



# News & Notes

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Three powers of Speech that carry the Light in their front, ... a triple house of peace, a triple way of the Light.

*Rig Veda.*

Beholding the higher Light beyond the darkness we came to the divine Sun in the Godhead, to the highest Light of all.

*Rig Veda*

## Pondering

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This idea (Our notion of free will) ignores the fact that our natural being is a part of cosmic Nature and our spiritual being exists only by the supreme Transcendence. Our total being can rise out of subjection to the fact of present Nature only by an identification with a greater Truth and a greater Nature.

*The Ascent towards Supermind;  
Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

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## *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

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## *Important Information About N&N*



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

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### **How to submit material:**

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

### **Visiting hours: call or email for appointment.**

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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)

All here where each thing seems its lonely self  
 Are figures of the sole transcendent One:  
 Only by him they are, his breath is their life;  
 An unseen Presence moulds the oblivious clay.  
 A playmate in the mighty Mother's game,  
 One came upon the dubious whirling globe  
 To hide from her pursuit in force and form.  
 A secret spirit in the Inconscient's sleep,  
 A shapeless Energy, a voiceless Word,  
 He was here before the elements could emerge,  
 Before there was light of mind or life could breathe.  
 Accomplice of her cosmic huge pretence,  
 His semblances he turns to real shapes  
 And makes the symbol equal with the truth:  
 He gives to his timeless thoughts a form in Time.  
 He is the substance, he the self of things;  
 She has forged from him her works of skill and might:  
 She wraps him in the magic of her moods  
 And makes of his myriad truths her countless dreams.  
 The Master of being has come down to her,  
 An immortal child born in the fugitive years.  
 In objects wrought, in the persons she conceives,  
 Dreaming she chases her idea of him,  
 And catches here a look and there a gest:  
 Ever he repeats in them his ceaseless births.  
 He is the Maker and the world he made,  
 He is the vision and he is the Seer;  
 He is himself the actor and the act,  
 He is himself the knower and the known,  
 He is himself the dreamer and the dream.  
 There are Two who are One and play in many worlds;  
 In Knowledge and Ignorance they have spoken and met  
 And light and darkness are their eyes' interchange;  
 Our pleasure and pain are their wrestle and embrace,  
 Our deeds, our hopes are intimate to their tale;  
 They are married secretly in our thought and life.  
 The universe is an endless masquerade:  
 For nothing here is utterly what it seems;  
 It is a dream-fact vision of a truth  
 Which but for the dream would not be wholly true,  
 A phenomenon stands out significant  
 Against dim backgrounds of eternity;  
 We accept its face and pass by all it means;  
 A part is seen, we take it for the whole.  
 Thus have they made their play with us for roles:  
 Author and actor with himself as scene,  
 He moves there as the Soul, as Nature she.  
 Here on the earth where we must fill our parts,  
 We know not how shall run the drama's course;

Our uttered sentences veil in their thought.  
 Her mighty plan she holds back from our sight:  
 She has concealed her glory and her bliss  
 And disguised the Love and Wisdom in her heart;  
 Of all the marvel and beauty that are hers,  
 Only a darkened little we can feel.  
 He too wears a diminished godhead here;  
 He has forsaken his omnipotence,  
 His calm he has foregone and infinity.  
 He knows her only, he has forgotten himself;  
 To her he abandons all to make her great.  
 He hopes in her to find himself anew,  
 Incarnate, wedding his infinity's peace  
 To her creative passion's ecstasy.  
 Although possessor of the earth and heavens,  
 He leaves to her the cosmic management  
 And watches all, the Witness of her scene.  
 A supernumerary on her stage,  
 He speaks no words or hides behind the wings.  
 He takes birth in her world, waits on her will,  
 Divines her enigmatic gesture's sense,  
 The fluctuating chance turns of her mood,  
 Works out her meanings she seems not to know  
 And serves her secret purpose in long Time.  
 As one too great for him he worships her;  
 He adores her as his regent of desire,  
 He yields to her as the mover of his will,  
 He burns the incense of his nights and days  
 Offering his life, a splendour of sacrifice.  
 A rapt solicitor for her love and grace,  
 His bliss in her to him is his whole world:  
 He grows through her in all his being's powers;  
 He reads by her God's hidden aim in things.  
 Or, a courtier in her countless retinue,  
 Content to be with her and feel her near  
 He makes the most of the little that she gives  
 And all she does drapes with his own delight.  
 A glance can make his whole day wonderful,  
 A word from her lips with happiness wings the hours.  
 He leans on her for all he does and is:  
 He builds on her largesses his proud fortunate days  
 And trails his peacock-plumaged joy of life  
 And suns in the glory of her passing smile.  
 In a thousand ways he serves her royal needs;  
 He makes the hours pivot around her will,  
 Makes all reflect her whims; all is their play:  
 This whole wide world is only he and she.

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

# Community News

## Auroville Matters

### AUROVILLE INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Vanakkam, Bonjour, Namaste, Good Afternoon,

It has been two and a half years since we, the members of AVI, haven't been able to travel to Auroville, and even to meet each other, except by video conference. So, I want to warmly thank the AVI Board members here, who made the effort to come, despite the fact that travel is now more complicated to organize and also more expensive. Activities in our centers were also disrupted, and often had to be slowed down or even canceled, in many cases replaced by newsletters or electronic communications.



Yet we have not been inactive at the AVI Board, with the fifteen or so members meeting regularly by Zoom, about twice a month for the past two years. Our treasurer John will also make the picture of the donations sent by AVI Board last year. Obviously, the situation that has been prevailing in Auroville for several months is of particular concern to us, as we feel deeply part of the great Auroville family. However, we are not Aurovilians, so we have no mandate to intervene in the internal affairs of Auroville, nor to take sides. But all Aurovilians are our friends, and it is healthy and honest to express ourselves openly to our friends, to tell them our concerns, and why not to make some suggestions.

Some people want to see the City's construction accelerated, and that is a legitimate wish. Others want this development to be carried out in a concerted manner while respecting the role of the Residents' Assembly, and that is a legitimate wish too. These positions are not irreconcilable. In the early days of Auroville, The Mother urged the Aurovilians to get along with each other, find agreement together: "Entendez-vous, mettez-vous d'accord!", she told them. It is the responsibility of Aurovilians to recreate harmony among themselves. External interventions are only possible if the Aurovilians are divided. If all Aurovilians of goodwill could find unity among themselves, nothing could resist them.

Let us not forget that Auroville is a symbol and a concentrate of the general world situation, and the crisis that Auroville is going through is part of the spiritual journey of humanity. If dialogue and harmony could be re-established among the Aurovilians, in an atmosphere of cooperation, solidarity and above all of love, in the true spirit of values and ideals of Auroville and apart from any ideological creed, then the harmonious development of Auroville will be ensured, and the influence that Auroville will have on the whole world could be decisive.

*All our prayers and concentration are in this way,  
Be all confident in Mother's Grace and Love,  
Her Truth will prevail!*

*And let's all have a happy meeting, and also a happy birthday darshan,*

*Let's all be able to feel Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's presence, and act according to Their will!*

**Christian Pragna,  
AVI Board chairman**

### ART FOR LAND 2022—EVENTS CALENDAR



#### 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
- 6—7pm, Peace Meditation

Submitted by Egle

## OUR LAND FUNDRAISERS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Our bulletin honors the special date of August 15th and the start of Year 9 of the Acres for Auroville campaign, the unity action for Auroville's Master Plan land—with 8 articles of rich interest and significance.

- <https://land.auroville.org/news/>

### 1. A4A Flier—15 August 2022

In 1972, The Mother issued this call "Let us all strive to be worthy of Sri Aurobindo's Centenary". Now, for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sri Aurobindo's birth, remembering all that we have received, we express our gratitude and our aspiration—to serve his high dreams, and to build Auroville. In English, Tamil & French.

- <https://land.auroville.org/a4a-flier-15th-august-2022/>

### 2. LFAU Letter—15th August 2022

We, humanity as a whole, are fortunate to have Sri Aurobindo's message and teachings that represent a revelation from deeper realities of world existence—a sunlight shining over the future where things become visible in the truth of things. The challenge now is to live this revelation. In English, Tamil & French.

- <https://land.auroville.org/lfauletter-15th-august-2022/>

### 3. Creative Offerings For This Special 150<sup>th</sup> Year

In this special 150<sup>th</sup> year, many creative efforts have been made to highlight Sri Aurobindo's contributions. Here are several very beautiful offerings made by the Auroville Choir, films by Ashramites in Puducherry and Delhi, and other creativity by friends from abroad—all adding rich inspiration to this landmark year.

- <https://land.auroville.org/creative-offerings-for-the-150th/>



### 4. Acres For Auroville—Starting Year 9 Of Our Unity Action!

On August 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Acres for Auroville campaign was launched as a collaboration of Lands for Auroville Unified with the worldwide centers of Auroville International to raise funds for Master Plan land purchase and consolidation. Now starting A4A's Year 9, we are happy to share our work and results to date.

- <https://land.auroville.org/a4a-starting-year-9-of-our-unity-action/>

### 5. Andre—Still Shining After 54 Aurovilian Years!

Auroville's pioneers came from around the world to build the City of Dawn. Here, we link you to the film interview by Fred Cebbron of André Hababou where he describes the 1969 meeting with The Mother that fueled his 50 years of work for Auroville—with André's story and photos of him at work over the decades.



- <https://land.auroville.org/andre-54-aurovilian-years/>



### 6. Jagan—Born & Bred In Auroville

Jagan was "born and bred" in Auroville. His family has been connected to Auroville for 3 generations now, and his parents became Aurovilians in 1980. Jagan describes the rich elements of his growing-up in Auroville—from education to sports to spiritual influences—as well as his contributions to the community in return.

- <https://land.auroville.org/jagan-born-bred-in-auroville/>

### 7. Art For Land Year 7—August 7 Till September 4, 2022

Art For Land, the beautiful support action for the land, is at the Unity Pavilion with artworks in all media that have been generously donated to raise funds for land purchase, along with cultural events and the Generosity Fair as solidarity fundraisers. For online viewing of artworks and purchase:



- [www.artforland.in](http://www.artforland.in)
- <https://land.auroville.org/art-for-land-august-september-2022/>

### 8. Eight Spiritual Sonnets By Sri Aurobindo

Here is a selection of eight of Sri Aurobindo's best-known spiritual sonnets that present spiritual subjects and inner experiences with depth, descriptive precision, and beauty of language. Reading each sonnet is a deeply memorable and life-accompanying experience. With The Mother's 1935 sketch of Sri Aurobindo.

- <https://land.auroville.org/sonnets-by-sri-aurobindo/>

We thank you for your support for the land!

- Contact: [lfauletter@auroville.org.in](mailto:lfauletter@auroville.org.in) and +91 413 2622657
- Donating:
  - <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/>
  - <https://land.auroville.org/donate/>

Mandakini-Madeleine LB

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://artforland.in) which provides purchase, donation and events information.

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](mailto:unitypavilion@auroville.org.in) and +91 4132623576 by phone, [artforland@auroville.org.in](mailto:artforland@auroville.org.in) and our website [artforland.in](http://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

## *Awakening Spirit*

### SRI AUROBINDO'S INTEGRAL YOGA: EVOLUTION FAST FORWARD, PART 3



**Parts Of The Being & Planes Of Consciousness—as mapped by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.**

**Monday, 22 August 2022, 4pm, at Savitri Bhavan.**

**Duration: 75min.**

The film discusses the objective and subjective views of our existence and the working of two systems in the organization of our being and its parts. There is a **Vertical System** stretching above and below with the superconscious, and subconscious and inconscient respectively, and there is also a **Horizontal or Concentric System**. These two systems are simultaneously active and within them the Physical, the Vital and the Mind operate. The concentric system comprises the outer, the inner and the inmost. The outer surface of consciousness is our normal waking state. Behind it are the vast inner ranges of the **Subliminal**. Still deeper is lodged our true self, the **Psychic Being**, which is the inmost. Normally we are unaware of what is our inner and innermost, as well as what is above and below us.

Usually, we are lost in surface movements which reflect the three different parts of our being—**Mind, Vital and Physical**. Discerning these three parts and their intermixing is the first step into our inner world and inner awareness. In the Physical, there is an automatic intelligence and organization at work and the consciousness of the body is managing incredibly complex operations and is keeping the body in a dynamic and healthy equilibrium. The **physical** consciousness is passive, habitual and mechanical. It can learn new movements, but this requires repetition of the movement till it becomes automatic and habitual. The **Vital**, the life-force, by nature is fluid and dynamic and transforms matter into living substance. Our breath and heartbeat are the most tangible physical rhythms of the vital energy animating the body. Practices like *pranayama* and Hatha Yoga are some of the physical methods which energize and balance the vital energy in the body.

Sri Aurobindo approaches the vital energy from a psychological perspective and distinguishes: The **Lower Vital** and its movements which are experienced as thirsts, cravings, minor desires, impulses and enjoyments; the **Central Vital** which is the most dynamic expression of the life-force in us for action and creation and is the seat of strong desires

and passions (its movements are experienced in the region of the navel); and the **Higher Vital** which is the emotional being in us covering the field of emotions rather than sensations and desires. The latter is the seat of all our feelings experienced in the heart region.

The **Mind** works in its own ways and deals with our cognition and intelligence as well as mental vision and will. Its movements are experienced in the head. The vital parts of the mind view everything through its emotions and desires. It is only in the **Mind Proper** (*buddhi* in Sanskrit) that intelligence and will are free from the limitations of the senses, emotions and desires. The mind proper organizes all experiences around the sense of "I" and creates the ego, the surface personality. And as an instrument of the soul, and by the activity of the intelligent will the soul begins the process of awakening. The Thinking Mind, the mind of Knowledge and the Dynamic Mind, the mind of Will in action are its workings.

The realms of the vaster and truer inner mind, the vaster and truer inner vital and the vaster and truer inner physical, are seated in the **Subliminal**. All these inner ranges are formations of our larger true individuality with the individual subtle body and the individual physical, vital and mental sheaths. The chakras or the centers of consciousness are located in this subtle body, not in the material body. Further, the subliminal extends and forms a circumconscient envelope beyond the sheaths of the physical, vital and mental. It is through this envelope that the external world consciousness enters into individual consciousness and surrounds it by the ocean of universal mind, universal vital and universal physical consciousness. There is an exchange of consciousness happening all the time without our awareness. From the subliminal come all the greater aspirations, ideals, and strivings towards a better humanity.

Our inmost and true being is the **Psychic Being** which is formed in the process of evolution by the soul, the Divine spark. The psychic or *chaitya purusha* supports the mind, the vital, and the body, and grows by their experiences and carries nature from life to life. For the evolutionary transformation of life and nature, the awakening of the psychic being is indispensable. By establishing inner silence and peace and by a deep inward journey the Psychic Being reveals itself as a gentle response and preference for all that is True, Good and Beautiful. At the same time, it brings our true individualization and the experience of oneness with the larger existence and yet acts as a unique center for the action of the divine in the world.

The film is available on YouTube with a Table of Content.

Margrit

### 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*

Ecology

**GREEN COLUMN AWAKENS FROM SUMMER HIBERNATION**

Our Last Green Column was published on Earth day at the end of April. Meanwhile, in the summer months the changes within Auroville, India and indeed the whole world are following each other faster and faster.



There is little doubt any more that the climate is changing through our actions and that it affects the flora and fauna of our planet and every human being alive today. The global South -though being the lowest energy users- suffers most from unpredictable weather events which are now commonplace: heatwaves, storms, cyclones, forest fires, floods and droughts affecting agriculture, causing hunger and disease. There seems to be a race to extract the last fossil fuel, metal and minerals to satisfy our endless needs of raw materials to manufacture and power more appliances –so we return back to coal fired power plants emitting ever more CO<sub>2</sub>. And all this is made worse by the latest war to add to the many ongoing conflicts across the world. The World Food Program warns of shortage of food grains and oils and fears arise for hunger-spiked civil unrest. Climate change, hunger, war and migration seem to be the new normal. It's a matter of time before the next pandemic hits...

And what did we experience in Auroville these summer months? If trees could speak (or humans could listen) we might have heard cries of anguish and terror, as bulldozers ripped through Bliss forest and Darkali in a construction frenzy much like the one cutting down Aarey forest in Mumbai or Chhattisgarh's Hasdeo forest.

The National Green Tribunal order saved us -or at least bought some time for the humans to come to their senses. But did they? Farm and forest stewards are painted in the media as old-fashioned and stubborn obstacles to progress (or in the words of the AV Foundation lawyers "squatters" and "meddlesome interlopers") and recently their right to care for the very trees they planted was challenged by a faction of authoritarians who embody the typical leadership style of a centralised power. In the recent court ruling they even referred to the Governing Board as "Supreme Authority". Now where did we hear such language before??

Human institutions and our relation to the more-than-human environment are deeply interwoven. Rather than the foresters being old-school, one could argue that the authoritarians are. They reject grassroots participation out of fear for disorder. To suppress the danger of diversity they revert to the oldest trick in the book: divide and rule. Use intimidation and fear to exhaust the people and break their resolve. Their aim seems to be to break the bonds of solidarity between city dwellers and greenbelters and turn those who love Nature into scapegoats, to be sacrificed for others to gain material wealth and freedom from persecution.

They were not so "Supreme" when Pitchandikulam, Eternity and Evergreen forests were attacked by JCB's. The message seems clear: when you pledge allegiance to the "Supreme" leadership you will receive a seat at the table. If you ask too many questions or have an inconvenient opinion we will destroy you or let you be destroyed by others. In a future column we will unpack the disastrous plans to shrink farm lands and rotate the farmers in order to wean them off of their attachment to place. Don't be fooled: this has nothing to do with caring for your food security!

What's extra sad and ironic is that Auroville is losing its opportunity to prove its relevance to the rest of the world. Nations and cities are crying for alternative stories of progress, because the materialist anthropocentric model failed miserably. But will Auroville have anything out of the ordinary to offer?

What is going on around us? A quick search on climate crisis show us the following:

In Europe, the river Rhine's water level is so low that barges are forbidden to bring their loads to power plants and industries. There is a ban on watering lawns and gardens in many European countries. Huge forest fires terrorise France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Slovenia and even Siberia.

In India, Iran and Pakistan temperatures soared to about 54°C (measured in the shade!) leading to immense suffering for outdoor workers and the elderly.

In the horn of Africa monsoon rains have not fallen since 3 years causing hunger, disease and mass migration and adding fuel to local conflicts.

In South America, the rainfed Amazon River creates its own micro climate. It is known as a major carbon sink -absorbing one fourth of the CO<sub>2</sub> of our planet. But unfortunately this is changing; because of deforestation, mining, monocropping, bad management and corruption the rainforest itself is becoming a source of global warming!

Ice everywhere is melting, from Greenland to Antarctica and the Himalays to the Alps. Causing floods, landslides and rising ocean levels. The Permafrost near the North Pole is thawing, releasing massive amounts of methane in the air (a greenhouse gas 6 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>) and causing trees to topple over—a phenomenon known as a 'drunken forest'.

Coral reefs are bleaching because of heat and acidification leading to lack of oxygen and nutrients in the water. They literally suffocate under water.

Soot from forest fires darkens the sea ice which in turns warms it up leading to more melting and heating and acidification. This leads to fish dying, marine ecology becoming dysfunctional, losing its capacity to store carbon. Which again leads to more extreme heat and fires and so on and so on.

Such feedback loops lead to tipping points beyond which the changes are no longer controllable. More and more people are asking: could we create social tipping points in our society? Old school politics are not going to stop the Climate Crisis. No carbon tax or hydrogen battery is going to save us. But what else does humanity have and can we awaken it fast enough in enough locations to stand a chance of survival?

*"That we are in a severe crisis is clear, but the question remains whether we revert to barbaric behaviour or we find stories together to find new ways?" Carl Folke, Swedish scientist*

- Sources: de Groene Amsterdammer, Stockholm resilience centre

*Gijs & Lisbeth*

*The Green Column appears bi-monthly in the News and Notes and reports on green issues in Auroville, the Bioregion, India and the wider world. We like to hear from you!*

Health Care

**AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC**



Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

**For Appointment please contact us**

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

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

**Working hours**

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

Gathering

**Invoking Integral Harmony**  
Sourcing Our Oneness Gathering

"All problems of existence are essentially problems of harmony."  
- Sri Aurobindo

Dear Friends,

As part of our celebrations of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary and the 75th Year of India's Independence, we will be having Sourcing Our Oneness gathering on Sunday, 21st August at the Unity Pavilion in Auroville. All those, individuals and organisations, who work for the future foreseen by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, are invited to participate. At this special time, we will meet and spend a day together, in invocation for Peace and Integral Harmony which is needed in order to harmonise the turmoil in our day-to-day life at the level of individual, society and the world at large. This will help us in deepening our understanding and increasing our collaboration with each other to manifest the Five Dreams of Sri Aurobindo.

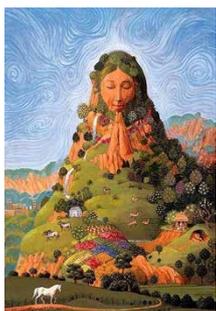
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OR use this URL  
<https://bit.ly/3vPb5dW>

TIME: 9 AM - 4 PM @ UNITY PAVILION AUGUST 21 / 2022

**PACHAMAMA CELEBRATION IN AUROVILLE**

Sunday, 28 August, 4:30pm, at the Youth Center



Please bring food and drinks to give to Mother Earth with our Gratitude. Flowers, Music and Incense, very welcome ! We will do a pudja given thanks for what She gives to us every day. And also asking for food for the future for Everybody on Earth.

Everybody Welcome !  
Anandi-ayün, Certitude

The Arts

**WRITE PAINT**

**WRITE PAINT**

Painting exhibition  
by Audrey

16 Aug - 17 Sept 2022  
at Pitanga

8.00 - 12.30 pm & 2.00 - 5.30 pm  
Open daily, except Sundays

Pitanga Cultural Centre, Samastl, Auroville 605 101 | [info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in) | 0413 - 262403, 944343902403  
A service unit of the Auroville Foundation, Health and Healing Trust branch.  
GSTIN: 33AAKTA0037939

Submitted by Andrea on behalf of Pitanga

**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 unearth 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.

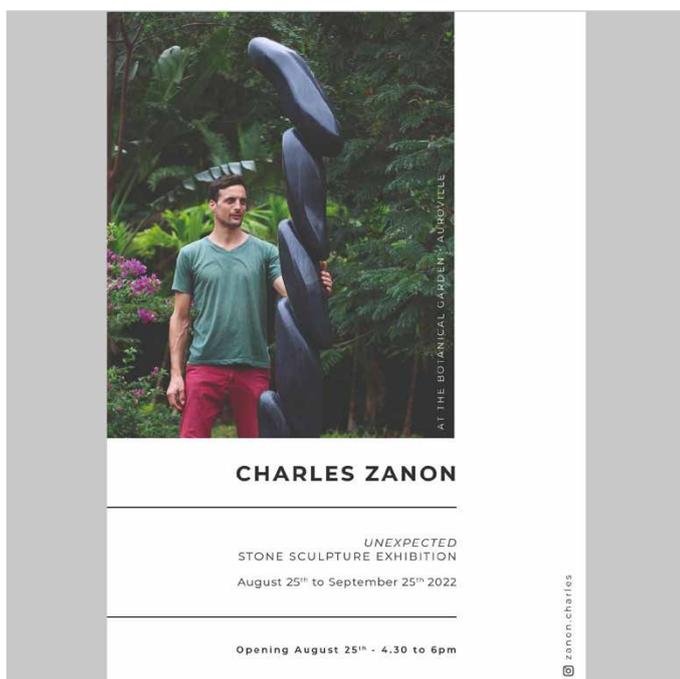
The second part of the preparation began once I was back and had to practice through repetition to carve the mountains into my body. My purpose was to go within, always within and find inside the link with the mountains, and be the vessel to let Them breathe.

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

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Submitted by Janaka

### UNEXPECTED

A Stone Sculpture Exhibition by Charles Zanon  
August 25 till September 25  
@ Botanical Garden, Auroville



All are invited to my first exhibition in Auroville, in the beautiful setting of the Auroville Botanical Gardens.

- Opening on **Thursday, August 25** from 4:30—6pm, the exhibition will last till September 25.

My name is Charles Zanon, I am a French sculptor who joined Auroville in 2019. I started creating at the age of 21, exhibiting in prestigious venues in Paris, such as the Carrousel du Louvre and the Grand Palais.

**Unexpected** is the outcome of my first year of working with the majestic black granite of Tamil Nadu. It has been a wonderful gift to dive back into sculpture here in Auroville, where the practice of karma yoga has become inextricably linked with my artistic process. For me, sculpture is the ideal medium to confront, as an artist, the dimensions of space and time with that of a vaster, immaterial universe, each creation emerging from a research into the underlying infinite. I look forward to sharing this exploration with you. There is no need for words, the simple vibration of matter reaching beyond the limitations of culture, space and time...

Welcome, Charles

### ART BREAK DAY 2022

Saturday, September 3, 9am to 12pm

Art is Moving & Sankalpa: Art Journeys Presents



Our 9<sup>th</sup> year hosting this free community art event with 40+ global locations! Art Break Day is a memorable occasion to simply sit down and make art for free.

This event includes free art kits to limited participants—location details will be sent after registration only (QR code on flier or this link): <https://forms.gle/JAQqHRTy5crjct1A>

Look forward to making art together!

Submitted by Krupa

### Theatre

#### MY BODY MY SELF: DANCE/MOVEMENT WITH RAHUL CHHETRI

##### At CRIPA, Kalabhumi, Auroville

- Sunday, August 21, 10—12am
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, August 22, 23, 25, 26: 9—12:00am
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, August 29, 30, September 1 & 2: 9am—12pm



##### The 3 parts:

1. First we understand ourselves mentally, physically and spiritually
2. From the understanding of the body we can lead the movement of the limbs
3. Now the body has been prepared, the body should move, effortlessly, by inner impulse



For registration and more information, please call or DM: Jill @9486416173 or email: [jill.navarre@gmail.com](mailto:jill.navarre@gmail.com)

##### Links:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9s7RNOuCN4Y>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWhpvlPk4a4&t=10s>

##### At New Creation Dance Studio:

- August 24 & 25, August 31 & September 1
- Wednesday and Thursday at 6:15—8:15pm.



For registration and more information, please call or DM: Jill @9486416173 or email: [jill.navarre@gmail.com](mailto:jill.navarre@gmail.com)

Submitted by Jill

## THEATRE/ACTING

With Rohit and Aiswarya at CRIPA, Kalabhumi,

*How do you place yourself in theatre and where do you place theatre in life?*

- As an actor? A performer?  
A motivator? A narrator?



Explore the theatre in life and experience the life in theatre. The live form of visual art, Theatre, like in real life is where transmission of energy from people to people and situations happens. It's a space time coalition where energy from the performers, directors, musicians, writers, etc., transfers to the audience and back to the performers.

We are here to express our vision of theatre. We are trying to find a balance between the process of knowing oneself, to look into and accepting oneself and using these insights to become socially aware and unlock the theatre in life to become how you visualise yourself as a social being thereby making the participant aware of a journey which could make them at least a better actor if not a better human or both.

### Facilitators



**Rohit Xavier** has been active in theatre since 2017. Graduated in Bachelor in Theatre Arts. Is an actor, designer, director in theatre he has taken part in more than 70 productions and has been part of numerous workshops.

**Aiswarya Aravind** has been active in art in a number of ways. She was initially a TV, radio artist and has assisted in many movies in the Malayalam film industry. She did her Masters in Direction from Prague film school. Aiswarya has been working in theatre productions since 2014 and has been working as actor, dramaturge, and leading workshops ever since.



### Workshop tools:

Games and activities, Meditation and self-healing, Role-play, Improvisation, Devised performance making, Physical awareness exercises, Breathing exercises, Other activities

### Schedule:

- Starting Sunday, August 21: from 4 to 7pm
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, August 22, 23, 25, 26: from 3 to 5pm
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday August 29, 30, 31, September 1: from 3 to 5pm

Presented by The Auroville Theatre Group.

For registration and more information, please call or DM: Jill @9486416173 or email: [jill.navarre@gmail.com](mailto:jill.navarre@gmail.com)

There's also the possibility to use CRIPA in the evening after 8pm if anyone is interested. 8-10:00 pm.

Submitted by Jill



## Martial Arts

### KAYA BODHA

The Art of Body Awareness & Relaxation.

- New classes on Tuesdays: 16:30-17:45
- @ Budokan/Dehashakti.
- Start 22 August.

With Hans. Drop in classes. Please bring a towel/cloth. **Hans**

### THE ART OF CHI

Stevanovitch Method.

Tai ji quan & Chi work.

- Classes @ Dehashakti.
- Monday to Friday, 6:30-7:45am.
- Start 22 August.

All are welcome. There is no contribution.

Contact: 8110848123 WA. **Greetings, Hans**



## Education

### IPK ACTIVITIES

offers mathematics assistance to children



IPK Activities is offering one-on-one assistance in mathematical understanding for children from age 8-16yrs (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](mailto:ipk@auroville.org.in) or reach us any working day at 9529673687 between 1—4pm.
- To understand our learning approach; please click on the link to listen to [our latest podcast with Auroville radio](#)

**Snehal Deshpande Roy**

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS TRAINING

24 September—8 October 2022

As requested by some people who missed our last training session, we are offering the Physical Education Teachers Training program (Stage 1) again. It is a 100 hours training program over a year with the goal of improving the overall quality of physical education in Auroville. The program is for those who are already teaching to develop their skills, as well as for those who are interested in potentially becoming teachers to form a solid base for their work.

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

The first 36 hours session of the program will take place for two weeks at Dehashakti Sports ground:

- 24 Sept—8 October 2022
- 3pm—6pm, Monday through Saturday

Each day includes 90' didactics (theory) and 90' of practice. The curriculum includes Integral Education, sports science, curriculum development, session planning, cooperative and competitive games, communication skills and more.

- Please email [saiier@auroville.org.in](mailto:saiier@auroville.org.in) by 8 September to express your interest. This program is free of cost.
- If you are undecided about joining, you are welcome to attend the first day (24 September at 3 pm at Dehashakti), to see if this program is right for you.

**Lijun, SAIIER**

## Dance

### INTEGRATING TRIBAL DANCE

Sunday, 21 August, 9am to 12pm

Feminine Dance Introduction: Integrating Gypsy, Tribal, belly dance and self expression.

Details and booking

- [galit@auroville.org.in](mailto:galit@auroville.org.in), +972533740721
- FB: FeminineDanceGalit



**Galit**

**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 a few spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

Please contact 4036922 or email us at [tomatis@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:tomatis@aurovillelanguage.org) to schedule your Listening Tests & Consultations

For more information about the Tomatis program, please have a look at the following links:

- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMly-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

**Summer Language Courses at ALL**

**French with Jean-François**

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

Jean-François conducts two courses:

- **French Conversation:** For those of you who know a bit of French, this is the perfect course to get more fluent, expand your vocabulary, and speak without inhibition in a diverse & fun group! Jean-François would explore a range of topics like food, sports, travel, philosophy, news, literature, and more.
- **Beginner French:** This course is for all those wanting to join a French course but finding themselves too busy through the week! Our Beginner French Course is deliberately planned for Saturdays! The classes are highly interactive and are structured around the "French in Action" modules developed by Professor Pierre Capretz of Yale University.

**Hindi with Vatsla**

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

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

**Spoken Tamil with Saravanan**

- This course is now closed to new registrations.

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

**English Conversation with Ramesh**

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

- Classes take place Tuesdays & Fridays, 2:30pm 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@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguage.org), or call us at 2623661

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

**Current Schedule of Classes**

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English, Always Ongoing,	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am—11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate, Group 2	TBA	TBA
	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate, Started on 25 May 2022	2:30pm—3:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
French	Beginner, Started on 16 July 2022	2:30pm—4:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation: Intermediate	2pm—3pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation, Pre-Intermediate	3:30pm—4:30pm	
German	A1 Beginner, Started on 16 June 2022	9am—10:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, Started on 23 April 2022	10am—12pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started on 15 July	09:30am—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start August 2022	3:00pm—4:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start August 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner, To start August 2022	TBA	TBA
	Spanish Conversation, To start August	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.

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

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



Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab

Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

## Honorary Voluntary

### GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

If you would like to contact us:

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

WA 8525038274 or call  
8122274924.

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

## Looking For

### Looking for a Bedframe



Dear friends, i am looking for a bed frame until March next year—with or without a mattress. Dimensions 2m x 1m60. To borrow, or for contribution.

Daniel, 97872 48198 WA,  
or [danielrabin@yahoo.com](mailto:danielrabin@yahoo.com)

### Raji needs Work

Dear friends, I am Raji who works at the Guest Registration Service at Town Hall in the morning.

- I am looking for a part-time job from 1:30-4:30.
- I can do typing, secretarial, reception, caregiver and also guest house management.

If you feel that I could fit in, please contact me 9751075223 either call or WA please, or [rajaisoundari@auroville.org.in](mailto:rajaisoundari@auroville.org.in)

Thank you in advance, Raji

## Available

### Furniture from Rangoli

Dear friends, here is the link to the furniture from Rangoli atelier towards contribution: <https://rangoli.wordpress.com/>

Thank you, Prema

### Space Available

There are about 235 square meters of space available in the Aurosarjan Complex, Auroshilpam from 1 September 2022.

There is also custom built furniture which can be taken over from the present occupant. Interested parties please get in touch by email with the 2 trustees:

- Stephan, [info@auroville.com](mailto:info@auroville.com)
- Lucas, [lucasdl@auroville.org.in](mailto:lucasdl@auroville.org.in)

## Help Needed

### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Dear all, we are excited to inform you that we are planning to organize a Basketball tournament in memory of Ananda for senior men & women and junior boys & girls.

This year is a special year as it also marks the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sri Aurobindo. In recent times we haven't conducted any basketball tournaments in Auroville, so we are looking forward to making this event beautiful and successful.

We are looking for sponsorship to conduct the tournament.

#### Dates of the event:

- Junior boys and girls: 19 to 21 August
- Men and women: 24 to 28 August

#### The total estimated cost will be:

1. Official's fee—₹30,000
2. Prizes (Trophies)—₹20,000
3. Refreshments for the players—₹10,000
4. Decorations—₹7,000
5. Banners—₹10,000
6. Dinner (for 350 people)—₹40,000
7. T-shirts (for 200 people)—₹28,000
8. Uniforms (Men & Women)—₹40,000
9. Basketballs and Nets—₹10,000
10. Miscellaneous—₹5,000

**Total—₹2,00,000**

- **Auroville FS Account: 251236**, Ananda Memorial BB Tournament

We are grateful for all the support you have given us over the years. We look forward for your support, sponsorship and donations to organize the event successfully. We hope to bring out the joy and spirit of sportsmanship. Thanking you for all your love and support.

Regards, Auroville Basketball club,  
Ananda's Memorial Basketball Tournament.



## Foods, Goods and Services

### 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 kind of ticketing. by phone or/ and by WA: +91 9894598686 by email: [travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in) or [domestic@inside-india.com](mailto:domestic@inside-india.com).



#### Latest Flight offers from Chennai:

- Lufthansa and Gulf airways have good fares to Amsterdam, Stockholm, Paris, Nice, Frankfurt and Munich. LH has fly rail fares for Germany with Deutsche Bahn.
- Qatar airways has competitive fares to Milan, Stockholm, Vienna in October.
- Etihad airways offers flights to London, Rome, Milan, Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam for flights in October month.
- Oman airways Europe schedules weekly 5 days to London and Milan on Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun. Weekly 4 days from Chennai to Paris and Munich on Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun. Weekly 3 days to Zurich on Wed, Fri, Sun and Istanbul on Mon, Wed, Fri.

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

Poetry

**I LOWERED MY HEAD**

I lowered my head  
To work on  
Pride and prejudice  
Forgetting to look up  
At the starry sky  
And wonder at  
The marvels of night.

**STAR-GAZING**

Let's look up to bright stars  
Who look down upon us  
In the dim dark.  
  
Never mind  
What they think of us!

With joyful Gratitude,  
Anandi Zhang

**THE DISCOMBOBULATING HUMAN SCENE**

It seems this whole scene  
Is to break the routine  
So that now ALL is seen.  
For what?  
Exactly that  
To get out of some habit  
The old human kind  
So full of mind  
That is so wanting  
Of a new programming:  
A new consciousness  
Conscious of everything  
Of Matter conscious of itself  
A re-awakening of everything  
A new way of being.  
With the way things are going  
Quite exponential these pokings  
These Calamity Events  
Discombobulations of all sorts...  
The pressure building  
Something emerging  
Popping up from within...  
On Earth soon  
A Life Divine.

∞

Here is just one of innumerable samples of this global re-awakening:

- [May the Earth Feel Your Love: A Blessing for Anyone](#) (best seen with earphones):
- Or [here with the option of putting on the caption](#) for better felt understanding.

May enough souls awaken to the trumpeting of the gods, ushering in the Divine Manifestation...

- The Mother was so revealing in [Her Agenda of August 11, 1960](#).

Zech, 2022.08.13

**Complementary references:**

"... this world of complications is the symbol of the physical mind." She reveals fully...

- [The Mother's Agenda, December 31, 1960](#)
- [The Yoga of the Soul's Release](#)

It all makes sense now... the symbolism of these discombobulations.

Thank you dearest Mother and Sri Aurobindo, Zech

Voices and Notes

**BADLY BUILT CROWN ROAD**

The recently elected Town Development Council of the Auroville Foundation, selected by the Residents' Assembly asked me to prepare a report on the road construction and a comparative study on the quality of the old paver blocks that were being removed, and the new ones that were delivered on the road.



To summarize very briefly this 43-page report:

- This road is extremely badly done and may cave in after the first rains.
- The contractor does a sub-standard job and he does not follow the Indian standards.
- The older blocks done by the Road Service are stronger by 14% and thicker than the new ones by 4.1 mm, which is better for heavy traffic.
- Thus, the argument of Sindhuja and the secretary's ATDC is false, as they wanted to have better quality.
- Therefore, the removal of the old pavers is a pure waste of government money worth 97.78 Lakhs Rs.

For more information, please download the [technical report and letters](#) that I sent to the secretary and IAC & GB. [updated technical report and letters](#)

At the service of Truth, Satprem

**AUROVILLE RADIO**



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- [Soul Tracks—Se4 Ep8 "What is, what was, and what might have been"](#) (Music)
- [A Talk by Lopa Mukherjee on "Foundation of Indian Culture—Spirituality & India"](#) (Indian Culture)
- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita divina—Cap. 2](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Gangai Amaran's—Live Concert](#) (Music)
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- [Tamil Express—Lesson 21](#) (Tamil Language)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil—Ep.27](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- ["ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"](#)
- [Interview with Snehal D. Roy](#) (Interview)
- [A Talk by Ch Nirakar on "Integral Yoga"](#) (Integral Yoga)

### Last Youtube live videos

- [Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birthday Dawnfire Meditation—Live at Matrimandir Amphitheatre](#)
- [Pierre and Anu—Live at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville](#)
- [Dr. Jai Singh talk—Live at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville](#)
- [Ramalingam talk—Live at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville](#)
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Peace and Love

## Bioregion

### FOREST MOOT

Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 of August 2022

Celebrating our journey with Nature  
at Auroville Botanical Gardens

**CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY WITH NATURE**

# Forest moot

**ORCHID SHOW—TOOL FAIR (Sat)**  
ART EXHIBITION by Charles AND MORE...

**26th AUG FRIDAY**  
12pm: OPENING OF THE ORCHID SHOW  
2pm onwards:  
BOTANICAL DRAWING WORKSHOP  
NATIVE TREES IDENTIFICATION  
GARDEN TOUR

**27th AUG SATURDAY**  
10am: HISTORY OF TAMIL LANDSCAPE - presentation  
TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP  
11am: STATUS OF SACRED GROVES - launch of report  
2pm onwards: ON WORKING WITH NATURE - talks

KIDS ACTIVITY - GARDEN TOUR  
BUTTERFLY AND BIRDS WATCHING

6.30pm: DINNER AND MOVIE

**AUROVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Orchid Show—Tool Fair (Saturday only)  
Art Exhibition by Charles and more...

#### Friday, 26 August

- 12pm: opening of the orchid show
- 2pm onwards:
  - Botanical drawing workshop
  - Native trees identification
  - Garden tour

#### Saturday, 27 August

- 10am:
  - History of tamil landscape—presentation
  - Tree Pruning Workshop
- 11am: Status Of Sacred Groves—launch of report
- 2pm onwards:
  - On working with nature—talks
  - Kids activity—garden tour
  - Butterfly and birds watching
- 6.30pm: dinner and movie

Thanks, Marie 9489861458

### WEEKLY WEED WALK

**Special Weekly - Edible Weed Walks : Celebrating the month**  
on Saturdays, 20, 27 August and 3 September 2022  
Time: 7:30am to 8:45am (or 9am max)  
Location : In Auroville

**Pre-registration required**  
WhatsApp/SMS : +91 9840936907 or  
RSVP: [edibleweedwalk@gmail.com](mailto:edibleweedwalk@gmail.com)  
Please specify the date of the walk you want to register for

Location and contribution details @ registration  
Registraton (max 10) open every week until Friday 3PM  
Location in Auroville is decided once registration is complete  
and informed to the registered participants.

The walk is offered for free but a contribution is collected at registration  
that goes towards the Edible Weeds project. To know more about the project/  
to donate please email.

Edible Weed Walk @ NinaS  
[edibleweedwalk@gmail.com](mailto:edibleweedwalk@gmail.com)

## Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

### EM-BODY MUSIC

# Em-Body Music

"Em-Body Music" integral exploration works through chanting, conscious touch, micro, circular and flowing movements, massage and body tapping along meridians and acupoints.

It relieves and dissolves stress, pains and dis-eases; re-energizes, rejuvenates and empowers the whole being. It helps us to glide into a musical flow, align with universal vibrations that connect us, perceive, co-create and enjoy musical rhythms sans reason:-)

**Venue:** Hall of Light, Creativity  
**Time:** 5-6pm every Friday  
**Starting:** Friday 15 July, 2022  
**Facilitator:** Anandi Zhang  
**Whatsapp:** + 91 9385623511

Contribution recommended.



### VÉRITÉ INTENSIVE

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Registration required for the following intensive

#### Shaucha: Yoga To Purify Body, Energy And Mind with Sabrina

- Saturday, 27 August , from 9:30am to 12noon
- According to the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, Shausha (Purity), is the doorstep to connect with the inner voice, reach mental clarity and accelerate spiritual development. You will learn a variety of yogic tools such as asanas, prana v-yayamas, pranayamas, mudras, mantras and meditation to purify and detoxify the physical body, the energetic system and the mind. (Please have a light breakfast, or come with an empty stomach.)

Thanks, Kathir  
for Vérité Programming



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

**Classes**

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

**Treatments**

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacolouring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 9600094875, +353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina: 9791719387, +39346225804, WA	Monday to Friday (Morning)
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry Also in French	Antariyoti: 0413 2623767, <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a>	Monday to Sunday

**AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY**

**ATB1—A two-day introductory workshop with Amir**

- Saturday, 3 and Sunday, 4 of September
- At the ATB hall in Transition School, 9 to 5pm daily.

A space for cultivating introspection while strengthening one's own ability to sustain conscious attention and remain present. The activities are creative and often fun. Some of the activities are original while others are inspired by a wide variety of disciplines including Dance, Hatha yoga, Taoism, Martial Arts, Physiotherapy, Somatics, Shiatsu, Relaxation Techniques, and Breathing Therapies... All nurture individuals to discover and explore the body, and through the body awaken the consciousness of the entire being and the parts that form it.



*"If you want union in the world, first unify the different parts of your own being."*  
 Sri Aurobindo

ATB has been developing in Auroville since 1992. This practice is based on Aloka Marti and Joan Sala's work following the integral education and their experiences on the path of integral yoga. In Auroville ATB is offered regularly in the schools, from kindergarten through high school, and to adults. ATB is also gradually spreading into the world of education and inner growth in India, France, Ireland, Argentina, Holland, Spain, Israel and the United States.

- For more information visit the ATB website <https://awarenessthroughthebody.org/>
- to sign up for this introductory workshop: mail Amir at [connect@atbwithamir.com](mailto:connect@atbwithamir.com)

Amir

**PITANGA**

**Programme for September 2022**



(0413) 2622403 / WA 9443902403  
[info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

**Yoga with Rachel**

- Dear friends, yoga with Rachel is starting from Thursday, 25 August onwards:

Monday	5—6:30pm	Asanas: Hip opening
Tuesday	7—8:30am, 3—4:30pm	Asanas, All levels, Asanas: Healthy Spine
Wednesday	10:30—12pm, 3—4:30pm	Asanas—All levels, Asanas, Beginners
Thursday	7—8:30am, 3—4:30pm	Asanas, All levels, Asanas: Restorative
Friday	10:30—12pm, 5—6:30pm	Asanas—All levels, Asanas, Beginners

These are drop-in classes. Registration is not required. Just come and participate.

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!  
 Submitted by Andrea on behalf of Pitanga



[www.auroville-jiva.com](http://www.auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961  
[contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#)

### 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 ECAA [www.ekaa.co.in](http://www.ekaa.co.in)

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

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

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

**Contact:** [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961

### Workshop in Holotropic Breathwork

- 2,3,4 September 2022



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

All info and registration [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961

### Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

Mirabelle 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! Mirabelle 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. Mirabelle has studied human and horse psychology, and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care—hoofs, nutrition, psychology, care, riding and therapy!

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

### The Way of the Sufi: Retreat with Nirupam Gyan

- 10—14 September

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



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

All info and registration Sigrid, [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961

### Our Venue Sharnga Guesthouse

- [www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://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.

### Gurdjeff Sacred Dances

- 7, 8, 9 Sept with Nirupam Gyan

Nirupam Gyan sufi is sharing Sufi & Gurdjeff & more internationally for over a decade, 3 previous workshops here have met with an overwhelming response. Gurdjeff 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](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961



**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
 Film Program  
 22 August 2022 to 28 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.

**Indian—Monday 22 August, 8:00 pm:**  
**LAST FILM SHOW**

India-France, 2022, Dir. Pan Nalin w/Bhavin Rabari, Richa Meena, Bhavesh Srimali, and others, Drama, Gujarati w/ English subtitle, Rated: NR (G)

When the magic of movies conquers nine-year young Samay's heart; he moves heaven and earth in pursuit of his 35mm dreams, unaware of the heartbreaking times that await him. This film is not yet released in the rest of India. *It is being shared with us by the director who will be present for a brief Q&A at the end of the film.*

**Potpourri—Tuesday 23 August, 8:00 pm:**  
**LA FAMILLE BÉLIER (The Bélier Family)**

France, 2014, Dir. Éric Lartigau, w/ Carin Viard, François Damians, Eric Elmosnino, Comedy-Music, 106 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: Not Rated

In this film, the Béliers, husband, wife, and their two children farm for a living. But all of them except their daughter Paula are deaf. Paula's voice earns here an offer to join an elite choir in Paris. Her parents take the news badly, and Paula, goes through a painful dilemma. *CODA is an English adaptation of this film.*

**Interesting—Wednesday 24 August, 8:00 pm:**  
**LIFE IN COLOR : Seeing in Color—Episode 1**

UK-Australia, 2021, Writer-Dir. Adam Geiger w/ David Attenborough as narrator, and others, each episode 50mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

In India, peacocks dazzle females with magnificent tail feathers; a tiny hummingbird in the deserts of North America unfurls his spectacular headdress as he dances for a mate; and in the darkness of a rainforest, powerful mandrill baboons signal their status with red and blue face masks, while tiny frogs warn of deadly poisons with brilliant colours. *Nature at its best!*

**Selection—Thursday 25 August, 8:00 pm:**  
**ADAMS ÄBLER (Adam's Apples)**

Denmark, 2005, Dir. Anders Thomas Jensen, w/ Hulrich Thomsen, Mads Mikkelsen, Nicolas Bro, Comedy-Drama, 94 mins, Danish w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Ivan is a priest in a rural church known for the apples that grow on a large tree in front. Ivan sees the world through rose-colored glasses, in denial, and convinced he's at war with Satan. The rectory is a halfway house for recently paroled convicts. Adam, a tough neo-Nazi, arrives for 12 weeks, is baffled and angered by Ivan's thick-headed optimism. He vows to break Ivan's faith. Meanwhile, at Ivan's insistence, Adam sets a goal to bake an apple pie, and all goes awry for the tree. Adam gets a perverse insight, and his hooligan mates provide the resolution.

**International—Saturday, 27 August, 8:00 pm:**  
**DORAIBU MAI K (Drive My Car)**

Japan, 2021, Dir. Ryūsuke Hamaguchi, W/Hidetoshi Nishijima, Tôko Miura, Reika Kirishima, Drama, 179 mins, Japanese-English-Mandarin w/ English subtitles, Rated: Not Rated

Two years after his wife's sudden death, Yusuke Kafuku is offered to direct a play for a theater festival in Hiroshima. There a young woman, Misaki, is assigned as his chauffeur. With premiere approaching, tension mounts between people, including between Yusuke and TV star Koshi who was connected with Yusuke's late wife. Forced to confront painful truths, Yusuke begins—with the help of Misake—to face the mysteries his wife left behind.

**Children's Matinee—Sunday, 28 August, 4:30 pm:**  
**RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON**

USA, 2021, Dir. Don Hall w/ Kelly Marie Tran, Awkwafina, Gemma Chan, and others, Animation-Action, 107 mins, English, Rated: PG

Long ago in the fantasy world of Kumandra, humans and dragons lived together in harmony, until the dragons sacrificed themselves to save humanity from sinister monsters called the Druun. 500yrs later, the Druun returned and it's up to Raya, to track down the last dragon to finally stop them for good.

**Movies On Ancient Greece @ Ciné-Club**

*These films on ancient Greece and the way its legends and histories have been realized through film. From Michael Cacoyannis, Pier Paolo Pasolini to Theo Angelopolous, these masterpieces bring to life some epic tales from long ago.*

**Sunday 28 August, 8:00 pm:**  
**IFIGENEIA (Iphigenia)**

Greece, 1977, Dir. Michael Cacoyannis w/ Irene Pappas, Kostas Kazakos, and others, Drama, 127 mins, Greek w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Bound for battle at Troy, Agamemnon finds that his ships are foundering on windless waters. A fortune teller informs that the unfavorable weather is because he had killed a deer that had angered a powerful goddess. In this retelling of the tragedy penned by Euripides, Agamemnon must mislead his wife and sacrifice his daughter, Iphigenia, to carry on with his mission.

**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](mailto:mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in). We appreciate your continued support. Please 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,  
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**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 26 August: Wild Pacific—The Beauty of Life**

- 2015 / 52 minutes / Michael Watchulonis

The Pacific Ocean is the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions. It extends from the Arctic Ocean in the north to the Southern Ocean (or, depending on definition, to Antarctica) in the south and is bounded by the continents of Asia and Australia in the west and the Americas in the east. In this mesmerizing film, you can see just how diverse the life forms of the Pacific Ocean are and what we need to protect on our beautiful planet.



**At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)**

- **Reminder:** on Friday, August 19, 8pm: "Bari Theke Paliye" (Runaway) by Ritwik Ghatak—India, 1958
- **Friday, August 26, 8pm: "Les Dimanches de Ville D'Avray,"** (English title: Sundays and Cybele)

**Directed by:** Serge Bourguignon, France, 1961

**With:** Hardy Krüger, Nicole Courcel, Patricia Gozzi, Daniel Ivernel, André Oumansky

**Synopsis:** Back from a Vietnamese village where he had been a soldier, Pierre suffers from delayed stress and partial amnesia. Settled in France, he lives like a vegetable until he meets Cybèle, a very young girl who has been dumped by her father at a boarding school. Posing as her father, Pierre contrives to meet her every Sunday near the school. Shot in gorgeous black and white, with great use of shadows and silhouette, the images are beautiful and the story haunting... The film won the Oscar for Best Foreign film in 1962. *Original French version with Engl. subtitles.* Duration: 1h51'

**Cine-Master Class**

- **Saturday 27 August:** 5 – 7:30pm at Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA) led by Jean-Luc B on French actor JEAN-PAUL BELMONDO -along with one of his films!

*Submitted by Surya for Aurofilm*

# Townhall Speaks

**NOTICE ON STEWARDSHIP**



Auroville  
Town  
Development  
Council

*L'avenir d'Auroville*

Dear Aurovilians, this notice is to inform everyone that while we are figuring out a way for redefining stewardship in Auroville, ATDC's role as the Planning and Development Body, being the Prescribed Authority as per the Master Plan, supersedes the role of all stewards of all land vested in the Auroville Foundation.

The Auroville Foundation and the ATDC are making sure that the land is consolidated, and developed according to the Master Plan. Please check N&N/ Auronet for periodic announcements on development projects.

We request all stewards of land parcels to cooperate with the development work without obstruction.

*Sincerely, FAMC / ATDC. Submitted by Lieve*

**FAMC IS LOOKING FOR A SECRETARY.**

Maintenance will be available. Fluency in English and ease with computer usage are preferred. Training will be provided for office administration. If interested, please write to [famc@auroville.org.in](mailto:famc@auroville.org.in).

*In Her Service, FAMC  
Chandresh, Geeta, Jocelyn, Kalya,  
Sathyanarayan and Torkil*

**UPDATE ON THE PRESENT SITUATION**



Auroville  
Town  
Development  
Council

*L'avenir d'Auroville*

Dear Aurovilians, greetings from L'avenir d'Auroville/ Auroville Town Development Council.

During this time of confusion intensely propagated by a faction of residents, we would like to reassure the residents of Auroville that we, as the duly appointed and legal Auroville Town Development Council, continue to work towards fulfilling the program of works as specified in our first two announcements, found here <https://auroville.org.in/article/91674> and here <https://auroville.org.in/article/91998>.

We would like to take the opportunity to invite you to the exhibition "Auroville: The vision takes shape" at Bharat Nivas—it is a 1:100 scale model of the City Center, where you can experience the city by becoming a 100 times smaller than yourself—an exercise that is interesting both in the spiritual plane and the physical plane.

The buildings in this model are not meant as a final display, but rather as a place for experimentation and immersion, where all architects, designers and anyone with an aspiration can come and play with architecture, interconnectedness of buildings, design of roads and many others. There is immense scope for creativity and collaboration, if goodwill is intact.

While the court cases are ongoing and the divisive faction of residents continue to make noise and try to cause disruption in ongoing works, we call for Mother's Grace to guide us actively in every step we take and leave the outcome entirely with her. A solid peace, joy and a dynamic and undeterred will to build Her city are our indicators.

With sincerity,

*Dr. G. Seetharaman, Govind Ranjan, Hemant Shekar,  
Jaya Berggreen-Clausen, M. Ponnusamy, Jyoti Prasad  
Rajan, Sindhuja Jagadeesh, Toby Neuman  
L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC members*

**FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
(FAMC) OF THE RESIDENTS ASSEMBLY,  
JULY 2022 REPORT**

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

**Resource Person:** Carel

During the month of July ongoing members Amy, Palani, and Ranjith enjoyed welcoming new members Bobby, Elodie and Mita. Danny was out of station until the end of the month. We initially worked together on logistics such as creating a new WhatsApp group, how to approve drafts, where to find things in Google Drive, how to conduct meetings (ie rotating chairperson), and email etiquette. We met at least twice a week while everyone was juggling already full schedules filled with other work commitments, family, and trying to keep healthy.

In addition to this, we have been meeting regularly with the other Residents Assembly-selected working groups, the Working Committee, the Auroville Council, the Town Development Council, and sometimes also with members from the Entry Board. We have had several excellent meetings with the Budget Coordination Committee this month. We also had the pleasure of hearing from the Housing Board who are clearly committed to their work.

Normally we would report on regular liaison work with other working groups however with the high level of unclarity at the moment we have not come to agreements about these additional duties of our members. That said, the ACARAT subgroup changed since two members left. The new team are collaborating with the programmer and have regular contact with the Data Administrators who have been working with the Telephone Service integration, and Land Board records clean up that was initiated by the former FAMC. We are pleased with how this work is progressing.

Please bear in mind that this is a report of decisions or events of a certain period and in the meantime changes, progress, or/ and collaboration might have occurred in any given subject.

**1. Concerning the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation (AVFO).**

There has been no contact between the FAMC of the Residents Assembly and the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation over the month of July. That said, our report to the 60th Governing Board meeting on 12 July was sent to the office by the Working Committee of the Residents Assembly on 9 July. Otherwise, the points below remain pending from our last two reports:

- a. Demolition issues (see May & June report)
- b. Unity Fund revised standing order (see April, and May & June reports)
- c. Information on Government of India grant. (see May & June report)
- d. Settlement request ex-employee Swagatham GH (see May & June report)
- e. Copies of the meeting notes of the 34th meeting (& also 35th meeting) of the Finance Committee; and for the 'township development budget for FY 2022-23', approved by the Finance Committee. (see April report)
- f. House occupation by non-Aurovilians in Equality community. (see April report)
- g. Copy of March 2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Central Public Works Department (CPWD) (see May & June report)

**2. General issues**

- a. **Need 2 more FAMC members.** The FAMC is meant to have 9 members. At present we are 7. We immediately wrote to the Auroville Council requesting that a selection process be implemented to call for and select 2 more FAMC members to create the full team as per the 2016 FAMC of the Residents Assembly mandate.

- b. **Secretary.** Our part time Secretary, Svenja, was chosen to be a member of the Auroville Council so we started to consider who could be invited to support us as Secretary. One Aurovilian was personally approached.
- c. **Resource Person.** The former FAMC had enjoyed having Carel onboard as a Resource Person. This was discussed with the new team and it was agreed to invite him to continue. In addition, we invited Divya Kapoor who agreed on a 'project' basis due to her other work commitments.
- d. **Financial Service account.** It was necessary to open a new Financial Service account for the monthly budget as the Financial Service manager decided to freeze the former FAMC account. Unfortunately this action was taken without any notification. Subsequently, the Financial Services manager opened a temporary, ongoing account for us.
- e. **Announcements.** FAMC has established itself on the ForAll Intranet site to post reports and announcements.
- f. **Meet and Greet.** Along with the other RA-selected working groups, we were pleased to participate on 30 July in the 'Meet & Greet' at the Unity Pavilion. We have issued our initial report in the 11 August 2022 N&N, and on the ForAll Intranet. We have also divided up the topics which need follow-up.
- g. **Centralized Accounting update.** At the beginning of the month, with four new members, we reviewed the status of implementing 'Centralized Accounting'. The following was noted: *the standard chart of accounts has been submitted and has been implemented for FY 2021-2022. There is a standardized balance sheet which was implemented for FY 2021-2022. All the Tally data is connected by the Aurinoco network. Actual centralization is in process. The additional administrative costs need to be evaluated / estimated.*
- h. **2022-2023 Budget Coordination Committee (BCC) proposed budget.** The FAMC was pleased with the clear presentation of their proposed budget. It was approved in principle with a request to provide an additional calculation for maintenance increase. By the end of the month, the projection figures were not completely finalized and so there has been an unexpected delay in finally approving the proposed budget. It is hoped this will happen in August and new budgets can be disbursed on 1 September.
- i. **Discipline Farm.** The new members were invited to get up to speed on this topic.

**3. Housing.**

Krishna and Island request (Gaia). FAMC gave its support to Krishna and Island's request to change the usage of an asset in Gaia Community to residential. The asset used by Mohini Guest House is not included in the guest house balance sheet. The entity will be formally closed with a Trust Resolution and nil balance sheet as per the agreed-upon process (ref Code of Conduct 2017). This change of usage support is given in light of the fact that the current residence of this family lies in the way of future, imminent physical development. The Housing Board was informed of our support of this request, considered it and also agreed.

**4. Unit, Trust, and activity related.**

For the time being we have set up a file folder for receipt of hard copy documents. Documents can be dropped off in the former 'Koodam' office located at Kailash youth housing located across from the Auroville Library. Uma is the secretary for the Working Committee and has graciously agreed to support us by receiving our documents, until we have an FAMC office again.

- a. **Afsanah Guest House.** As the interim executive terms for Ranjith and Susan were over at the end of June, we appointed Auradha as interim executive from 29 June to 31 August. The audit report which was submitted to the former FAMC has been reviewed in detail and clarification is being sought from the executives currently under suspension: Afsaneh & Baskar.
- b. **Pour Tous Purchasing Service.** The new members were invited to get up to speed on this topic. The current team executive term expired on 31 March 2022. The former FAMC was considering, after hearing from the Auroville Service Trust trustees, how to move this forward. This remains to be seen.
- c. **Activity requests.** Several applicants were informed to drop off hard copy applications as described above.
- d. **Transformation Guest House closure request.** The manager was instructed to contact the Guest House Trust trustees to get a copy of their resolution and get a Nil Balance Sheet from the Exploration accountant. This is the normal procedure to close a unit.

### MESSAGE FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

Dear sisters and brothers, our situation in The Entry Service has not changed since 5 August when we were disconnected from our Google Drive from the domain @auroville.org.in.

So we have come up with a temporary solution. We will start using our account [entryservice@auroville.services](mailto:entryservice@auroville.services).

Remember that from any email id with auroville.org.in we will not receive anything, so either hand over a hard copy at the office or write from another email id.

We also encourage you to bring hard copy Feedback for the newcomers who were announced at the beginning of August.

*Warmly, Matilda, for The Entry Board*

### NOTE FROM THE WC OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY

Dear Residents, the duly selected Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly is calling an Emergency RAD with a timeframe of 5 days from the date of this announcement (last day will be Monday, 22 August). We request all workplaces to please close at 3 pm on Monday to allow for all Aurovilians' to participate. Alternatively to give 2 hours-time before the last day to participate.

### The summary of the topic of this Emergency RAD is as follows:

We, members of the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation, agree to pass a resolution that states that we, as one of the authorities of the Auroville Foundation as affirmed by the honorable Madras High Court, reject the Office Orders, Standing Orders and any other form of orders that have been made and may be made in future by the Office of the Secretary and her appointees without consultation with or approval by the Residents' Assembly, and affirm our support for the groups and appointees by the RA. (Please see the full version of resolutions to be agreed upon as attached.)

Online voting is open with this announcement. Printed ballot forms are being distributed widely and can be submitted to the RAS at their office, Thursday 18, Friday 19 or Saturday 20, between 10am and 12, and there will be a final in-person voting event on Monday 22nd of August (details to follow soon).

We strongly encourage each one of us to take this opportunity to participate in expressing our individual agreement (or disagreement) with the proposed resolution, which constitutes the collective voice of the Residents' Assembly.

Let us unite our individual and collective efforts with a renewed dedication to the ideals of Auroville.

*The Working Committee  
selected by the Residents' Assembly  
(Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael, Sauro, Valli)*

### HOUSE AGAINST RECOGNISED WORK FOR TRANSFER

Dear Community, an asset is currently available for transfer:

#### Luminosity, LUM054, Single or Couple

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*

### RESOLUTION OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY

#### Emergency RAD of August 2022

#### Preamble

In recent months, a series of Office Orders, along with 2 Standing Orders for the FAMC and the TDC, have been issued by the Office of the Secretary. The Auroville Foundation Act, 1988, mandates that the Residents' Assembly of Auroville be involved in the governance of Auroville and consequently in the process of appointments. This has been the practice ever since inception. Unfortunately, the stance of the present Secretary has forced Residents of Auroville to seek legal recourse to establish and reinforce the intent and purpose of the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988.

In light of the recent ruling by the Madras High Court dated 12.8.2022, the Residents' Assembly of Auroville is committed to affirming the organisational structure of the Auroville Foundation consisting of the Governing Board, the International Advisory Council, the Residents' Assembly and the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly, which must work together in a spirit of "true brotherhood" leading to "mutuality". Through this resolution, we – the Residents' Assembly – affirm our deep faith and commitment to develop Auroville in accordance with the Auroville Charter and the philosophy of our founders the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. We accept and welcome with gratitude the judgment of the Hon'ble Madras High Court.

The present Resolution is being passed with respect to the sentiments expressed by the Madras High Court, in a spirit of cooperation and collective decision-making, with the hope that it will bring us closer to the ideals and aspirations set out in the Auroville Charter.

#### Resolution

- **We understand** that the Madras High Court in its judgment dated 12.8.2022 has reaffirmed that "under the Auroville Foundation, Auroville will be administered by the people of Auroville", "to [the] benefit of the residents of Auroville who abide by the Auroville Charter" and that we are responsible for the development of Auroville with the supervisory guidance of the Governing Board and the International Advisory Council. **We accept** the verdict of the Hon'ble Madras High Court and hereby resolve that we shall follow the letter and spirit of the judgement. **We request and direct** our Working Committee to take the necessary steps to implement the said judgement.

- **We reject** any existing or future Office Orders related to any entity (such as Trusts, Units, Committees, Working Groups, Services) functioning under the Residents' Assembly, that is passed without consultation with or approval of the Residents' Assembly, directly or through its Working Committee, as is required by the AVF Act, the AVF Rules, and their interpretation by the Madras High Court in its judgement dated 12.8.2022.
- **We affirm** our trust and confidence in our functioning Committees, Working Groups and Services and confirm the members as per the Annexure 2 attached who were selected by the Residents' Assembly either directly, or by means and procedures approved by it. **We direct** the Financial Service and Unity Fund to continue to function only and exclusively under the direction of the RA-selected FAMC and the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly.
- **We are conscious** that the Madras High Court has directed us not to take any policy decisions till the Register of Residents is updated in accordance with the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988 (AVF Act), and the Auroville Foundation Rules, 1997 (AVF Rules). **We hereby direct** strict compliance with the same. We hope that all the other statutory bodies of the Auroville Foundation will follow the aforementioned direction.
- In light of the sentiments expressed by the Madras High Court and in the spirit of cooperation, **we request** the Governing Board, with the support of the International Advisory Council, to immediately direct recall of all Office Orders and Standing Orders in Annexure 1 which were issued without consultation with the Residents' Assembly or their duly elected Working Groups. The names mentioned in the listed Committees and Office Orders in Annexure 1 were neither nominated nor selected by the Residents' Assembly.
- Keeping in mind the directions of the Hon'ble Madras High Court, **we instruct** that our Working Groups shall not take any policy decisions till the updation of the Register of Residents but **will continue** to ensure and reaffirm the governance structure of the Auroville Foundation as stipulated in the AVF Act and the AVF Rules, in compliance with the judgement of the Madras High Court dated 12.8.2022.
- **We further empower and direct** our Working Committee to assist the Residents of Auroville in the process of the updation of the Register of Residents in strict compliance with the AVF Act and the AVF Rules. **We request** the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation to extend the same cooperation to our Working Committee and bona fide Working Groups and ensure the updation of the Register of Residents in accordance with the AVF Act and the AVF Rules and in compliance with the direction of the Hon'ble Madras High Court in its judgment dated 12.8.2022.
- **We reserve the right** to intervene and recall, or if necessary, ratify the decisions or members of the Working Groups in accordance with the AVF Act, AVF Rules and previous resolutions and rules of this Assembly.
- After the passing of this Resolution in accordance with the rules and procedures of this Assembly, **we direct** our Working Committee to take all necessary steps to ensure implementation of the decision of the Madras High Court. **We authorize** the Working Committee selected by the Residents' Assembly (Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael, Sauro, Valli) to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Residents' Assembly.
  - I Agree with the Resolution as stated above
  - I Disagree with the Resolution as stated above
  - I Abstain

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

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**Auroville TO PONDICHERRY**

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



**Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE**

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

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