

# News & Notes

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He passes in his departure from this world to the physical Self; he passes to the Self of life; he passes to the Self of mind; he passes to the Self of knowledge; he passes to the Self of bliss; he moves through these worlds at will.

*Taittiriya Upanishad*

As a seer working out the occult truths and their discoveries of knowledge, he brought into being the seven Craftsmen of heaven and in the light of day they spoke and wrought the things of their wisdom.

*Rig Veda*

## The Ponder Corner

But all is not Law and Process, there is also Being and Consciousness; there is not only a machinery but a Spirit in things, not only Nature and law of cosmos but a cosmic Spirit, not only a process of mind and life and body but a soul in the natural creature...But if the fundamental truth of our being is spiritual and not mechanical, it must be ourself, our soul that fundamentally determines its own evolution, and the law of Karma can only be one of the processes it uses for that purpose: our Spirit, our Self must be greater than its Karma. There is Law, but there is also spiritual freedom.

*Rebirth and Other Worlds,  
Life Divine, Sri Aurobindo*



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### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The content of N&N is a reflection of the developing process of Auroville, and our policy is to allow freedom of expression, information and communication **equally to the whole community independently of their views and opinions of current events and the sides they have taken.**

We understand that some people, also including members of committees, working groups, etc... might be anxious to have their latest articles published, but the **deadline for submissions is Tuesday 3pm**, and that applies to **everybody, regardless of their work position and how anxious they might be.**

Please respect our working times and us as a team

*Light and Peace,  
Roy and AgniJata*

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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)*

## A The Gnostic Being

*(continued from last week)*

"It has been held that ecstasy is a lower and transient passage, the peace of the Supreme is the supreme realization, the consummate abiding experience. This may be true on the spiritual-mind plane: there the first ecstasy felt is indeed a spiritual rapture, but it can be and is very usually mingled with a supreme happiness of the vital parts taken up by the spirit; there is an exaltation, exultation, excitement, a highest intensity of the joy of the heart and the pure inner soul-sensation that can be a splendid passage or an uplifting force but is not the ultimate permanent foundation. But in the highest ascents of the spiritual bliss there is not this vehement exaltation and excitement; there is instead an illimitable intensity of participation in an eternal ecstasy which is founded on the eternal Existence and therefore on a beatific tranquility of eternal peace. Peace and ecstasy cease to be different and become one. The supermind, reconciling and fusing all differences as well as all contradictions, brings out this unity; a wide calm and a deep delight of all-existence are among its first steps of self-realization, but this calm and this delight rise together, as one state, into an increasing intensity and culminate in the eternal ecstasy, the bliss that is the Infinite. In the gnostic consciousness at any stage there would be always in some degree this fundamental and spiritual conscious delight of existence in the whole depth of the being; but also all the movements of Nature would be pervaded by it, and all the actions and reactions of the life and the body: none could escape the law of the Ananda. Even before the gnostic change there can be a beginning of this fundamental ecstasy of being translated into a manifold beauty and delight. In the mind, it translates into a calm or intense delight of spiritual perception and vision and knowledge, in the heart into a wide or deep or passionate delight of universal union and love and sympathy and the joy of beings and the joy of things. In the will and vital parts it is felt as the energy of delight of a divine life-power in action or a beatitude of the senses perceiving and meeting the One everywhere, perceiving as their normal aesthesis of things a universal beauty and a secret harmony of creation of which our mind can catch only imperfect glimpses or a rare supernormal sense. In the body it reveals itself as an ecstasy pouring into it from the heights of the spirit and the peace and bliss of a pure and spiritualised physical existence. A universal beauty and glory of being begins to manifest; all objects reveal hidden lines, vibrations, powers, harmonic significances concealed from the normal mind and the physical sense. In the universal phenomenon is revealed the eternal Ananda.



These are the first major results of the spiritual transformation that follow as a necessary consequence of the nature of Supermind. But if there is to be not only a perfection of the inner existence, of the consciousness, of an inner delight of existence, but a perfection of the life and action, two other questions present themselves from our mental view-point which have to our human thought about our life and its dynamisms a considerable, even a premier importance. First, there is the place of personality in the gnostic being, — whether the status, the building of the being will be quite other than what we experience as the form and life of the person or similar. If there is a personality and it is in any way responsible for its actions, there intervenes, next, the question of the place of the ethical element and its perfection and fulfillment in the gnostic nature. Ordinarily, in the common notion, the separative ego is our self and, if ego has to disappear in a transcendental or universal Consciousness, personal life and action must cease; for, the individual disappearing, there can only be an impersonal consciousness, a cosmic self: but if the individual is altogether extinguished, no further question of personality or responsibility or ethical perfection can arise. According to another line of ideas the spiritual person remains, but liberated, purified, perfected in nature in a celestial existence. But here we are still on earth, and yet it is supposed that the ego personality is extinguished and replaced by a universalised spiritual individual who is a centre and power of the transcendent Being. It might be deduced that this gnostic or supramental individual is a self without personality, an impersonal Purusha. There could be many gnostic individuals but there would be no personality, all would be the same in being and nature. This, again, would create the idea of a void or blank of pure being from which an action and function of experiencing consciousness would arise, but without a construction of differentiated personality such as that which we now observe and regard as ourselves on our surface. But this would be a mental rather than a supramental solution of the problem of a spiritual individuality surviving ego and persisting in experience. In the supermind consciousness personality and impersonality are not opposite principles; they are inseparable aspects of one and the same reality. This reality is not the ego but the being, who is impersonal and universal in his stuff of nature, but forms out of it an expressive personality which is his form of self in the changes of Nature."

*Sri Aurobindo. The Life Divine, pages 1026-1028*

[https://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/18-19/the\\_life\\_divine\\_21-22\\_e.pdf](https://sri-aurobindo.in/workings/sa/18-19/the_life_divine_21-22_e.pdf)

# Townhall Speaks

## JOINT LETTER FROM WCOM, FAMC AND COUNCIL SENT TO LAND BOARD

Dear Community, we share with you a joint letter from WCom, FAMC and Council sent to the Land Board on July 4th, regarding an irregular Office Order issued by the office of the Secretary.

*Kind regards, Auroville Council*

Dear Land Board members,

We request that you please ignore the Office Order issued by Mr. G. Seetharaman on June 28<sup>th</sup> removing from the Land Board Renu and Padmanabhan, and appointing Ms. C. Meenakshi and Mr. T.K. Ponambalam.

We affirm that Renu and Padmanabhan, along with the other Land Board members duly selected via a Residents' Assembly approved process, continue to remain as bonafide members of the Land Board.

At this time, as with several other new and reported but not provided Office Orders circulated recently, we are unable to recognise this Office Order as valid for multiple reasons.

We also request that you please retrieve from Sysop your new Land Board email addresses: [Landboard@auroville.services](mailto:Landboard@auroville.services) and [Landboardoffice@auroville.services](mailto:Landboardoffice@auroville.services), and inform the community of these at the earliest.

*Warm regards,*

*Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly  
(Aravinda, Barathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael, Sauro, Valli),*

*FAMC of the Residents' Assembly  
(Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Elodie, Mita R., Palani, Ranjith),*

*Auroville Council of the Residents' Assembly  
(Balaji, Claudine, Julia (TOS), Philippe, Samrat, Shiva, Shivaya, Suryan, Svenja)*

## NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED PERSONS



**Auroville Town Development Council**  
*L'avenir d'Auroville*

On Tuesday 12 July 2022, the work of the paving of the Crown Road ordered by L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC and

executed by the CPWD, Government of India, was obstructed by the following persons:

- Aurore Mabilat
- Deependu Sarkar
- Divya Kapoor
- Dorle Heller
- Natasha Storey
- Tanisha Mann

The NGT verdict received on April 28, 2022 authorizes the work on the Crown to continue. Anybody blocking this work is essentially going against the directive issued by the NGT and will be held responsible.

The Auroville Town Development Council and the Office of the Auroville Foundation herewith inform the Residents of Auroville that obstructing government works in India is a criminal offense, and also, in this case, contempt of court.

Henceforth necessary action will be taken when any person, whether a resident of Auroville or not, is found to be blocking the work on the ground.

*Kind regards,*

**Dr. G. Seetharaman**

*Member-Secretary*

*Auroville Town Development Council*

## SELECTION PROCESS 2022 REPORT



As you may know, the Selection Process for the Auroville Council, ATDC, Entry Board, FAMC and Working Committee took place on 25th and 26th of June 2022. The Residents' Assembly Service (RAS) announced the outcome of the selection on Sunday, June 26. We are now collecting feedback from all the participants of the Selection Process (Candidates, Selectors and members of the Organization Team). Their feedback will help to assess the methods used, and provide suggestions for improvement of the process for future selections.

Here you can find a detailed report of the Selection Process 2022:

- [auroville.org.in users](http://auroville.org.in/users)
- [others](#)

*For the Residents' Assembly Service,  
Dan, Giovanni P, Sathish A, Tatiana S*

## FOREST GROUP MEETING

**Aurodam Friday 1st of July 2022**

**Present:** David (Aurodam), Giri (Fertile East, Dave (Silence), Christoph (Bliss/ Anusuya), Thanajayan (Shivam Forest), Hans (Abri Forest), Alessandra (Adventure Community), Kumar (Adventure Forest), Kanniapan (Pitchanikulam), Philippe (Anusuya), Achilles (Baraka), Rita (Centre Field), Sandeep (Fertile), V. Boobalan (Siddhartha Forest), Jessamiijn (Udumbu), P.Savitri (Gaia), Natasha (Evergreen), Manolo (Bliss), Island (Espace), Henrike (Forecomers), Vikram C.S. (Infinity), P. Elumalai (Bliss), Leela (Anusuya), Ananda (Nine Palms), Arun (Revelation), Edzard (Discipline), Jonah (Eternity), Archana (Siddhartha Forest), Enea (Miracle), Yuval (Chairman), Ancolie (Notes) 31 members present (including 2 newcomers)



### Topics discussed:

**Eternity:** Eternity is still waiting for the Puducherry survey report that was requested by the SSP. It is still unclear where that report is...Normally such a report takes no longer than a week. This report is needed for the fencing work to be completed.

**Eluciole Circus in Miracle:** Last month Eluciole Circus had asked the forest group for a non-objection letter in order to provide a TNEB backup for running the circus school in monsoon. The forest group has not given her the green light.

**Solar System in Adventure Forest:** Kumar's solar system broke down. The system costs more than half a lakh to repair. He is asking the forest group and the solar service for help. Some help was provided by the solar fund. Most of the forest communities have solar systems and cover the costs by themselves. To avoid such high repair costs, it was suggested that the forest group opens a solar saving account. The suggested monthly contribution for each system would be 1,005 rupees.

**Siddhartha forest:** V. Boobalan from Siddhartha forest, presented M. Murugan and M. Nanthin to the forest group, who are presently New Comers living in Siddhartha forest.

**Urgent decision-making demands:** It was discussed how the forest group should reply to urgent decision-making demands. Since 1982, the forest group has been meeting with a very large participation of all its members. Part of this very inclusive process is that it takes time to arrive at a consensus of how to move forward. This diversity and unity were valued and everyone felt that giving it time wasn't an issue.

**The next meeting** will be in Udumbu on Friday, 5 August, 2022.

## AVC REPORT

### FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2022

#### Internal functioning of the Council



A GM was held by the Council on April 18, 2022 with the aim to introduce the Council, and to update the Community on the Council's work and challenges. Various questions and concerns were brought forward by members of the community. A follow-up meeting was meant to take place in following weeks but due to unexpected events this was postponed.

The working relationship with Working Committee has been hampered for many months. They have often not been available for issues that needed collaboration, or only some members took part in our joint meetings.

After December 2021 the WCom's internal dynamic made collaboration even more difficult. The refusal of accepting facilitation or intervention by a skilled facilitator (or Council members) to support them with their internal dynamic created an unworkable situation that made us feel helpless. It became obvious that only the Residents Assembly could meaningfully address this situation.

Meenal and Suresh resigned towards the end of April.

Continuing members were: Claudine, Balaji, Ganesh, Shiva, Suryan and Shivaya. The 3-year term of Ganesh ends with the new selections. He was eligible for reelection.

For the selection process the Council will require 4 new members to be selected.

#### Collaboration with RAS

Like in the past, working with RAS has been smooth and efficient. We want to express our gratitude to them for all their input in multiple ways.

#### Matrimandir executives:

In March, 2022 the members of the new MM executive team were confirmed after a 6-month trial period.

The MM executives are: Antoine C. (Sunship), Divya K. (Madhuca), John H. (MM Nursery), Judith R. (Sunship), and Sundar K. (Aspiration).

Link to the announcement from FAMC: <https://auroville.org.in/article/90318>

#### Auronet guidelines and support team

##### November 22, 2021

After an open call to the community 3 members (Dan, Martin L. and Julietta) were appointed by the Council for the moderator support team to actively help Annemarie and Manoj with implementing the Auronet guidelines. This was for a trial period of 6 month after which the policy/guidelines would be reviewed and ratified by the community. This period came to an end in May, but due to circumstances the review of the Auronet guidelines was postponed to August/September.

On February 22 Manoj communicated that he is taking six months break for health reasons from his work as Auronet Admin. Jothi Prasad had volunteered to support Annemarie in her work as Auronet admin during this time.

The Council met Jothi Prasad and approved him as a volunteer with the Auronet admin team. Auronet Link to the announcement made: <https://auroville.org.in/article/91140>

On 26 April, on request of the Auronet team, Annemarie, Jothi Prasad (Auronet admin volunteer) and Martin L. from the moderator support team met with Council. The Auronet admin needed to be strengthened as Manoj had recently expressed the wish to fully withdraw from the work as Auronet admin, and Prasad said he had been given a work assignment for the MM lake project starting right away, and therefore would have little time to give to this work.

It was felt not to be the best moment to look for new people and to postpone this until July/August. Annemarie was confident that she would manage with Shankar Devi as the technical support person, and the moderator support team for content.

In the meanwhile, between 18 - 20 May the Auronet console and credentials were handed over to the office of the Secretary by Manoj, and the entire admin and moderator support team shortly thereafter resigned.

Along with the Auronet the email domain ([auroville.org.in](mailto:auroville.org.in)) was also taken over by the office of the Secretary.

#### Selection Process Review Task Force (SPRTF)

The final proposal went through an RAD process and was ratified on 19 April: <https://auroville.org.in/article/90613>

And the Participatory Working Group (PWG) document was updated accordingly. <https://auroville.org.in/page/selection-process-working-groups>

In the last RAM meeting that led to the voting process, concerns in regard to some parts of the PWG document were voiced. PWG Amendment Task Force was created to look into the section of the PWG that outlines when and how to ask a member of a WG to leave, and to look at gaps in the PWG.

#### Amendment to PWG regarding Deselection

In March, an open call to the Community was made. 11 Aurovilians volunteered to be part, out of which 7 were randomly selected via a draw, the 4 remaining members were on standby. This moment was witnessed by a RAS member and filmed.

The 7 initial names were: Allan, Ambra, Henrike, Mael, Mila, Philippe and Ulli Roeper.

Standby members were: Alexander, Elisa, Marlenka and Prema.

In the first meeting, as some members were not able to fully commit to the task, the group decided to include the remaining standby members. The final group ended up being: Allan, Henrike, Mael, Marlenka, Mila, and Philippe.

The announcement made to the community on this can be found in the following link: <https://auroville.org.in/article/90276>

The scope of the work was formulated together with some Council members. A time frame of 2-3 months was agreed on. The task group has been working and submitted a draft proposal. As soon as time permits, Council and the Task Force will formulate a final proposal that will be submitted for feedback to the Community.

#### Efforts to increase participation in RA

Recently a lot of concern in regard to the quorum for decision making has been raised by community members, stating that 10% quorum reflects a lack of community wide participation.

For months the Council has been inspired to increase interest and participation in the RA, and in particular in collective decision making. In April a call was made to the community for interested individuals to come forward and take part in a task force to increase RA participation. Around 25 people responded to this call.

Additionally, some Aurovilians sent to the Council earlier studies and proposals on the topic. Many of the contributions were about reorganizing the RA. All the material received was shared with the RA Participation TF members for them consider.

A few meetings were held to give to all the members of the Task Force the possibility to contribute/share ideas and proposals. Next it was decided to divide the TF into "short term" goals (RAPS); practical and immediate ways to increase RA participation, and long-term goals in the form of proposals (RAPP), looking at organizing the RA in an effective and innovative way, including reflections on ways to arrive at inclusive and collective decision making.

#### ATDC selection process

Ideally this should happen alongside the other working group selections (see Selection process). Council (originally with the WCom) was working on a specialized selection process for ATDC, but as the SPRTF proposal fit the necessary requirements and there was an urgent need, the Council requested the SPRTF team to include the ATDC in their proposal which was finally ratified.

## **FAMC mandate review Task Force**

With the turmoil in the community it was not seen fitting to look at the FAMC mandate at this time, therefore this work has been put on hold until there is more stability once again.

Appeal review process is with Working Groups for feedback. The Appeal Review Team consisting of Council members and resource people have concluded the first round of their work. They have taken great care to look at all the feedback received from community members, arbiters and Working Groups and integrated it to a reasonable extent into a first draft. The draft went back to all the Working Groups. In due time the work on the appeal policy will resume.

## **Review of the RAS mandate**

A small team consisting of resource people, with some support of AVC and RAS, made a first draft that now needs input from a larger group, possibly a sounding board that could be called for this.

At the same time, it was felt that more work is needed on improving collective decision-making before refining the RAS mandate. It was also considered that reviewing the Council's mandate at the same time would optimize the interaction and collaboration between RAS, Council and the community.

**Land board Selection Process (LBSP) document** was finalized and shared with the community for feedback in March. Link: <https://auroville.org.in/article/90879>

## **Connecting with ATDC and meeting with them**

After the GM hosted the Council where many grievances and questions in regard to ATDC were voiced, the Council put an extra effort to get in touch with ATDC, although many attempts had been made over the past month's with very few and sporadic responses from ATDC. As a result, the Council managed to have a meeting with Toby, Anbu and Elaine. This meeting was held in an open and collaborative manner and we all felt this could be a good beginning to build bridges. But later when the Council wanted to publish the conversation held, to share the information with the community, ATDC changed the meeting minutes into a report that did not reflect the conversation. Later ATDC also insisted that the Council do not publish ATDC's own report, and told us not to disclose the minutes/transcript prepared by Council based on a recording.

## **Mandate and Policy Review Subgroup (Anne, Balaji, Elizabeth, Induja, Laszlo, Suryan)**

In order to evaluate, update and harmonize the mandates, policies and guidelines of Auroville (and to ensure that these adhere to the AVF act 1988, the AVF Rules 1997, the AVF Regulations 2020 and any future gazetted documents relating to Auroville), the Council has created a subgroup consisting of Council members and resource people.

So far the group has begun studying and cataloging the relevant documents. It began contacting certain groups and entities for more information with the intention of collaborating with them if review of a document is necessary.

The overall vision and work of this subgroup is extensive and overdue. We hope that this initiative will build momentum over time. Unfortunately, with the recent turmoil and collective challenges in the community, meetings have been paused but these should begin again soon.

## **Pending RADs and Poll**

Due to the delays in decision making that had been caused by a review of our RAD process and the subsequent process of amendments, many pending RAD's were not taken up in a timely manner and had accumulated. At the same time some pressing issues that had arisen out of the unfortunate events in December required additional RAD processes. In order to give the community a say in sequencing the topics a poll was held. To prioritize the pending RAD processes. The poll showed clearly that a majority of the community members felt the first RAD to be held was the "vote of no confidence in and new selection of the Working committee", followed by a RAD on ATDC office order and the Exit Policy. The RAD on the new selection process for Working Group members was already in preparations at that time.

## **RAD on Working Committee membership.**

2 Residents Assembly meetings (RAM) were held. In the first meeting clarity was gained on the wording of the community decision to be taken. In the second RAM an addition was made to bridge the gap between the old team and a newly selected team. Subsequently the RAD on a "vote of no confidence in and new selection of the Working Committee" was held.

All the while there were efforts being made by some community members to stop the ongoing RAD.

While the Residents' Assembly was in the process of making its decision, 4 members of the Working Committee suggested that they will remove the remaining 3 members using a clause from the PWG 2022. The Council instructed them to await the result of the Residents Assembly decision on the very same topic. Instead, they ignored the Council's directive and without regard for any policies nor the Auroville Foundation Act, spun an elaborate charade, even appointing their own interim members (at a later stage the Council also explained to the 4 members that regardless of the RAD result, the clause used to remove the other 3 members was incorrectly interpreted by them, which was also ignored).

Shortly thereafter on the 6th of May, and only 2 days before voting for this RAD would close, the Working Committee received a letter from Mr. Seetharaman (Officer on Special Duty, OSD, to the GB); stating that there was a completely dysfunctional state of affairs with the many committees of the Residents' Assembly, such as Working Committee, FAMC and Auroville Council etc., which have led to a complete policy paralysis, including inaccurate modalities of selection to these groups amongst other things; instructing the RA to stop with immediate effect all its processes and that any RA decision held before the Register of Residents (RoR) was updated would be invalid, null and void.

Regrettably, the Council was compelled to inform Mr. Seetharaman on the 11th of May, that it is the prerogative of the RA to decide on the means of its own internal organisation and that a seeming oversight by the office of the Secretary of the AVF and its duty in regard to updating the RoR, is an inappropriate reason to stop RA processes.

We also take the opportunity to state that we do not agree with the assessments made in Mr. Seetharaman's letter in regard to any dysfunction of the RA and its groups, nor that the suggested solutions to this, of stopping the RA's process, would in any way aid the RA and Auroville as a whole. Instead, the recent Office Orders issued by the office of the Secretary for several long established and essential services of Auroville has created an unprecedented and highly unfortunate confusion which lacks the regard that we feel our internal organization and our incredible achievements over the past 54 years warrant.

After the announcement by RAS of the ongoing RAD result on the 10th of May, the Council informed the GB, IAC and Secretary of AVF on the 11th of May of the result of the RAD. Usually it rests with the Working Committee to inform the GB, IAC and the Secretary of the result of RADs, but with these special circumstances and because of the dispute surrounding the Working Committee itself, the Council took up this role on behalf of the Working Committee and for the RA.

On May 14 the Working Committee and Council announced the interim appointment of 4 additional members, their term lasting until the new selection process.

## **Study of Resident Assembly Decision (RAD) making process**

As a first step, some Council members, RAS, some WCom members and resource people, with the help of a facilitator, held a series of sessions studying past RA decision-making processes, with particular focus on the gaps and challenges. With the new perspectives and insights that emerged the Council has requested the Citizens Assembly team to assist with holding a community wide process on this topic.

## Concerns/ challenges related to Entry

Entry Board/Entry Service approached the Council with a request to organize a reflection and discussion on two issues, namely spouse/ partner/ family of a Newcomer, and Newcomers not staying in AV but nearby (in the bioregion and villages). The Council organized 2 meetings that were attended by representatives of EB/ES, Housing Board, BCC, and Council.

Spouse/ partner of a Newcomer:

So far only the category/ status "Spouse of an Aurovillian" exists which is given to people that live here with their Aurovillian partner but for some reason are not able/ willing to join and commit to Auroville fully. This status was created for people who have been in Auroville for years, have shown integrity and concerns for what Auroville stands for, but for some reason cannot/ do not want to become officially Aurovillian.

In the last 2 years many new Aurovillians and Newcomers have come with partners/ family that do not intend to join (for a variety of reasons) which generally creates issues in regard to their housing.

Auroville Housing Service is barely able to house the actual Newcomers. How to deal with the situation of entire families wanting to join whereby only one member wants to be part of Auroville and commit to its ideals? Other than in some short-term house-sitting situations only Newcomers are eligible for housing.

What to do? To help to ease the situation in some cases the partners were registered as volunteers. Initially this was done in exceptions and for people that truly worked and served Auroville as volunteers, but have not been able to make the decision to commit to joining yet.

Unfortunately, over time, to register as a volunteer and thus have access to AV housing became an easy bypass of the Housing regulation / restrictions.

Presently there are some volunteers that hardly work but get housing and prevent Newcomers from being adequately housed.

Additionally, in some cases the volunteering status does not apply as the spouses are employed in AV or elsewhere.

The question is, should we allow Newcomer's partners or families who do not intend to commit to Auroville to indefinitely live in Auroville assets? Under what conditions/ agreements? Would it not be wiser to ask the couple / family to join entirely like it used to be before? This could be done in a staggered way to ease the financial burden, if hesitation is connected with income generation for the couple or family. To have people living in Auroville in the middle of our settlements that do not care for, nor commit to Auroville's charter, way of life and collective welfare is bound to impact the social fabric negatively.

In order to more easily handle housing in such cases the name "Spouse of Newcomer" was coined, and there are voices who believe that this is a good solution. But is this really a good idea in the long term?

All Aurovillians that were part of this discussion feel that caution is called for before going that way and officializing such a category.

The second topic is about Newcomers, who during their NC time do not stay in Auroville; some stay in nearby places either in the greenbelt or in the villages. Should this be permitted, and if yes under what circumstances/conditions?

To ask Newcomers to live within Auroville settlements has reasons. Newcomer time is there to become familiar with Auroville on many levels, to spend time with other Aurovillians and use Auroville facilities and learning opportunities. The reality is that presently Auroville Housing Service does not have enough places to house all the Newcomers.

There are also situations where this is used as an excuse to stay with old friends and family members in the village, which is counterproductive for the Newcomer and the Auroville collective.

Is there a need to create guidelines for this present housing shortage that allows people to stay outside? Should Auroville rent houses in the village and have Aurovillian stewards/ caretakers there? Will such places hold the Auroville spirit?

## Free Store

As a consequence of an incident that happened at the Free Store, the Free Store management team wants to remind all community members that its service is provided to Aurovillians, Newcomers and long-term volunteers only. Clothes and items offered are for personal use and it is not correct to come and collect things to later distribute in circles of friends and relatives.

The Free Store management team requests all Aurovillians to make use of this Auroville Service in a conscious and collective way, in the spirit of giving and taking.

**Mattram**, Center for Psychological development and support.

The Mattram team is closely working with the Council and we appreciate their efforts in supporting Aurovillians and others in crisis situations as well as with their long term care.

## Support for Mediation, Arbitration and Appeals

Appeals and arbitrations are now being held in collaboration with the newly formed Arbitration Coordination team.

At present the appeal process is under review and all the appeals are on hold.

Arbitration between two Auroville farms in regard to access. The outcome of the arbitration has been shared with the 2 parties. An implementation Group IMG was formed to help in the implementation of the decision.

## Conflict Resolution

A support group with members from Council, Mattram, Child Protection, Security and resource people was formed to look into conflicts that are not easily resolved.

Our guide to conflict resolution is the Conflict Resolution Policy (CRP). The most challenging conflicts usually involve situations that fall under section 3 of the CRP.

For this reason, the subgroup was named CRP3 Coordination (CRP3C). This group meets every second week but stays in constant touch via a WhatsApp group and an email group. Each conflict situation is held by a case holder team.

- In recent months there have been several cases of verbal violence and threats,
- Interpersonal issues, often in connection with mental instability, or personal crises,
- Conflicts that escalated over unresolved or neglected amenities like water leakage,
- Issues with dogs, dog bites,
- Tensions/ conflicts in communities that have history and unfortunate habitual behavioral patterns,
- Graffiti in Town Hall and other places in Auroville
- Issues with 2 Aurovillians that need psychiatric support.

## Closing of the effort to help Aurovillian families that are in debt

In October 2019, after the tragedy that involved an entire family, the Council wanted to offer support to families that struggled with debts, and made an open call to contact the Council for help.

After some deliberations with different individuals and groups involved in healing and economy, two aspects were pursued:

- a. Creating awareness on the negative spiraling effect of taking loans with monthly interest (from local money lenders) and other possibilities for borrowing money more safely,
- b. Exploring how to help people when they are in debts and are unable to cope with interests and repayment.

An awareness program was worked on together with Mattram in 2020, but due to the Covid 19 breakout unfortunately it has so far not been presented to the community. Recently some individuals in the community have re-started this work.



On the other side a subgroup of the Council has supported various individuals over the last 3 years with advice and actions to find means to pay back accumulated debts from loans taken from outside parties on high interests that created suffering to these families. We are glad that the 3 families that were substantially supported and helped by the Council have been able to reimburse most of the debts and are today in a much better life situation. It is to be noted that efforts to overcome large debts can only be successful if the entire family helps. It is a long journey that requires collaboration and perseverance.

This work is very challenging and time consuming, and it was decided to not take up further cases.

**The choice of community members that help the Council with various tasks**

The Council has been confronted with criticism in regard to the choice of its resource people. For some subgroups people are needed who have some understanding of the organization, and/or the work requires good English writing and related skills. In most situations where multiple types of skills are useful the Council makes open calls to the community to find people to help and assist with a particular task. Open calls take time and additional circles of discussion and if the topic is of general interest, is a very good way to proceed. But for urgent, specific tasks which require specific skills/ input, where efficiency and time is a factor, it is better to look for individuals with the required profile.

If you as Aurovilian feel that you can meaningfully contribute to any of the topics and issues mentioned in our report, please contact us. We have created a pool of resource people and will be happy to add your name to the list.

Best regards,

For the Auroville Council

Balaji, Claudine, Ganesh, Suryan, Shivaya and Shiva

**FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE – ES # 140**

Dated: 14-07-2022

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovilian in writing to [entryservice@auroville.org.in](mailto:entryservice@auroville.org.in). We thank you in advance.

**NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:**

- Amirdhavalli JANAKIRAMAN aka Amudha (Indian) staying in Humanscapes and working at Udavi School
- Niyati THAKKAR (Indian) staying in Martuvam and working at Holistic Sigrid



Amudha



Niyati

**NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**

- Indira RAMALINGAM (Indian)
- Lakshmi PANNERSELVAM (Indian)
- Nivedha PARIMALASELVAN (Indian)

**CHILD OF NEWCOMER:**

- Pranya PRABHU (Indian) Born on 01/10/2016 (daughter of Prabhu PONMUDI)
- Pranvi PRABHU (Indian) Born on 11/11/2020 (daughter of Prabhu PONMUDI)

**LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:**

- Alena DEMIDENKO aka Amrita (Russian)

**NOTE:** The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been returned and should not exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation.

A Newcomer becomes an Aurovilian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.

The date of becoming Aurovilian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovilian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.

A confirmed Aurovilian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVF).

A Resident of Auroville is eligible to become an executive of a Unit or Service of Auroville and to get an ID card issued by the Auroville Foundation.

A meeting with the Secretary of the AVF will be arranged by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary and not at any personal request.

Yours, The Entry Service

# Community News

## AUROVILLE MATTERS

### WHAT THEN SHALL BE OUR IDEAL?



The Spirit in the Auroville of the Divine Consciousness is eternal, infinite and immortal. It is deathless and therefore enduring. This is the inner realization that must be reached to fully understand what Auroville stands for and to be able to willingly participate in this laboratory of evolution with a Consciousness of Unity with the Spirit.

*“Insist on the paramount importance of the contact with the Spirit and the growth and manifestation of the Truth of the being.”* — The Mother, page 363

*“The message of the East to the West is a true message, “Only by finding himself can man be saved,” and “what shall it profit a man though he gains the whole world, if he loses his own soul?” The West has heard the message and is seeking out the law and truth of the soul and the evidence of an inner reality greater than the material...*

*The message the West brings to the East is a true message. Man also is God and it is through his developing manhood that he approaches the godhead; Life also is the Divine, its progressive expansion is the self-expression of the Brahman, and to deny Life is to diminish the Godhead within us. This is the truth that returns to the East from the West translated into the language of the higher truth the East already possesses; and it is an ancient knowledge. The East also is awaking to the message...*

*What then shall be our ideal? Unity for the human race by an inner oneness and not only by an external association of interests; the resurgence of man out of the merely animal and economic life or the merely intellectual and aesthetic into the glories of the spiritual existence; the pouring of the power of the spirit into the physical mould and mental instrument so that man may develop his manhood into that true supermanhood which shall exceed our present state as much as this exceeds the animal state from which science tells us that we have issued. These three are one; for man’s unity and man’s self-transcendence can come only by living in the Spirit.”* — Sri Aurobindo, pages 144-147

Here’s our small sharing for the exponential global realization of an Inner Oneness, from the SVARAM Team and Friends in Auroville:

[Inner Connection through Music](https://vimeo.com/726102578)  
<https://vimeo.com/726102578>

Om Namō Bhagavate  
Zech, 2022.07.02

SV 931 - 14 July 2022

## ON THE THRESHOLD

We're on the threshold of one of the great moments of our life. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sri Aurobindo birth. Here while coming towards the Matrimandir one feels an extreme serene Grace flowing above and one feels grateful for this privilege bestowed upon us. But as there are other forces also at work which want to take away these precious moments and infinite richness and bring in confusion and disharmony; one has to be on guard as to whom do we follow.

Auroville is not a place for confusion or disharmony but a walking living fountain of eternal youth, love, goodwill and the space necessary for the realization of our soul. In order to keep ourselves safe we have to see that we do not fall prey to this human demand of taking a side, or following the dictates of those who have formed a group to boycott Mme Secretary of Auroville.

Auroville is not a private property and those living here now will not dictate their terms. Auroville is to be a safe space for a higher life, a playground for the best of the best. Not a petty place for any personal views but the view to follow the Divine Will and its manifestation. A place where 50 thousand people will be breathing together, a place which is oriented for service to humanity and nobody is holding their work or position as my personal way and property. To serve the divine in its highest form is our role if we plant our feet in Auroville.

Sunil

## 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

## MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 2, CANTO 1-4

The Book Of The Traveler Of The Worlds, Canto 1-4

*Savitri*

B H A V A N

Monday, 18 July 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Duration: 40min.

Entering the subtle universe of the Unknown, Aswapati is shown in a single view all its vastness and variety: all the symbols of the Spirit's Reality offer themselves to his experience in all their marvelous splendor and multiplicity and in all the intensity of their beautiful or terrible delight. He sees that all worlds and planes of existence are arranged hierarchically. They are mounting up from the base of Matter and ascending to the unknowable heights of the Spirit. He perceives *THE WORLD-STAIR* from which the Spirit descended in the course of Involution and which the Soul has to ascend in the course of Evolution.

All the worlds are interconnected in a great chain and influence each other. This stair of the gradations of Being and Consciousness is within each of us. It links the lowest levels of Inconscience with the highest levels of Super-Conscience and makes possible the return journey of the human soul from its adventure of birth in the world of matter.

Closest to our own earthly existence is *THE KINGDOM OF SUBTLE MATTER*. Aswapati finds it to be a realm of wonder and delight. All that we dream of achieving here on earth is already mapped out in full detail there. But although delightful are its summits, its lower levels are dangerous. The unconsciousness of earth-matter has originated from there.

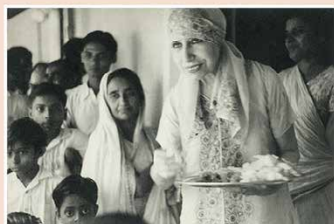
After that, entering the domains of Life, he meets *THE GLORY AND THE FALL OF LIFE*. He finds endless seeking and a spirit of adventure which cares only for variety, regardless of danger, fall and pain. But Aswapati is also shown that Life's true native home is divine and full of Bliss. He is shown the beautiful worlds of griefless life: their heavenly joy and love, their innocent youthfulness, their dynamism, and endless delight.

Further, in the domain of *THE KINGDOMS OF THE LITTLE LIFE*, he finds an uncertain and unsure world; it has been born from the meeting of Life with Matter. Led by the earth-bound mind, Life's play becomes limited and monotonous. There Aswapati sees Life as a little light born in a great darkness, not knowing where it has come from or where it must go.

A meditative film of Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri read by The Mother and accompanied by her own organ music which can connect us to the Divine Presence within and can lead us towards spiritual truth and the New Consciousness.

## AWAKENING SPIRIT

### Blessings



A Unique Vision of  
The Mother and Sri Aurobindo

Photographic Images by Henri Cartier-Bresson and Others

Savitri Bhavan, Auroville

July 22 - August 10, 2022

9.00 am - 5.00 pm

The exhibition entitled "Blessings" is a collection of images mainly by the world-renowned photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson who was chosen by the Mother to photograph Sri Aurobindo and Herself, and capture some moments of the Ashram life on the Darshan days in April 1950.

These photos are unique in many ways. Without them we would not even know how Sri Aurobindo looked after his forties. Also, they offer a rare insight into the solemn atmosphere of the Darshan and the daily life of the Aurobindo Ashram.

The photographs displayed are illustrative of Henri Cartier-Bresson's searching for the 'right moment'. They trace his creative process: his changes of the angle, focus, and composition. These rather subtle changes are extremely interesting for the viewer because they reveal Cartier-Bresson's effort to capture the highest moments of truth.

Two thirds of the exhibition comprise the work by a single photographer: Henri Cartier-Bresson. Besides that, single photographs by various photographers are presented in random order to give an idea of the Mother's daily work and various Ashram activities.

- In the beginning there is also a short video of Huta speaking about her work with The Mother.

Duration: 5min.

The videos *Meditations on Savitri* can be seen at the Savitri Bhavan website:

- <https://savitribhavan.org/meditations-on-savitri-video/>

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### ACCESS POLICY

#### FOR AUROVILIANS AND NEWCOMERS, 2022

#### General Conditions for Access to Matrimandir and the Park of Unity

- A very special atmosphere of silence and concentration in the Matrimandir and the Park of Unity must be maintained. For this the collaboration of all is essential.
- Absolute silence is required inside the Matrimandir and the 12 meditation rooms in the Petals, around the 'Lotus Pond' below the Matrimandir, and in the area under the Banyan Tree. Please help us maintain the atmosphere at the highest level.
- Cleanliness: the cooperation of all is requested to keep the Matrimandir and its twelve Petal rooms in immaculate condition. Touching any surface inside the structures is to be avoided. Cleanliness of body and garments is indispensable. Shoes must be worn as far as the entrance Pillar in order to access the Inner Chamber.
- Bringing friends or relatives for "showing off" is not in the right spirit and is not acceptable.
- The Park of Unity is not a place for jogging, cycling, walking dogs, talking on a cell phone, chatting, having a picnic or taking snapshots.

#### 1. Matrimandir Viewing Point

The Matrimandir Viewing Point is the garden located at the southern border of the Park of Unity. This is the place where first-time visitors can come to have an outer view of the Matrimandir, the Amphitheater and the Banyan Tree with a pass, to be obtained from the Visitors' Center. Aurovilians and Newcomers have free access to the Matrimandir Viewing Point provided they do not bring their motorized vehicles up to the Visitors' Gate.

- **Opening Hours:**
  - Monday to Saturday 9:30am to 5:30pm;
  - Sunday: 9:30am to 1:30pm;
  - Sunday afternoons closed.

#### 2. Park of Unity

*"The Park of Unity must be surrounded by some kind of isolating zone so that it is solitary and silent..."*

The Park of Unity is the oval area marked by the Oval road surrounding the Matrimandir, the Gardens, the Banyan Tree and the Amphitheatre. **Aurovilians and Newcomers** (the latter may have to present their Newcomer card on request) **have free access to the Park of Unity at any time between 6 am and 8 pm.** Aurovilians are encouraged to exercise their patience and understanding if the guards and volunteers on duty do not recognise them and ask to see their pass. We recommend that Aurovilians, particularly new ones, carry with them their Auroville ID card and not depend on the memory of attendants on duty.

#### 3. Inner Chamber

*"A place to learn to concentrate... a place to find one's consciousness..."*

The Inner Chamber is open for Aurovilians and Newcomers only, during the following hours **every day: 6 to 8.00 am, and 4.30 to 7.30 pm.**

Aurovilians are requested not to carry their belongings, particularly their cell phone into the Matrimandir. Shelves are provided in the Petals of every entrance for this purpose. The attendant on duty is there to help and guide.

#### 4. Petal Meditation Rooms

The 12 Petals are open for **Aurovilians and Newcomers daily from 7am to 8am and 5pm to 6pm**

#### 5. Tuesday Morning: a special time for Auroville's children

Schools of Auroville who wish to bring children and students to the Matrimandir may do so on **Tuesdays between 9AM and 11 am.** The children must be 14 years of age or below. Children above the age of 14 are expected to come on their own to Matrimandir during the Aurovilians' hours. This time on Tuesday is also open to young Aurovillian children accompanied by an Aurovillian parent. Parents and teachers have to ensure that cleanliness within the structure is maintained and that the children are able to remain quiet. It is recommended that parents and teachers alike take the opportunity to make their children aware of the special purpose and function of the Matrimandir and to teach their children to respect the atmosphere of silence and concentration in this particular space.

Outreach schools under SAIER may bring their children to the Matrimandir only with prior appointment. They have to send an email to [mmconcentration@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in), at least two days in advance with all details of their planned visit along with the name(s) of the Aurovillian(s) who will take of the group.

#### Access Policy for Aurovilians with Guest(s)

##### 1. Matrimandir Viewing Point

This is the place where first-time visitors can come to have an outer view of the Matrimandir, the Amphitheater and the Banyan Tree with a pass, to be obtained from the Visitors' Center. Aurovilians can also freely bring their relatives or friends to the Viewing Point, on condition that they do not bring their motorized vehicles up to the Visitors' Gate and stay with their guests during the time of the visit. In such cases, the relatives and friends do not require a pass.

- **Opening Hours:**
  - Monday to Saturday 9:30am to 5:30pm;
  - Sunday: 9:30am to 1:30pm;
  - Sunday afternoons closed.

##### 2. Visiting the Park Of Unity with guest(s)

Aurovilians who wish to access the Park of Unity with a close friend or family member may do so **between 9am and 3pm** by simply turning up with them during these hours;

Aurovilians are requested to take care that the Park of Unity is respected for its intended purpose that of silence, contemplation and inner work. They are expected to explain this to their guest/s and desist from activities such as taking photos or talking on the cell phone. Your collaboration is essential in maintaining the atmosphere at its highest.

##### 3. Concentration in the Matrimandir with guest(s)

This possibility is open only to Aurovilians of 18 years and above. Aurovilians who wish to bring family members or close friends into the Matrimandir for concentration may do so at **7:45am on Saturday** under the following guidelines:

- All visits with guest(s) have to be booked by email to [mmconcentration@auroville.org.in](mailto:mmconcentration@auroville.org.in) and may be done up to 7 days in advance. Please note that Friday at 6pm the booking for the following day is closed.
- Their time of concentration in the Inner Chamber is from 8am to 8:40am.
- They may bring very close friends or family members, not more than 2 — 5 at a time.
- They have to remain with their guests during the whole visit until they depart from the Park of Unity. Please note that Aurovilians may not leave their guests and visitors on their own inside the Matrimandir or the Park of Unity and leave.

Please note that the above facility is **not open to Newcomers.**

**4. Passes may be issued** on an exceptional basis and for a limited period of time to non-Aurovilians to access the Inner Chamber during Aurovilians' timing. Those concerned will be very close friends of Auroville, AVI active members, long term guests who work for Auroville etc... who come regularly for concentration.

**5. Aurovilians organizing workshops or tours for guests** should not include a visit to the Matrimandir in their programme. This must be a matter of individual choice and approach.

**6. Children below the age of 10 years, including Aurovilian children,** are not allowed in the Park of Unity during the visitors' hours of 9am to 11:30am on Saturday. A special request to Aurovilians who happen to visit Matrimandir or the Park of Unity during the visitors' hour of 9am to 11.30am on Saturday: we ask you to please help us maintain the same order and discipline that we ask of the visitors by following the instructions of those on duty. We ask this of you not only for the sake of maintaining order and the atmosphere at its highest but also out of respect for the visitors who cooperate with us without hesitation and show the respect Matrimandir deserves.

Matrimandir Team

**WITH GRATITUDE  
TO SWEET MOTHER AND SRI AUROBINDO**



To Commemorate 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, The 'AurovilksTamilnadu' team is proposing to conduct a get-together.

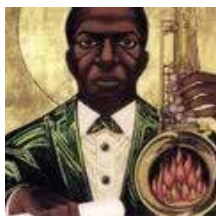
- Date: 17.07.2022 Sunday
- Time: 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Place: Sri Aurobindo World Centre for Human Unity (SAWCHU)

In collaboration with Arulvazhi, Ilaignarkal, Bharat Nivas, Savitri Bhavan, Unity Pavilion and others.

*Gloire a Toi, Seigneur  
Victoire a Douce Mere*

**THE ARTS**

**THE LATE, LEGENDARY DJ BOB PARLOCHA'S JAZZ  
SERIES THE "BLACK MASTERS"**



The long lost and long sought audio-documentary series spotlighting ten of the seminal innovators of modern jazz from the 40's and 50's will begin airing Monday night July 11 at 10pm PST on radio station KWMR in Pt. Reyes Station CA. Last heard at the end of the 80's on the now defunct KJAZ, all thirty-six 10.5" reels have been hibernating in their canisters ever since.

Each segment is a comprehensive, illuminating journey of the individual lives and musical breakthroughs of Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, Freddie Hubbard, Art Blakey, Cannonball Adderley, Charles Mingus and Rashaan Roland Kirk — each get at least three hours, some more, all told in Mr. Parlocha's velveteen voice — plus full play-throughs of all the tracks chosen for illustration of his tales.

"Night Beat" at KWMR.org 10pm — 12am Pacific Standard Time in the USA each Monday Ananda G. Brady, host [Mixcloud.com/anandaG](https://www.mixcloud.com/anandaG/) (weekly program archives)

- [duxxburyreef@gmail.com](mailto:duxxburyreef@gmail.com) Submitted by Roy

On the occasion of  
**Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary & 50 Years of Bharat Nivas**  
Presents

**"Gujarat Darpan"**  
Presented by

**Aavishkar from Ahmadavad**

Venue : Sri Aurobindo Auditorium  
Date : Saturday 23rd July 2022  
Time : 8 pm

For Community Garba on Thursday 21st July 2022  
7 - 9 pm at SAWCHU

**BHARAT NIVAS**  
ETTER BETTER - Jugal Kishore  
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Please follow the Covid Protocols & all vehicles should be at the Parking outside the gate.

**HEALTH**

**AV HEALTH CENTRE**

**Ayurvedic Doctor**

Dr Sonia Malik Ayurvedic Doctor will volunteer at the Auroville Health Center on **Wednesdays and Saturdays** from 9am to 1pm. Starting from July 13.

**Homeopathic doctor**

Dr. Meera, the Homeopathic doctor, continues to be available at AV Health Centre from 9:30am - 12:30pm every **Tuesday and Friday**, since the past year.

*Thank you and regards, Peter*

**AURO DENT**

Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

**For Appointment please contact us**  
Email: [aurodent@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurodent@auroville.org.in)  
Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

**Working hours**  
Monday – Friday (9am – 1 pm & 2pm – 6 pm) Saturday (9am – 1pm)

**ECOLOGY**

**THE OCEAN FESTIVAL**

12 — 18 July 2022

**Tsunamika's new venture into saving our Oceans**

A call to save the oceans, Tsunamika, the doll that is a living symbol of hope has taken the form of the 'Ocean Goddess'. The need to conserve water and save our oceans must be of utmost urgency as global warming is imminent. Tsunamika rose on a gloomy day, to be the light that we need, and thus, she invites you to celebrate the Ocean Festival together.



The Ocean Festival in collaboration with Pondicherry Tourism and Upasana Auroville is happening from 12 July to 18 July 2022 at Bharat Nivas, Auroville is a collective celebration of Fisherwoman, Young People, Design Schools, NGOs, and a panel of experts to come together for innovative solutions for a clean ocean. The event will be a collective of students and volunteers from all over India, showcasing their designs on the theme 'The Ocean Festival', workshops on Upcycling, Knowing your Waste, Reducing your Carbon Footprint, and more, and Community Activities such as beach cleaning, canyon cleaning, turtle walks, art installations, etc. talks from experts over various topics such as Knowing Oceans and Underwater Diving.

Overall, this event raises awareness about keeping our Oceans, and a pledge for clean oceans as 'Oceans Live, We Live'.

**About Tsunamika**

Tsunamika is a symbol of this commitment toward our ocean and has been a part of the United Nations Satellite Activity for SDG 14 — clean ocean representing India. Uma Prajapati is the founder of Tsunamika, after the 2004 devastating Tsunami she visited several coastal villages and was moved to act. This became a livelihood for 180 of them, they were trained by Prajapati and her team to make little dolls out of cloth bits and waste from manufacturing.

Since then Tsunamika has gathered recognition for the work it does, a storybook was published in 7 languages and the dolls were sent to Japan in 2011 as a gesture of solidarity during their tsunami. It has also been featured on CNN and the State School Board of Tamil Nadu has included it in its curriculum and so has NIFT, Delhi as a case study for Design and Social Responsibility.

So Far, over 6 million dolls have traveled to more than 80 countries.

**SPORTS / MARTIAL ARTS**

**AIKIDO IN AUROVILLE**

**Children/young students: registration for July 2022!**

Dear Auroville School admin and Parents, Aikido strengthens not only the body but also the mind and spirit. Children will gain a strong sense of focus and self-confidence, while practicing in a friendly atmosphere. The instructors teach the children how to defend themselves without hurting others.



We are happy to communicate that from **Monday, 11 July**, in par with Dehashakti Sports programs, that Four Weekly classes weekly will restart. Students are expected to attend a minimum of 3 classes a week in order to follow the curriculum and for everyone to see their progress!

- **Timing will remain the same as last year:**  
Monday-Wednesday-Friday 4:30 to 5:30pm  
plus Saturday morning 9 to 10am.

Please let us know who is interested! Children can have a one or two month trial period before confirming their joining.

Please contact us at [budokan@auroville.org.in](mailto:budokan@auroville.org.in) or phone 0413-2623065, 8300189062 (no WA). Interested Adults, please contact us here too!

*With thanks and warm regards, Cristo & Surya*  
**Auroville Budokan — Dehashakti**  
**Contact Surya: 0413 2623065, +91 830018906**

**LOST AND FOUND**

**Missing cat Tiger**

Please call  
Prema 9443362528



**TAXI SHARING**

**July 20, from Chennai Airport to AV, at 2pm.**

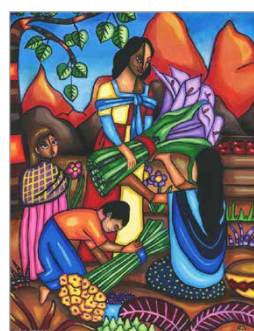


Please contact Sandhya via WA: +91 944 3619 403,

*With love & gratitude,*  
**Sandhya**

**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**

## 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.

**Office Assistant (Half time position)**

A team is looking for an office assistant. The work consists in: check & process bills and receipts; Book keeping and Data entry in Tally; Accounting support.

- Required skills: A degree in Commerce & Knowledge in Tally;
- English — Reading & Writing knowledge must, Spoken Tamil is optional
- Computer skills: Typewriting ,MS Excel & Tally 9.2

There is a one month training; Minimum trial period of 3 months, can be extended if the individual has the shown potential and strives to improve. Maintenance available during the trial period. This is a half-time position open for Newcomers or Aurovilians.

**Looking for Communication Assistant (Half time and/or Full Time position)**

Project that offers online courses is looking to expand their team. Looking to invite a smart and sincere communication assistant to support the overall community building aspect.

- Soft skills required such as: love to talk to people; have good communication skills; have good listening; be patient with people; like to help people win; compassion and empathy.

This is a full time /half time opportunity and accordingly an Auroville maintenance will be offered. If you like to work with people and feel fulfilled to see others achieve their goals and dreams then this is the right job for you. Requirement: You must have a laptop and a smart phone; you must be good in writing and speaking English.

**Teacher assistant (Full time position)**

Looking for a full-time facilitator for a mixed age group classroom with 9 & 10 year olds: a self-motivated individual who is capable of managing the classroom independently; good communication; team spirit.

**Prerequisites:**

- Prior work experience in the field of education combined with an understanding of the Integral Education framework.
- A good command of the English language, and fluency in any other language is welcome.
- Being able connect with children.
- A minimum commitment of one year.

**Kitchen manager at a Farm**

Looking for a committed Aurovillian/Newcomer to manage the farm kitchen and help in cooking breakfast for volunteers everyday. Basic food processing using the farm produce to be used during the breakfast is also part of the required needs.

This could be an opportunity for someone interested in exploring how simple ingredients and fresh harvest from the farm can be used to make a diverse and healthy meal.

- The minimum time commitment required is 7am — 10:30am, Monday to Saturday.

Maintenance is available for this work.

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)  
HR Initiative Team

## LOOKING FOR

**Shanthi Looking for Work**

Shanthi from Bommayapalayam is looking for House-Keeping work. She's good with cooking, and taking care of the house. She's available from 8:30am till 11:30am. She speaks & understands Basic English, If needed please contact her directly on her mobile : +91 96773 55739.

Eugen, Herzlich grusst  
2623137 or 8903621185

**Looking to House Sit**

Hello community, my name is Meenakshi. My son Sasha (15) and I have returned to Auroville after 7 years. We are looking to house sit for a Minimum time of 1 month and a Maximum time of 1 year with the possibility to extend.

Would appreciate the opportunity to make your home ours for this duration. Will be happy to contribute as well if needed.

[Lallmeenakshi3@gmail.com](mailto:Lallmeenakshi3@gmail.com), or WA 8527638359.

Grateful, Meenakshi

**Looking for a Fridge and Washing Machine**

We are a family planning to live in Auroville for the next one year. We are volunteers. We have found a place to stay, but without a fridge and a washing machine. If you have a used one to sell or to lend, we'll be happy to give it a second life.

Thanks a lot, Annick et Thomas, 9043004926

**Looking for Long Term House Sitting**

Looking for Long Term house sitting: Dear Aurovilians, my name is Archana Saraf, I am an Aurovillian looking for a long term house sitting opportunity for my family starting from mid to end August. My husband, Atul is a long term volunteer and daughter Aanya is studying in Last School. We are looking for a 2 bedroom house. We have been house sitting in Grace for 2 1/2 years. We are a very peaceful family. We will take good care of your house and garden.

Please contact me at email: [archie.saraf@gmail.com](mailto:archie.saraf@gmail.com), WA or call: 8628955394, If you are looking for a family for house sitting. Thank you in advance!

Archana

**Looking for House Sitting**

Hello, my name is Roland, and I am looking for a house to care for from the end of August. I am volunteer and in New Comer proceedings. I am Swiss and designer in building, I am careful. I lived 2 months in Surrender (Céline House). I can take care of an animal and the garden.

Contact [roland.keller2800@gmail.com](mailto:roland.keller2800@gmail.com), 9751247539

Thanks in advance for any apartment or home to take care of.

Roland Keller

## BIOREGION

## RUPAVATHI OFFERS

**Bio-region Temple Tour**

Ever Sunday 9 to 12 noon  
Starting from Solar kitchen

**Indian cooking, Mandala and Tailoring**

Every Monday and Friday 10am to 12 noon at Creativity.

**Thai Massage**

Every Tuesday and Thursday at Creativity.

- If you want to Participate, please book it in advance. Contacts: Cell and WA: 8098845200 and 9487272393, [rupavathijoy@gmail.com](mailto:rupavathijoy@gmail.com)

AVAILABLE

**Dog Cage Available**



Dear Community, we had this lovely dog who decided to go to Valhalla and leave us. Now we have this empty Dog Cage which needs a home. So if you are in need to travel with your four legged friend. Contact us 8527638359, we will be happy to give it away for a small contribution.

Sasha and Meenakshi

**Asus Laptop Available**



**Powerful Laptop ASUS GL552VW ROG** (Gray Metal); Intel i7 (6th Gen); 15.6" IPS display; 1TB HDD; 16GB RAM; DVD drive; Refurbished at Asus Service Center: new battery, new backlit keyboard/touchpad (3 months guarantee); fan cleaned. Excellent condition.

**Best Machine For:** Gaming, Video/Photo Editing, 3d Modeling, CAD, intensive data processing etc... Contact Joel K. on WA only: 9499024550

Joel

HELP NEEDED

**SEEKING FUNDING**

Dear fellow Aurovilians, hello again! My name is Bhavya. I grew up in Auroville, and since 2018, I've been pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Urban Design at CEPT University in Ahmedabad, India. I'm passionate about learning how people behave and move within public spaces. And most importantly, to bring this knowledge and expertise back to help develop Auroville.

As part of my university studies, I have been the only student in my whole class to be selected to study abroad at the Politecnico Di Milano, the largest technical university in Italy. It is an exciting and rare opportunity, and I wanted to approach the Auroville family for some help. I've started a fundraising campaign and have been sharing my progress with the community. I am very excited to give you this update:

Through some very helpful folks in Auroville, I finalized the paperwork and can now raise funds from anywhere in the world! I have set up a special crowdfunding page through which well-wishers can contribute anonymously and in their preferred currency.

Could you please help me by sharing the link below with as many people as possible in your network?

<https://www.ketto.org/fundraiser/exchange-program-bhavya-trivedi>

Contributions from Auroville are amazing, and I request you please contribute any amount to the specially created FS Account 106288. Every single contribution is deeply appreciated, and I'll combine funds from the crowdfunding and the FS account!

Thank you for all your support so far. I have already raised 20% of my fundraising goal! Please continue to support me so that I can make this dream become a reality.

If you'd like to learn more about this or have any advice for me, please email me at [aurobhavya@gmail.com](mailto:aurobhavya@gmail.com).

In my next update, I'll share more about an exciting University project I did in Kulappalayam, looking at public spaces, mobility and gender!

*Thank you for your time, help and goodwill!*  
Bhavya

*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**

- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil - Ep.23 \(Sri Aurobindo\) "ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"](#)
- [Soul Tracks – Se.4, Ep.3 "Chet Baker & the Birth of Cool Jazz"](#) (Music)
- [Sufi Music – Live Concert](#) (Music)
- [Tamil Express – lesson 17](#) (Tamil Language)

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

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**Donate to F.A. number 251369**

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

Peace and Love

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**GOODWILL**

"Bless you!"

Say it, mean it always  
Not just when I sneeze.

∞

Goodwill to all.  
God's will to All.  
Good for souls and cells.

Anandi Zhang

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**Speaking From The Heart:**

**Non-Violent Communication with Vega**

- Friday, 22 July, from 9:30am to 4:30pm &
- Saturday, 23 July, from 9:30am to 1pm

Learn the basics and principles of Non-violent Communication, a practice that helps to restore Connection to and communication from the heart, which is our nature.

**Yoga Of Forgiveness with Dr. Sehdev**

- Saturday, 23 July, from 2 to 4:30pm

From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference To the Light of Forgiveness is a momentous step From Fear & Festering Revenge To the Courage of Being is the True Journey of the Spirit We must let go What ties us to the prison bars And dream once again of Freedom. In this freedom alone lies our true Redemption.

## CLASSES IN AUROMODE

until August 15

Vanakam, we are having the following classes happening in Auromode Yoga space until August 15. All are Drop in sessions — Beginner to Intermediate level — Bring your own mats if you have one -Contribution required.



- Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30am to 12noon: Ashtanga Vinyasa, Practise together, This is not a lead class.
- Thursdays, 5:30 to 7pm: Hatha/ Vinyasa flow with Siva.
- Fridays, 5:30pm to 7pm: Hatha/ Vinyasa flow with Bala.



Ask us for more information.

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[contact@auromodeyogospace.com](mailto:contact@auromodeyogospace.com)

[balaganesh.siva@gmail.com](mailto:balaganesh.siva@gmail.com)

## MEN'S CIRCLE

Every Friday, 5 - 6pm, Aurelec

# Men's Circle

A safe space for men to share

Be part of a brotherhood to find your self and open your hearts.

Find fellow brothers among whom you can be, and become more fully who you are.

Bond with other men in a non-judgmental space of deep listening, where the heart is welcomed.



Fridays, 5-6pm in Aurelec  
(1st floor, main building,  
opp the conf room)  
Vikram #984 394 8288

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Call/WA 9843948288 for queries, or simply just show up.

Vikram

## SOUND CHAKRAS HEALING

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



- Individual session
- Couple session
- Small group (max 4 people)

Please contact me for an Appointment

- Lakshmi 8489764602 or
- [lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:lakshmiprem369@gmail.com)

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[contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#)

## Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in Natural Horsemanship. Natural Horsemanship focuses on body language of horse and human, which is universal, by effectively using intention and centered presence to communicate clearly, with purpose, and without violence. This is the key to building a vocabulary with the horse, your partner. Experience yourself beyond words! 7 horses and ponies of all sizes and temperaments are curious to know you!



Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication — and it's just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse! Mirrabelle lives with horses since she was 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfills her life's dream to bring children, adults and horses together in a healing way, in Auroville, Sharnga Guesthouse. Mirrabelle has studied human and horse psychology, and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care — hoofs, nutrition, psychology, care, riding and therapy!

Contact: WA 9626565134, [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com)

## Journey of the Soul, 17 July, 10am — 2pm

- Venue: Sharnga Guest House Yogahall

A 1 day workshop to explore the "Layers of the heart", an inner journey described by the Mother, and more recently by Soleil Lithman, a long term associate of Auroville. After a short Intro, we will follow a guided meditation. This workshop is an opening toward the dimensions of inner work proposed by The Mother. A workshop for all.



Facilitator Sigrid Lindemann, an Aurovillian researcher for over 20 years, international faculty in integral regression therapy.

Contact: [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 09626006961



## Explore your mind

- 3 day workshop in hypnotherapy
- 22,23,24 July

"The answers you seek never come when the mind is busy, they only come when it is still" What is hypnosis? How do the right and left brain function practically? How do conscious and subconscious interact? Explore the depths of your mind and relax! Meditate with ease! Expand your therapeutic toolbox!



Apply Selfhypnosis Workshop combining experiential learning and "Theory of the Mind" Certified course from EKAA [www.ekaa.co.in](http://www.ekaa.co.in)

- 22 July, Friday 4 — 7pm,
- 23 & 24 July, Saturday, Sunday 9- 5pm
- at Sharnga Guest House Yogahall

**Trainer:** Sigrid Lindemann Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression Therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville

**Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, [www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://www.sharngaguesthouse.in)

## Integral regression therapy training

- Intro Session 26 July, 5 - 7pm
- Intro Webinar 27 July, 7 - 9pm

Integral regression therapy and energy work based on Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers integral Yoga, integrating trauma therapy, past life regression therapy, inner child work, NLP, and a client centric approach.



Typically, integral regression therapy addresses unexplainable pains, trauma from accidents or early childhood, questions about past lives, life purpose or restricting behavior patterns.

**Sigrid:** An in-depth training through a series of webinars the theory of this deeply healing approach is transmitted. Therapists wishing to integrate this approach in their psychotherapeutic or body- mind — healing work shall come for presence sessions, for four 3 day workshops to Auroville, to practice facilitating the 2hrs therapy sessions, and their own personal transformation.

- **The 7 Module training in Integral Regression Therapy starts end July with Modul 1 Reliving and transforming**

Sigrid Lindemann is integrating her large professional background in this focussed approach to transforming deep, longstanding issues towards an evolving consciousness and purpose of life. Sigrid is a transpersonal regression therapist, trainer in hypnotherapy and teacher of advanced classical homeopathy, with her background in Integral Yoga, living over 20 years in Auroville, Pondicherry.

All info: Sigrid [contact@auroville-ijva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-ijva.com), WA9626006961

**YEP** We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAV> parallel with wellness and healing sessions for parents: forest walks, camp fire, visits to various activities in Auroville, Yoga and TaiChi, art sessions, bird watching, etc! WA 09626565134

- We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion and soul, for conscious evolution. Acupuncture, Shiatsu, QiGong, TaijiQuan, Energy work, Fasting Natural Horsemanship, Horse Assisted Therapy, Medical Clowning, Yoga Nidra, Gentle Birth & Peggancy, Integral Regression Therapy, Trauma Therapy, Advanced Classical Homeopathy Systemic Constellation & Family Constellation

## RELAXING OIL MASSAGE



Relaxing oil massage to reconnect body and soul. Full body, 90 minutes. On donation for aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers. Umberto 7598331379.

Best regards, Umberto

## EDUCATION

### 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

### Looking for a receptionist (short-term)

Our dear Enzo is still in Italy and will be back with us in September. Meanwhile, we are looking for a receptionist for three months. If you love people and are happy to meet visitors and coordinate between students and teachers, get in touch with us asap! We need someone who has computer skills and a good organizational sense.

### Tomatis

We've been fully booked for Tomatis programs for the month of June. We will be open for new bookings in mid-July! To know more about the Tomatis Method, please have a look at the following links:

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyy-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

### Summer Language Courses at ALL

#### New: Spoken Tamil with Saravanan

Great news for those waiting to join our Beginner Spoken Tamil Course: Saravanan is ready to start a new batch! Saravanan has been running this interactive and practical-oriented course for the past seven years. The class modules are based on a booklet called "Fun with Tamil", which has been put together with a lot of research and thought. By the end of this course, you would be able to converse in Tamil on day-to-day matters, having achieved a deeper understanding of its sounds, pronouns, conjugations, etc.

- The course will start 15 July 2022. Classes will take place Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:30am to 10:30am, for 3 months.

#### New: French with Jean-François

Our long-term volunteer, language-enthusiast & training expert, Jean-François Claude, is ready to start two new courses:

**French Conversation:** For those of you who know a bit of French, this is the perfect course to get more fluent, expand your vocabulary, and speak without inhibition in a diverse & fun group! Jean-François would explore a range of topics like food, sports, travel, philosophy, news, literature, and more.

- The course will start 11 July 2022. Classes will take place Mondays & Thursdays, 2pm to 3pm.

**Beginner French:** Exciting news for all those wanting to join a French course but finding themselves too busy through the week! Our Beginner French Course is deliberately planned for Saturdays! The classes are highly interactive and are structured around the "French in Action" modules developed by Professor Pierre Capretz of Yale University.

- The course will start 16 July 2022. Classes will take place Saturdays, 2:30pm to 4:30pm, for 3 months.

### New: Hindi with Vatsla

Vatsla's current Hindi Beginner Course will conclude soon. We have always received great feedback on her course! She will start a new batch in September. This three-month course is a blend of grammar and conversation, poetry and songs. We invite you to come and relish the beauty of the Hindi language. Enquire now to join!

- Classes will take place Saturdays, 10:00am to 12:00noon, for 3 months.

### English Conversation with Ramesh

Our long-term volunteer, Ramesh, is ready to take your English-speaking skills to a new level. Yoga trainer, You-Tuber, and Excel expert, Ramesh brings a range of experiences to his classes. Ramesh has started offering English Conversation Classes for students who already know a bit of English. The feedback is excellent. Ramesh prepares his classes painstakingly and covers grammar as well.

- Classes take place Tuesdays & Fridays, 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Enquire now to join!

### 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.

### 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](#) to join or inquire about any language classes at the Lab! You can drop us an email to [info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org), or call us at 2623661

- **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	Tuesday & Friday
French	Beginner, To start 16 July 2022	02:30pm – 04:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation, Started on 11 July	02:00pm – 03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
German	A1 Beginner, Started on 16 June 2022	9am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, Started on 23 April 2022	10:00am – 12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, To start 15 July 2022	09:30am – 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start July	03:00pm – 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start July	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner To start July	TBA	TBA
	Spanish Conversation To start July 2022	TBA	
Japanese	Beginner To start July	TBA	TBA
Italian	Elementary, Started on 1 April 2022	04:00pm – 05:00pm	Wednesday & Friday

### 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.

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## 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 22 July

#### WONDERS OF LIFE: SIZE MATTERS

2013 / 59 minutes / Paul Olding

Brian travels across Australia to explore the physics of the size of life. He discovers that size has a profound effect on how you move, how you feed, even how long you live.





**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
 Film Program  
 18 July 2022 to 24 July 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.

**International – Saturday, 23 July, 8:00 pm:**  
**THE DUKE**

UK, 2020, Dir. Roger Michell w/ Jim Broadbent, Heather Craney, Stephen Rashbrook, and others, Biography-Comedy, 95 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In 1961, 60-year-old Kempton Bunton stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. An uplifting true story about a good man who set out to change the world and managed to save his marriage.

**Children's Matinee - Sunday, 24 July, 4:30 pm:**  
**FERDINAND**

USA, 2017, Dir. Carlos Saldanha w/ John Cena, Kate McKinnon, Bobby Cannavale, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 108 mins, English, Rated: PG

Ferdinand is a young Spanish bull with a big heart, who is mistaken for a dangerous beast. After an unfortunate run-in with a golden bee he is captured, and with help from a wisecracking goat and three hedgehogs, must find a way to break free before facing El Primero, the famous bullfighter who never loses.

**Gus Van Sant Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**

*Gus Van Sant is an American film director, producer, photographer, and musician who has earned acclaim as both an independent and mainstream filmmaker. His films typically deal with themes of marginalized subcultures.*

**Sunday 24 July, 8:00 pm:**  
**DRUGSTORE COWBOY**

USA, 1989, Dir. Gus Van Sant w/ Kelly Lynch, Matt Dillon, and others, Drama-Crime, 101 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

Bob Hughes is the leader of a "family" of drug addicts who feed their habit by robbing drug stores as they travel across the country. After a tragedy befalls a member of his group, Bob decides he must leave his dysfunctional clan and go straight. Parting ways with his junkie past proves more difficult than expected when Bob is stalked by an old acquaintance looking to score drugs at any price.

**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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At Mmc/Multi Media Center, Town Hall

**Friday 15 July, Reminder:**

- The Last Picture Show by Peter Bogdanovitch, USA, 1971

**Friday 22 July, 8:00pm**

- "Run Lola Run" (original title: Lola rennt) — Germany, 1998

Directed by Tom TYKWER

With: Franka Potente, Moritz Bleibtreu, Herbert Knaup, Nina Petri, Joachim Król,...

**Synopsis:** Lola receives a phone call from her boyfriend Manni. He lost 100,000 DM in a subway train that belongs to a very bad guy. Lola has 20 min to raise this amount and meet Manni. Otherwise, he will rob a store to get the money... Three different alternatives may happen depending on some minor event along Lola's run... Riveting action, dynamic sound track, and brilliant editing for this highly original movie! *Original German version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h.20'*

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Ambulance (24/7):**

- Auroville — 9442224680
- PIMS — 0413 2656271

**Security (24/7):**

- Auroville Safety & Security Team — 9443090107
- Auroville Police Station — 0413 2677318
- Kottakuppam Police Station — 0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station — 0413 2677368

**Health**

- Health Center — 0413 2622123
- Santé — 0413 2622803 / 0413 2623937
- Farewell — 8903836246

**Mental health 24/7 support:**

- Matram — 9487746051

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

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**SOHAM NEWS**

**SUPERMENTAL KISS TO ALL !**

It seems that a polemic (like an epidemic) has arisen in the community about the gentle, kind, maybe outrageous for the moralists (so many of this doomed race) opening I showed to C. renewed mute demands, unlike me she is shy...

C. is not the type of beauty (sorry to disappoint her) I cherish particularly. I offered her my sweet skills out of soul's generosity, out of compassion for her obvious distress. I am not awaiting C.'s obvious charms to enjoy life to the brim. As I told her in this private, I underline, letter I am already in Big Demand, so I would happily welcome a little rest time to time. Hypocrisy is a psychological disease, it can be healed by Truth of Being.

*Tendernesses, Soham*

**One small clairvoyant remark in post scriptum:** Culpability is the prerogative and the daily bitter bread of nuns. Most of the time people mislead themselves believing that emotions and sentimentality is an offspring of the psychic consciousness; not at all! It is the result of an unpurified lower vital that blurred their true inner self — That's all!

**ACCESSIBLE AUROVILLE PUBLIC BUS**

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**Auroville TO PONDICHERRY**

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Svaram	7:00	9:30	14:15	17:00
Verite Udayogam Junction	7:02	9:32	14:17	17:02
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 / Kuilapalayam	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



**Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE**

	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 / Kuilapalayam	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

- Monthly Rs.550 (Aurovilians & New comers)
- Rs.100 one way for Aurovilian & New comers
- Rs.150 one way for Guest

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**How to submit material:**

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
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- Articles for the Notes section should ideally be no longer than 500 words.
- Please do not send submissions and inquiries as a "Reply" to the digital subscription mail. There is no guarantee that anyone will see communications sent this way.
- Please try your best to send your announcements, reports, film schedules whenever they are ready. Any modifications of submitted News items must be sent to the editors before Tuesday 3pm.
- We regret not being able to attend to visitors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thurs AM due to work pressure.

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