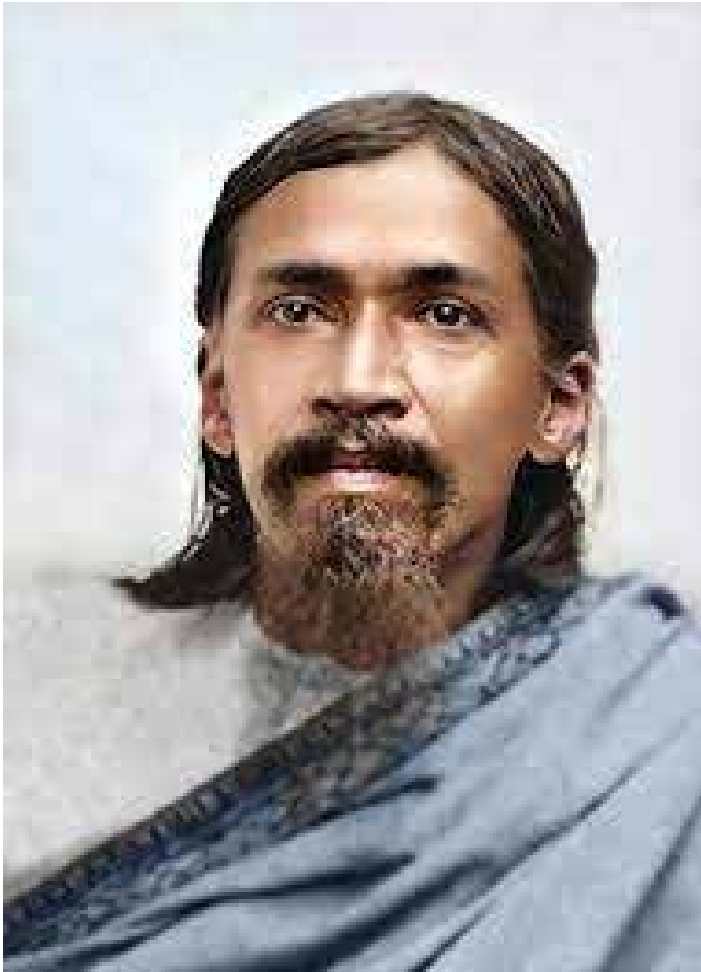


News & Notes

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A conscious being is in the center of the self, who rules past and future; he is like a fire without smoke... That, one must disengage with patience from one's own body.

Katha Upanishad

I abide in the spiritual being and from there destroy the darkness born of ignorance with the shining lamp of knowledge.

Gita

He is born a seer with the mind of discernment; an offspring of the Truth, a birth set within in the secrecy, half arisen into manifestation.

Rig Veda

The Ponder Corner



But, for this change to arrive at its widest totality and profound completeness, the consciousness has to shift its center and its static and dynamic position from the surface to the inner being; it is there that we must find the foundation for our thought, life and action.

Life Divine, The Triple Transformation by Sri Aurobindo

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House of Mother's Agenda

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

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

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

(continued from last week)

Our passion heaves to wed the Eternal's calm,
 Our dwarf-search mind to meet the Omniscient's light,
 Our helpless hearts to enshrine the Omnipotent's force.
 Acquiescing in the wisdom that made hell
 And the harsh utility of death and tears,
 Acquiescing in the gradual steps of Time,
 Careless they seem of the grief that stings the world's heart,
 Careless of the pain that rends its body and life;
 Above joy and sorrow is that grandeur's walk:
 They have no portion in the good that dies,
 Mute, pure, they share not in the evil done;
 Else might their strength be marred and could not save.
 Alive to the truth that dwells in God's extremes,
 Awake to a motion of all-seeing Force,
 The slow outcome of the long ambiguous years
 And the unexpected good from woeful deeds,
 The immortal sees not as we vainly see.
 He looks on hidden aspects and screened powers,
 He knows the law and natural line of things.
 Undriven by a brief life's will to act,
 Unharassed by the spur of pity and fear,
 He makes no haste to untie the cosmic knot
 Or the world's torn jarring heart to reconcile.
 In Time he waits for the Eternal's hour.
 Yet a spiritual secret aid is there;
 While a tardy Evolution's coils wind on
 And Nature hews her way through adamant
 A divine intervention thrones above.
 Alive in a dead rotating universe
 We whirl not here upon a casual globe
 Abandoned to a task beyond our force;
 Even through the tangled anarchy called Fate
 And through the bitterness of death and fall
 An outstretched Hand is felt upon our lives.
 It is near us in unnumbered bodies and births;
 In its unslackening grasp it keeps for us safe
 The one inevitable supreme result
 No will can take away and no doom change,
 The crown of conscious Immortality,
 The godhead promised to our struggling souls
 When first man's heart dared death and suffered life.
 One who has shaped this world is ever its lord:
 Our errors are his steps upon the way;
 He works through the fierce vicissitudes of our lives,
 He works through the hard breath of battle and toil,
 He works through our sins and sorrows and our tears,

His knowledge overrules our nescience;
 Whatever the appearance we must bear,
 Whatever our strong ills and present fate,
 When nothing we can see but drift and bale,
 A mighty Guidance leads us still through all.
 After we have served this great divided world
 God's bliss and oneness are our inborn right.
 A date is fixed in the calendar of the Unknown,
 An anniversary of the Birth sublime:
 Our soul shall justify its chequered walk,
 All will come near that now is naught or far.
 These calm and distant Might's shall act at last.
 Immovably ready for their destined task,
 The ever-wise compassionate Brilliances
 Await the sound of the Incarnate's voice
 To leap and bridge the chasms of Ignorance
 And heal the hollow yearning gulfs of Life
 And fill the abyss that is the universe.
 Here meanwhile at the Spirit's opposite pole
 In the mystery of the deeps that God has built
 For his abode below the Thinker's sight,
 In this compromise of a stark absolute Truth
 With the Light that dwells near the dark end of things,
 In this tragi-comedy of divine disguise,
 This long far seeking for joy ever near,
 In the grandiose dream of which the world is made,
 In this gold dome on a black dragon base,
 The conscious Force that acts in Nature's breast,
 A dark-robed labourer in the cosmic scheme
 Carrying clay images of unborn gods,
 Executrix of the inevitable Idea
 Hampered, enveloped by the hoops of Fate,
 Patient trustee of slow eternal Time,
 Absolves from hour to hour her secret charge.
 All she foresees in masked imperative depths;
 The dumb intention of the unconscious gulfs
 Answers to a will that sees upon the heights,
 And the evolving Word's first syllable
 Ponderous, brute-sensed, contains its luminous close,
 Privy to a summit victory's vast descent
 And the portent of the soul's immense uprise.

(to be continued next week)

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

Community News

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Surely what we are experiencing at this time is unlike any since the founding of Auroville itself. It seems Auroville is swirling, searching and seeking to clearly distinguish the soul element in us and we are being pressed to follow consciously and fully its sublime dictates.

The date of this issue of the News and Notes carries a significance that is profound and full of promise and vision. So we will present this issue a little differently this time. In this issue we begin with the celebration of the 150th birth of Sri Aurobindo, His vision and His promise, and place the News and its controversies towards the end of the issue. Again it remains our intent that we can live up to your expectations and produce a journal worthy of Auroville.

Roy and AgniJata

Auroville Matters

15 AUGUST COLLECTIVE MEDITATION WITH DAWN-FIRE FOR SRI AUROBINDO'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

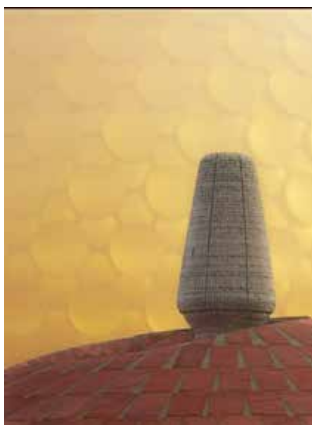
at the Matrimandir Amphitheatre, 4:45 to 6:30am

'Let us all try to be worthy of Sri Aurobindo's centenary.'

New Year Message of the Mother, 1972

- Entrance from the Second Banyan Gate ONLY from 4am
- All are requested to be seated by 4:45 am.
- The gate will be closed between 5:00 and 5:30

Important Information



The Dawn-fire meditation at the Amphitheater of the Matrimandir is an opportunity for individuals to experience inner silence in a unique collective setting. To maintain the special atmosphere, everyone is requested to Maintain Complete Silence.

Please note that Bags, Cell-phones, Cameras, Tablets and other recording devices are strictly not allowed in the Park of Unity, the Matrimandir Gardens and the Amphitheater.

You may leave your belongings at home, in your vehicle or deposit them at the 'Custody Facility' near the designated parking area outside the Park of Unity. Matrimandir Management will try to take utmost care of your items, but will not be responsible for theft or damage of items deposited at the "Custody Facility".

Traffic Instruction

You are requested to **avoid coming by car** if at all possible. There will be a car parking only at Saraswati/ West gate, you will then have to walk to the Second Banyan gate; please do not stop and drop your passengers in front of the Second Banyan gate.

Please do not bring your pets to the Matrimandir.

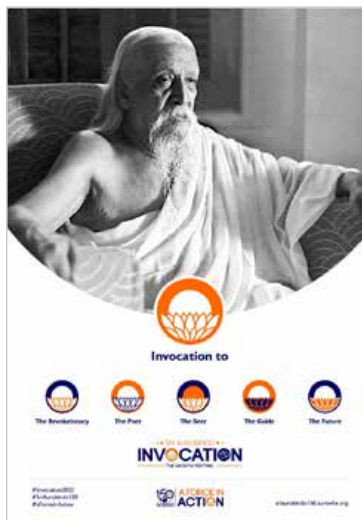
Through your participation, you can help make the collective meditation a precious moment of inner experience. Thanking you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

*Bonne Fête and see you there
Regards, Antoine, for MM Executives*

Sri Aurobindo's Invocation

PROGRAM OF AUGUST 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SRI AUROBINDO' INVOCATION—THE Gnostic FESTIVAL'

"Sri Aurobindo does not belong to the past nor to history. Sri Aurobindo is the Future advancing towards its realization. Thus we must shelter the eternal youth required for a speedy advance, in order not to become laggards on the way." 2 April 1967



The culmination of the coming future will be the appearance of Gnostic society which will have embodied the divine consciousness. Sri Aurobindo himself had embodied the divine consciousness. We are therefore observing the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo as 'Invocation—The Gnostic Festival'. In doing so, we seek to invoke His presence and His words within our hearts

and minds.

For the month of August 2022, we wish to invoke the various aspects of Sri Aurobindo—the revolutionary, the poet, the guide, the guru and most importantly the modern sees and greater luminary for the future.

The majority of programmes will take place at Matrimandir, Bharat Nivas, Savitri Bhavan, Unity Pavilion, Town Hall, and various other locations in Auroville.

We very much hope you will consider joining us—physically or online—in celebrating "The Invocation—The Gnostic Festival".

- The program of August online (<https://sriarobindo150.auroville.org/events>)


150th anniversary team: Sivakumar, Janmajay, Manisha, Lakshay, Aryadeep, Egle, AV Media Interface, AV Foundation

Egle

INAUGURATION OF THE EXHIBITION SRI AUROBINDO'S LIFE AND WORK 1872-1910

Celebrating Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary
&
75th Independence Day of India
50th of Bharat Nivas

Monday 15th August 2022
at
Kalakendra & Auditorium Entrance



8 am - Flag Hoisting
Followed by Gayatri Mantra - National Anthem - Vande Mataram & Bharat Natyam Dance.

The Inauguration of the Exhibition " Sri Aurobindo's Life & Work 1872 - 1910" at Kalakendra.

Breakfast at Annam Kitchen.

~ All are welcome. Please be at the Venue by 7.50 am

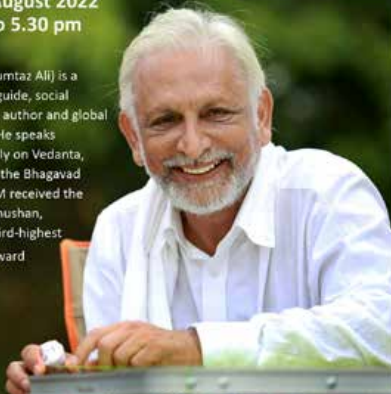
SHARAT NIVAS
एवमस्मिन् लोके श्रेष्ठे
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

INVOCATION

Talk by Sri M
Sri Aurobindo and the Yogic Connection
 on the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary

at Savitri Bhavan
 on Sunday
 14th August 2022
 4.00 to 5.30 pm

Sri M (Mumtaz Ali) is a spiritual guide, social reformer, author and global speaker. He speaks extensively on Vedanta, Yoga and the Bhagavad Gita. Sri M received the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian award in 2020.



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Indian Classical Flute Recital
By Padma Vibhushan Pandit
Hariprasad Chaurasia ji



Internationally acclaimed flautist Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia will present Indian Classical Flute Recital along with his disciples from Vrindavan Gurukul.

Pt. Arvind Kumar Azad (Tabla)
 Shree Digvijaysinh Chauhan (Flute)
 Sheee Aniket Maharana (Flute)
 Shree Madhucharan Chapai (Flute)
 Sushree Amrita Upreti (Taampura)

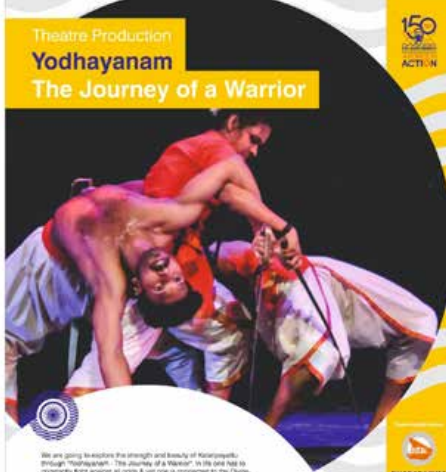
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Theatre Production
Yodhayanam
The Journey of a Warrior



We are going to explore the strength and beauty of Bharatanatyam through "Yodhayanam - The Journey of a Warrior". In the end we will certainly fight against all odds & go on to conquer the Crown. Akshayakumar is a warrior that can fight, walk, swim and jump and can do all these things and more besides. This is a Bharatanatyam based physical theatre production that traces the life of a warrior in ancient Kerala.

Documentary Film
 15th September - 8 pm, Shri Krishna Hall
 Drawing on the values of Bharatanatyam & its basic foundation & its connection to Yoga which will be followed by the screening of a Yodhayanam based documentary film.

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Flower Exhibition on
COLLABORATION
Divine Flowers



This exhibition is an attempt to create a meditative atmosphere with real flowers & paintings, according to the Spiritual Significances given by the mother and relating to the theme Collaboration. It is a Homage to Sri Aurobindo on His 150th birth anniversary celebrations.

15th Aug - Inauguration at 10:00 am
 Duration: Mother's evening flower shows, refreshments & talks

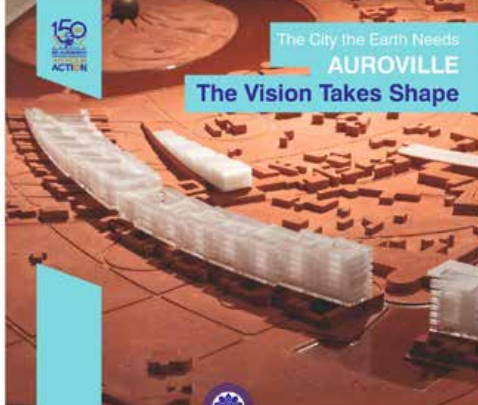
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The City the Earth Needs
AUROVILLE
The Vision Takes Shape



From an idealistic vision, Auroville has widely been recognised as a Utopian project. In truth, Auroville was conceived as a laboratory - a living laboratory - where experiments and research are not only encouraged but developed. The Crown development and enclosed city centre, the 'Line of Goodwill' along with residential sectors 1 and 2 will house 40% of the planned population.

Prof. Dr. Annapurna Kundoo and her team share their urban design work produced including ongoing projects in collaboration with ATDC.

10:30am Inauguration by Dr Jayard Ravi
 11:00am Annapurna Kundoo in conversation with Lakshay Dhanraj and Ansh S.

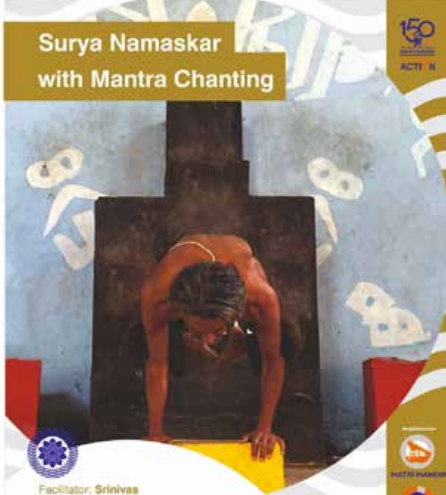
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Surya Namaskar
with Mantra Chanting



Facilitator: Srinivas
 Join all of Srinivas and other yoga teachers for early morning Surya Namaskar with Mantra Chanting, led by Prof. Annapurna Kundoo, for Auroville's Golden morning chanting, and self-audio recordings. Srinivas was initiated by his father into Yoga at age 10 in Delhi, taught in California from 2005, and came to Auroville on the Becoming Yoga tour. He won 6th and 8th place in Sri Aurobindo's 5th dream for 'harmony'.

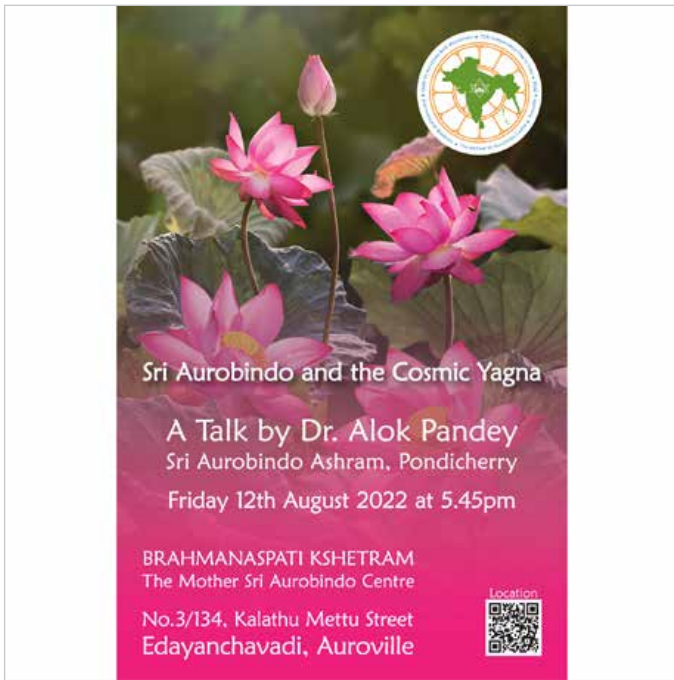
Register: <https://auroville.org/surya-namaskar>

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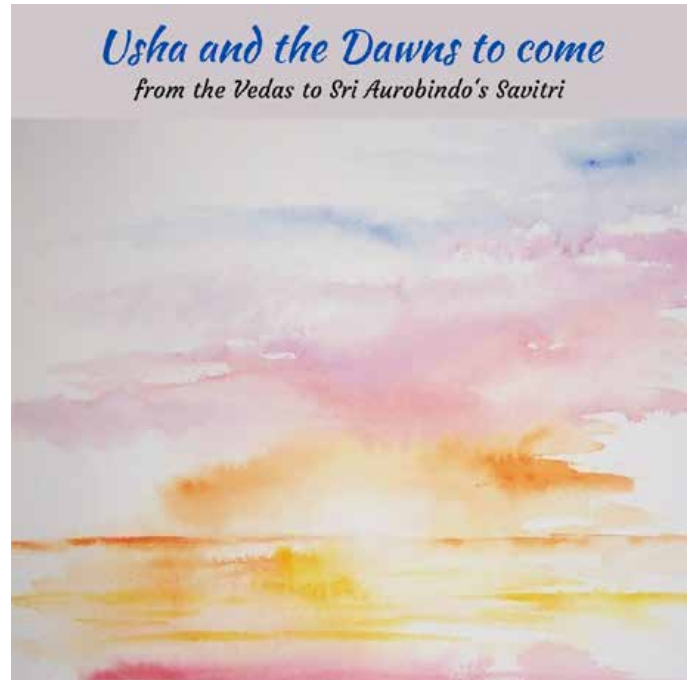
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USHA AND THE DAWNS TO COME
 August 15, 16 and 17: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
 A Performance at 7.30pm
 (The gate will be closed at 7:20pm)



At the Matrimandir Gardens around the Fountain 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.

by Aryamani

Awakening Spirit

MEDITATION WITH SAVITRI READ BY MOTHER TO SUNIL'S MUSIC

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre—Matrimandir

Every Thursday at Sunset.



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

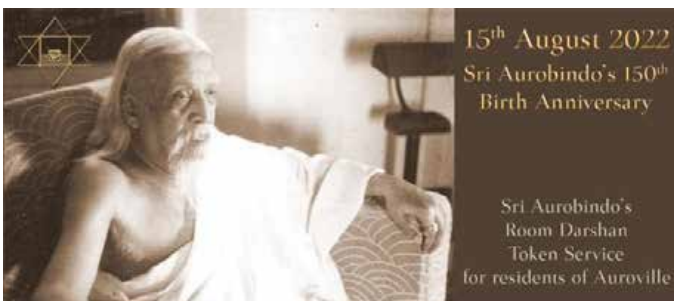
Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all:

- The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- We request everyone: please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you.
- Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5:45pm.
- Please be seated by 5:55pm.

Thank you, Surya & Amphitheatre Team

ROOM DARSHAN ON 15 AUGUST 2022



Residents who have registered their names for a Darshan token with us last week are invited to pick up their tokens.

Please come to Pitanga on

- Friday 12, and Saturday 13 August
- 10—12:30pm and 3—5pm to collect your token.

For more information about the different options to have a Room Darshan on the 15 August, please see the note published in the [News&Notes #933, July 28, 2022](#).

With love, Mallika, Kumar, Andrea and Pitanga's team

NON STOP SAVITRI READING


Thursday to Sunday, August 18, 19, 20
 (and if needed, 21) from 6am to 6pm.



At Om Hall, Sanjana (first house on the right, we will mark the way from the Parking, kindly be on the lookout!).

Kindly bring your own copy of Savitri along with a pillow, water and whatever you need for this wonderful enfoldment of Divine.

See you there! Urvasi, 9751513906 WA

Divine Flowers 

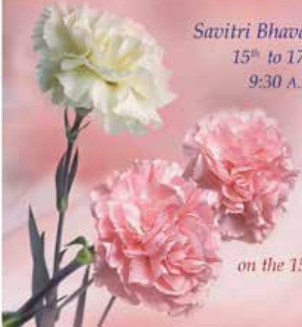
Celebrating Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary

A Flower Exhibition on
COLLABORATION

True collaboration paves the way to divinity
The Mother

Savitri Bhavan (Square Hall)
15th to 17th August 2022
9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Inauguration
on the 15th August 2022
at 10:00 A.M.




"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




DIVINE FLOWERS 

Programme: Talks

- * 15th August at 11:00 A.M.
Narad
Sri Aurobindo and my connection with Him and the Flowers.
- * 15th August at 4:00 P.M.
Dr Alok Pandey
Sri Aurobindo: The Divine Example
- * 16th August at 5:30 P.M.
Ch Nirakar (from Odisha)
Collaboration

I need your collaboration, without it nothing permanent can be done.




Venue: Savitri Bhavan
email: divineflowers@auroville.org.in

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The Mother

अग्निहोत्र | Agnihotra

विश्व संस्कृत दिवस २०२२
World Sanskrit Day 2022




Agnihotra is a Vedic ceremony which purifies and harmonises the inner and outer atmosphere through a specially prepared "Fire" and is performed at sunrise and sunset. To celebrate the World Sanskrit Day 2022, we invite all to join for a collective Agnihotra followed by some Mantra chanting.

Date: Friday - August 12, 2022
Time: 6 am to 6:30 am
Venue: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

All are welcome.
devabhasha@auroville.org.in
Samskritam Auroville and Bharat Nivas team


150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SRI AUROBINDO AUROVILLE BHARATNIVAS MELA

INVITES YOU ALL TO EXPERIENCE THE FOOD, CRAFTS, WORKSHOPS, FILMS, PERFORMANCE AND MUSIC OF THE BIOREGION CENTERS AND SCHOOLS OF AUROVILLE



Venue: Shilpakendra, Bharatnivas
Date: 6th to 31st August 2022
Time: 12pm to 7pm

Related concert and workshops will take place at SAWCHU during the whole month




ॐ Why Learn Sanskrit?

What are the benefits of learning Sanskrit? Why did the Mother want it to be one of the four key languages in Auroville? How can the youth relate to it? Come and experience the joy and wonder of Sanskrit in this interactive session.

When: Friday - 12 August | 3 pm to 4 pm
Where: Tibetan Pavilion, Auroville

This is part of the YouthLink event to celebrate:



For registration and more details, please write to:
youthlink@auroville.org.in or
devabhasha@auroville.org.in

Warmly, YouthLink and Samskritam Auroville team

Remembering



श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता

Full chanting of the Bhagavad Gita

As an offering to Sri Aurobindo's 150th birthday we invite all to come together with a harmonious collective aspiration and immerse in the Bhagavad Gita. We will chant all the 700 shlokas in Sanskrit. All are welcome to join anytime and chant together or simply listen and soak in the sacred vibrations.

Date: August 14, 2022 (Sunday)

Time: 7:00 am to 10:30 am

Venue: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

📺 **Livestream:** youtube.com/SamskritamAuroville

For details write to: devabhasha@auroville.org.in

With Sincerity and Gratitude,
Samskritam Auroville and Bharat Nivas Team

Welcome to an exhibition

The Divine Presence

Inauguration on 12th of August 2022 at 10am
August 12th to September 17th, 2022

Mon, Wed & Fri - Morning 9am - 12pm
Tues, Thurs & Sat - Afternoon 3pm - 6pm
Closed on Sundays & on Aug 15th & 31st

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre
No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

Location

150th Sri Aurobindo Birth Anniversary • 75th Independence Day of India • 2022

Brahmanaspati Kshetram • The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre • Auroville

A Talk by Ch. Nirakar
Being an ardent follower of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo, he is instrumental in carrying out Her work across the length and breath of Odisha and India.

Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 5.30pm

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre
No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

Location

HONORING SHRADDHAVAN

Shraddhavan was given her name by The Mother in June 1972, upon her arrival in Auroville. She became known and beloved for devotion to the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and Mother. Her background in literature led her to become deeply immersed, as a scholar and educator, in a life-long study of Sri Aurobindo's poem Savitri.

She will always be remembered for her work as Project Coordinator of Savitri Bhavan, which along with her partner Helmut she built up from its inception.



Shraddhavan means one who has faith in the higher being.' She fully embraced her name. In 1970 she was sent by The Mother to Auroville to teach in the newly started school in Aspiration.

She left her body on July 19, 2022, aged 80 years.

- [Read Shraddhavan 's Full Tribute](#)

Submitted by Binah

TRIBUTE TO SHRADDHAVAN BY GANGA LAKSHMI, HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA

To my soul sister,
Shraddhavan

In 2004 after a serious accident, we met Shraddhavan at House of Mother's Agenda, Aspiration. This was a turning point in our journey in the history of Auroville. In 2005 we moved to Grace.



On August 1, 2006 we were welcomed in Savitri Bhavan, "carrying " in this move the House of Mother's Agenda.

"On Matter's deck to a spiritual sun"

Savitri, Book 1, Canto 4, The Secret Knowledge,
Sri Aurobindo

During her readings, in perfect English and slow, clear elocution of Divine Life, the Gita, and especially Savitri, Shraddhavan bestowed fountains of knowledge that flooded us and made us more aware in different states of our being and physical matter.

"A new mind and body in the City of God"

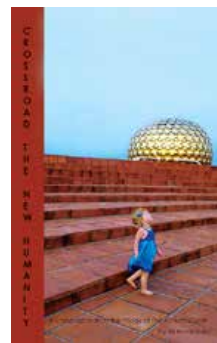
Savitri, Book 1, Song 4, The Secret Knowledge,
Sri Aurobindo

It is with infinite gratitude that we will always remain faithful to those who, like Shraddhavan are beings of consciousness and knowledge, for their important role in the perfection of the spirit that breaks all formulas to discover itself. With an infinite and deep fondness,

GangaLakshmi,
House of Mother's Agenda, Savitri Bhavan
Submitted by Satyavidhi

CROSSROAD: THE NEW HUMANITY

Crossroad: The New Humanity is a book-compilation from the trilogy of *The Human Cycle*, *The Ideal of Human Unity* and *War and Self-Determination* by Sri Aurobindo (CWSA vol. 25). After examining the transition from infra-rational to the rational, the subjective and, ultimately, the spiritual age, along with the corresponding societal changes, the focus shifts to Sri Aurobindo extolling the perfection of the individuals and of society as mutually interdependent. Expounding upon nation and group-soul, the inadequacy of the state-idea in spite of the attractiveness of the rational collectivist idea, a world-union of all the people for the unified growth and perfection of the human race instead of a world-parliament, the conclusion of Sri Aurobindo's excursus is the 'religion of humanity' and the dawning of the spiritual age.



This book, the thirteenth that I publish, comes at the end of a cycle: as a researcher, as a sadhak, as an Aurovillian, as a citizen of the world. Old attempts and paths are over, something entirely new is to be born out of our ashes. In two of my books, *Immortal India — Towards the Ideal Society*, and *The Gnostic Cycle — Towards the Supermind*, I have compiled texts from the trilogy of *The Human Cycle* along with others from *The Foundations of Indian Culture*, *The Synthesis of Yoga*, *The Life Divine*, *Essays Divine and Human*, *Karmayogin*. But the texts presented in this last book are exclusively from Sri Aurobindo's trilogy, which I have revisited twenty years later in the light of the epochal crisis convulsing the planet. How to emerge from suffering and chaos, finding the way back to the dream of an ideal society that only the spiritual change can make true, and what are the obstacles, this is the query.

Sri Aurobindo tells us that, in the transition from the infra-rational to the rational age, evolution is carried on by avant-gardes; the mass follows halfway, centuries afterwards. This is the natural law as long as the psychic being does not take over, transforming the group-unit (the herd, the pack, the mob) into an evolving group-soul.

The *Human Cycle* trilogy is a call to the true being in us to fulfill our individual and societal dharma. Sri Aurobindo's work should be part of the high schools' curriculum to prepare citizens committing themselves to the advent of an ideal world; and for the youth of all ages we are, the inspiring guide to fulfill humanity's ultimate destiny.


When forty-nine years ago I reached the samadhi where the bodies of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother rest, tears rolled down my cheeks, out of joy: I was back home, to my people. May "my people" become humanity as a whole, threading the path to the psychic, spiritual and supramental transformations whose crown is the gnostic being birthing the supramental society.

I dedicate *Crossroad: A New Humanity* to the sadhaks of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram who were my silent teachers on the evolutionary path charted by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother — and to the pioneers who founded Auroville, effortlessly living with no material needs, at times even below; enthusiastic idealists who, braving hardships and risks, joyously built the Matrimandir, during the full moon concrete joined by children and ashramites, one in the grand collective celebration. Both environments taught me, by example, that there are no other needs but growth into the spiritual consciousness, the one reward obliterating anything else turned ephemeral. My work of research and documentation, books publication and photographic exhibitions, my very being here take inspiration from the devotion and selfless service of all of them.

Submitted by Paulette

SAVITRI Marg Darshan

Film Screening & AUM Chanting with Arnab



Project Savitri Marg Darshan is an offering from Know Your Rhythm (<https://www.ninad.in>), a network of artists & therapists, inspired by Integral Yoga. Project Savitri Marg Darshan offers a meditative experience centered on selected passages of Savitri read by senior teachers and theatre artists who have immersed themselves into Savitri for many years. The teachers span across various Integral Yoga communities many of whom have received training from the Mother: Shradhdhavan, Jhumur Bhattacharya, Cristof Pitoeff, Manoj Dasgupta. Savitri Marg Darshan is a tool to get into that contemplative space. Accompanied by original music and visuals, each Savitri-inspired video has been released on 7 important days of Sri Aurobindo's life leading to His 150th birthday, August 15th, 2022. After viewing the 4 open-eyed meditative films, Arnab will offer a short collective chanting session of the Mantra that is supposed to have initiated the Universe, AUM and AUM Namō Bhagavate. nArnab Bishnu Chowdhury, composer and director of Project Savitri Marg Darshan, expresses his gratitude to all the Savitri teachers, international artists and donors who have contributed to this project.

TIME: 7 PM - 8:30 PM | @ UNITY PAVILION | AUGUST 13 / 22

TRADITIONAL MANTRA & STOTRA CHANTING CLASSES



Traditional Mantra & Stotra Chanting Classes

@ Serendipity Community
Friday 17:00

with Sonia Novaes

More information: Email - serendipity@auroville.org.in - WhatsApp: +91 8940288090

Submitted by Sonia Silva Novaes


Books

MATRIMANDIR


The Privilege

By: B, Anandi & Josee

MATRIMANDIR-The Privilege" -poems and photos . A special manual edition of only 20 small golden boxes, made for Prisma ,with Anandi poems and photos .Signed for the author. AVI Nederlands has support the project. The profit will be for buying the missing Auroville land.



Mr B born and brought up in California where he worked as a teacher before he moved to Auroville in 1974, inspired by Sri Aurobindo. In the early years he worked in the nursery and construction of Matrimandir and one of the Founders of Verite and CSR.



Anandi Elba Fernández is an educator and poet born in Buenos Aires, Argentina that, after living in Paris ,London and Barcelona, came to the Ashram in 1976 and worked at the Ashram School. In 1980 came to Auroville, where she was also a teacher and a Matrimandir builder.

TIME: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | @ UNITY PAVILION | AUGUST 11 / 22

ART FOR LAND 2022—EVENTS CALENDAR

August 14—27



August 15

- 1:35—3:20pm, Live Streaming, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi's Special Address

August 16

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

August 17

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

August 18

- 10am—12pm, 2—4pm, Movie Screening
- 5pm—6pm, Peace Meditation

August 19

- 10am—12pm, 2—4pm, Movie Screening
- 7—8:30pm, Performance by 20 Singers Of The Kena Upanishad & Yakshagna by Sunaad Group
- 6—7pm, Peace Meditation

August 20

- Closed To Public 8am—5pm
- 7—8:30pm, Odissi & Bharatanatyam Dances By: Aneesh & Misti

August 21

- Closed To Public 8am—5pm

August 22

- 10am—12pm, Movie Screening
- 5:30—6pm, Puppet Show by Kumud

August 23

- 10am—12pm, 2—4pm, Movie Screening
- 7—8:30pm, Community Fun: Folk Dance Orissa

August 24

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

August 25

- 10am—12pm, 2—4pm, Movie Screening
- 5—6pm, Peace Meditation

August 26

- 10am—12pm, Movie Screening
- 3pm—4:30pm, Educational Workshop
- 7—8:30pm, Cultural Event by: Dr. Jayanti Ravi
- 6—7pm, Peace Meditation

August 27

- 10am—12pm, 2—4pm, Movie Screening
- 7—8:30pm, Flute Performance by Sartak & Silambam Aishwarya

Submitted by Egle



MESSAGE FOR THE INAUGURATION OF ART FOR LAND 2022

from Mandakini of the Acres for Auroville-LFAU and Art for Land teams

Dear Friends, this week on August 15, the Acres for Auroville land campaign will begin the 9th year of its unity action. And on August 7, we inaugurated the 7th year of Art for Land, the beautiful support action whose proceeds go to A4A for land purchase.

I'm expressing our warmest appreciation to all the artists who have donated their creations over the years to bring in funds for completing and consolidating Auroville's Master Plan area. And I sincerely thank Dr. Ravi-ji for her presence at the AFL Inauguration Ceremony,

"Acres for Auroville" is a collaboration between Auroville's "Lands for Auroville Unified" and the worldwide centers of Auroville International. For the past 8 years, on behalf of AVI, I have worked with LFAU leader Aryadeep and LFAU secretary Jothi for Auroville's land fundraising, with the dynamic collaboration of the AVIs, with the active involvement of Sigrid, and with solidarity support from friends in and outside of Auroville. Our efforts provide the sole resources available for the work of Auroville's Land Board.

Since A4A's start, 83 plots of once-missing Master Plan land have joined Auroville—with more in the pipeline—and we thank everyone who has had a role in this success! All the new plots have been exclusively funded by thousands of donations along with the proceeds from Art for Land.

Also inspiring is the solidarity from the Auroville-area families who could have received a higher price from other buyers but sold their land to build Auroville. Some said that they remembered The Mother with gratitude, others said it was because their children had attended Auroville schools, and others simply said it was because they believe in Auroville and its positive impact for the area and the world. So what was Auroville created for? I quote The Mother's words: "a collective experiment for the progress of humanity" ... a "first step" for developing the "organised and harmonious diversity" for the world's evolution that Sri Aurobindo said was needed and inevitable ... a showcase for "the multiple oneness of the Human Family" ... and a way for The Mother "to give a concrete form to Sri Aurobindo's great teaching that all the nations are essentially one and meant to express the Divine Unity upon earth through an organised and harmonious diversity" ... and this because "Truth lies in union rather than in division".

The City of Dawn is meant to be a place to implant “the consciousness of the One”.

At the same time, The Mother said that we are “witnessing the birth of a New World”, which would be “the result of transformation.” So, on a deeper level, Auroville was created to be the first base for this new world, for anchoring the New Creation in Matter, and at long last to provide for the Earth, “A House in Matter for the Unborn”. For this, she said, “All that is needed is a little soil to let the plant grow”.

And that is why we fundraise—to build and secure The City of Dawn’s Matter-Spirit physical body.

Sri Aurobindo said that “It is Beauty that expresses the Divine best”. All over Auroville, we see beauty in the many works of conscious creativity built over the past five decades. At the AFL exhibition at the Unity Pavilion this month, we are surrounded by beauty. Sri Aurobindo said that Art, “by an inspired use of form”, “unseals the doors of the Spirit” and in his immortal words, “Beauty is His footprint showing us where He has passed”.

I’d like to finish with these deeply inspiring words of The Mother: “We are united towards the same goal and for the same accomplishment—for a work, unique and new, that the Divine Grace has given us to accomplish.... Feel, wish, act, that you may be new beings for the realisation of a new world, and for this my blessings shall always be with you.”

And for the flower she named “Success of Auroville” The Mother said: “Power of Success—The power of those who know how to continue their effort”.

From the Mother’s birth country, France, I’m wishing us all a beautiful Art for Land 2022!

With gratitude and in solidarity, Mandakini

**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 are 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.

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.

On the auspicious day of Monday, August 15, Prime Minister Modi’s talk on Sri Aurobindo’s Five Dreams will be live-streamed from the Unity Pavilion.

Please see our calendar for all the event details.

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.

- For more information on the Exhibition, the Inauguration, and the Events Calendar, please contact: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in and +91 4132623576 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!

Mandakini

Acres for Land

THE ACRES FOR AUROVILLE LAND CAMPAIGN

**15 August 2022—The 150th Anniversary
of Sri Aurobindo’s Birth**

Year 9 of the Acres for Auroville campaign begins



On August 15, 1947, with India’s independence, Sri Aurobindo expressed the dreams that had guided him: notably, a world union, the spiritual gift of India to the world, and a step in evolution which “would raise man to a higher and larger consciousness” for “a brighter and nobler life for all mankind.” On his passing, The Mother had this memorium inscribed on Sri Aurobindo’s Samadhi:

In 1972, in the 100th year of Sri Aurobindo’s birth, The Mother pronounced these words: “Let us all strive to be worthy of Sri Aurobindo’s centenary”

Now, in this 150th year, it is we, who with gratitude and aspiration, say: “May we all—together and in unity—do our part to serve these dreams!”

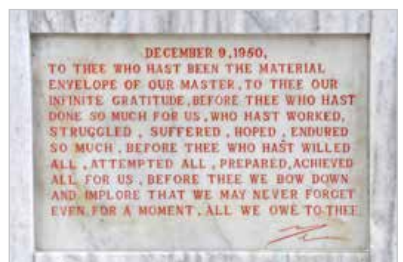
*Auroville is part of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother’s vision!
Join us to consolidate the City of Dawn’s physical body & buy the still-missing land!!*

Please specify your donations for “Acres For Auroville” via check, bank transfer or online.

- Donating & Tax Deductibility information: <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/>
- News, videos, and land information: www.land.auroville.org
- Contact: +91-413-2622657, lfau@auroville.org.in

Photos: courtesy of Sri Aurobindo Ashram Archives; Quote extract: The Mother on the occasion of Sri Aurobindo’s Centenary

Acres for Auroville is a collaboration of Auroville International & Lands for Auroville Unified



LANDS FOR AUROVILLE UNIFIED (LFAU)

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

15 August 2022—the 150th Birthday of Sri Aurobindo

“Sri Aurobindo’s message is an immortal sunlight radiating over the future.”

*The Mother,
15 August 1972*



One of the realities of human life is human blindness, our inability to see from the perspective of truth of things. We make our way forward by trial and error using available material data and the information offered by human history, and then we mentally speculate about the future. In this process, since the early dawn of human life, we have derived a major help from the light, knowledge, guidance and the inspiration of exceptional, impressive or inspiring individuals who appeared superior or enlightened to us. We draw upon from what they think, how they look at things, how they interpret things: Aristotle, Moses, Christ, Buddha, Vivekananda... the list has increased over the ages. At the present moment, we, humanity as a whole, are most fortunate because we have access to the light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. The message that we quoted at the start of this letter contains a world of meaning. For most people, the future is a big mystery about which they speculate. However, in Sri Aurobindo’s message and teaching, there is no speculation. It is a revelation from deeper realities of world existence. Therefore it is a sunlight shining over the future. The darkness of the night recedes. Things become visible in their truth of things. The challenge now is to live and embody this revelation.

The Mother once launched an invitation to us by saying: “Come to the Future”. In connection with Sri Aurobindo’s birth centenary, another message of hers was:

“Sri Aurobindo shows us the way towards a glorious future.”

Auroville is an attempt to embody this sunlight, this revelation in matter and in the fullness of life. In this sense, consolidation of Auroville’s remaining lands is akin to humanity’s welcome to that immortal sunlight, and the welcome allows this sunlight to nourish the human soil. The “Acres for Auroville” land campaign (A4A) was started on 15th August 2014 in that spirit.

Today we are commencing the 9th year of our unity action aimed at purchasing the missing parts of Auroville’s designated material base. Together, let us welcome Sri Aurobindo’s “immortal sunlight” in Auroville’s material base for the harmonious development of the City of Dawn.

We thank you for joining hands for a “glorious future” in Auroville’s matter, body, and life.

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

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A SINCERE THANK-YOU TO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL ART FOR LAND INAUGURATION!

Art For Land sincerely thanks our special guests for their role in making our Inauguration Ceremony on August 7 so rich and meaningful.

Our warm appreciation goes to Dr. Ravi-ji, to Kirti Chandak, and to Aryadeep for the inspiration; to Meenakshi for the magnificent Tamil verses and translations, and to Rajeswari of Shivalaya School and Ambika Usha and her students for the wonderful dance performances.

All thanks go to Auroville Radio for the live streaming of the two parts of our Inauguration Ceremony:

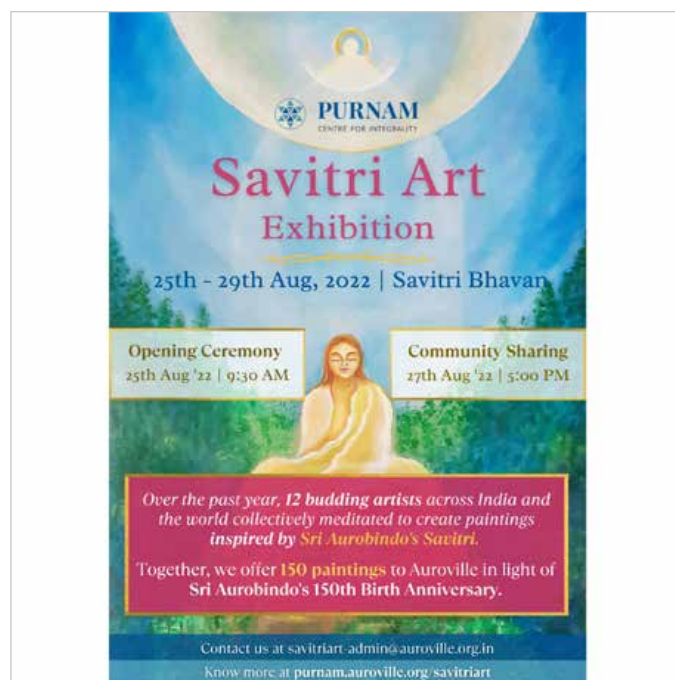
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*With gratitude,
Mandakini*

The Arts

SAVITRI ART

- **Venue:** Savitri Bhavan
- **Exhibition Dates:** 25-29 August 2022 (Closed on Sunday)
- **Inauguration:** 25 August, 9:30am
- **Sharing by Artists:** 27 August, 5pm



Dear Friends, greetings from Purnam Community.

Savitri Art is a beautiful journey that began a year back in April 2021 and has evolved with an aspiration to offer 150 Savitri paintings for Sri Aurobindo’s 150th birth anniversary. Number of artists from various parts of India and abroad have come together to meditate on Savitri lines and paint and offer these paintings to Auroville.

Now we are here with 150 paintings and would like to offer them in the form of an exhibition. Here is a loving invitation to you all for the Savitri Art Exhibition at Savitri Bhavan from 25 to 30 August except on Sunday.

We cordially invite you all for the inauguration of the Savitri Art Exhibition on 25 August from 9:30 to 10:30am and an evening sharing on 27 August by the Savitri Art Sangha at 5pm

Artists: Usha Arvind (Philippines), Padmarani Vandemataram (Hyderabad), Sahana Uppar (Pondicherry), Viloo Pithawala (Mumbai), Jaganmayi Himamshu (Bangalore), Subhashree Savadamuthu (Coimbatore), Namita Bidwaikar (Mumbai), Chirag Rajyaguru (Delhi), Chaitanya (Hyderabad), Subha Iyer (Mumbai), Beena Parekh (Mumbai), Kamila Ciske (Netherlands) and Rama Naicker (Chennai).

Guidance Team: Manoj Pavithran and Divyanshi Chugh (Auroville), Sushanto Da (Sri Aurobindo Society), and Archana Udayakumar (Hyderabad Centre)

Join us to experience Savitri through art.

*Love and Light,
Savitri Art Sangha,
Purnam Centre for Integrity.
purnam.auroville.org*

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE



Dear friends and collaborators,
Herewith we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your sincere help and countless support in making the musical offering of Gangai Amaran in Auroville possible on 6th August.. The evening at Sri Aurobindo was very exceptional and brought so many of us as well as Dr. Jayanti Ravi together.

The program of August and throughout the year is dedicated to Sri Aurobindo and is titled "Invocation—a Gnostic Festival" and serves us as a means to invoke His presence and His words within our hearts and minds.

The offering of Gangai Amaran was exemplary for that high aim of the invocation, as he himself is a devotee of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and dedicates his musical creation to our Masters.

Art is capable of uniting us in its uplifting enchantment and crossing all artificial borders.

In that Light, we thank all participants and our volunteers, who have put in a lot of effort within a very short period of time organizing the entire event.

- If you think you could offer us your help in any future events of the "Invocation—a Gnostic festival", please reach out to us at invocation2022@auroville.org.in.

*By Invocation Coordination Team
Best regards, Sivakumar*

ECHO—AN INSTALLATION

**19 August—2 September, Centre d'Art Citadines
Monday to Saturday, 2.30-5.30pm**

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to an exhibition "Echo—an installation" by Bhavyo.



**Centre d'Art
Auroville**

In the midst of the mountains, unable to hold onto their stillness, I was swept away. Only Silence remained. Tracing silhouettes of mountains became the mantra of my hands.

- Exhibition opening on Friday,
19 August, at 4:30pm

Please Park at the town hall

About Artist

My name is Bhavyo. I am 23 years old. Growing up in Auroville, I was first introduced to the slopes of Himachal by a teacher six years ago. Since, my world has been linked to the field of education and the expression of mountains through the form of art.

Echo



The journey which led me to paint this mountain began five years ago on slopes of another range. Battered and beaten by weather in the midst of a trek, the world stood still. The mountains and a little me, unable to fathom their presence in the slightest.

I had been caught in a moment which called me back to their arms again and again. Find a way to go past the noise, to Them and unearthen in silence their story chiseled as far as eye can see.

The project to share the work with the community started almost two years ago as sketches and possibilities in the halls of citadines. But in order to bring the mountains here, I had to go and be with Them.

The gift of Their presence received in gratitude and joy was the condition I set for myself

Once again, the teacher who had first taken me to the mountains, gathered a group of seven and we ventured into a valley in Himachal, Patseo. This trek was created with the purpose to paint.

The second part of the preparation began once I was back and had to practice through repetition to carve the mountains into my body. My purpose was to go within, always within and find inside the link with the mountains, and be the vessel to let Them breathe.

I am at the beginning of a long road, a few steps into the journey.

**Centre d'Art Atelier
Citadines Auroville,
+91 413 2622699
centredart@auroville.org.in,
www.centredart.in**

Submitted by Janaka

OPEN CALL FOR CENTRE D' ART, AUROVILLE ARTIST RESIDENCY 2023–2024

Centre d'Art residency is an opportunity for artistic exchange and experimentation, focusing on process-based and artist-led research with a participatory aspect. Centre d' Art encourages artists to pursue new research and widen their networks to support the development of their practice.



- Residency duration: 8 weeks in Auroville.
- Exhibition and Artist Talk: at the end of the residency Centre d'Art will host the artist for an exhibition.

Guidelines:

Centre d'Art advises the artists to prepare the following information before starting their application. Images should not exceed 72dpi (low resolution JPEG image file format) and the text documents should be in a Word or PDF format.

- A short biography. (300 words)
- A letter of intent for the residency including motivation for choosing Centre d'Art residency program. (300 words)
- An artistic statement. (500 words)
- A short text about the body of work or research intended by the artist while in residency. (500 words)
- 12 images of artworks with captions, title, year, medium and size.

Selection and eligibility:

Centre d'Art residency is open to contemporary visual artists working in all disciplines. Though one must note Centre d'Art restricted facilities regarding the technical possibilities. It is important that all applicants research about Auroville thoroughly before submitting their application so as to be fully aware of the context which artists would be entering. The selected artist should be able to engage with the Auroville environment.

- **Application deadline:** 15 December 2022
 - For details please visit: www.centredart.in
 - Contact: centredart@auroville.org.in

Submitted by Janaka

OPEN CALL FOR SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITION

at centre d'Art Gallery, Auroville
for the 2023–2024 Season

Centre d'Art is pleased to accept submissions of cohesive art projects, we carefully go over all submitted portfolios. However, we hope you understand that due to a high number of applications, we cannot unfortunately reply in person to each submission. If we are interested in your work for exhibition, we will be sure to contact you via the details provided with your submission.



Submission guidelines:

- The subject line of any submission email must begin with the subject 'Exhibition Submission'
- All images should be sent as jpeg files, at screen resolution, not more than twenty-five images.
- Attach a short artist statement for the project being submitted, that will help us understand your work better.
- Provide contact details—email address.

Application deadline: 15 December 2022

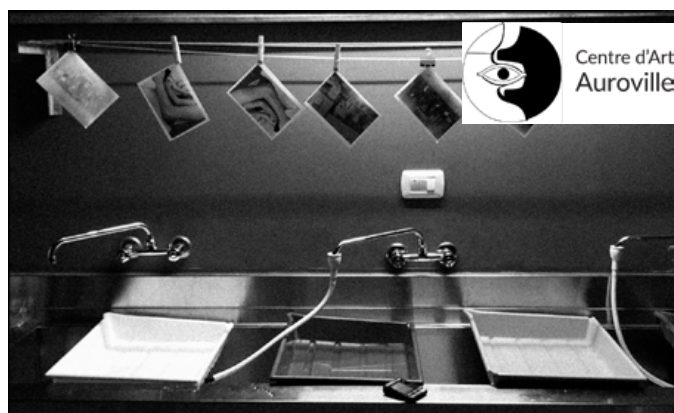
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Submitted by Janaka

ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP

at the Centre d'Art, Auroville by Sasikanth Somu
Date: 19, 20 and 26, 27 of August 2022.



Program & Timings:

- **Friday, 19th**, 2—5pm, Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- **Saturday, 20th**, 9am—12:30pm, Film photo shoot, 2—5pm, Develop your roll of film.
- **Friday, 26th**, 2—5pm, Contact Sheet Printing.
- **Saturday, 27th**, 9am—12:30pm and 2—5pm, Printing photos in the darkroom.

Registration Contact: centredart@auroville.org.in

The workshop is free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and SAVI registered volunteers. All the material for the workshop is provided except the analogue camera. Analogue/Film cameras are available to the participants against a contribution.

Submitted by Janaka

Health Care

AUROVILLE HEALTH CENTER

The weekdays for Homeopathy and Ayurveda consultation will change from September, 1.

- **Dr Meera the Homeopath** will be available on Monday and Thursday.
- **Dr Sonia, Ayurveda** will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday.



Peter

AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in
Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours


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

**AUROKIYA TRIBUTES
SHRI AUROBINDO**

Project Vision for Future

Aurokiya Eye Care
(Under Auroville Activity)
In service to health and wellbeing of the community

Marking the special occasion of 75th year of Indian Independence and 150th Birth Anniversary of Shri Aurobindo, Aurokiya is providing free eye examination to all this August and initiating a project for the year.

Support our Initiative 
Vision for Future

75 75 Free cataract Surgeries for Bioregion
150 150 Free Glasses for School Children

How to Support?

- > Donations are also welcome in FS Account Aurokiya 251595
- > Donate to Auroville Unity Fund Project Aurokiya
- > Write to us aurokiya@auroville.org.in for details and support

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

No: 2/39, PDV-TDVMN Main Road, TC Kootroad, Vahurur TK, Villupuram Dist.

Dear All, Aurokiya Eye Care, tributes **Sri Aurobindo** on his 150th birth anniversary and celebrates the special occasion of the 75th year of Indian Independence by providing free eye examination to all this August.

We have also initiated a year-long project “**Vision For Future**” in remembrance of our visionary leader and Vision for New India.

This Project will aim to provide vision for the visually impaired in bioregion and provide eyecare, awareness, and spectacles to future India through school screening camps. Support us to enlighten the vision for the future through 75 Free Cataract Surgeries and 150 spectacles.

- You can contribute to this cause at Aurokiya FS AC. No 251595.

Please do write to us for any clarification or support at aurokiya@auroville.org.in.

*In Service to the Community,
Aurokiya
Aurosugan*

Children

KINDERGARTEN EXHIBITION



A small exhibition of photos, texts and crafts will be open in the hall of the Kindergarten (Center Field) to show how children and teachers are celebrating Sri Aurobindo’s birthday every year.

The exhibition will be open to

all interested on;

- Friday, 12 August 1:30 to 3:30pm and
- Saturday, 13 August, 10am to 12pm.
- In case you miss it, the exhibition will go on from August 16 to 20, between 10:30 and 11am.

If you are one of our ex-students, it will also be an opportunity to go through our photo albums of 30 years!

Odile Fouladoux

IPK ACTIVITIES:

MATHEMATICS ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN



IPK Activities is offering one-on-one assistance in mathematical understanding for children from age 6-16yrs (against contribution). The intention is to discover/ re-discover the language of mathematics through various aspects. We would like children to have a fluid way of learning mathematics which can be molded as per one’s needs.

For more information please write to ipk@auroville.org.in or reach us any working day at 9529673687 between 1-4pm.

Regards, Snehal, For IPK

Youth

SARVAMANGALA FARMERS MARKET

Youth Center

SARVAMANGALA FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY | 10 AM TO 2PM

Come support our artisans! Enjoy locally produced veggies, homemade preserves, fresh foods & drinks... Bring instruments, there will be music, art & much more!

Venue: **YOUTH CENTRE**
Contact no. **+91 9655006998**

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

12 August, 2:30 and will end at 7pm

Dear Community Members, we would like to invite all to come to the Tibetan Pavilion on 12 August and join us in celebrating International Youth Day. The event starts at 2:30 and will end at 7pm.



- The theme of this year's Youth Day is "Intergenerational Solidarity".

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY FEST
Tibetan Pavilion | 12.08.2022

REGISTER NOW!

3PM - 4PM
Mandala
Yoga
Wasteless
First Aid
Self Defense
Compassionate communication

4PM - 4:30PM TEA BREAK

4:30PM - 5:30PM
Mandala
Yoga
Wasteless
First Aid
Coffee Break
Carpentry
Why learn Sanskrit?

5:30PM - 7PM DRUM CIRCLE

- Freddie Hubbard, Art Blakey, Cannonball Adderley, Charles Mingus and Roland Kirk

Each receives at least three hours, some more, all told in Mr. Parlocha's velveteen voice—plus full play-throughs of all the tracks chosen for illustration of his tales. Parlocha's overview and insight was my initial introduction to that fascinating era and I have been scouring the internet off and on for years for a way to hear those tapes again, with no luck.

Now that I'm hosting my own nascent jazz program, the wish arose to license or buy or whatever, and air them, not just hear them—if I could only find them! I persevered, and as a result of my following up on a thin clue I was led, through good fortune and happenstance, to Mrs. Pam Parlocha, and it is by her blessing, trust and generosity that I, a complete stranger, fell heir to all the master tapes of those master musicians—I have now run them all through my tape recorder, digitized and preserved for the world!



- Each Tuesday morning 10:30—12:30 IST on Night Beat <https://kwmr.org/shows/night-beat>
- for archived broadcasts of my show on my site: mixcloud.com/anandaG

Stay tuned, see you then! Ananda G

Sports

CELEBRATORY SPORTING EVENTS

Dear Aurovilians & Friends, we are happy to inform you all that on 14th August we are organizing sports events in and around Auroville, for the occasion to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo. We are organizing Basketball, Volleyball, Cricket, Football, Shot Put throws, Koko, Cycle slow peddling, Kottipul, Rope Pulling, Sac race, etc.,



Few games are open for everyone to participate. Like Cycle slow peddling, Shot Put throwing, Koko, Sac race and Rope pulling. We highly appreciate everyone to come to encourage all the players for a day and enjoy yourselves participating in the above said sports for fun. The event includes the players from Auroville and Bio region Village. Here we are giving the location and timings of each sport happening on the same day.

- **Basketball:** New Creation Sports Ground, 6am to 7pm
- **Volleyball:** New Creation Sports Ground, 7am to 6:30pm
- **Football (Kids of AV):** Certitude Sports Ground, 3 to 6:30pm
- **Cricket:** Kuilapalayam & Edayanchavadi Cricket grounds, 7am to 6pm
- **Kottipul:** Palm Field (behind Arc en-ciel Community), Kuilalalayam, 9am to 1pm

Open Sports To Everyone:

- **Cycle – Slow Pedaling Competitions:** Certitude Sports Ground, 7:30 to 8am
- **Other Sports:** Certitude Sports Ground, 7 to 10:30am

We kindly request your support to complete this event successfully. Big or Small, any amount is welcome. Our Account number is 252873/ 150th Anniversary Sports Event

- The Price distributions for all sports will happen at New Creation Basketball Ground at 6pm

Come, Cheer up the Players !!!

Raju, For the Organizing Team

We have invited many different youths and adults from Auroville and around in order to provide them the opportunity to showcase all the amazing work they do as well as share their knowledge with as many people as possible! This event aims to showcase some of the amazing projects that have been initiated by the youth of Auroville as well as offer a variety of mini-workshops & presentations on topics like Self Defence, Mandala Art, Carpentry, First Aid, Sanskrit, Yoga, Compassionate Communication and more!

- We also have a Drum Circle from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Please follow [this link for Workshop registration](#).

We look forward to sharing moments of joy, conviviality and exploration as a community!

Warmly, YouthLink team, Ankita & Tenzin V

Submitted by Lili

Music

FOR JAZZ LOVERS



For a limited time I am having a guest-host take over my program for the first hour; the late, legendary DJ Bob Parlocha with his KJAZ series the "In the Spotlight: the Black Masters!" This long-lost and long-sought audio-documentary spotlighting ten

of the seminal innovators of modern jazz from the 40's and 50's has not been heard since the 80's and I discovered the master tapes! Last heard at the end of the 80's on the now defunct KJAZ, all thirty-six 10.5" reels have been hibernating in their canisters ever since. Each segment is a comprehensive, illuminating journey of the individual lives and musical breakthroughs of:

- Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk,

GOODWILL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

August 13 and 14, from 4pm onwards

Goodwill Tennis Tournament is being played in Certitude. All men and women of Goodwill are invited. Kid's Cafe will be open for refreshments.

For Coordinating Team, Frederick, 09486475457

Bioregion

KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE



KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE (KCC)
A Sub-Unit of SAIER, Auroville

Dear Friends, we are happy to share with you that various regular activities are taking place at our Kulai Creative Centre, such as

- Bharathanaatiam, Silambam, Hip-Hop,
- Yoga, Music(Keyboard),
- Evening School Tuition (Grade 1—9), English Class, Computer Class,
- Tailoring, Community Art Reach and Quilling classes.

For enrolling & more information, please contact:

- Phone: +919843195290, +918608473385
- Email: kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in

Regards,
Selva from Kulai Creative Centre,
Protection, Auroville,
<https://kulaicreativecentre.org/>
<https://aviusa.org?form=Kulai>

WEEKLY WEED WALK



I am going to hold a weekly weed walk for August—to celebrate the month in my special way.
Thank you,
Nina

Honorary Voluntary

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day **from 6am onwards**, and have a vegan breakfast at **8:45am**. Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking.

If you would like to contact us:
sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,
WA 8525038274 or call
8122274924.

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

Work Opportunities

AUROVILLE MEDIA INTERFACE



Auroville Media Interface is looking to expand its team.

Job for half or full maintenance for Aurovilian.

We are looking for autonomous workers who could take care of some of the following tasks:

- video content creation/ video & photo coverage/ video editing
- social media creation & management
- content writing
- TV channel operations management
- secretariat & accountant skills & logistics (good English skills needed)

even if you are a beginner in one of these technical areas, we are committed to helping you improve if you are committed to learning

PRÉ-CRÈCHE

The AV Pré-Crèche is looking for someone to join the team. We are caring for the blooming of 2-3 years old children. Kindly call 0413-2623161 between 9 and 12 or email to avprecreche@auroville.org.in.

Tatiana Tas

HR HUB INITIATIVE



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

Website and Communications Assistant (full time position)

The position requires the following responsibilities:

- Transferring existing content from the current website to a new website template
- Writing and revising content
- Preparing social media posts for Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Researching and writing articles for newsletter
- Responding to email and phone inquiries

The skills and experience needed would be:

- Good knowledge of Microsoft Office; Adobe Creative Suite a plus
- Basic familiarity with HTML; familiarity with WordPress a plus

- Fluent English (writing & speaking); Tamil and/or French knowledge a plus
- Strong synthesizing skills, with an attention to detail
- Sense of initiative and ability to work independently and efficiently toward deadlines
- Preference for experience or studies in an engineering or architecture environment

Needs a House to Care For

I'm an Intern at Sacred Groves and have completed these two months at a nearby guest house. I'm from Maharashtra. I would like to House Sit for a month. I assure you I can take the best care of your home. I hope you give me a chance. My contact 8766979960

Samruddhi Naik

Roni is Looking For a New Cycle



Roni is looking for a new cycle, fitting for an 8 years old energetic girl, preferably with gear (back gear is enough). We can offer some contribution. If you have anything of that sort please call or message 8531986286.

Thank you, Roni

Родной язык—Русский

We're looking for a native Russian speaker who loves books to help us with our Russian language section. Please pass by during our opening hours for more information.

- **Mornings:** Monday—Saturday: 9am—12:30pm
- **Afternoons:** Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat: 2—4:30pm
- **Tuesday:** 4—6:30pm

The Auroville Library Team

0413 2622 894

Needs a DVD Player

Looking for a DVD player for my grandfather. If you don't need your old DVD player anymore I'll be glad to make an exchange. Please call me 9443003617,

Thanks, Suryan

Inventory/stock In-charge (full time position)

Looking for an Inventory/stock in-charge personnel to handle stock and develop a comprehensive inventory tracking system to streamline needs and costs.

The main responsibilities of this position include managing tracking systems and supporting procurement. The successful candidate will offer recommendations to ensure ideal levels of inventory for the kitchen and in stores. Prospective candidates with inventory control experience in edibles are encouraged to apply.

- **Responsibilities and duties:** Ensure accurate product inventory; develop an inventory tracking system to streamline our operations; communicate with procurement in-charge & accountant about current stock and potential issues with orders; conduct daily analyses to forecast potential inventory issues; report on inventory activities and variances...
- **Requirements:** Knowledge in data entry and basic tally; Able to multitask and work independently; in-depth understanding of groceries and how to appropriately store them; punctual and Full-time commitment.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else.

You can find us at hr.hubauroville@gmail.com.

HR Initiative Team

Submitted by Sara for HR Hub

Looking For

One Year House Sitting Arrangement

We urgently need a long-term one-year Housesitting arrangement for one of the Newcomers in our team, Vismai. She is extremely reliable, great with pets, and very conscious of taking care of the house in every way.

In case you are planning/need to go out of Auroville for a year, and are looking for a very responsible Housesitter, please contact the Language Lab and ask to speak with Vismai.

- 0413 2623661/4036920 and you can also
- email vismai@aurovillelanguagelab.org
- or mita@aurovillelanguagelab.org.

Thanks a lot! Mita for Auroville Language Lab

Looking for Short Term House Sitting

Looking for Short Term house sitting or house on rent: Dear Community, my name is Archana Saraf, I am an Aurovillian urgently looking for a short term house sitting opportunity or house on rent for my family starting from 15 August to 30 November. My husband is a long term volunteer and our daughter is studying in Last School.

We are looking for a 2 bedroom house. We are a very peaceful family. We will take good care of your house, garden and pets. We are happy to provide references to friends who know us.

Please do contact me at email: archie.saraf@gmail.com, WA or call: 8628955394.

**Thank you in advance,
Regards, Archana**

Help Needed

THANKING NOTE FROM KALABHUMI MUSIC STUDIO



"Kalabhumi Music Studio collective wishes to express utmost gratitude to all those who played music, helped organize and contributed with positive energy to our KGL of July 29 and concert of Aug 6. We

cherish those nights as some of the most beautiful since pre-pandemic times. Special thanks to Kalabhumi residents for allowing those events to take place and always supporting live music playing."

Kalabhumi Music Studio, call for patrons

"Kalabhumi Music Studio collective requests those of you who have the financial means and desire to support our live music shows, development of performing arts exchanges, music training activities, manifesting of Kalabhumi music studio expansion and fostering of local artists/talents to setup soon a recurring transfer (RT) toward our Music Studio financial service account, to help us each month avail of ongoing funds to fuel our regular music-related/educational activities and upcoming investments.

More specifically we are looking at a 9 lakh second rehearsal/tracking room furnishing and a 5 lakh new sound system/recording equipment purchase. Additionally we have each month about 7,000 inr of overhead to cover, and your financial aid would be much appreciated.

Please join us on this journey to make Kalabhumi Music Studio prosper and grow! for enquiries get in touch with Edo, +91 98438 93652, eddie.grassi@gmail.com"

Edo, Kalabhumi Music Studio

Available

8 Week Old Puppies



4 active beautiful 8 week old puppies brought up on mother's milk ready to move to loving forever homes. Both male and female available. Please WA Nandita 9488483286 to meet them.

Dr. Nandita Shah

External Hard Discs

18 Nos 1TB hard discs filled with a great collection of movies and TV series available. Contribution required.

Contact Claude: +91 8940543874, WA

Thank you for doing the necessary, Claude

Two Kittens



Two kittens are looking for a new owner to enjoy life with. Their mother left them with us and we cannot keep them. If you choose to adopt them, call me at 8098167492

Have a purrrfect day, Olga

Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, Tuesday, August 16



From Auroville to Chennai Airport, Tuesday, August 16, leaving between 9 and 11pm with one person, one suitcase.

Contact Kumar: kumarsehdev455@gmail.com. WA +918447181515

From Chennai Airport, Tuesday, September 6



From Chennai Airport to Auroville, Tuesday, September 6, between 4:30 and 5:30am in the morning with one person, one suitcase.

Contact Kumar: kumarsehdev455@gmail.com. WA +918447181515

Thank you, S. Kumar

Foods, Goods and Services

VISITOR CAFETERIA OPEN
on Independence Day



The Cafeteria will open for breakfast at 6:30am on Monday, August 15. A beautiful Darshan and Independence Day to all!
Thanks, Nicole

NATURELLEMENT GARDEN CAFE
closed on Independence Day



Dear friends, oth the Garden Cafe and Naturellement production will remain closed on Monday, August 15.

Wishing you a beautiful and peaceful day!

For the Naturellement team, Martina

AURA NETWORK UPDATE



The open invitation to share the value we are creating together continues as more people discover the joy of giving and receiving without cash transactions. In Auroville we have under-utilised wealth that can be easily shared with the free downloadable Aura phone app. Visit the website www.auranetwork.app for all the info you need.

- **Every Wednesday at 3** in Sve Dame at Volker's place, we have a tea in the Aura Kitchen. You are welcome with your questions and suggestions. We're calling the future by creating it.

Cheers, The Aura Network Team

Submitted by B

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.

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 Aairsuvidha online form, vaccine certificate or RT PCR negative test required.

Lufthansa strike: How to get compensation

Lufthansa's ground staff recently went on strike, and the pilots are soon to follow—probably in the middle of the summer vacations, when many holidaymakers are hardest hit. What happens if your flight is canceled due to a strike? Then the airline must offer you a replacement flight or refund the ticket price. Unfortunately, it is unclear whether additional compensation is available in the event of a strike. Airlines usually refer to "extraordinary circumstances" and often do not want to pay. Such situations include, for example, natural disasters or terrorist threats. However, the situation is less clear in the case of a strike by airline personnel. Here, it always depends on the individual case. Claim compensation?

In any case! Regardless of whether you were affected by the strike of the ground staff or have to expect a flight cancellation in the upcoming strike of the pilots: It is definitely worthwhile to claim compensation. Depending on the flight route and delay, you can expect to receive between €250 and €600 in compensation. There are many service providers that you can hire to get the money back for you. They save you time and nerves, but of course they cost something. There is a difference between so-called immediate compensation and collection service providers.

Immediate indemnifiers buy your claim if they assume that you are entitled to compensation. For this they take a commission of up to 42%. With e.g. 250€ compensation you would receive 145€ in the end. You will usually get the money within two days. We recommend the providers EU-flight* and compensation 2go*. You simply fill out their online form and attach the relevant documents—done. With debt collection services, on the other hand, you only receive money if they have successfully claimed the money from the airline. This can take a while, but they don't charge you so much commission. We recommend flug-verspaetet.de*, SOS Flugverspätung, EUclaim or Claim Flights.

We asked the providers: EUflight, compensation2to, flug-verspaetet.de and SOS Flugverspätung have confirmed that they will definitely take over the claims of passengers due to the Lufthansa strike last week. We keep our fingers crossed that everything will go smoothly next time as well.

Joster

AV PUNCTURE SERVICE ON TOUR

AV Puncture Service goes on annual tour and will be closed from 15 August, Monday up to and including 18 August, Thursday.

We will be open from 19 August, Friday.

Regards, AV Puncture Service

D. Arumugam



EVERYTHING COMES TO US FROM HER



Everything comes to us from Her... we are not very grateful, but She goes on providing us and taking care of our needs.

At the Andes, it is a month of Thanks and Celebrations, starting on the August 1 in the Countries of the South: Bolivia, Perú, Chile and Argentina.

Anandi-ayün, Certitude

Voices and Notes

HOKUSAI

The Mother lived in Japan for about 4 years. She loved the country very much. The Sri Aurobindo Ashram has the Mother's museum. One of its rooms is full of Japanese things; dolls, dresses, Gata (wooden chapels) etc. Some of these keepsakes the Mother brought herself from Japan, some others the museum received from Japanese guests.



There are no Hokusai paintings here now, but I am sure that in the future the ashram will have his masterpieces.

Hokusai lived a long life from 1760 to 1849. He was born in Edo (now Tokyo) and started as a wood-graver. After he became the great master of the ukiyo e—"pictures of the floating world" school, which treated commonplace subjects in an expressionist manner. From 1826 to 1833 he created his famous "36 views of Mount Fuji".

Every year innumerable pilgrims reach the top of Fujiyama volcano. They repeated like a mantra: "snail, slowly, slowly reach the top of Fuji". But I hear that progress is so phantastic now that there is a project to build a highway to the top of Fuji. Other such phantastic projects—such as the highway through Auroville.

We live in a fantastic time. Very soon some people can appear which hear the Mother's words about the highway through the city.

I like the Mother's museum in the Sri Aurobindo ashram. Maybe after some years we will see in the museum Hokusai's paintings "Highway to the top of Fuji" and "Highway through Auroville".

One can see a strange tendency in Auroville's publications. There are more and more rare words such as "trees, flowers, ecosystem, biodiversity." From December 2021 our lexicon is richer and richer with words "roads, Crown roads, hierarchy of roads, system of roads. Now maybe it is a good time to introduce the words "highways—super-roads". What will be the result? In Auroville, it will become so hot, like in Europe in July 2022.

In eastern Siberia, Irkutsk city, I studied Japanese during 3 years in the institute of foreign language in evening classes. One sentence I keep now: "Nihongo wa musicasi ga omoshiroi"—Japanese language is difficult, but interesting.

A persian (Persi, Zoroastrian for Persia) Adil lived for some years in Aspiration. He had a cat wabi. It is a Japanese word, in Japan wabi sabi—modest life is a popular life-style. It is close to the Roman formula of Horacius "est modus in rebus". (There is a measure in things).

The Mother liked Japan, especially the high level of aesthetic feeling. If Sakura (Japanese mountain cherry) is in flowers, the masses gather to see it. Among popular Japanese names there are "hanako" (child flower), "haruki" (springtime tree).

There are many photos of the Mother in different dresses. Before my inner eyes there is one permanently—Her in the kimono.

P.S. If a catholic asks God to forgive his sin, he is told: mea culpa (my sin). Mea maxima culpa (my biggest sin) is that I forgot the Japanese word for butterfly. Italian composer Giacomo Puccini (1858—1929) created the opera Madama Butterfly (chio chio san).
Boris

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

- [Aravindan talk—Live at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville](#)
- [Art 4 Land 2022, inauguration live stream](#)
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Peace and Love

Peace and love,
Sai Priya,
for AV Radio

AV Poetry

THIS MOMENT

This moment
Fresh and familiar
As if I have lived it before
In another lifetime
As if I am living it
Simultaneously
In a parallel universe
As if all future unfolds
Now
In this moment.

With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang

EVERYTHING NOW IS A SYMBOL

The resistance, the denial:
Solid, rigid, inflexible
Incorrigible.

Mind cemented

By the sentinels of Nature:
Doubt and Fear.

The adverse and hostile forces
Are now on the rampage
Doing their unappreciated work:
Divide and conquer.
Bring the terrestrial atmosphere
To boiling point.
Should soon be complete
Earth's revolt.

Everything now is a symbol
Of the breaking of the Mental Wall.
The quickest way to topple?
Surrender to the Supramental:
The Lovegift of The Divine Mother.

Remember?

The Call to The Great Adventure?
It was and is crystal clear:
But to live in Auroville
One must be a willing servitor
Of the Divine Consciousness:
The Truth-Unity that clearly sees
The Dance of the Two
Seeming contradictory
Yet complementary.

If you still don't wish to know
Your purpose and its means
Then continue to learn
From painful karmic experience.
It is all part and parcel
Of the Great Cosmic Game
Of The One and Its many.

Coming on Earth very soon
After some psychophysical cyclone
A Life Divine.

Zech. 2022.07.31

The Mother reconfirms and continually reveals:

- [The Mother's Agenda, June 1958](#)
- [The Mother's Agenda, November 15, 1958](#)
- [The Mother's Agenda, June 9, 1971](#)

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

MUDRA—CHI WORKSHOP

every Saturday at 5 pm

From now on The Mudra—Chi Workshop will be every Saturday at 5 pm at Savitri Bhavan

- Facilitator: Anandi
- Everybody Welcome



Anandi-ayün, Certitude

RELAXING OIL MASSAGE

Relaxing oil massage to reconnect body and soul. Full body, 90 minutes. On donation for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers. Umberto 7598331379.

Best regards, Umberto

AUROVILLE—KURUKṢETRA OR DHARMAKṢETRA?

A self-reflective exploration

15 August, 2:30—5:30pm, Pavilion of Tibetan Culture



Over the last 8 months, we've been in the middle of an escalating conflict here in Auroville. Hardly a day passes by without the situation being referred to as a war or battle in our common platforms. Irrespective of which 'side' we belong to, we've freely drawn from the purāṇa and claimed many a time that we are in a kurukṣetra, where Us the righteous are fighting Them the villains. But is Auroville just a kurukṣetra or is it also a dharmakṣetra? What is the difference between the two? What have each of us energized through our actions, choices, words and intentions?

We at SEA warmly invite you to a self-reflective exploration using art, process work and dialogue to delve into how one is contributing to the current state of affairs. As facilitators, our effort would be to create space among the participants for a contemplative conversation with themselves rather than give any answers from our side. Anybody keen on honest introspection and not finger-pointing is most welcome to be a part of this.

- **Date:** 15 August, 2:30—5:30pm
- **Venue:** Pavilion of Tibetan Culture
- Prior registration required so that we can plan the logistics accordingly.
- For registrations and enquiries please write to: naveenv@auroville.org.in

The Mahabharata Within

Transforming the inner kurukṣetra into a dharmakṣetra
Over the last many months in Auroville, we've been a part of an intense manthan (churning) that has surfaced some of our deepest shadows. References to it being a kurukṣetra are often made to describe the situation we find ourselves in. Perhaps many of us recognize that the conflict outside is only a reflection of the disharmony within, both as individuals and a collective Being. But what is this archetypal kurukṣetra that rages in every human heart? Who are the pāṇḍava and kaurava within us? Could Auroville be truly manifested without transforming our inner kurukṣetra into a dharmakṣetra?

SEA warmly invites you to a two-day workshop on exploring The Mahabharata Within. The exploration will happen in two levels—Levels 1 & 2. It's possible to attend Level 1 alone if somebody is able to participate for one day only. It is open to participants from all cultural backgrounds. Prior knowledge of the Mahabharata is helpful but not mandatory.

- **Dates:** 20 August—Level 1 & 21 August—Level 2
- **Timings:** 9am—5:30pm, both days
- **Venue:** Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

Warmly, Sangeetha

VIBRATIONAL SOUND BATH: RELAX-RETUNE-RECHARGE

Unique meditative experience with Russian Singing Bells!

- Sunday to Friday, 3—4:30pm
- Saturday, 2—3:30pm, open group



Individual and group sessions on request at other timings. The magical harmonious tones of this instrument envelop and penetrate the body, helping to reset the whole system to its original equilibrium, bringing the sense of completeness, centering and integration. Led by Vera and Ashesh Joshi, 15 years of experience in Auroville and internationally.

Key Benefits:

- Deep physical, emotional and mental relaxation;
- Release of tensions, feeling refreshed and rejuvenated;
- Peace of mind and heart;
- Safe space for deep delving and finding answers to inner questions

Limited number of places, kindly book phone WA:

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Thank you, Vera

PITANGA

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Awareness through the Body sessions

Rosa A. is offering different sessions of Awareness Through the Body. These are drop-in classes, where you are always welcome, independently if you wish to come every week, or once in a while!

Tuning to Peace

- Mondays 7.15—8.15am, starts 22/08

"If you want peace upon earth, first establish peace in your heart."—The Mother, 1965

A quiet and safe space to connect with Peace through the Body and let it grow to our larger family-community-human-body...

Training our listening skills, through the body

- Wednesdays 8—9:30am, starts 17/08

You are most welcome to come with your partner, your neighbor, your friend, co-worker... anyone ready to develop a deep sense of listening. This will be a laboratory for training Presence, through conscious touch, a quality of listening which does not expect, neither judge anything. Just being present to another being, and experiencing the deep effect this has in our whole system.

Awareness and Joy

- Fridays 9—10am, starts 19/08

Special invitation to those who have already celebrated their 50th anniversary, and maybe also the 60th, 70th and more! A space to release and connect through movement and voice.

Just come! Love and smiles, Rosa

PS: Feel free to share this information with anyone you know could be interested.

See you soon again at Pitanga, with a smile!

With love, Andrea

JIVA: YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



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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 Aurovilian researcher for over 20 years, international faculty in integral regression therapy.

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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.sharnaguesthouse.in



The Incarnating Soul Webinar

- 23, 24, 25 August

We might ask ourselves... *why we came, what for, what is the aim of our life, why did we incarnate?*

- How did our birth inform us and form strong beliefs?
- What is the role of consciousness early in our lives?



A selection of the knowledge transmitted by The Mother and Sri Aurobindo, as well as 10 years clinical experience in Integral Regression therapy give insights into these questions. Short introspective moments for the participants invite to recall personal early memories.

- 23, 24, 25 August, 7- 8:30pm
- **Facilitator Sigrid Lindemann**, International faculty in classical homeopathy and Integral Regression therapy, living in Auroville for over 20 years. Founder of JIVA

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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

The Way of the Sufi: Retreat with Nirupam Gyan

- 10—14 September

Find yourself whirling... Sufi Zikr & Whirling, Sacred Gurdjiff 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."

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Gurdjiff Sacred Dances

- 7, 8, 9 Sept with Nirupam Gyan

Nirupam Gyan sufi is sharing Sufi & Gurdjiff & more internationally for over a decade, 3 previous workshops here have met with an overwhelming response. Gurdjiff 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

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

20—21 August 2022 (8.45 am—6.30 pm)

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!)

Thanks Guy

SERENDIPITY: ACTIVITIES AND TREATMENTS UPDATE



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Hatha Yoga with Ramesh

- Every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30pm, drop in class.

Ramesh offers hatha yoga classes with some vinyasa flow and include pranayama, traditional sanskrit mantra chanting, and meditation. The style is gentle, adaptive and progressive where passive, gravity-assisted poses are mingled with dynamic vinyasa-style flow as needed. He places a lot of focus on breathing and body-mindfulness during the practice. It is ideal for beginners to intermediate-level practitioners. You will be exposed to authentic Sanskrit terms and their correct pronunciation. The practice will be rejuvenative and restorative. These specific classes will be on donation basis even for guests.

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

- Every Friday from 5 to 6 pm, drop in class.

In the recitation of Sanskrit Mantras the sound is very important and the specific pitches and strict rules of intonation and syllabic length should be learned according with the tradition of the great masters of the past, who figured out how to use the voice to calm the mind and attune the practitioner to the more subtle levels of the “sadhana” or spiritual path. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the singing, the mind reaches more clarity, concentration and tranquility.

Head & Shoulders Marma Massage with Bala

- On appointment only (+91 9892699804)

Marma points means “vital points that hold life force energy”. In this massage the practitioner uses fingers and hands to press (isometric/ constant pressure) the specific point in head, face ,neck and shoulders .This massage is based on the principles of Ayurvedic and various martial art traditions. Marma massage can help in relieving deep-seated tensions and improving circulation and energy flow.

Shiatsu Massage with Sara

- On appointment only (+91 9443617308)

Shiatsu is a manipulative therapy developed in Japan and incorporating techniques of anma (Japanese traditional massage), acupressure, stretching, and Western massage in order to maintain physical and mental well being, treat disease, or alleviate discomfort. It involves the uses of kneading, pressing, soothing, tapping, and stretching techniques and is performed without oils through light, comfortable clothing.

Sara for Serendipity GH

JUICE RETREAT

August 21, Sunday, Progress Hall, Bharat Niwas
 8:30am—5:30pm

Inviting you all to Juice Retreat—a one-day retreat of fasting on juice and ether to cleanse, heal and connect within and without.

- **When:** Sunday, August 21, 8:30am—5:30pm
 - **Where:** Progress Hall, Bharat Niwas, Auroville
- Register at <https://bit.ly/juice-retreat-21Aug>, limited seats available.
- **What we would do**
 - We would come together at Progress Hall for juicing, playing, learning, and connecting with self and community
 - We would feast on freshly prepared vegetable juices and ether for 24 hours (no solid food)



• Why should we fast?

- Provides a pause to our body systems to cleanse and heal themselves
- Directs all life energy towards repair and rejuvenation
- Vegetable juices replenish micronutrients, often missing in carb/fat/protein-rich food
- Regular practice of fasting makes us feel light, removes inertia, makes the body flexible, clears skin, clears the mind, increases will-power and much more

Come, join us for a cleansing and healing experience in the joyful holding of community

For further queries, contact us at
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Registration required for the following intensive & classes

Explore Your “Bodies” (Koshas) Through The Practice Of Yoga with Sabrina

- Saturday, 13 August, from 9:30am to 12noon

In this workshop, you will be guided to experience your different “bodies” (physical, vital, mental, intuitive and bliss), called Panchakosha in Yoga. Becoming aware of our bodies helps bring more clarity about what is happening within us in our daily lives, and enhances our yoga practice. As attention is strengthened, and awareness expanded, better understanding and self-management can occur. A beautiful session, open to everyone.

The following Classes have been rescheduled:

Saturday	Nataraj Dance Meditation with Nirma	13 August, 5pm
Friday	Pranayama & Healing with Rosa	19 August, 5pm
Saturday	Yoga for All with Rosa	20 August, 5pm

Many thanks, Kathir

**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

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, 10:00am to 12:00noon, 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, 2:30pm 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, 10:15am 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, 4pm 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!

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	day
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 Beginner, To start August	03:00pm—04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start August 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner, To start August 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.

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

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Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

Cinema



At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

Reminder:

- Friday, August 12, 8pm "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind". Written and directed by Hayao MIYAZAKI – Japan, 1984 (general Audience) along with
- Cine-Master-Class on Saturday, 13th, 5pm by Abhijit Roy at Aurofilm (see joint announcement)

Friday, August 19, 8pm: "Bari Theke Paliye" (The Runaway)

Written & directed by Ritwik Ghatak – India, 1958

With: Parambhattarak Lahiri, Kali Bannerjee, Nripati Chatterjee, Padma Devi, and Gyanesh Mukherjee—Music by Salil Chowdhury

Synopsis: The Runaway is based on a novel by Bengali writer Shibram Chakraborty and it tells the story of Chandan, an 8-year-old boy who runs away from home and his father (who he imagines as an oppressive demon) to the mythical city of Calcutta. There he confronts the realities of life in a big city. Ritwik Ghatak, who remains one of the first three best known filmmakers from India to have earned global recognition (the other two being Satyajit Ray and Mrinal Sen), charted an independent trajectory of parallel cinema in the country, and is a widely studied director in Indian and European film schools. Aurofilm will present you some of his major works in the coming months.

Original Bengali version with English subtitles – Dur. 1h.57'

"Cine-Master Class"

- 5 – 6:30pm on Saturday, 13 August, 2022
- at Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)

Welcome to this chapter led by Abhijit on Nausicaä of the Valley of Wind (1984). The film is presented the day before (on Friday, 12th 8pm) at MMC Town Hall by Aurofilm – please watch the movie and join us!

Overview: Abhijit Roy, media & entertainment professional and passionate about animated films, offers us this time a study-analysis of Nausicaä, the revolutionary Japanese Anime Film released in 1984 by celebrated Animation Director Hayao Miyazaki, based on his 1982 manga. It is considered as the first production by the renowned Studio Ghibli even though it was made before the Studio was founded. Come and get to know much more on Miyazaki's masterpiece and his work.

For your information, the Aurofilm building is half open-air but please bring your mask as Covid-19 SOP have not been lifted! You may also carry your torch light.

Aurofilm announcements posted 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 19 August: The Land of Ahimsa

2022/ 87 minutes/ Dolly Vyas Ahuja and Dr Sailesh Rao

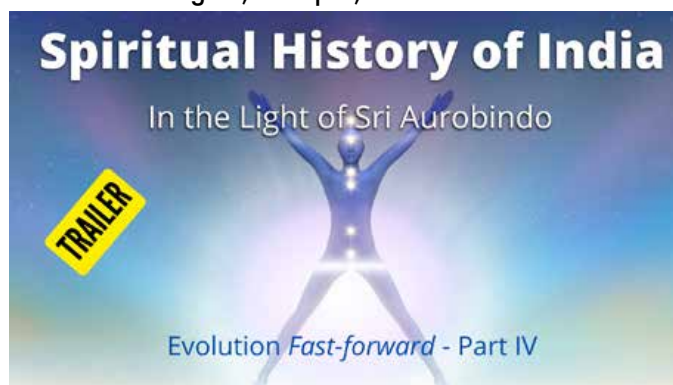
The Land of Ahimsa brings you on a journey to understanding the origins of Ahimsa with experts on environment, nutrition, spirituality and advocacy to illustrate the importance of "Ahimsa" in action in India with the intention this will resonate across the globe. Dolly Vyas Ahuja, grand daughter of freedom fighter, Mr. Chagan Lal Joshi, brings us along as she returns to her homeland after having discovered the power of "Ahimsa" through her transition to a vegan lifestyle. Dr. Sailesh Rao, one of the original engineers of the internet, has over three decades of professional experience and is the Founder of Climate Healers.

- The filmmakers will be present for a Q&A session following the documentary.

Submitted by Shek

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 Pavitrana, 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*

SPACE IN CINEMA; TIME IN ARCHITECTURE

- An interdisciplinary exploration of cinema and architecture;
- In Auroville, from 1 to 4 September;
- With Avijit Mukul Kishore and Rohan Shivkumar.



The four-day workshop will explore the possible overlaps between the two disciplines of Cinema and Architecture as spatio-temporal art forms.

The programme will include film screenings and exercises in detailed analysis through the interdisciplinary framework of fiction and documentary film, architecture and visual art.



To know more about course and the course directors, please visit <https://film institute.auroville.org/2022/08/02/cinema-and-architecture-2/>

We extend a warm welcome to join us for this exciting artistic exploration of space-time constructs in imagination and in reality. For Aurovilians it is a voluntary contribution.

- **Curators:** Richa & Rrivu, Auroville Film Institute
- film institute@auroville.org.in / +91 9969879319

*Warmly,
Richa*

MNEMONICS OF THE DREAM



Televised memories in concentric circles become mnemonic mirrors of 'The Dream'. Repeating itself to redundancy, filmed realities break free of the 'film form' and 'the director's tyranny'. Imagination becomes the only refuge.

Small curation by

Auroville Timelines
AV Art Service / Auroville Foundation

On 15 August, 2022

In Auroville Film Institute—Base Camp

India Space, Bharat Nivas Campus

As a tribute to 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo & the Spirit of India's Independence.

Richa & Rrivu



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 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.

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.

For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl donate to "Cinema Paradiso" (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.

Thanking You,
 MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

THE DEVI IN THE DIVA

- We invite you to "The Devi in the Diva",
- From 18 to 21 August 2022;
- 3 to 6pm_ Online
- By Shyaanti Talwar



A 4 days appreciation and analysis course, conducted online: tracing the goddess myths as recurring patterns in popular cinema.



Myths and Archetypes are universal, they cannot be contained within geopolitical confines; and they cut right across time. The course will help participants better decipher the archetypal projections of the feminine.

To know more about course and the course directors, please visit <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2022/07/11/the-devi-in-the-diva/>

We are organizing a live projection of the online classes in Bharat Nivas—so interested Aurovilians can attend the course on a big screen.

Those interested by contact +91 9969879319.

- **Curators:** Richa & Rrivu, Auroville Film Institute
- filminstitute@auroville.org.in/ +91 9969879319

Warmly, Richa

Townhall Speaks

FROM THE EDITORS



Surely what we are experiencing at this time is unlike any since the founding of Auroville itself. It seems Auroville is swirling, searching and seeking to clearly distinguish the soul element in us and we are being pressed to follow consciously and fully its sublime dictates.

The date of this issue of the News and Notes carries a significance that is profound and full of promise and vision. So we will present this issue a little differently this time. In this issue *we begin with the celebration of the 150th birth of Sri Aurobindo*, His vision and His promise, and place the News and its controversies towards the end of the issue. *Again it remains our intent that we can live up to your expectations and produce a journal worthy of Auroville.*

Roy and AgniJata

TDC/ L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE

July 2022 update

Members: Allan Bennett, Anan Skoles, Divya Lieser, Dorle Heller, Fabian Ostner, Island Lescure, Lata Iyer, Meera Natarajan, Natasha Storey, Tom Gablier

Mission statement: We are the Interface Team that engages with the Community to identify and hold the developmental priorities for the future of Auroville.

Core values: Relaxed—Reliable—Resourceful

Team building

Over the first month, the newly selected TDC (June 27th, 2022) held several discussions around team building, resulting in a facilitated half-day workshop from which emerged our Mission statement and Core values (above).

It was agreed that some aspects of team building would also happen along the way, as we work, such as refining communication platforms, but that other aspects, such as work areas and principles, could be further defined in a similar, more focused, manner.

Frequency of regular meetings

For the time being, the newly selected TDC team meets twice a week, as well as weekly with the other RA-appointed working groups.

On July 30, the latter organized a "Meet and Greet", the aim of which was to set up a first contact between the working groups and the Residents' Assembly (RA), and to introduce ourselves as this did not happen during the selection process as used to be the case.

The TDC would also like to organize monthly community meetings, but for now, it was decided to hold a "TDC Open house/hour" every Monday from 1 to 2pm in the AV Council meeting room with 2-3 interface members to collate residents' questions, suggestions, etc. and bring them back to the TDC table.

Engagement with the community

We need to start with the basics, as an interface between the community and the (upcoming) technical teams. This is the perfect time to form sub-groups as well as engage with a (hopefully) proactive and reactivated RA. Various approaches and frameworks were discussed, such as inviting Aurovilians who have been involved in this work earlier and interacting with other multidisciplinary groups of Aurovilians to explore topics of development in a wider setting;

inclusive processes such as those practiced by the Citizens' Assembly and/or Dreamweaving would certainly help better engage with the community in defining possible development priorities for the next 5 to 10 years.

Next steps to broach the topic—such as organizing a series of meetings to discuss this, including educational sessions, workshops and seminars—will be organized to present the various aspects of town planning, between the vision plan, the Master Plan, and various other documents needed to then go towards DDPs (Detailed Development Plans). Environmental clearance as well as all aspects for proper planning as a whole are required; every element is needed for a complete picture.

There have been several mentions about creating a communal building project, such as a dedicated RA meeting site, where we could all work together as a community again, like was the case in the beginning of Auroville for the building of the Matrimandir. This would however need some in-depth study, including the need for an updated "guideline document" (see below).

One thing is clear: the community must be engaged and involved in working on the future development of Auroville; this colossal task cannot be held by the TDC alone as it concerns the entire community.

Strategic planning steps

Over the years, numerous studies and reports were prepared in collaboration with previous TDC teams, such as Land use plans (city and Greenbelt), Planning guidelines, Development priorities, etc. They have to be updated and presented to the community, keeping in mind the need for "proper plans" and environmental clearance as stipulated by the National Green Tribunal. They will be modified based on feedback and discussions with residents, and brought back to the RA for ratification.

To initiate the work on the Detailed Development Plans based on the community's priorities and ground realities within the framework of the Master Plan is one of the key work priorities, taking into account factors such as ecologically sensitive areas and existing built-up assets. We plan to integrate as far as possible the work done already in this regard and identify areas of work still needed to be completed in order to do the development plans. Notable components of the DDP are mobility, water sourcing and management, services, development zones and building parameters.

Once these multidisciplinary approaches have been identified, the TDC will set up technical teams, and tools for interfacing, while trying to keep focus on processes that are simple and people-friendly, reducing bureaucracy where possible.

Firefighting

Anyone having spent some time in a working group knows that firefighting is a constant pressure. Currently, the nature of the firefighting is as unusual as the times the community is facing, with regular emergencies. The TDC receives and sends out numerous emails weekly, regarding technical aspects (CPWD, RS, AVFO, AVEI) as well as residents' emails (building sites, wells, tree pruning, road, pavers). Allocating case holders fast is crucial, as well as TDC presence on hotspots and site visits.

Furthermore, there are current limitations in our scope of work. A compilation of points listed out in the National Green Tribunal ruling and other documents such as the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act is being worked on to have an updated "guideline document" for any requests, regarding what can and cannot be done at the moment.

Finally, we would like you to know that we are constrained in terms of space, equipment, access to data and budget. However, despite this, we are deeply committed to a participatory model of planning and development, and welcome you all to participate in this work with us. Feel free to approach us. Let's work together!

Thank you, Divya
for the RA TDC

ENTRY BOARD INACCESSIBLE

Dear community members, last Thursday night (04.08.22), the members of the Entry Board and Entry Service have found out that we were unable to access our emails (entryboard@auroville.org.in and entryservice@auroville.org.in) and drive. On Friday, we have asked the administrator of the server to let us know as soon as possible what is happening but we have not heard from that end yet.

As a result, we are unable to fulfil our role properly and can't process the people waiting for a reply, whether in their ongoing process or still as applicants.

For this week, we have to cancel all the interviews and we cannot proceed to the announcement of last week's interviews.

While we are waiting for the connection to be restored, our communication is very unreliable.

Please call the office (2622707) or pass by if you need any information.

Sincerely, The Entry Board, Alain

WORKING GROUPS EMAIL ADDRESSES

Dear Community, the Council would like to inform you of the currently used email addresses. A number of essential services and working groups have created an @auroville. services email address, such as:

- Auroville Council: avcouncil@auroville.services
- FAMC: famc@auroville.services
- TDC: tdc@auroville.services
- Working Committee: workingcom@auroville.services
- RAS: raservice@auroville.services
- BCC: bcc@auroville.services
- Entry: entryservice@auroville.services
entryboard@auroville.services
- Housing: housingboard@auroville.services
housing@auroville.services

We invite other essential services which would like to create a new email address to contact the Auroville Council or the Working Committee at the above email addresses.

*Thank you, Auroville Council
Submitted by Valli*

EMAIL ADDRESS RASERVICE@AUROVILLE.ORG.IN HAS BEEN DISABLED

Dear Residents, we would like to inform you that, since Friday 5th August, our email address raservice@auroville.org.in has been disabled by the administrator of the auroville.org.in without any notice.



A member of RAS sent an email from their personal email address on behalf of the RAS, to the mailbox administrator informing the situation and requesting to address the issue as soon as possible.

As our alternative raservice@auroville.services email address does not allow us to reach out to the Residents who still use their auroville.org.in accounts, we've created a temporary alternative Gmail address raserviceauroville@gmail.com to be able to stay in touch with the whole Residents' Assembly.

Once our usual email address is back, we will update you on the same.

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

To subscribe to the RAS Telegram group please [use the following link](#). (you need to install and register the Telegram application on your device).

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

PAUSE ALL CLEARING



Dear Community, the Joint Committee appointed by the National Green Tribunal will finalize its report on trees and waterways/ catchment areas in the path of the Crown in the coming days. Our team wants to re-state that irrespective of what the report suggests or permits, there is still an RA Decision in place, in which it was decided by a large number of members of the Residents' Assembly in the January 2022 RAD (<https://auroville.org.in/article/89003>) **"To pause all clearing, infrastructure laying and permanent construction work on the Right of Ways of Crown, Radials and Outer Ring in order to enable the community to define a way forward for Auroville's development, following:**

- **collective processes,**
- **the 'Master Plan: Perspective 2025' framework,**
- **and other relevant regulations.**

The outcome shall be approved through a ratified Residents' Assembly Decision-making process, before the above specified clearing, infrastructure laying and permanent construction work resumes".

Therefore any work being carried out on the Crown is in violation of the RA decision.



This is especially important now for the Darkali stretch, with the many trees and water catchments at risk. We wish that concerned Aurovilians visit the large and unplanned clearing and de-facto highway that is being installed in Bliss/ Youth Centre without any community involvement, transparency of process and planning, appointment of contractors, quality-control etc. to see and decide if Darkali should fall to the same fate. All this ongoing work is in our opinion in clear violation of the present NGT ruling and the above mentioned RAD of January 2022.

The Dreamweaving was a big step in the direction of collective planning and brought forward many interesting and viable ideas for the way the Crown can be built with support from all parts of the community. Unfortunately this was not taken forward by the Auroville Foundation office despite being the most able process followed so far that could lead to something that everyone is happy with. Given the cooperation of all concerned this process can still be taken forward to satisfy the needs of the whole community at large.

*in Service, L'avenir d'Auroville—TDC
Allan B, Anan, Divya L, Dorle, Fabian, Island, Lata,
Meera N, Natasha S, Tom G
If you want to contact us: Tdc@auroville.services*

A STATEMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE AUROVILLE RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY FROM THE DREAMWEAVING INITIATIVE

Since the final report of the Dreamweaving process was sent to all the participants and made available via AuroNet, we have since published only one brief note in News & Notes (# 924 on May 28th, 2022) to update Aurovilians in regards to developments on our side.

Considering some recent questions which appear to have been based upon inaccurate information publicly communicated, but more importantly our ongoing efforts, this is our second—and this time more detailed—statement:

The bottom line is that the holistic participatory planning path charted by the Dreamweaving initiative in collaboration with the Vastu Shilpa Consultants (VSC) has been unfortunately side-lined. This was to be expected considering the variety of subtle and not-so-subtle obstructive interventions we have been experiencing since day one of the initiative, specifically from members of the previous ATDC and a few key people influencing them. We wouldn't make this statement without the capacity to clarify, and detail if needed.

Yet, nothing can change this simple fact: the DW experience has challenged a narrative, proving our capacity to positively and efficiently collaborate on a larger scale. It is our collective responsibility to evolve this experimental model.

Whilst committing consciously to not waste our energy on negative disputes, we have instead been quietly and diligently following up on the DW process and investigating possibilities of building up potential collaborations within the RA framework, even while challenging at the moment as we will explain.

Since the conclusion of the DW, we have been approached by the AVFO to work on Urban Acupuncture on the Crown. The dreamweavers have consistently rejected these requests, stating our reasons directly and clearly to the Secretary of Auroville; the atmosphere, basis, and acceptable standards for quality urban design and planning are far from being in place at present. Under such conditions, no harmonious quality work can emerge.

We believe that Auroville is meant to develop through sincere collaborations toward higher quality work.

Therefore, we have aimed for a well-executed, productive, collaborative holistic planning methodology including:

1. Auroville's range of capable multi-disciplinary experts and designers—currently mostly marginalized.
2. Reputable external urban planners and designers—currently not well received.
3. Aurovilians' candid participation—currently not encouraged.

The Dreamweaving process proved not only the possibility but also the natural joy inherent in this choice of path. However, residents should understand that initiating and organizing an inclusive collaborative process, on that scale, has been challenging and daunting work. For many months of the Dreamweaving process itself, we had to step out of our daily work and in some cases postpone commitments. The eventual obstruction of this effort led to a wave of frustration among many of the participants, many of whom have experienced repeated obstructions of collaborative efforts in the past. Over the last few months, since the DW report was published, it has become clear to us that it would be most challenging, yet uplifting, to recharge, regroup, and continue the effort. Yet, we have not given up.

We are publishing this update now as we finally started

receiving a tentative positive sense of further possibilities. A slowly unfolding process with Aurovilians covering the range of multi-disciplinary expertise present in Auroville seems promising, and exploratory interactions with some of the Auroville architects to investigate possible next steps also seem positive. We hope to have more to share in our next planned event. We are trying, yet again, we see this as a collective responsibility.

We have repeatedly noted in different events that the Dreamweaving process is simply a trial for a model exploring our capacity to collaborate more efficiently on a larger scale. The support of different groups (from the architects, the multi-disciplinary participants, the members of the focus group, the randomly selected residents, and the Citizens Assembly team), as well as the majority of supporting Aurovilians and AVI centers, made this prototype not only possible but with the promise of a new way forward. We hope and trust that many other initiatives will keep emerging. We are under no illusion that many of these coming initiatives will be obstructed. Yet we believe that if we keep on the path, at some point, we will break through to a higher place. For those with initiatives in progress or further thoughts on these ideas—those in agreement and disagreement with the DW approach—we would love to meet to share and learn from each other; in the hope that this might help us all move forward.

We are planning to screen the premiere of a full video documentary on the overall Dreamweaving process, possibly sometime in the last week of August, and this will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session on the Dreamweaving experience. At that time we will explain and qualify this statement as needed. More importantly, we will share and discuss our current efforts and possible next steps.

David, Mona, and Omar

MEETING OF ALL RESIDENTS

**Saturday, 13 August, 4:30 to 6:30pm, rain or shine
Kalabhumi Amphitheater**

Dear Residents, we, the working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly (RA), believe that there is an emergency situation with the ongoing escalation in actions of and orders issued by the office of the secretary and its appointed groups, to take over and disempower the RA along with its selected groups and members.

Therefore, we are calling for an emergency meeting of all residents to discuss this, give information and seek your inputs on possible next steps, one of which may be initiating an emergency Residents' Assembly Decision (RAD) process to pass a resolution rejecting this increasing disempowerment of the RA. A background note with a draft resolution will be circulated soon through other communication platforms (due to the time constraint of the deadline for the News and Notes).

- **Time:** Saturday, 13 August, 4:30 to 6:30pm, rain or shine
- **Venue:** Kalabhumi Amphitheater

Please plan to come to learn in more detail about what has been happening, and continues to happen and how it impacts us all.

With best wishes,

*Your FAMC, TDC, Auroville Council
and Working Committee*

- *Members of the FAMC: Amy B, Bobby P, Danny, Elodie, Mita R, Ranjith, Palani*
- *Members of the TDC (Town Development Council): Allan, Anan, Divya, Dorle, Fabian, Island, Lata, Meera, Natasha, Tom*
- *Members of the Auroville Council: Balaji, Claudine, Julia, Philippe, Shivaya, Samrat, Shiva, Suryan, Svenja*

FAMC REPORT AFTER 30 JULY 'MEET & GREET' WITH THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY AT UNITY PAVILION

Dear community, first of all we want to say, "Thank You!" to everyone who attended the meeting on Saturday 30 July. For us it was uplifting and informative. We hope the experience was positive for you too. We especially appreciate that many people took the time to sit down and talk with us.

We received about 20 questions, ideas, and comments and have started working on them. We have created sub-groups to look into:

- how we can support units with various licenses, such as for packaging, food, music, etc.
- how to support the small guest houses (registered under Exploration).

Some topics were more individually motivated or general in nature and those have been added to our agenda (ie housing, support to units (ie improve skills, increase income)). We've directly responded to a few inquiries already (ie housing projects). And we still have some comments to discuss and decide on how best to proceed.

At this moment we have not decided when we'll hold a follow-up meeting with the residents, but we intend for it to be in August, and it will be announced in advance so everyone can plan to attend.

If you have more ideas, questions, or comments you are more than welcome to contact us at famc@auroville.services writing to us from an email ID like @gmail, @yahoo, or @hotmail, etc since @auroville.org.in email addresses are blocked from sending to @auroville.services.

We look forward to being all together again.

Sincerely, FAMC

*Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Elodie,
Mita R., Palani, Ranjith*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, AUROVILLE FOUNDATION ATTEMPTS TO TAKE OVER AFSANAH GUEST HOUSE

Dear community, in the late afternoon on Wednesday 3 August, we were informed that an officer from the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation (AVFO), went to Afsanah Guest House looking for the interim executive appointed by us on 29 June 2022. Not finding her there, this officer phoned the interim executive and informed her that she was dismissed as interim executive and that he would be at the guest house the following morning 'between 9 and 10 am', Thursday 4 August, to collect the keys to the premises.

We immediately prepared a response informing the 'AVFO FAMC' that the FAMC selected by the Residents Assembly has the authority to appoint an interim executive. In addition, the interim executive had not received any written notice regarding this matter.

It was further stated that reasons for such action need to be notified in writing before changing the status quo. And finally, the matter is sub judice (there is a case concerning the FAMC in the Madras High Court).

Several members of the Residents Assembly working groups were on site Thursday morning in the event that the officer would return. The letter from the FAMC of the Residents Assembly was hand-delivered to the 'AVFO FAMC'.

The officer did not return to the guest house on Thursday 4 August, nor have we received a reply to our letter (as of the publishing of this report).

Regards, FAMC

*Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Elodie,
Mita R., Palani, Ranjith*

HOUSE TRANSFER

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer: **Felicity, FEL006, Family house**

To apply, please click on the new "Houses Available" button in the very right column of the AuroNet main page.

You will be directed to our Housing Transfer App at

<https://housing.auroville.org.in>

All you need to do is:

- click on the transfer you are interested in,
- view all the details and pictures of the asset for transfer

and if you wish to apply,

- click on the "Apply" button and fill in the online application form.

Once the indicated deadline for applying has passed, you will receive an email from Housing Transfer with the date for the site visit.

For any questions, please feel free to come and see Venkatesh at Housing Service Office

Thank you, the Housing Service

K. Venkatesh & Amy.L

AVC WEEKLY OPEN HOUSE



Dear Community, the Auroville Council is happy to announce its weekly "Open House" to the Auroville Community. You are most welcome to share your thoughts and questions regarding community matters. A few members will be present every week to meet, listen and interact with you.

• **Day:** every Thursday, starting 11 August 2022

- **Time:** 9—11 am
- **Venue:** Council Room, First Floor, Townhall

We are looking forward seeing you,

Warm regards, The Auroville Council,

*Balaji, Claudine, Julia, Philippe, Samrat,
Shiva, Shivaya (TOS), Suryan, Svenja*

For Your Information

ON MASSBULLETINS

Since the admin access to massbulletin@auroville.org.in is currently in other hands, residents are asking where to get the latest info regarding events of importance in Auroville. Fortunately, most Aurovilians have cell phones these days, and many are now receiving the massbulletins via their phone. All one has to do is get a Telegram account and click on <https://telegram.me/+H3mX73hLJ9w3MjJl> and messages will come in.

Like before, the massbulletin option is available for fairly short, plain messages regarding sudden occurrences pertaining to the entire community, ad hoc community meetings, emergencies, power cuts, VIP visits etc,—and occasionally for messages of a more personal nature, when for instance one of us is in physical dire straits or decided to proceed onward.

If you have an announcement to be broadcast, pls send it to avmassbulletin@auroville.services

*You're welcome!
Mauna*

Accessible Auroville Public Bus

avbus@auroville.org.in, +91 94430 74825



Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Svaram	7:00	9:30	14:15	17:00
Verite Udayogam Junction	7:02	9:32	14:17	17:02
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	7:04	9:34	14:19	17:04
Town Hall Parking	7:06	9:36	14:21	17:06
Mahalakshmi Home	7:10	9:41	14:27	17:11
Vikas Radial Junction	7:11	9:43	14:30	17:13
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:12	9:44	14:32	17:14
Certitude Enterance	7:15	9:47	14:34	17:17
New Creation Road	7:19	9:52	14:39	17:22
SBI Bank/ Kuilapalayam	7:20	9:54	14:41	17:24
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	7:24	9:59	14:46	17:29
Quiet Healing Center— Junction	7:27	10:04	14:49	17:33
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	7:37	10:16	15:01	17:50
Ashram Road Junction	7:40	10:20	15:05	17:55
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:45	10:20	15:05	17:55



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	13:00	15:30	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	13:02	15:32	18:14
Lotus Hotel, SV Patel Road	8:06	13:06	15:36	18:18
Quiet Healing Center— Junction	8:18	13:18	15:48	18:30
Handy Market (ECR Junction)	8:21	13:21	15:51	18:33
SBI Bank/ Kuilapalayam	8:26	13:26	15:56	18:38
New Creation Road	8:28	13:28	15:58	18:40
Certitude	8:35	13:35	16:03	18:45
Solar Kitchen (Round About}	8:38	13:38	16:06	18:48
Vikas Road Junction	8:39	13:39	16:07	18:49
Mahalakshmi Home	8:40	13:40	16:08	18:50
Town hall Main Parking	8:45	13:45	16:13	18:55
Auroshilpam Youth Center Junction	8:47	13:47	16:17	18:57
Verite Udyogam Junction	8:49	13:49	16:19	18:59
Svaram	8:50	13:50	16:20	19:00

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

Emergency Services

Ambulance (24/7):

- Auroville—9442224680
- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health

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

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Matram—9487746051

India Emergency Response Service (24/7)

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Hoisting Ceremony**

Venue: Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas

Date: Monday 15th August to 15th September 2022

Time : 9:00 to 5:00 pm