

News & Notes

#934 A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville 4 August 2022



These rays are directed downwards, their foundation is above: may they be set deep within us....
O Varuna, here awake, make wide thy reign; may we abide in the law of thy workings and
be blameless before the Mother Infinite.

Rig Veda

The Swan that settles in the purity ... born of the Truth, — itself the Truth, the Vast.

Katha Upanishad

The Ponder Corner



It then becomes obvious that there is something not yet accomplished, there becomes clear to view the much that has still to be done, *bhuri aspasta kartvam*; there is a height still to be reached, a wideness still to be covered by the eye of vision, the wing of the will, the self-affirmation of the spirit in the material universe

The Triple Transformation.

The Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo

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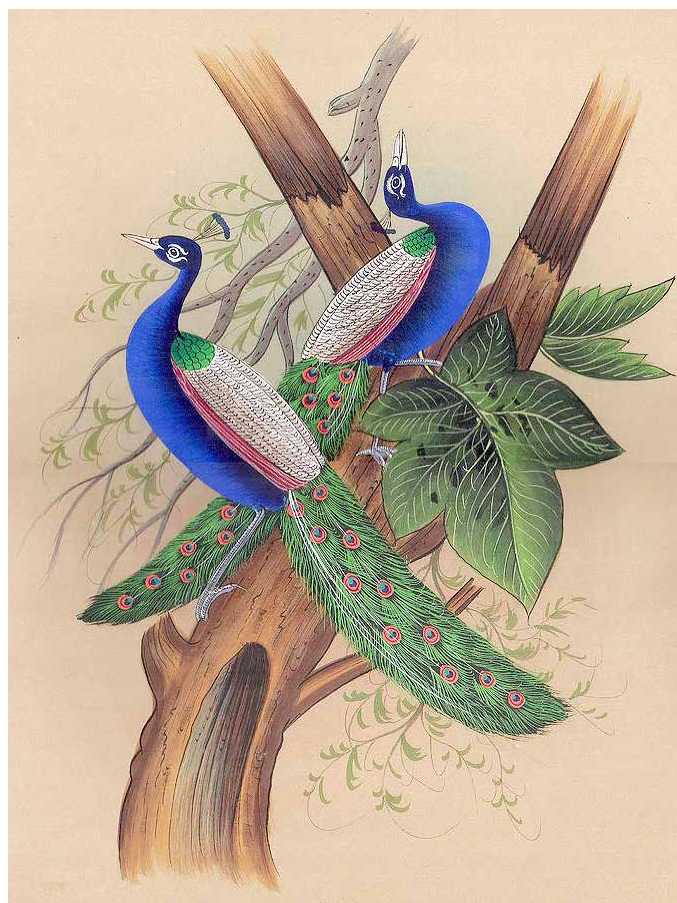
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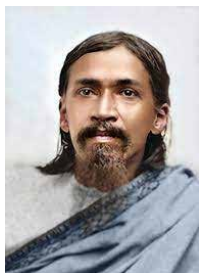
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House of Mother's Agenda



"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)

(continued from last week)

A Consciousness that knows not its own truth,
A vagrant hunter of misleading dawns,
Between the being's dark and luminous ends
Moves here in a half-light that seems the whole:
An interregnum in Reality
Cuts off the integral Thought, the total Power;
It circles or stands in a vague interspace,
Doubtful of its beginning and its close,
Or runs upon a road that has no end;
Far from the original Dusk, the final Flame
In some huge void Inconscience it lives,
Like a thought persisting in a wide emptiness.
As if an unintelligible phrase
Suggested a million renderings to the Mind,
It lends a purport to a random world.
A conjecture leaning upon doubtful proofs,
A message misunderstood, a thought confused
Missing its aim is all that it can speak
Or a fragment of the universal word.
It leaves two giant letters void of sense
While without sanction turns the middle sign
Carrying an enigmatic universe,
As if a present without future or past
Repeating the same revolution's whirl
Turned on its axis in its own Inane.
Thus is the meaning of creation veiled;
For without context reads the cosmic page:
Its signs stare at us like an unknown script,
As if appeared screened by a foreign tongue
Or code of splendour signs without a key
A portion of a parable sublime.
It wears to the perishable creature's eyes
The grandeur of a useless miracle;
Wasting itself that it may last awhile,
A river that can never find its sea,
It runs through life and death on an edge of Time;
A fire in the Night is its mighty action's blaze.
This is our deepest need to join once more
What now is parted, opposite and twain,
Remote in sovereign spheres that never meet
Or fronting like far poles of Night and Day.
We must fill the immense lacuna we have made,
Re-wed the closed finite's lonely consonant
With the open vowels of Infinity,
A hyphen must connect Matter and Mind,
The narrow isthmus of the ascending soul:
We must renew the secret bond in things,
Our hearts recall the lost divine Idea,

Reconstitute the perfect word, unite
The Alpha and the Omega in one sound;
Then shall the Spirit and Nature be at one.
Two are the ends of the mysterious plan.
In the wide signless ether of the Self,
In the unchanging Silence white and nude,
Aloof, resplendent like gold dazzling suns
Veiled by the ray no mortal eye can bear,
The Spirit's bare and absolute potencies
Burn in the solitude of the thoughts of God.
A rapture and a radiance and a hush,
Delivered from the approach of wounded hearts,
Denied to the Idea that looks at grief,
Remote from the Force that cries out in its pain,
In his inalienable bliss they live.
Immaculate in self-knowledge and self-power,
Calm they repose on the eternal Will.
Only his law they count and him obey;
They have no goal to reach, no aim to serve.
Implacable in their timeless purity,
All barter or bribe of worship they refuse;
Unmoved by cry of revolt and ignorant prayer
They reckon not our virtue and our sin;
They bend not to the voices that implore,
They hold no traffic with error and its reign;
They are guardians of the silence of the Truth,
They are keepers of the immutable decree.
A deep surrender is their source of might,
A still identity their way to know,
Motionless is their action like a sleep.
At peace, regarding the trouble beneath the stars,
Deathless, watching the works of Death and Chance,
Immobile, seeing the millenniums pass,
Untouched while the long map of Fate unrolls,
They look on our struggle with impartial eyes,
And yet without them cosmos could not be.
Impervious to desire and doom and hope,
Their station of inviolable might
Moveless upholds the world's enormous task,
Its ignorance is by their knowledge lit,
Its yearning lasts by their indifference.
As the height draws the low ever to climb,
As the breadths draw the small to adventure vast,
Their aloofness drives man to surpass himself.

(to be continued next week)

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri—A Legend and a Symbol,
Book 1: The Book of Beginnings,
Canto 4: The Secret Knowledge

Townhall Speaks

BUDGET COORDINATION SERVICE

Dear Community, we'd like to inform you that ever since we as the new members of FAMC took charge as a team and announced our collective aspirations to the community, (<https://auroville.org.in/article/91616>) we have since been trying to reach out to the various sub-groups functioning under the FAMC such as to align our mandate, vision and goals for the coming months and years through proper work plans. And yet despite our earnest effort through the course of the month to meet with the BCC members for a collaborative dialog to move forward with renewed impetus, we unfortunately felt the team had been persistently stalling matters, and with a lack of sharing of information as had been requested from the team. Despite the repeated requests to help with critical data such for the FAMC to review the community budgets and suggest oversight, it was not shared with one reason or another being cited through the month.

As we now embark on a journey on setting up many new projects, new initiatives—some long pending and overdue; there is an urgent need to streamline and support all of them through proper budgetary planning, roadmaps and milestones. We have therefore requested the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation to help us establish a new team to help us achieve them.

Through our request the "Budget Coordination Service" has been constituted by Office Order by the Auroville Foundation for the purpose.

Members of the Budget Coordination Service are

1. Ms. Ocean Bekker
 2. Mr. K. Anbu
 3. Ms. V. Sarasu
 4. Ms. Meena
 5. Ms. Svetlana Grigorashchenko
 6. Ms. R. Anitha
 7. Ms. H. Suryagandhi
 8. Mr. Ravi Borchardt
- In addition, Ms Rupali Batra is the resource person to assist the BCS, Budget Coordination Service.

*In Her Service,
FAMC*

*Chandresh, Geeta, Jocelyn,
Kalya, Sathyanarayan and Torkil*

FROM THE L'AVENIR



L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear residents, as the Crown work is in progress, different stretches will be worked upon simultaneously. From today, work has begun from Humanscape towards Surrender. As you are aware, work on the stretch from Horizon to Youth Center is already going on, for four wheelers access, we request you to use the way from Matrimandir toward Gaia Crown junction and towards Kalabhum, Transformation, to reach Dana.

The road stretches between Horizon to Youth Center and Humanscape to Mahalakshmi Home will be blocked temporarily until the road work is completed.

Kind regards,

L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC members

*Dr. G. Seetharaman, Govind Ranjan, Hemant Sekhar,
Jaya Berggreen-Clausen, M. Ponnusamy, Jothy Prasad
Rajan, Sindhuja Jagadeesh, Toby Neuman*

FAMC REPORT

8 June to 31 July 2022

- FAMC office shifted to a new location in the Archives building, first floor, rear side.
- On 11 and 12 July we had meetings with the Governing Board members.
- We have started our regular meetings with the Secretary Dr. Jayanti Ravi, who is the convener of FAMC. These meetings take place every Friday.
- We have been having joint meetings with the Working Committee and ATDC regularly.
- So far we have managed to meet the following working groups under FAMC (formerly called subgroups): BCC, Housing, Land Board, Farm Group. The Forest Group has declined our invitation to meet.
- We had a community outreach during 11 July to 24 July Monday to Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30pm, for which a few people visited us.
- FAMC members had meetings with Music and Video library executives and upon review of the operations on the legality of copyright materials being distributed, it was agreed to close the operations of the two services from Town Hall premises.
- Review of various units and services are ongoing, based on requests for changes and other operational needs.
- Exploration and review of GST, combined accounting and other trust related restructuring are undergoing.
- Prosperity presentation and discussion have been initiated.
- Major Sharma of Gratitude Farms gave a presentation for three farmers of Auroville, who have shown their willingness to participate in a pilot project, which will be monitored by FAMC.
- The FAMC team has prepared its Work Plan, which has been shared with few members of the community. We have asked working groups under FAMC to prepare Work Plans for themselves. Sharing our work with the community will continue.
- The thrust of FAMC to move forward is on compliance, accountability and transparency in all areas. Without cooperation, all new and ongoing work cannot progress with harmony and work stalls for all of Auroville.
- As is evident, FAMC has a huge amount of work to do. We need collaboration from community and we ask all people with skills in management and accounting, as well as people with goodwill and willingness to work, to contact us.
- **Units and Trusts issues:** Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity manager:
 - **Auroville Media Liaison Services**, an activity under AV Arts service, was closed.
 - **Matram**, a unit under Health and Healing Trust has changed its name to **Maatram**. Resignation of Mr. Jerry Beusen, an executive of Maatram, has been accepted. Dr. Saifuddin Kharawala has been appointed as a new executive.
 - **Smoked foods**, an activity under AV Food Activities, Resignation of Ms. Mawite Tonsing was approved.
 - **Neem Tree**, a unit under Team Trust, reappointment of Parthasarathy KRISHNAN, Mhavar BOS and Minhaj Murtaza AMEEN was approved.

*In Her Service,
Smiles, FAMC*

*Chandresh, Geeta, Jocelyn,
Kalya, Sathyanarayan and Torkil*

REGARDING THE REGISTER OF RESIDENTS

A final date extension has been set up to help us complete the exercise by 15 August 2022

This is to inform all residents that during that recent 60th GB meeting, the members were presented with an update on the RoR exercise as had been undertaken. Subsequently over the past two weeks the RoR team had undertaken the laborious process to collate all the forms and then validate the filled up information. However unfortunately despite the many date extensions through June and July and the all out effort—to get as many residents as possible to fill up the forms. It has been noticed that about another 750-800 odd residents are yet to fill up the forms; some of whom never filled them out, while others submitted only partially filled up forms. Therefore a final date extension has been set up to help us complete the exercise by 15 August 2022.

The [online form](#) was no longer accepting entries as on the 16 July, but has now been re-enabled. Physical forms can also be availed, filled up and submitted at the helpdesk at the Auroville Foundation office.

Important notes

15 August would be the final date for all those who may have missed out filling the form, and also for those who may not have filled up all required fields with meaningful, accurate, true to your knowledge data.

Also all previous form entries can now be edited to fill up any parts/questions missed out before. (this, once you've logged in with your email.)

You will receive a copy of your form entries—post form submission, for your record.

Lastly, we would like to inform all in the community that there will be legal consequences and ramifications for failing to fill up the forms by the coming 15 August.

*Regards, Auroville Foundation
Submitted by Tine*

TDC OPEN HOUSE

We were glad to have had our first interaction with the community during the GM last Saturday. As the interface team, we look forward to meeting with the community like this regularly.

To continue to facilitate our one-to-one interactions, we are opening our doors every Monday between 1 and 2pm at the AV Council room in the Town Hall, to start with. We are committed to engaging with the Community to identify and hold the developmental priorities for the future of Auroville. Looking forward to our interactions.

*With love and in Service, RA-selected TDC
Allan B, Anan, Dorle, Divya L, Fabian, Island, Lata,
Meera N, Natasha S, Tom G*

UPDATE FROM RAS

We have created an alternative email raservice@auroville.services in order to reach out to the residents who have migrated to another email address than their usual @auroville.org.in.



Attention!

If you want to update your email ID in our mailing list, please write to the Resident Service first, since the RAS refers to their database.

We have also created a Telegram group, which will reproduce RAS email communications. You can subscribe to it [through this link](#). (you need to install and register the Telegram application on your device).

We are still exploring alternative means that wouldn't involve emails to stay connected with all community members. We will keep you posted on the same in our next communications.

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 143

Dated: 04-08-2022

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. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:



Carla Deanna Srinivasan

- Carla SCHUBERT (Australian) staying in Jardin de Mere (Auromodele) and working at Thamarai
- Deanna EVENRUD (USA) staying in Dana and working at Horse 2 Human (HolisticSigrid)
- Srinivasan ARUMUGHAM (Indian) staying in Arya and working at Youth Center

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Julia Claire EVENRUD (USA) born on 07/12/2006 (daughter of Deanna)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Amirdhavalli JANAKIRAMAN aka Amudha (Indian)
- Niyati THAKKAR (Indian)

ASSOCIATE OF AUROVILLE ANNOUNCED:

- Indumathi NIRMALKUMAR (Indian) staying in Kottakarai Village and working at Ilaig-narkal Education Center



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

THE CITY THE EARTH NEEDS: AUROVILLE—THE VISION TAKES SHAPE

Prof. Dr. Anupama Kundoo and team

Exhibition at Bharat Nivas, Auroville on the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th anniversary, and the 75th year of India's independence, both on 15 August 2022,



- **Opening:** Sunday, 14 August, 10:30am, at India Space, Bharat Nivas

Given its idealistic vision, Auroville has widely been mistaken as a Utopian project.

In truth, Auroville was conceived as a laboratory—a living laboratory—where experiments and research and course corrections are not only encouraged but demanded. For Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, the human was but a transitional being in the grand arc of evolution, a being on its way to something better. The Mother envisioned Auroville as the cradle for that evolving new being and its new consciousness—a place to experiment, to discover truths: inner and outer, spiritual and material, individual and collective.

"It will be experimental by its urbanism and architecture: this is what interests us the most and concerns us the most directly. The task to give a concrete form to the vision of Sri Aurobindo, has been given to the Mother: the creation of a new world, of a new society, expressing and incorporating a new consciousness to the work she has initiated.

Auroville, then, appears like an attempt to realize, through work and actions in this material world, the vision of Sri Aurobindo."

Roger Anger, Presentation of Auroville at the UNESCO Conference, November 1966

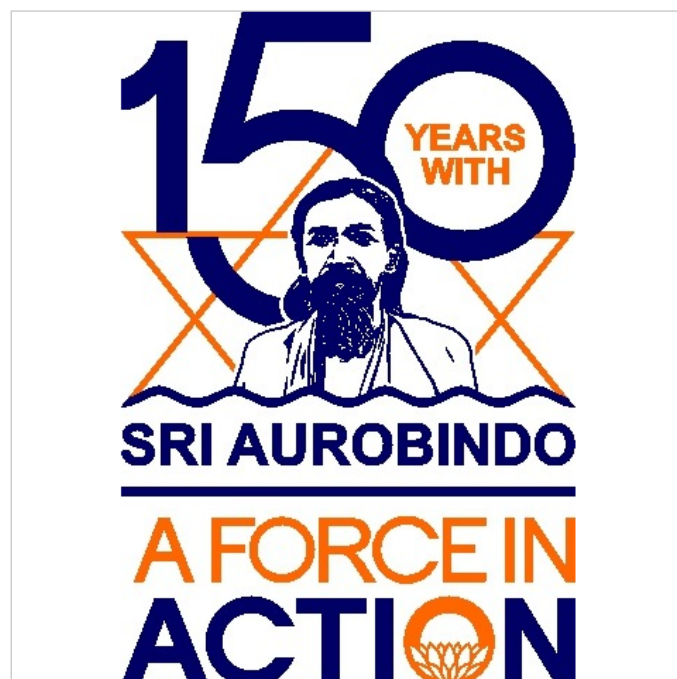
Anupama Kundoo and her team share their recent work and projects being developed in continuation with her long term collaboration with Auroville's chief architect, Roger Anger.

The 'Line of Goodwill' a high-density mixed-use development stretches from the entrance of Auroville, all the way inside till the lake edge in the city center. Envisaged as a hillscape for co-existence for 8,000 inhabitants in cohousing clusters with varying degrees of sharing, it slopes down from 18 storeys at the entrance 'gateway' welcoming visitors, to 2 stories at the lake edge opening to Matrimandir gardens. It also accommodates community facilities and visitors' reception including guest houses and exhibition spaces. It rethinks the urban tower, where the human scale is otherwise lost in the attempt to achieve density and aims to include green infrastructure and urban farming as integral components of the architecture and urban development.

The construction of Auroville's Crown, a ring of 1.25 km diameter will contain key services and enable a quantum leap towards the envisioned car-free mobility. A green network and a blue network will support even slower movement routes. The City Center thus enclosed accommodates the administrative area, a habitat belt, kindergartens and schools. A vocational training area for the youth intersects with the high-rise 'Ligne de Force' office buildings which radiate outwards into the industrial zone. The artificial lake will harvest water as part of the city's integrated water management system.

These developments targeted as a first phase will achieve 40% of the planned population.

This is an offering for Sri Aurobindo's 150th year, towards the realization of Auroville, the city named after him and prepared by his visionary yoga.



Sivakumar, Janmajay, Lakshay, Manisha, Egle,
AV Media Interface and AV Foundation

AUROVILLE'S SELF-GOVERNANCE:

A TALK BY KIREET JOSHI

Thursday, 4 August, 5:30pm,
SAIIR Conference Room

Join us for this inspiring, hour-long talk by Kireet Joshi on the Self-governance of Auroville.

Recorded in 2003, it is highly relevant for today's challenges and gives us hope and guidance for the way forward.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Also to stay on for sharing and discussion after the talk...

Confluence team—seeking deeper resonance and common ground in the community

E-mail: confluence-logistics@auroville.org.in

Write to us if you would like to receive the full transcription of the talk!

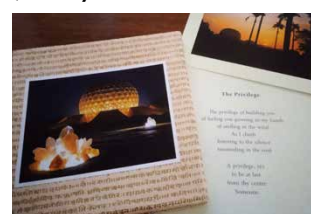
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BOOK PRESENTATION

"MATRIMANDIR—The Privilege", poems and photos

11 August, 5:30 pm, Unity Pavilion

An especial artesanal edition of five poems and photos of the Matrimandir by Anandi, made by Prisma and paid by Auroville Netherlands will be presented at the Annual Art for Land space in the Unity Pavilion



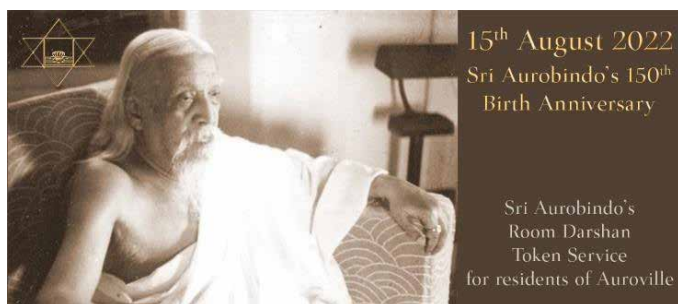
- The money from the book is for buying the missing land for Auroville.
- Will be present: Josse (AVI Netherlands) Franz (Prisma) and B.(Matrimandir)

We will be sharing the experience and a Chocolate cake.

Welcome, Anandi ayun

Awakening Spirit

SRI AUROBINDO'S 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY: Room Darshan on 15 August, 2022



This is a gentle reminder for residents of Auroville about the possibility to register for a token prior to the 15 August. Time slots for Aurovilians are from 12noon to 3:30pm.

The bus of S.A.I.I.E.R. will be available at 3pm. Hence the tokens for the time slot of 3 to 3:30 pm will be reserved for residents using the bus.

For REGISTRATION please come in person to Pitanga, Samasti, at the following timings:

- Friday, 5 August, 10:30—12:30pm, 2—6pm
- Saturday, 6 August, 9—12.30pm, 2—6pm

For more information, please see the detailed note published last week in the News & Notes.

*With love, Mallika, Meha, Kumar,
Andrea and Paulette*

Pondy Saiier Bus On Darshan Day

For those using the SAIER bus to have darshan in Sri Aurobindo's room on August 15, Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary, the bus will

- leave from Matrimandir at 3pm and
- return from Pondy at 6pm.

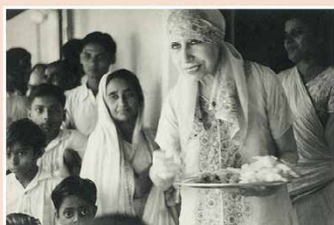
This service is reserved to Aurovilians and newcomers only. Tokens are required, see announcement in the Auronet.

Submitted by Paulette

SAVITRI BHAVAN

"Blessings" Exhibition

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

*Thank you, Dhanalakshmi
for Savitri Bhavan*

Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga: Evolution Fast-Forward, Part 2



Psychology, Cosmology, Transformational Practice

- Monday, 8 August, 4pm, at Savitri Bhavan.
Duration: 50min.

Sri Aurobindo declared that all life is yoga, and all activities can be made a means for spiritual evolution while consciousness is the fundamental reality of all existence and is already involved in Matter.

The range of consciousness which Sri Aurobindo calls the Supermind is the next evolutionary step beyond the mind that can be reached by awakening aspiration for a greater perfection. A new species of humanity endowed with Supermind is gradually emerging from the present human race.

In Sri Aurobindo's cosmology, pure consciousness is one indivisible whole having two poles: the superconscious ranges above, and the subconscious and inconscient ranges below. Between these two poles moves the vast spectrum of consciousness and gives birth to the cosmos across many dimensions and scales of time and space.

The superconscious pole above is what ancient seers called Satchidananda: the existence, consciousness and bliss of the Being. The inconscient pole below is inert Matter: the planes where consciousness is in deep slumber. Evolution is a game played between the two poles: Matter flows into consciousness and consciousness into Matter. Consciousness continuously ascends and descends, and its movements are mediated by Supermind, the creative power that manifests the universe.

Supermind is involved in the inconscient pole as the psychic principle. There it supports and drives the evolution of consciousness through all forms rising from below. It is the Agni of the ancient Vedic seers, the knower of all births. This involved divinity emerging in us through many births is the pure psyche, the divine soul of love and delight.

For its growth transformational processes are required with the triple movements of aspiration, rejection and surrender. When the psychic being is sufficiently developed, it reveals itself as a gentle response and preference for all that is True, Good and Beautiful.

Thus, the psychic transformation is a change that emerges from within whereas the spiritual transformation comes by a descent of higher consciousness from above. These two transformations support and complete each other.

The openness to what is above the head unlocks the doors for Divine Peace, Light, Knowledge, Power and Bliss allowing them to descend from above. And the descending Divine Force works its way downward from top to bottom being able to open all centers of consciousness.

In his integral vision Sri Aurobindo synthesized the spiritual wisdom-traditions of the past with the modern scientific concept of evolution. It is in his idea of Supermind and the psychic principle or Psychic Being that we find the most comprehensive vision and practice of evolutionary yoga, its psychology and cosmology.

This film in 3D Motion Graphics by Sopanam Auroville gives a broad overview of the process leading towards psychic, spiritual and supramental transformation. Duration: 50min.

For people and souls who likes to see the video at home, [the link is here.](#)

Margrit

USHA AND THE DAWNS TO COME

A Performance

At the Matrimandir Gardens around the Fountain
August 15, 16 and 17: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

From the Vedas to Sri Aurobindo's Savitri

The texts for this performance were chosen as an attempt, in a visual form, to bring close to us the immortal knowledge they express. As golden drops of Light, tiny drops from a vast Ocean, this selection from the Vedas, the Upanishads and the Gita, creates a particular atmosphere conducive to an inner opening towards this eternal knowledge. The presence of Sanskrit language in various moments was essential for the creation of this atmosphere.

Usha, the opening lines of Sri Aurobindo's *The Life Divine*, was our first source of inspiration. From there, an invocation of *Dawn*, with a few quotes from the Vedas, leads us to the joy of the manifestation, the Divine Presence everywhere, through the verses and two stories from the Upanishads. Lines from Savitri permeate the whole, helping us to receive Krishna. The sounds of His flute prepare us to listen to some of His teachings to Arjuna in the battlefield of Kurukshetra.

The performance concludes with the last lines of Savitri, Sri Aurobindo's epic poem. They affirm our best hopes and aspirations, and unite the past dawns and noons of the future.

Usha and the Dawns to Come was a one year project that started in August 2021 and will conclude with three performances in August 2022. It is the result of a combined effort by a small group of people in their sincere aspiration to make an offering to Sri Aurobindo.

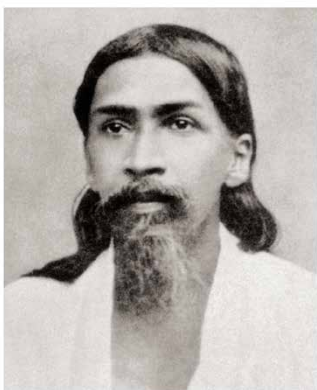
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SRI AUROBINDO'S YOGA SADHANA: THE PATH HE MADE FOR US

Unity Pavilion, Friday, 12 August, 6:30pm

SRI AUROBINDO'S YOGA SADHANA

The Path He Made For Us



Sri Aurobindo's 150th Centenary

A Talk by Loretta

AT

The Unity Pavilion

ON

Friday, 12 August 2022 at 6.30pm

A talk for Sri Aurobindo's 150th Centenary by Loretta at the Unity Pavilion on Friday, 12 August, at 6:30pm.

This is the third in a series of talks to honor Sri Aurobindo on his 150th Centenary. It speaks of the yoga he did which created the pathway for receiving the new force that is now coming into the creation. The information is from Sri Aurobindo's personal diary, called the Record of Yoga, where he wrote in detail about his daily yogic progress for eighteen years, and from Savitri, where he wrote the whole history of his yogic experiences and realizations in story of the yoga of King Aswapathi, Savitri's father.

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

SAMVĀD CAFÉ

Contemplation, Communion, Conversation

In an increasingly polarized world where unconscious and righteous positions of 'Us vs Them' are increasingly becoming the norm, self-reflectivity, affectionate listening and honest dialogue become important gifts to nurture and nourish. Not just for one's own health and wellbeing but perhaps also enable healing in our fractured communities ridden with conflict.



SEA warmly invites you to

Samvād Café

Contemplation. Communion. Conversation.

Itinerary for August:

12th Aug - Film of the Month

19th Aug - Essay of the Month

27th Aug - Speaker of the Month

For further details and registrations, please contact: naveenv@auroville.org.in

Samvād Café is a space to practice self-reflective dialogue in a circle of friends. At the beginning of every month, we'll share a thought-provoking essay and a powerful film with registered participants. In the 2nd half of the month, we'll host contemplative conversations to delve deeper into these themes and ourselves as we engage with them. Once in a month, we'll also host an inspiring speaker for the community to listen to and engage in a dialogue with.

- Each season runs for a period of 3 months.
- Season 1 will be from August to October.

This is hosted by SEA Auroville and offered in the spirit of Gift Economy. All are warmly invited.

- For further details and registrations, please contact: naveenv@auroville.org.in

**Bharat Nivas in Collaboration with
Sri Aurobindo Institute of Culture, Kolkata &
Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry**



A Photographic Exhibition on Sri Aurobindo's Life & Work 1872-1910

**INAUGURATION: Monday, 15th August morning after the Flag
Hoisting Ceremony**

**Venue: Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas
Date: Monday 15th August to 15th September 2022
Time : 9:00 to 5:00 pm**

"Foundations of Indian Culture" by Lopamudra Mukherjee



Lopamudra, an Almuni of Sri Aurobindo Ashram school, lived in the US for many years and is currently teaching online courses and in the Ashram school in Pondicherry. She is a writer, psychological counselor and teacher of Indian Culture and spirituality.

**Venue: Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
Date : Thursday 4th August 2022
& 11th August 2022
Time : 5:00 to 6.30pm**



**Since Two Years Bharat Nivas has been holding
a weekly Study Circle on**

The Synthesis of Yoga - Sri Aurobindo

The Mother's very last message to Auroville:

"Auroville is created to realise the ideal of Sri Aurobindo who taught us the Karma Yoga. Auroville is for those who want to do the Yoga of work.

"To live in Auroville means to do the Yoga of work. So all Aurovilians must take up a work and do it as a yoga" 27.03.1973

She also said:

"PROGRAMME: Research through experience of the Supreme Truth. A Life Divine. But no religions" 02.05.1970

**Venue : Bhumika Hall - Bharat Nivas
Day : Tuesday
Time : 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm**



**An exploration
led by Deepti Tewari**



CELEBRATING LOVE The Secret of All Secrets



Sakhis of the poet - sage
KABIR
from the 15th Century

ALL ARE WELCOME
to this presentation of Kabir poems by
Prof. Sehdev Kumar in original and trans-
lations in English and several other
languages by a group of translators in
Auroville.



Love and Ananda are the last word of Being
The Secret of Secrets
The Mystery of Mysteries ...
There is nothing which is
Beyond the reach of a God-Lover, 'A Lover of God'
Or is denied to him.
For he is the favourite of the Divine Lover
And the Self of the Beloved.
---- Sri Aurobindo



**August 10, Wednesday, 7 PM
Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas**

Since 5 Years Bharat Nivas is holding a Weekly Group Study Circle on **Savitri** by **Sri Aurobindo**

"Savitri alone is sufficient to make you climb to the highest peaks. If truly one knows how to meditate upon Savitri, one will receive all the help one needs. For him who wishes to follow this path, it is a concrete help as though the Lord himself were taking you by the hand and leading you to the destined goal."

"Each verse of Savitri is like a Mantra which surpasses all that man possessed by way of knowledge, and I repeat this, the words are expressed and arranged in such a way that the sonority of the rhythm leads you to the origin of sound, which is OM." The Mother

**Venue : Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies...
Day : Every Friday
Time : 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**



श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता Full Chanting of Srimad Bhagavad Gita

**Date: August 14, 2022 (Sunday)
Time: 7:00 am to 10:30 am
Venue: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas**

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th birthday, we come together to collectively chant the 700 shlokas of Srimad Bhagavad Gita in Sanskrit.

**All are welcome to join anytime
to chant or simply listen and soak in the vibrations.**



With sincerity and gratitude,
Samskritam Auroville and Bharat Nivas team
For more details, write to: devabhasha@auroville.org.in

PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR BHAGAVAD GITA CHANTING

August 14, Sunday, 7—10:30am
Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

As an offering to Sri Aurobindo's 150th birthday we will be chanting the full Bhagavad Gita on August 14, Sunday, from 7 to 10:30am at Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas. Given below is the *practice schedule to prepare ourselves*.

- **Date:** Everyday from Saturday, August 6 to 13, 2022
- **Time:** 6:30—7:30am (Can extend till 8am for those who want.)
- **Venue:** Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas, Auroville

All are welcome to join with a harmonious collective aspiration.

Sincerely, Samskritam Auroville Team
Thank you, Cordially, Sehdev Kuma

THE MOTHER'S AGENDA

During these years the Mother started making notes on the work of transformation that she was doing with her body, supported by the Supramental Force. She entrusted these notes to Satprem, one of her disciples, who also made recordings of talks which she had with him about her work. After her passing, these notes and transcriptions of the talks, almost all in French, were published as *L'Agenda de Mère: agenda de l'action supramental sur la terre* in 13 volumes covering the years 1956 to 1973. This precious record has been translated into English and many other languages. The Mother said:

This Agenda is my gift to those who love me

Here are excerpts from two important talks of April 1962, held partly in English

April 3, 1962



Since March 16, Mother has been going through a grave ordeal that threatened her physical existence. The latest attack occurred the previous night, April 2-3, and took the form of a total cardiac arrest. Despite her condition, on this morning Mother has found the strength to speak.

She speaks in English. Her words have been noted down by Satprem from memory.

I know that now is the last fight. If the purpose for which this body is alive is to be fulfilled, that is to say, the first steps towards the Supramental transformation, then it will continue today. It is the Lord's decision. I am not even asking what He has decided. ... What the Lord wants will be done. Whatever He wills, He will do with this body, which is a poor thing. ... After all, it depends on Him. He knows whether the time has come or not, the time for the beginning of the Victory—then the body will survive. If not, in any case, my love and consciousness will be there.

April 13, 1962



Suddenly in the night I woke up with the full awareness of what we could call the Yoga of the world. The Supreme Love was manifesting through big pulsations, and each pulsation was bringing the world further in its manifestation. It was the formidable pulsations of the eternal, stupendous Love, only Love: each pulsation of the Love was carrying the universe further in its

manifestation. And the certitude that what is to be done is done and the Supramental Manifestation is realized. Everything was Personal, nothing was individual. This was going on and on and on and on.... The certitude that what is to be done is DONE.

All the results of the Falsehood had disappeared: Death was an illusion, Sickness was an illusion, Ignorance was an illusion—something that had no reality, no existence... Only Love, and Love, and Love, and Love—immense, formidable, stupendous, carrying everything.

And how, how to express in the world? It was like an impossibility, because of the contradiction.... But then it came: "You have accepted that this world should know the Supramental Truth ... and it will be expressed totally, integrally." Yes, yes.... And the thing is DONE. And we set off again on the way, certain of the Victory. The heavens are ringing with chants of Victory! Truth alone exists; Truth alone shall manifest. Onward!... Onward!

Gloire à Toi, Seigneur, Triomphateur suprême! ¹

And now, to work : patience ... endurance ... perfect equanimity; and absolute faith. It is only the beginning

¹ Glory to You, Lord, Victor supreme!

Submitted by Zech

PEACE AND UNITY

8 August, 5:30pm, Unity Pavilion

VENUE Unity Pavilion
DATE 8th August 2022
TIME 5.30 pm
SPEAKER Ch Nirakar
TOPIC Peace and Unity

About the Speaker

Sri Ch Nirakar of Odisha has dedicated himself and his group "Eager to Forge Ahead India" completely the cause of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo. He is working relentlessly for -

- Spreading the message of Integral Yoga throughout India and abroad.
- Reaching out to the youth for creating awareness of spirituality as the aim of life.
- Educate and guide adults in all walks of practical life for integrating the Spirit and the matter.
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Regards, Arun

For Your Information

AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

12 August, 2:30pm, Savitri Bhavan Amphitheater



This year due to the 150th anniversary programs and events there will be no special AVI programs as usual, except for the GA, so the AVIs can be free to participate in any events.

Sorry to announce that this year only half of the AVI members will be able to come this year, due to personal reasons and mainly due to the very high prices of flight tickets in August and traveling difficulties.

Vani, AVI Representative

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THE LAW OF OUR SELF-DETERMINATION¹

I am publishing a new book, *Crossroad: the New Humanity*. This is how the introduction concludes:

Humans are souls in evolution. Sri Aurobindo's trilogy of "The Human Cycle" is a call to humanity as a whole. From the avant-gardes to the masses, from idealists of all ages to the common folks, irrespective of ethnicities and countries, of social hierarchies and cultures and creeds, the quest is one. His vision of self-determination leading to perfected beings in a unitary world, a unity in diversity that transcends individuals and societies, demands a paradigm shift. Sri Aurobindo writes:

The principle of self-determination really means this that within every living human creature, man, woman and child, and equally within every distinct human collectivity growing or grown, half developed or adult there is a self, a being, which has the right to grow in its own way, to find itself, to make its life a full and a satisfied instrument and image of its being.¹

He further explains:



The law of our self-determination has to wed itself to the self-determination of others and to find the way to enact a real union and not through any mechanical adjustment. It lies in the discovery within by the being in the course of its self-expansion and self-fulfillment that these things at every turn depend on the self-expansion and self-fulfillment of those around us, because we are secretly one being with them and one life. It is in philosophical language the recognition of the one self in all who fulfills himself variously in each; it is the finding of the law of the divine being in each unifying it-

self with the law of the divine being in all. At once the key of the problem is shifted from without to within, from the visible externalities of social and political adjustment to the spiritual life and truth which can alone provide its key. ... The recognition and fulfillment of the divine being in oneself and in man, the kingdom of God within and in the race is the basis on which man must come in the end to the possession of himself as a free self-determining being and of mankind too in a mutually possessing self-expansion as a harmoniously self-determining united existence.²

Heralding the future humanity, Sri Aurobindo's is a message of redemption and rebirth. Following the subjective age that, intermingled as it is with the infrarational, still we have to master, may the advent of the spiritual age manifest a world-union of free people and nations, opening the vistas of the ideal society that only Spirit can build. Love and compassion, solidarity and sharing, empathy, brotherhood, oneness: these are the healing powers of the soul. The deus ex machina is human unity, which the Mother set as cardinal to the fulfillment of Auroville, a pioneering experiment and a call also in the light of nuclear disarmament and eradication of war; where a lifestyle revolving around minimum material needs — effortlessly called upon by growth into the spiritual consciousness — is the answer to a planet stripped off of its natural resources by abysmal ignorance and greed.

Human unity is the guiding star, a religion of humanity effectively lived is the promise of salvation. Then, and then only, the supramental society of gnostic beings may unfold: One in the Many, Many in the One.

¹ *War and Self-Determination*, p.626.

² *Ibid*, p.632.

Paulette

The Arts

ART FOR LAND

Exhibition and Land Fundraiser 2022

August 7 to September 4, 10am—6pm daily

At the Unity Pavilion



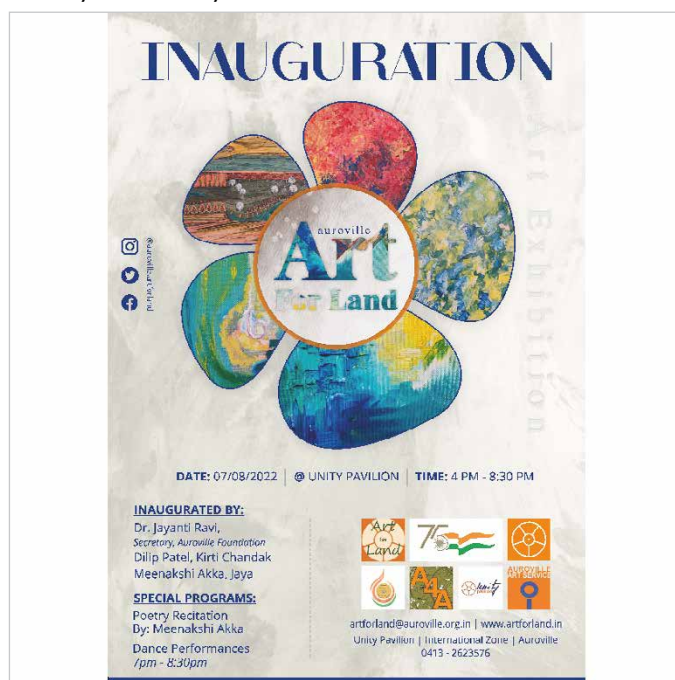
Donations From Fundraising Are The Only Source For Auroville's Needed Land Purchase!

Acres For Auroville, in association with Unity Pavilion and Auroville Art Service is happy to invite you to

Art For Land's 2022 Exhibition & Land Fundraiser

Now in our 7th year, AFL is an important annual support for needed land purchase, and a recognized showcase for Auroville's artistic creativity. We thank all the artists who have donated their works and all the event organizers for their energy—we appreciate your inspiring solidarity!

This year again, the walls, halls and tables of the Unity Pavilion will be filled with artworks of many media for sale to raise funds for the land, **all generously donated** by Auroville, Ashram and friend artists from India and around the world. AFL 2022 events include concerts, dance performances, talks, films, meditations, and annual favorite, the all-day Generosity Fair on the 28th.



Our always-moving **Inauguration Ceremony** of inspiration, poetry, music and a first view of the Exhibition is on August 7th (4—8:30pm) with the presence of our **special guest**, AVF Secretary Dr. Jayanti Ravi-ji who will inaugurate the 2022 cycle.

The Exhibition's artworks can be seen and purchased at the Unity Pavilion, or via the online gallery at our dedicated website artforland.in which provides purchase, donation and events information.

Proceeds from art sales, books, cards and events all go for land purchase via the Acres for Auroville land campaign, Art for Land's initiator.



Exhibition & Inauguration details plus the first week's Events Calendar are on our posters in this issue of News & Notes.

- For more information, please contact: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in and +91 413 2623576 by phone, artforland@auroville.org.in and our website artforland.in

We warmly invite everyone to participate in this annual action of creativity, beauty and unity.

Join us for **Art For Land** to raise funds for consolidating Auroville's Master Plan land!

Art For Land 2022 Events Calendar, August 7—15

Sunday, August 7

- Inauguration Event, 4—8:30pm
 - Consecration Ceremony
 - Poetry Recital, Exhibition Visit, Dance Performance

Monday, August 8

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm & 2—4pm
- Peace & Unity By Nirakar, 5:30—7pm
- Peace Meditation, 6—7pm

Tuesday, August 9

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm & 2—4pm
- Puppet Show By Kumud, 5:30—6pm
- Peace Meditation, 6—7pm

Wednesday, August 10

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm & 2pm—4pm
- Sound Bath, 5:30—6:30pm,
- Peace Meditation 6—7pm

Thursday August 11

- 'Matrimandir—The Privilege' And The History, New Book & Film, by Anandi & B., 5:30—6:30pm
- Peace Meditation, 6—7pm

Friday, August 12

- Aurobindo's Yoga Sadhana, by Loretta, 6:30—8pm
- Peace Meditation, 6—7pm

Saturday, August 13

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm & 2—4pm
- Savitri Marg—Meditative Savitri Films by Arnab 7—8:30pm
- Peace Meditation, 6—7pm

Sunday, August 14

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm & 2—4pm

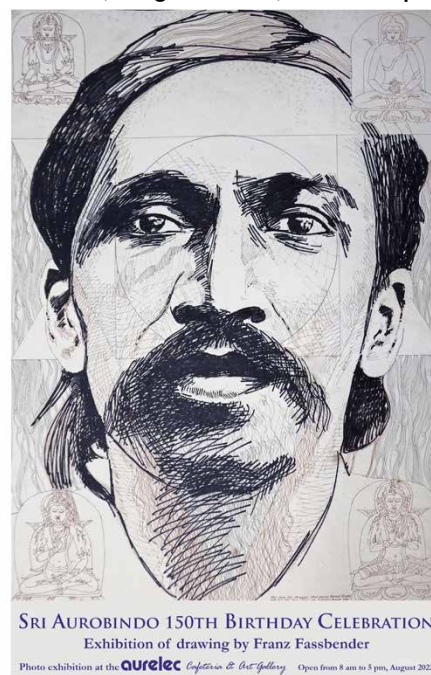
Monday, August 15

- Live Streaming From The Unity Pavilion, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi's Special Address 1:35—3:20pm
- Peace Meditation, 6—7pm

Submitted by Mandakini

EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS BY FRANZ FASSBENDER

Aurelec, August 2022, 8am to 5pm



Music

MANY ROOTS ENSEMBLE

LIVE GIG
Aug 6 SAT 8:30 PM
AUROVILLE

Many Roots Ensemble

Afro-jazz & world music

Opening performance by
BulletProof Funk

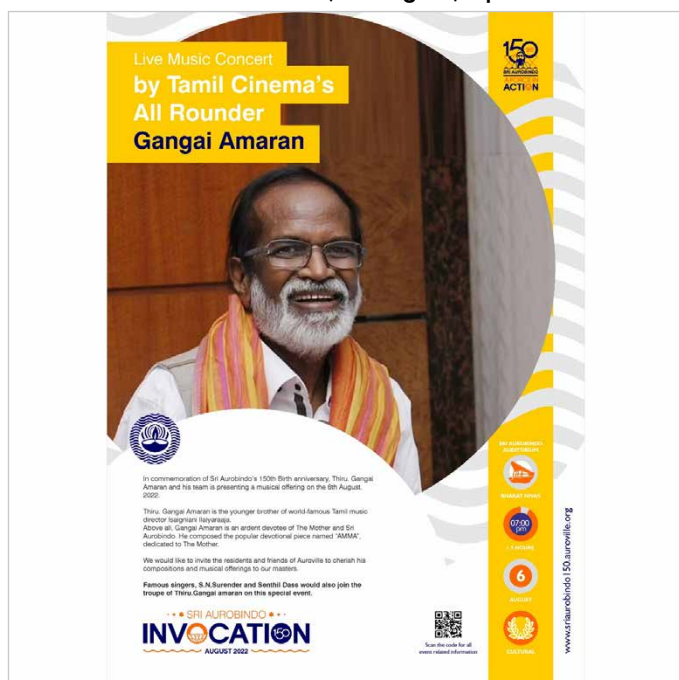
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 Kalabhum Music Studio
 kalabhummusicstudio.av

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LIVE MUSIC CONCERT BY GANGAI AMARAN

Bharat Nivas, 6 August, 7pm



Live Music Concert by Kollywood's All Rounder Gangai Amaran at Bharat Nivas on 6th August 2022

In commemoration of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth anniversary, there is a musical festivity at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium on 6th August by Thiru. Gangai Amaran and his team.

Thiru. Gangai Amaran is a famous Music Director, prolific Lyricist, Singer, Screenplay writer, Actor, and Film Director in the film industry of Tamil. Being a multi-talented personality, he has been active in this field for around 50 years of span and is one of the most respected and honored people in the film industry. Gangai Amaran became popular through the movies Vazhvey Maayam, Karagattakaran, etc. He has scored music for 165 Indian films as of 2009 and got the lifetime achievement award from International Tamil Film Awards (ITFA).

Gangai Amaran is the younger brother of world-famous Tamil music director Isaignani Ilayaraja.

Above all, Gangai Amaran is an ardent devotee of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo. He composed the popular devotional piece named "AMMA", dedicated to The Mother.

We would like to invite our residents and friends of Auroville to cherish his compositions and musical offerings to our masters. Famous singers, S.N.Surender and Senthil Dass would also join the troupe of Thiru. Gangai amaran on this special event.

- **Venue:** Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas
- **Timing:** 7—8:30pm

Come and enjoy his musical feast!

Best regards, Sivakumar

Honorary Voluntary

DEVELOPING 3D PRINTING TECHNOLOGY



Minvayu is an FabLab project of the Auroville Center for Scientific Research Trust (CSR) focusing on developing sustainable open-source digital manufacturing technology. We are looking for volunteers to help us develop our own 3D House building printing technology. We need experienced architects, civil engineers, electrical and mechanical engineers, builders. We also encourage Auroville youth to come learn by doing. For more information contact Jorge at minvayu.csr@auroville.org.in

Jorge

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,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

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

Looking For

Looking for a Cupboard



Dear friends, I am looking for a Cupboard and two bookshelves for my children. If you have one aside to give away or a small contribution, please let me know.

Raji, 9751075223WA or rajasoundari@auroville.org.in

Thanking you in advance

Need a MP3 CD Player

If anyone has a spare MP3 CD player and is looking at selling it, please contact me.

Marie, phone no. 2622731

Submitted by Manisha

Seeking a House Exchange

Dear Friends, Surya would like to exchange her 2-bed, ground floor apartment(with garden) in Prayatna.

She is looking for a 2-bedroom single standing house. Somewhere under the sky with lots of light for making artworks.

Please contact via email: suryamai@auroville.org.in

Thank you. Om Namo Bhagavate, Sister Surya

Looking for a Housekeeper

Looking for a Hindi speaking housekeeper for 6 mornings a week 8:30 to 1pm for our home in Sincerity.

Kindly call 9443362528

Prema Florence Isaac

Need Some Boxing Gloves

Hello, does anyone have spare Boxing Gloves? Maybe just twice a week?

Please contact ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk, mob. 7094344154



Ivana

Available

Material Available

- 3 standard office computers and monitors along with mini-desk and chair in good condition
- 2 steel almirah (20 gage metal) with 5 horizontal partitions in each
- 2 large wooden desk for computer facility 45'x25'x30'
- 1 VIP armchair
- 3 headphones and 2 computer speakers
- Air Conditioner LG 2 ton 3 Star Dual Inverter Split AC 5 years old

Contact person: Claude, mob., WA: +918940543874

Best Regards,
Claude

Everything Must Go



Thousands of English & Foreign original DVDs are free to take away. Also, films posters and PC games.

Come pick it up at the Video Library in the morning from 10am to 1pm until Saturday, 6 August. Don't miss it! and see you soon

Thank you, Claude

Available Furniture

Available furniture, sofas, mannequins, big huge tables & big huge and small shelves, all kinds of metal racks etc...

Please WA for prior appointments on 9443362528

Prema Florence Isaac

Concept2 Rowing Machine



Concept2 very high-end rowing machine for fitness training, <https://www.concept2.com/indoor-rowers/dynamic>
In excellent condition.

Isha, Isha@auroville.org.in

Lost and Found

Lost Cell Phone

Lost one Nokia 5.4, Black with see through protection case. It has a Tree Leaf in the shape of a Heart on it.

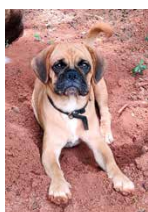
Contact Instagram @avatarsource,
e-mail nuyttensarthur@gmail.com

Thanks, Arthur Nuytens

Doggy Missing

Dear Friends, our little doggy has been missing since last night. He is a Pug and Beagle mix and responds to the name Whiskey. If anyone sees him please do contact me.

Mobile 9786236608 / 9659626618



Thank you, with love, Chandra

Health Care

AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

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Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

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

Help Needed

AV ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BUS FUND DRIVE



Dear All, once again, we are requesting the community to help the AV Accessible Public Bus to cover the running cost for the last 3 months. The running cost per month is around forty-six thousand, which includes the diesel, Pondicherry permit and Driver's Salary. Due to the summer season,

we do not have enough passengers to travel and therefore the contribution from the bus user is not sufficient to cover the monthly running expenses.

We need Rs.91,991 to pay our last 3 months running expenses till 31.07.2022. We appreciate everyone who has supported us in the past and in the last month after our request to cover the bus running expenses. We request again for help to support our service.

Kindly transfer or deposit your donations to our account no. 251675 / AV Accessible Public Bus.

With Gratitude, AV Accessible Public bus team

Raju, Sauro, Susmita

avbus@auroville.org.in, +91 9443074825

FUNDRAISING:

Urban Design Student from Auroville

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 to learn about how people behave and move within public spaces. As part of my university studies, I have been selected to study abroad for a semester. It is an exciting and rare opportunity but it is challenging for me financially. I've started a fundraising campaign and I have been sharing my progress with the community.



In this update, I would like to share some very exciting news! An article about my journey will be published in Auroville Today in the upcoming August edition. The team has been immensely encouraging of my interests and area of study and have helped me write my very own article. Please keep an eye out for 'One Dream and Many Questions' in the August 2022 issue of Auroville Today!

I am also delighted to share that I have raised 54% of my fundraising goal! 35% was donated from inside Auroville via the financial service account. And 19% was donated from friends and well wishers all around the world via the Ketto crowdfunding page. Your support has been absolutely amazing and I am so grateful to be part of this wonderful community.

- I invite you to please share the link of my online crowdfunding page through which well-wishers can contribute anonymously and in their preferred currency. Every share can help me reach my goal! <https://www.ketto.org/fundraiser/exchange-program-bhavya-trivedi>
- Contributions are also welcome in FS Account 106288. Every contribution is deeply appreciated.
- If you'd like to know more or can help me in any way, I would love to have a chat! Please contact me at aurobhavya@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and your generosity.

Bhavya

PS The update on my exciting University project in Kuilapalayam will follow soon. It's hard to share such a detailed project I am so passionate about in this short post, so I'd like to share it in a different way later!

Foods, Goods and Services

NATURELLEMENT OFFERS A DISCOUNT



Dear friends, as you hopefully already know we offer a 25% discount in our restaurant for Aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers. For our regular customers that come three or more times a week we would like to extend the discount to 35%. If you are interested, please contact us by email, (naturellement@auroville.org.in) or directly at the restaurant counter.

Our opening hours remain the same,

- all days between 9am to 7pm. Tuesdays closed.

Welcome!

Martina for The Garden Cafe team

LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA—TRAVEL SHOP



Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant **can only** be contacted directly for discussing Travel itineraries, issuing, rescheduling etc. for all kinds of ticketing

- by phone/WA +91 9894598686,
- by email: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com.

Latest Flight offers from Chennai:

- Lufthansa offers are available to Munich, Paris, Madrid, Lisbon, Copenhagen, Stockholm.
- Emirates offer is available to Frankfurt for travel from October.
- British Airways offer is available to Amsterdam for travel in October.

Discount fares are applicable from India by Oman Air to destinations within the Gulf, Middle East, Africa, Europe and United Kingdom. Sale Period only: 3rd August to 7th Aug. 22. Travel Period is: 3rd Aug. to 31st Dec.22.

Qatar airways fares are available for travel from October to Zurich and Vienna.

Before making a flight booking please inform yourself of all compulsory Covid requirements.

Do not forget to comply with the required COVID documentation while returning back to India. Kindly fill out India arrival Airsuvridha online form, vaccine certificate or RT PCR negative test required.

Joster

Bioregion

EVENT FOR GANESH CHATURTHI



I'm considering a one day event for Ganesh Chaturthi (August, 31). I have invited a Vedic scholar from Bangalore to guide my students in performing the Ganesh Homa, along with an English translation of the relevant Sanskrit sutras. Apart from this, there will also be hands-on activities to connect with the energy of Ganesh.

I'm opening up this event to the residents of Auroville and the bio region, and would like to know if anyone is interested in taking part? If so, please contact me

Vikram 9843948288, Vikram@auroville.org.in

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

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 12noon at Creativity.

Thai Massage

- Every Tuesday and Thursday at Creativity. Please book it in advance

Cell and WA 8098845200 and 9487272393

E-mail: rupavathijoy@gmail.com

Regards, Rupavathi

Voices and Notes

ON ARCHIVES

Universal Declaration on Archives

- Adopted at the General Assembly of ICA (International Council on Archives) Oslo, September 2010
- Endorsed by 36th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO Paris, 10 November 2011

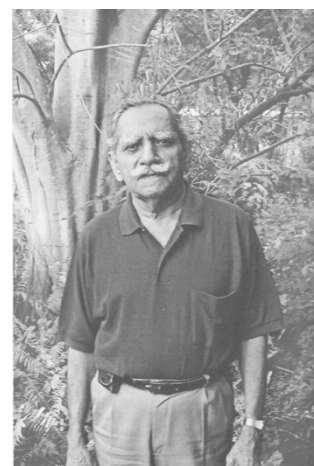


Archives record decisions, actions and memories

Archives are a **unique** and **irreplaceable** heritage passed from one **generation** to another. Archives are managed from creation to preserve their value and meaning. They are **authoritative** sources of information underpinning **accountable** and **transparent** administrative actions. They play an **essential** role in the development of societies by **safeguarding** and **contributing** to individual and community **memory**. Open access to archives enriches our **knowledge** of human society, promotes **democracy**, protects **citizens' rights** and enhances the **quality of life**.

To this effect, we recognize

- **The unique quality** of archives as authentic evidence of administrative, cultural and intellectual activities and as a reflection of the evolution of societies;
- **The vital necessity** of archives for supporting business efficiency, accountability and transparency, for protecting citizens' rights, for establishing individual and collective memory, for understanding the past, and for documenting the present to guide future actions;
- **The diversity of archives** in recording every area of human activity;
- **The multiplicity of formats** in which archives are created including paper, electronic, audiovisual and other types;
- **The role of archivists** as trained professionals with initial and continuing education, serving their societies by supporting the creation of records and by selecting, maintaining and making these records available for use;
- **The collective responsibility** of all—citizens, public administrators and decision-makers, owners or holders of public or private archives, and archivists and other information specialists—in the management of archives.



**Auroville Archives Founder
Krishna Tewari**

We therefore undertake to work together in order that

- Appropriate national archival policies and laws are adopted and enforced;
- The management of archives is valued and carried out competently by all bodies, private or public, which create and use archives in the course of conducting their business;
- Adequate resources are allocated to support the proper management of archives, including the employment of trained professionals;
- Archives are managed and preserved in ways that ensure their authenticity, reliability, integrity and usability;
- Archives are made accessible to everyone, while respecting the pertinent laws and the rights of individuals, creators, owners and users;
- Archives are used to contribute to the promotion of responsible citizenship.

Kristen

Update on Auroville Archives

Dear community, I feel I must update you on what has happened in Auroville Archives—your archives.

- Doris, Isabelle and I have been dismissed and Gilles is 'not allowed' to be there.
- These changes have been made by the 'management team' which consists of Thambidurai and Varun.
- Remaining in the Archives are only Thambidurai, Varun and Meera E. (who helps you find photos when you have a request)
- Our dismissals were unjustified.
- Our dismissals took place without the management team making any effort to learn about the work and projects we were doing. Therefore there is no handover and no continuity. We were in the middle of many unfinished projects and now all that work is wasted.
- The overall effect of the 'management team' has so far been to make the Archives non-functional: dismissing the archivists (our knowledge is the most valuable resource there) and even 'closing the archives' for periods of time at whim.
- It seems clear that the changes made have nothing to do with the actual work, and instead are part of a political game, a worldview superimposed onto us in which Aurovilians are sorted into 'loyal' or 'disloyal' to an authoritarian force acting through people here today.

A detailed report is posted on Auronet here:

- <https://auroville.org.in/article/92032>

Kristen

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 Youtube live videos

- [The Gnostic Conversations, with Shri D R Karthikeyan and Anita Ratnam](#)
- [A unique vision of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo](#)
- [Joseba talk—Live at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville](#)

...and more! on www.aurovilleradio.org

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

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

Peace and Love

SV Poetry

SILENT HEAT SONNET

Distances around assume a heat
As the fire glows in silent hearth
These spaces grow within the mind and keep
The inner flame alight in inner birth

A monsoon rain falls in constant flow
inside the mind it fertilizes thought
The waters of a life begin to grow
And finally we see that which was sought

A living truth within a fire of wood
A mystic door inside beneath the mind
Opens in the heart and brings the good
And eternal warmth we have in kind

A Mystic Fire is born from village flame
In Vedic rite we find our home again.

James Millar

GRANDMA SAYS

Grandma says

Cold tea cools me down in summer;
Cold words bring me winter chills.

∞

Grandma says

Grow flowers
Not thorns.

∞

Grandma's stories

Ever repeat
Never tire

O those fond memories!

Anandi Zhang

AND NOW

And now

to tie together two or three liking words
with warm letters
and whispering sounds
one puff of 8,30 cloud
and one lemon tiny tender leaf
from the backyard .

We don't say anything
The secrets are just invented.

Anandi ayun, Certitude

- from MONOSO, a kid's book made at Central School in Auroville, now at the web <https://monosof-at5a8.netlify.app/en/>



Activities

FIRE JUGGLING



Fire juggling classes starting every Monday from 5 to 6pm at the Youth Center.

Send a message to Zara,
+91 9489813218, to join!

Zara

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

THE HEALING

Dear brothers/sisters, my name is Christian, Aurovillian, and I am a healer.

- *What I do can't be explained to you because you will not understand. At least you practice integral yoga and can become one with the divine.*

I am writing here to heal you of whatever it is troubling you. The only requirement for this healing is to do it in open space.

My phone number is +91 9342956694 and only I respond in WA or telegram.

Peace and love, Christian

PITANGA



0413 2622403/ WA 9443902403

info@pitanga.org.in

Homeopathic Clinic

"Svasti" Homoeopathic Clinic with Dr Aditi Patel, B.H.M.S., Homoeopath (Registered).

Consultations for new cases are held by appointment only. Please contact her by phone +91 9428429642 for any enquiry or come in person on **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 3:30—4:30pm** to Pitanga.

- If you wish to receive our program of activities by email, please write to us: info@pitanga.in

See you soon again at Pitanga, with a smile!

Thank you, Love, Andrea

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY SESSIONS

With Rosa for Adults



Whatever you may want to do in life, one thing is absolutely indispensable and at the basis of everything, the capacity of concentrating the attention. If you are able to gather together the rays of attention and consciousness on one point and maintain this concentration with a persistent will, nothing can resist it.

The Mother

The ATB Sessions with Rosa will start soon. There will be different times and venues, some groups will be for **only** those interested in regular practice, some for drop in... So please if you are interested, kindly write to atbconrosa@gmail.com so to get all the possibilities and choose the best one for you.

In the regular groups, the number of participants will be limited, so if you are interested in a regular practice, write before the 13 August, as to start all together.

Love and smiles, Rosa

TRANSFORMATIONAL YOGA RETREAT

Residential Retreat @ Verite guest house

25—28 August (included)

A 4 days retreat in Auroville, invites you to Retune, Rebalance and Reconnect with your true-self through Transformational Yoga, Sound healing and effective Healing techniques to integrate in daily life.



Explore your inner child and let go of old patterns to enjoy the bliss of life. In this retreat, you will undergo a deep cleansing through Transformational Yoga—a highly effective yogic system, which synthesizes techniques of Hatha, Raja, Mantra, and Kundalini Yoga to bring about rapid transformation within mind, body and spirit.

Combined with a carefully selected set of additional techniques to deepen the effects of Transformational Yoga, you will experience a highly liberating 4 days purification process.

From specific Pranayama to release fear, anger and anxiety, to Meditation, Conscious Dance and Sound Chakras Healing to activate and align the chakras. A unique Silent Dinner Ceremony diving you in a wonderful path of becoming aware of food-body-connection

For reservations please contact me at:

- 8489764602
- Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

*Activity offered under
Synthesis an activity of ASSA Trust*

Thank you, Lakshmi

QUIET HEALING CENTER



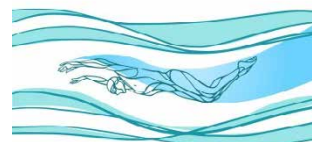
www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in

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Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA®) Basic: Liquid Joy with Fred

- 20—21 August 2022 (8:45am—6:30pm)

OBA® is an aquatic bodywork modality given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). It combines elements of light movements and stretching, massage and mobilization of joints in connection with breathing and energy work conducted both on the surface and underwater.



During this OBA® Basic—Liquid Joy course, you'll learn a number of simple movements, both on the surface (with and without cushion and noodle) as well as under water. You will also practice basic techniques and qualities of being (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) while moving another person in water.

You will experience floating other people and being floated on the surface and underwater, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

Prerequisites: no previous experience required (also not being able to swim!)

JIVA: YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



www.auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961
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!

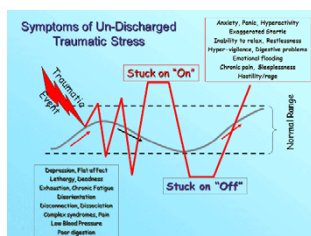


Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication—and it's just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse! Mirrabelle lives with horses since she was 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfills her life's dream to bring children, adults 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

Transforming trauma, 6 & 7 August with Sigrid

How to identify trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder? How to recover a person's full potential, energy and zest for life—and even integrate the wisdom of it all? 2 day workshop with theory and interactive exercises, A toolbox of techniques to apply in your therapeutic work.



The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.

Facilitator: Sigrid Lindemann, international faculty in integral regression therapy, Sensation method homeopathy, trauma therapy in Auroville for 20 years

- **Time:** 6 & 7 August, 9—5pm.
- **Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in
- **Jiva Venue:** Sharnga Guest House, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Journey of the Soul, 14 August, 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@auroville-jiva.com, WA 09626006961



Exploring Past Lives Webinar

- 9, 10, 11 August, at 7—8:30pm, with Sigrid



We invite you to explore the topic of Past Lives in the light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers Philosophy, and share the value of Past Lives therapy in psychotherapy and energy work.

In this short introduction you will gather an insight into the hidden source of some your present day beliefs, psychological movements and even inexplicable bodily pains as well as glimpses on transforming these.

Sigrid Lindemann introduces "Exploring Past Lives" as an element of Integral Regression therapy, a deeply transforming modality integrating Inner Child Work, Past Life Therapy, Trauma therapy and Energy Work on the bases of the philosophy of Integral Yoga. Sigrid has developed Integral Regression Therapy, integrating her therapeutic experience of past 20 years.

Webinar contact@auroville-jiva.com WA 09626006961

Explore your mind

- 3 day workshop in hypnotherapy
- 19,20,21 August

"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

- 19 August, Friday 4—7pm,
- 20 & 21 August, Saturday, Sunday 9—5pm
- at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall

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

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

The Way of the Sufi: Retreat with Nirupam Gyan

- 10—14 September

Find yourself whirling... Sufi Zikr & Whirling, Sacred Gurdjeff dances, active meditations, breath, dance... woven together magically..by Sufi Nirupam Gyan, who has researched and facilitated Sufi past 15 years intensely. Experience Sufi Your heart will open wide, your mind still... and the world flying by Sufi Whirling is an ancient transformative practice—the Sufi Way Retreat is a life changing event, as many participants of our 5 workshops here convinced



- [Youtube link](#)
- [Photos of the retreat](#)

All info and registration Sigrid, contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

Our Venue Sharnga Guesthouse

- www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Sharnga Guesthouse is a green oasis, with a huge Banyan Tree, horses, birds, a lively tropical garden, with a small pool, gym and rooms from simple to AC, single to family units. A Yoga Hall, AC lounge with big screen, and the great service and international cuisine make it a perfect spot.

Workshop in Holotropic Breathwork

• 2,3,4 September 2022



Facilitated by **KC Tomas**, (Grof Transpersonal Work representative India, Thailand and Sri Lanka), "Holotropic states of consciousness, then, are those non-ordinary, expansive, states that invite and support this innate movement towards wholeness. In the words of Grof: "Holotropic states bring to consciousness that which has a strong emotional charge in us already. Something that is psychodynamically relevant at the time and is most available for us for conscious processing." When we enter a holotropic state with the intention of healing and self-discovery, it invites a kind of inner radar that scans our unconscious and brings to consciousness that material to which we most need to attend and heal."

All info and registration contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 09626006961

Gurdjieff Sacred Dances

• 7, 8, 9 Sept with Nirupam Gyan

Nirupam Gyan sufi is sharing Sufi & Gurdjieff & more internationally for over a decade, 3 previous workshops here have met with an overwhelming response. Gurdjieff movements help to balance our 3 centers: the physical, the emotional and the intellectual. Through the unusual combination of movements, the asymmetry, the will to break habits, they help us to acquire a new quality of presence. It's a meditation through the movements. While being in the movement, we may experience the stillness inside, and be simultaneously aware of our inner and outer space.



- Facilitator Nirupam Gyan
- Venue Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

All info and registration Sigrid, contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

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 & Pregnancy, Integral Regression Therapy, Trauma Therapy, Advanced Classical Homeopathy Systemic Constellation & Family Constellation





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for
**Energy
Harmony
And Well-being**

Monday
Wednesday Friday & Saturday

9 Am to 10:30 Am

Walk in or
For booking call
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WITH ROSA EISELE

Suresh, Isai Ambalam GH Team

ARKA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, August 2022

Classes

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



Treatments

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Henna colouring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteo Thai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 9600094875, +353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques	Mukta, 9655422346	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry Also in French	Antariyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

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

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

Please contact 4036922 or email us at tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations

For more information about the Tomatis program, 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

French with Jean-François

Jean-François's current courses are closed for new registrations. We will start new batches soon. You are welcome to enquire and register early for the forthcoming classes!

Jean-François conducts two 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.
- **Beginner French:** This course is 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.

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, 10am to 12noon, for 3 months.

Spoken Tamil with Saravanan

This course is now closed to new registrations.

For all the current and old students, we will soon be offering Practice sessions in Tamil on Saturdays. It would be a space where you could practise what you learned over the previous week. All are welcome! Watch this space for more details.

English Conversation with Ramesh

Our long-term volunteer, Ramesh, is ready to take your English-speaking skills to a new level. Yoga trainer, YouTuber, and Excel expert, Ramesh brings a range of experiences to his classes. Ramesh is 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, 2:30 to 3:30pm. Enquire now to join!

Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam

Rupam's morning English classes have re-started after a short summer break. Classes are a mix of discussion on current topics, and grammar as necessary. You are welcome to try out a class and see if it fits your needs.

- Classes take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:15 to 11:15am. Enquire now to join!

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, 4 to 5pm, for 3 months.

If there is a language you would like to learn, and it's not on our list, please query us!

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, 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

Lan- guage	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English Always Ongoing	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am— 11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre- Intermediate, Group 2	TBA	TBA
	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate, Started on 25 May 2022	02:30pm— 03:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
French	Beginner, Started on 16 July 2022	02:30pm— 04:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation: Intermediate	02:00pm— 03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation Pre-Intermediate	03:30pm— 04:30pm	
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, Started on 15 July	09:30am— 10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Be- ginner, to start August	03:00pm— 04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, to start Au- gust 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner, to start Au- gust 2022	TBA	TBA
	Spanish Conversation, To start August 2022	TBA	
Japanese	Beginner, To start August 2022	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner, To start August 2022	TBA	TBA

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday—Friday:

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

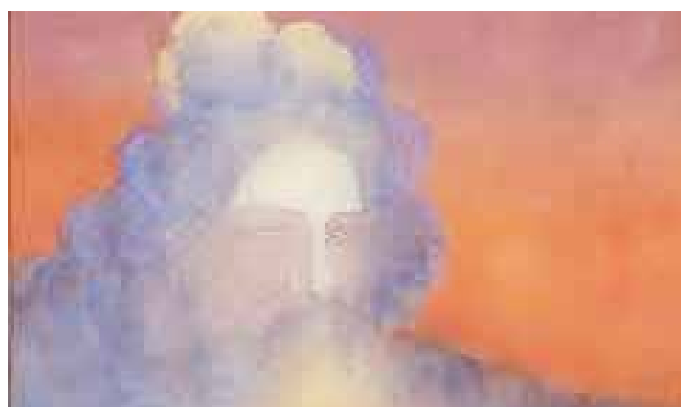
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Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre



Cinema



At Mmc/Multi Media Center, Town Hall

Reminder: Friday, August 5, 8pm, "Never Rarely Sometimes Always". Directed by Eliza Hittman UK-USA, 2020

Friday, August 12, 8pm, "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind"

Written and directed by Hayao MIYAZAKI—Japan, 1984—With voices of: Alison Lohman, Patrick Stewart, Uma Thurman, Chris Sarandon, Shia LaBeouf

Synopsis: One thousand years have passed since an apocalyptic war has destroyed civilization and created the vast Toxic Jungle, swarming with giant mutant insects. Nausicaä, the 16-year-old princess of the Valley of the Wind, explores the forbidden jungle and communicates with its creatures, including the gigantic, trilobite-like armored Ohm. She hopes to understand the jungle and find a way for it and humans to co-exist as they are still at war with each other... If you haven't seen any Miyazaki's work, this is a great opportunity, or come anyway for a treat!

English Version with English subtitles, duration 1h57', General Audience but please have an Adult accompany the children.

Note: to celebrate and discover more about this jewel of Japanese animation, Abhijit will animate a "Cine-Master-Class on the film the very next day, Saturday, 13th at 5pm in Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (please see the full announcement in the next issue of the N&N)

Submitted by Surya

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 12 August

Red Sea—one of the biggest wonders on our planet

2013 / 45 minutes / Kalle Max Hofmann

Explore the impressive underwater landscapes and fascinating species of one of the biggest wonders on our planet. This nautical journey features many of the sea creatures that have made the coral reefs their home.





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
8 August 2022 to 14 August 2022

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. Maintaining standard Covid protocols, i.e. temperature check, registration, and Mask (and not scarves) etc. are a must even now. Please come prepared. To organize a seminar/program please contact us via email.

We continue to have issues with our projector. It is getting repaired, and we will continue the program with an older alternative. Clearly it is time for us to look for a new one. If you are able to kindly donate at MMC's FS Account for this.

Indian— Monday 8 August, 8:00 pm:
DAAWAT-E-BIRYANI (A feast of biriyani)

India, 2019, Dir. Aditi Roy w/ Jayant Kripalani, Sauraseni Maitra, Suhasini Mulay, and others, Drama, 89mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Mansoor Ali and his sister Aafreen are blessed skillful cooks. Mansoor Ali's pal Ronojoy gifts Aafreen an authentic recipe book by the cook of Nawab Wajid Ali Khan. Ronojoy is in love with Aafreen, which of course the family does not accept, and they elope. The story travels 50 years to the scene when Panchali Rehman, granddaughter of Ronojoy and Aafreen, travels to Lucknow to find the biryani recipe from that book, to fulfill the wish of an ailing Ronojoy. What follow is an emotional journey of a family re-bonding over the recipe of Biryani. *A film to watch!*

Potpourri—Tuesday 9 August, 8:00 pm:
RESTLESS

USA, 2011, Dir. Gus Van Sant w/ Mia Wasikowska, Henry Hoper, and others, Drama—Romance, 90 mins, English w/ English Subtitles, Rated: PG.

Having lost his parents in a terrible accident several years ago, Enoch tries to cope with their deaths by hanging out with a ghost named Hiroshi and attending the funerals of strangers. At one such funeral, he meets Annabel, a young woman facing her own imminent demise. As the pair fall in love, Enoch encourages Annabel to adopt a devil-may-care attitude toward death and to live her remaining life to the fullest.

Interesting—Wednesday 10 August, 8:00 pm:
BABENCO: ALGUÉM TEM QUE OUVIR O CORAÇÃO E DIZER PAROU (Babenco: Tell Me When I Die)

Brazil, 2020, Dir. Bárbara Paz w/ Hector Babenco, Regina Braga, Willem Dafoe, and others, Documentary-Biography, Portuguese-English-Spanish-French w/ English subtitles, B&W, Rated: NR (R)

As Babenco realized he did not have much time left, he wanted to make a film about it. In this tender immersion into the life of one of the greatest filmmakers, Babenco expresses fears and anxieties, and also memories, reflections, and fantasies, in this face-off between his intellectual vigor and physical frailty. From the onset of cancer at the age of 38 until his death at 70, he made of the cinema his medicine and the nourishment that kept him alive. Through this last film he remains alive.

Selection—Thursday 11 August, 8:00 pm:
JAZIREH AHANI (Iron Island)

2005, Writer-Dir. Mohammad Rasoulof w/ Ali Nassirian, Hossein Farzi-Zad, Neda Pakdaman, and others, Drama, 90mins, Persian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Some poor people in the Southern coasts of Iran do not have any place to live, and thus, they reside on an old, abandoned ship in the sea. Captain Nemat, their chief, tries to persuade the ship-owner and the official authorities not to get the ship back. On the other hand, he is selling the iron parts of the ship piece by piece. It is a story of those whose ignorance makes them simply trust those who are always ready to abuse their trust.

International—Saturday, 13 August, 8:00 pm:
VERDENS VERSTE MENNESKE
(The worst person in the world)

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

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

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 14 August, 4:30 pm:
ASTERIX AND OBELIX: MANSION OF THE GODS

France-Belgium, 2014, Dir. Louis Clichy, Alexandre Astier w/ Jack Whitehall, Nick Frost, Greg Davies, and others, Animation-Adventure, 85 mins, English, Rated: G



In an attempt to wipe out a Gaulish village, Caesar tries to build an estate next to it, and to absorb the inhabitants into Roman culture. His plans are challenged by Obelix.

Gus Van Sant Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Sunday 14 August, 8:00 pm:
GERRY

USA, 2002, Dir. Gus Van Sant w/ Casey Affleck, Matt Damon, and others, Drama-Adventure, 103 mins, English w/ English Subtitles, Rated: R.

Two friends take a drive out into the New Mexico wilderness to go and see the thing. Following the trail, they assume will lead them right there. Eventually they give up the idea and wants to head back to their car. However, they have been blindly hiking for hours and before long they realize that they are lost, they continue their trek across the desert in search of a way out, putting their friendship under stress with every passing hour.

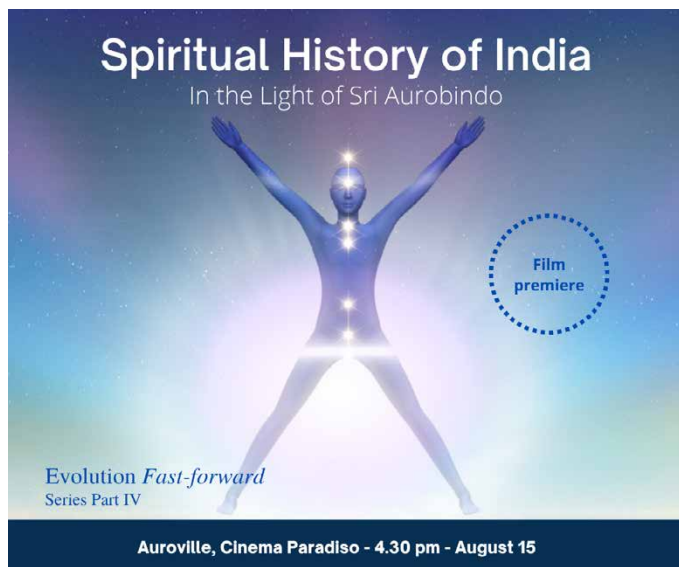
Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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Thanking You,
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FILM PREMIERE: SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF INDIA IN THE LIGHT OF SRI AUROBINDO

15 August, 4:30pm, Cinema Paradiso



This film traces the spiritual evolution of India over 4000 years, seen through an original Indic perspective based on Sri Aurobindo's research.

Sri Aurobindo's Letter—CWSA V28

In the India of Vedic times we have the record left of the other line of achievement, that of spiritual self-discovery; occult knowledge was there but kept subordinate. We may say that here in India the reign of Intuition came first, intellectual Mind developing afterwards in the later philosophy and science. [...] If we analyze the spiritual history of India we shall find that after reaching this height there was a descent which attempted to take up each lower degree of the already evolved consciousness and link it to the spiritual at the summit.

The Vedic age was followed by a great outburst of intellectual philosophy which yet took spiritual truth as its basis and tried to reach it anew, not through a direct intuitive or occult process as did the Vedic seers, but by the power of the mind's reflective, speculative, logical thought; at the same time processes of Yoga were developed which used the thinking mind as a means of arriving at spiritual realization, spiritualising this mind itself at the same time.

Then followed an era of the development of philosophies and Yoga processes which more and more used the emotional and aesthetic being as the means of spiritual realization and spiritualised the emotional level in man through the heart and feeling.

This was accompanied by Tantric and other processes which took up the mental will, the life-will, the life of sensations and made them at once the instruments and the field of spiritualisation.

In Hatha Yoga and in the various attempts at divinisation of the body there is also a line of endeavor which attempts to arrive at the same achievement with regard to living matter; but this still awaits the discovery of the true characteristic method and power of spirit in the body. [...]

Our Yoga is in its principle a taking up and summarizing and completing of this process, an endeavor to rise to the highest possible supramental level and bring down its consciousness and powers into mind, life and body.

- Letters on Yoga—I

<http://incarnateword.in/cwsa/28/spiritual-evolution-and-the-supramental>

This film is an elaboration of the above letter based on extensive research into the following books:

1. The Renaissance in India
2. Early Cultural Writings
3. Letters on Yoga—I to IV
4. Vedic and Philological Studies
5. The Secret of the Veda
6. Hymns to the Mystic Fire
7. Isha Upanishad
8. Kena and Other Upanishads
9. Essays on the Gita
10. The Synthesis of Yoga—I & II
11. The Human Cycle

This is the fourth film in the Evolution Fast-forward series on the vision and work of Sri Aurobindo.

Duration: 66 min

Type: Motion graphics animation

Research, Script and Director: Manoj Pavitrnan, Auroville

Animation: Hemant Shekhar, Auroville

Music: Arnab B. Chowdhury and team, Sri Aurobindo Ashram

Voice Over: Ravi Shankar, Puducherry

Made with grants from SAILER and Ministry of Culture, Gov. of India.

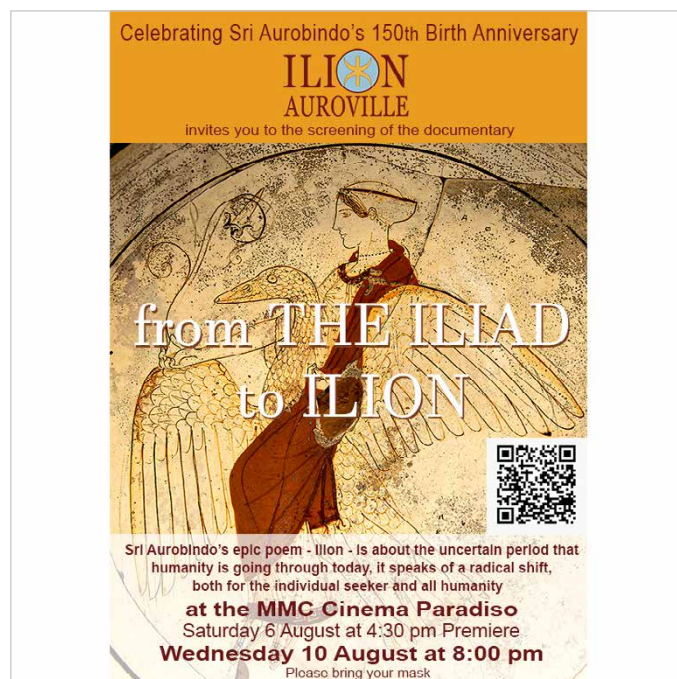
*All are welcome! Sopanam Team
Submitted by Manoj*

FROM THE ILIAD TO ILION

Saturday, 6 August, 4:30pm, "Premiere"

Wednesday, 10 August, 8pm

Cinema Paradiso



All are invited to the screening of the documentary

The ancient Greek culture exhibited high consciousness: how did their mythology capture their incredible achievements? Can it help us in the present time? We are in an uncertain period, a time needing a radical shift, both individual and societal.

"From the Iliad to Ilion" is an English documentary made for the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo by Ilion Auroville. It traces the journey of a seeker who unraveled the coding keys of Greek mythology and enabled him to understand its meaning, previously unknown to all. This discovery reveals the link between Homer's Iliad and Sri Aurobindo's poem Ilion.

This 5,000 line poem, about the destruction of Troy, has a message that can help humanity today. [Trailer is Here.](#)

INDIAN DOCUMENTARIES ON THE GLOBAL STAGE



PSBT
Doc. Commune
2021-2022

Indian Documentaries On The Global Stage

Join us for a conversation with filmmaker Shaunak Sen about his journey with his much feted film, and more.



Shaunak Sen

A filmmaker & writer, Shaunak directed 'All That Breathes' that won the Grand Jury Award at the Sundance Film Festival & the Golden Eye at the Cannes Film Festival.



Aparna Sanyal

Executive Director of PSBT's mentoring initiative, Doc. Commune, Aparna is a filmmaker whose work has won recognition and been screened across platforms.

Sunday | 31st July 2022 | 6 PM | Zoom Webinar

[Click here to register!](#)

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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
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New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank / Kulapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center— Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
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Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00

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