action items for implementation. Some Working Groups have taken the help of resource persons.
- The Working Committee, ATDC, FAMC and Entry Board have prepared presentations with the highlights of progress made thus far and the plans ahead.
- Township Development Budget for 2022-23 is approximately Rs. 1196.72/- Crore. The regular meetings with officials of the Tamil Nadu Government for the acquisition of city lands & the establishment of a New Town Development Authority (for land use regulation) are in progress.
- Secretary informed the Board that Auroville Foundation has recently signed an MoU with CPWD, pursuant to discussions with Secretary, MoE in respect of Go I grants.
- Temporary recruitment will be completed by 1 May 2022 and permanent recruitment will be conducted by end of this year. Before the Permanent recruitment, A VF has to get the approval from MoE regarding the recruitment rules for the sanctioned posts.
- The FC approved the estimate of Rs. 1.98/- Crores for the preparation of the detailed development plans on the basis of the Auroville Master Plan. The agreement between A TDC and Vastushilp Sangath LLP has been drafted and is being finalized.
- The FC approved the estimate of Rs. 30/- lakh for a comprehensive audit of trusts, units and other entities in Auroville by the CAGs office and established auditors in the private sector. This exercise may include transaction and forensic audits, and will be helpful in the establishment and institutionalization of appropriate systems and processes. CAG office would be carrying out a special audit too.

#### Item No 59.05:

#### Organization and Governance Committee

The Board discussed the first set of observations of the Organization and Governance Committee of the Governing Board, including the proposal of a review and revision of certain Standing Orders, which may be prepared and submitted to Chairman for approval.

The Board requested the Organisation and Governance Committee to review the present functioning of various working groups and come up with proposals that will improve overall governance towards the realization of the aims and objectives of Auroville.

The Board notes that participation in working groups must be open to all Auroville residents and must be based on skill sets, experience and passion for the work at hand. The Board noted that under section 18 of the Auroville Foundation Act, the Register of Residents (RoR) needs to be maintained by the Secretary, AVF, which has not been maintained annually since over fifteen years. The Board directed the Secretary to update the RoR on an annual basis starting with an update that needs to be completed by July 2022 with the assistance of the Working Committee.

The Board further directed that proper attendance records must be maintained for meetings of the Residents Assembly and that only Auroville residents whose names are included in the updated RoR shall be permitted to attend such meetings.

#### Item No 59.06:

#### Proposal to offer Honorary Aurovilian status

The Board approved that for persons who are, or have been, associated with the original founding of Auroville in 1968 or who contribute to Auroville on a regular basis the status of Honorary Aurovilian and Residents of Auroville may be considered.

Board suggested that this may be done first for a few persons on a trial basis.

#### Item No 59.07:

#### Approval of CPWD estimate for the execution of projects in line with Auroville Master Plan and MoU signed with the CPWD

The Board noted and approved that an MoU with CPWD has been entered into for the execution of various township development projects.

#### Item No 59.08:

#### Detailed estimate for the programs relating to the commemorating of the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India had requested A VF for detailed estimates for the execution of various activities and renovation work that needs to be undertaken in Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Kolkata and other centers on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo with the approximate budget of Rs 66/- Crore. The Board noted that these estimates had been prepared and sent.

#### Item No 59.12:

#### Delegation of financial powers to Secretary and OSD

The Board directed Secretary AVF to follow the comments given by the MoE regarding the delegation of financial powers. It was noted that the MoE has suggested that AVF may plan the disbursement of grants-in-aid to units and activities of Auroville based on the transactions made during the past three years.

#### Item No 59.13:

#### Proposal for construction of staff quarters

The Board approved the construction of 30 staff quarters for the employees working in the office of Secretary, Auroville Foundation with an estimated cost of Rs. 151/- Crore (approximately). The work will be executed by the CPWD as per GoI norms. Further, the board approved that all Auroville Foundation staff quarters will be under the control of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation.

#### Item No 59.14:

#### Approval to purchase a vehicle for the office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation

The Board approved to purchase EV Hybrid car with low/no carbon emission for the Auroville Foundation office as per GoI norms.

## IT'S DIVINELY FUN!

This week I would like to suggest to the kind members of the Auroville community to watch on Youtube, it's for free, two great films among the greatest with the super great Buster Keaton as the super (mute) star. The first one is called – The General (screamingly funny, a pure poetic sweet lunacy). The second is called – Go West (as you may know or not, go in Sanskrit, maybe in Chinese also because the go game means cow).

And the cows in the great Veda's are a symbol of ourselves prisoners in the dark cave of Ignorance that Indra comes at one point of time to free from the manipulators and profiteers of all kinds, and this wonderful film(!925) shows how Buster Keaton (like Indra) freed the cows from the slaughterhouse. Prepare your houses, prepare your handkerchiefs, personally I drenched three to the skin out of laughter. A third one is an utmost marvel, it's called – Steamboat Bill Jr. I don't want to unveil the plot you will discover it to your wonderment earlier enough.

I love you all, Soham.

PS. prepare the sponges!

**Addendum;** I have been attentively examined by the Auroville's psychiatrist for half an hour, he agreed with me; all Aurovililians must go to a lunatic asylum except me,

Soham!

### PRESS RELEASE DATED 22 MAY 2022:

#### WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY OF THE AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

**Bona fide Working Committee of Auroville Residents' Assembly assert their mandate to fulfil their roles and responsibilities**

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of Auroville Foundation stands for the legitimacy and healthy functioning of Auroville's internal governance on the spirit and basis of the Auroville Charter, the Auroville Foundation Act and the presently approved internal processes, mandates and policies, guided by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and principles. Auroville is an evolving laboratory of consciousness to explore, experiment and progress in all fields of our individual and collective life.

The Working Committee along with all residents of Auroville firmly and resolutely stands for a collaborative development of 'the City the Earth Needs'.

The outcome of the honourable National Green Tribunal (NGT) relating to the material development of Auroville has been accepted with gratitude. Auroville residents are committed to implement the order of the NGT on building the Crown Road and Auroville Township as per approved plans. The Working Committee is dedicated to establishing an open collaborative dialogue to harmonise a rich diversity of opinions within the residents to implement development plans.

Unfortunately, illegitimate attempts to overrule the Residents' Assembly and undermine the internal governance of Auroville continue to intensify. The Auroville Foundation was created by an Act of Parliament as an autonomous body with its own system of internal governance.

The Auroville Foundation is a three-tier structure consisting of the Governing Board, the Residents' Assembly represented by the Working Committee, and the International Advisory Council. All three authorities of the Foundation have been collaborating harmoniously and professionally for the past 30 years, addressing topics together with the Working Committee and Office of the Secretary as bridges.

Lately, in an FIR filed against 6 Auroville residents, vindictive allegations have been made against three bona fide members of the Working Committee for carrying out their legal civic duties as per the Foundation Act. These unfounded claims made by the Secretary and Under Secre-

tary of the Auroville Foundation, Dr Jayanthi Ravi and Mr Srinivasmurthy, are based on invalid dictates into the proper functioning of the Residents' Assembly.

Neither the Governing Board, nor the Secretary have any role in the selection or approval of members of the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly. The Foundation Act is explicit: "20. (3) The manner of choosing the members of the Working Committee and their term of office shall be such as may be decided by the Residents' Assembly."

Despite this, the Secretary and Under Secretary have wrongfully attempted to prevent, de-legitimise and discredit the valid and categorical outcome of a decision-making process of the Residents' Assembly, completed on the 10th of May, 2022, about the on-going membership of its Working Committee. This decision-making process had one of the highest participation rates in all of Auroville's decision-making events: 92% of 864 voting residents voted to remove four members of the then Working Committee who had lost the confidence of a large number of residents. These same members had been selected in a Residents' Assembly decision-making process by less than 200 residents in January 2021.

The Residents' Assembly Decision also ratified that three existing and duly selected members of the Working Committee would continue to serve in the Working Committee: Ms Chali Grinnell, Mr Sauro Mezzetti and Mr Hemant Lamba.

As bona fide members, the latter have since refused to hand over the keys to their offices in the Town Hall without the necessary legal order or justification being provided.

The Office of the Secretary has challenged the authority of the Residents' Assembly itself by refusing to recognise these duly appointed representatives. The Secretariat has chosen to attack 6 individuals, including 3 Working Committee members, a move consistent with tactics to sow fear, division and confusion within the community and in the public sphere.

The Secretariat has also exerted heavy pressure on Auroville residents and committees to conform and implement fixed priorities and dictates as decided by the Secretariat and/or Governing Board without due process and consultation. Visa paperwork has been withheld or delayed, impacting the lives of many residents. Police have been engaged in plainly civil matters, and officers of the Secretary are misrepresenting technicalities to delegitimize the selection of the Working Committee, such as the 'Register of Residents' not being fully updated, a responsibility of the Secretary, as stated in Section 18(2) of the Auroville Foundation Act.

Communication platforms, such as Auroville's Outreach Media and the community's internal Google accounts and intranet have been seized, eroding essential and trusted platforms for Auroville's collective interactions and work. The repeated authoritarian interventions in Auroville's organisation, be it with regard to the planning and building of the city, the operation of its working groups or its communication, go against the Auroville Foundation Act 1988, which provides the basic rights to its residents to 'organise activities relating to Auroville' and that 'the residents of Auroville are allowed freedom to grow and develop activities and institutions for the fulfilment of the aspirations and programmes envisaged in the said Charter of Auroville'.

These actions and allegations belittle lifelong commitments to Auroville by citizens of over 60 nationalities as well as the very principles and spirit on which Auroville is based.

The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation continues to carry out its duties, striving for harmony and collaboration, and will address the serious issues at play, including any cases brought against individuals.

**End media release**

For further information please call: ±91 9585710457

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Please find enclosed the official announcement of Residents' Assembly Decision.

*Best regards,*

*For the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation,*

*Chali Grinnell, Elisa Goëta, Gilles Guigan, Hemant Lamba, Dr Juergen Axer, Sauro Mezzetti.*

**The following letter was sent recently to the Office of the Secretary by the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly:**

"We would like to state that through a very long process in the Residents' Assembly and Governing Board and subsequent approval by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Law, an Admission and Termination policy was agreed upon and was put on 20th June 2020 in the Gazette of India. In the gazetted policy there was a Form I on page 11 that was approved. We notice the form which has been circulated by the Office of the Secretary is not in accordance with the agreed form. We would like to advise the Auroville Foundation Secretariat and members of the Residents' Assembly that only approved forms as per the agreed policy should be used if required to update any Register of Residents. We are attaching the prescribed form along with the gazetted Admission and Termination policy.

**As a small background on how the Register of Residents is updated, we have the following information to share.**

1. Both the RoR and the Office of the Secretary got established in 1991.
2. The first names in RoR were of those residents of Auroville who were living here before the coming into effect of the Auroville Foundation Act 1988 (AVF Act) and were entered in the register maintained by the Administrator appointed under section 5 of the Auroville (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1980 (59 of 1980).
3. RoR is a perpetual register which gets updated every time someone joins Auroville. As a process, Working Committee used to send the recommendation to the office of the Secretary which was then endorsed by the Office of the Secretary after following a due process and the person was entered in the register of residents. After the gazetting of the Admission and Termination Policy, the admission process is as follows

**Admission into the Register of Residents.**

1. A person shall be qualified to have his or her name entered in the register if such person fulfills the following conditions, namely:
  - a. if the person has completed the age of eighteen years;
  - b. if such person has faith in and devotion and commitment to the Charter of Auroville and the aims and ideals as enunciated by the Mother and undertakes by way of signing the statement in Form-I appended to these regulations; and
  - c. if such person has been accepted by the Admission Committee as a resident, after due process.

**Authority to whom applications for admission may be made**

1. An application for Admission in the register shall be made as per the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997, as amended from time to time, to the Secretary enclosing the following documents, namely:
  - a. Certificate of Nationality / Passport issued by the country where the applicant is domiciled at the time of making the application; Provided that in the case of Indians, the birth certificate or any such other proof shall suffice;

- b. signed statement in Form-I appended to these regulations; and
  - c. Recommendation of the Admission Committee that the name of the applicant be entered in the register.
2. The maintenance of the RoR is sole responsibility of the Secretary as per section 18 (2) of the AVF Act, The Secretary to the Governing Board shall maintain the register of residents in such manner as maybe prescribed and all the persons who are residents of Auroville and who are of the age of eighteen years and above are entitled to have their names entered in the register on the recommendation of the application made to the Secretary in such form as may be prescribed.
3. As per the gazetted policy of admission and termination policy, the prescribed form which has been approved by the Residents Assembly, the Governing Board and the International Advisory Council and gazetted by the Ministry of Education is Form I of gazetted policy. Please find attached the gazette notification and the copy of the Form I.
4. Therefore the form which has been circulated by the Office of the Secretary for updating the RoR is not correct as it is different from the gazetted prescribed form.
5. As per records of the Working Committee, the Office of Secretary has on several occasions engaged services of Auroville residents for the maintenance of RoR for Aurovilians who passed away or chose to leave Auroville. The latest such maintenance occurred in the financial year 2019-20.

*Yours Sincerely,*

*The Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation*

*Chali Grinnell, Elisa Goëta, Gilles Guigan, Hemant Lamba, Dr Juergen Axer, Sauro Mezzetti."*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEWS & NOTES**



**Hard deadline for submissions or cancellations: Tuesday 3pm**

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- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

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**FORM-I**

**The Statement**

[See regulation 9 (ii) and 10(ii)]

I, \_\_\_\_\_, aged about \_\_\_\_\_ years S/W/D/o \_\_\_\_\_, national of \_\_\_\_\_ for the present domiciled at \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby affirm and state that I have read and understood the Charter of Auroville and fully subscribe to the following principles upon which Auroville is founded:

1. Auroville is an experiment, based on the ideals and vision of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Integral Yoga is a stepping stone towards an evolutionary future. Messages of The Mother about Auroville, such as "The Charter of Auroville", "The Dream", and "To Be A True Aurovillian", contain guiding steps towards the realization of these ideals. As part of Integral Yoga, all forms of connecting with the Divine are allowed as means for personal growth. No particular religion or sectarian beliefs are collectively encouraged. The propagation of any religious or sectarian beliefs is not permissible.

2. Auroville is a place for manifesting Human Unity. Any discrimination, social, political, Geographical, economic or racial, is not acceptable. Residents shall abstain from active involvement in Indian or international politics.

3. Auroville is aspiring to be a universal cultural township and is subject to the laws of India. Residents undertake to abide by the laws of India. Auroville is located in Tamil Nadu, which has a unique heritage. Residents shall respect the cultural values and avoid any form of disrespect towards local people, customs, traditions and social order.

4. To ensure the development of Auroville in accordance with its Charter, it has enacted the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 and created the Auroville Foundation, an autonomous statutory body.

5. No ownership of property is a respected collective value in Auroville. All immovable assets are owned by the Auroville Foundation which holds them in trust for humanity as a whole. Residents undertake not to own any immovable assets in the City area of the Auroville Master Plan.

6. Auroville is contributing towards building a collective prosperity for all the members irrespective of the type of work one is engaged in. Everyone endeavors to build an economy based on generosity and sharing. All works and efforts as a member of Auroville's collective life are directed towards building a shared economy for the "city the earth needs". Residents shall refrain from participating in activities solely benefiting personal interests, institutions or family members outside Auroville.

By signing this Statement, I agree to unending education in the values of Auroville and to manifest them in my life in Auroville with full faith and devotion and commitment to the aims and ideals of Auroville and undertake to respect and strictly abide by the Charter of Auroville which forms the aforementioned founding principles of Auroville.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have not done anything so as to incur any disqualification for being admitted as a resident of Auroville and affirm that my declaration herein in this respect is true.

Date:

Place: Auroville

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 India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108  
 Auroville Safety & Security Team: 9443090107  
 Auroville Police Station: 0413 2677318  
 Vanur Fire Station: 0413 2677368

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Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude Enterance	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55
 <b>Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE</b>				
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center – Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About}	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00

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- Rs.100 one way for Aurovilian & Newcomers
- Rs.150 one way for Guest