



News Notes

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A perfect path of the Truth has come into being for our journey to the other shore beyond the darkness.

Rig Veda

O Flame, O Wine, your force has become conscious; you have discovered the One Light for the many

Rig Veda

O Immortal, thou art born in mortals in the law of the Truth, of Immortality, of Beauty. . . . Born from the Truth, he grows by the Truth, — a King, a Godhead, the Truth, the Vast.

Rig Veda

Pondering



As the crust of the outer nature cracks, as the walls of inner separation break down, the inner light gets through, the inner fire burns in the heart, the substance of the nature and the stuff of consciousness refine to a greater subtlety and purity, and the deeper psychic experiences, those which are not solely of an inner mental or inner vital character, become possible in this subtler, purer, finer substance; the soul begins to unveil itself, the psychic personality reaches its full stature

*The Triple Transformation
Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

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House of Mother's Agenda

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

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

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

October 19, 1960

(continued from last week)



Satprem: I would like very much to ask you something... Why did he have to go?

Mother: Ah! That can't be told.

(long silence)

I can tell you why, but in a purely superficial way... Because for him to do IMMEDIATELY—without leaving his body, that is—what he had to do, well...

(silence)

We can put it this way: the world was not ready. But to tell you the truth, it was the totality of things around him that was not ready. So when he SAW this (I only understood this afterwards), he saw that it would go much faster if he were not there.

And he was ABSOLUTELY right, it was true.

Once I saw that, I accepted. When I saw it, when he made me understand, I accepted; otherwise...

There was a difficult period.

(silence)

It wasn't long, but it was difficult.

When he left, I said twelve days, twelve days.¹ And truly, I gave it twelve days, twelve days to see if the entire Work... Outwardly, I said, "After twelve days I will tell you if the Ashram (the Ashram was nothing but a symbol, of course), if the Ashram will continue or if it is finished."

And later (I don't know—it didn't take twelve days; I said that on December 9, and on the 12th it was all decided—seen, clear and understood), on the 12th, I saw people, I saw a few people. However, we began all the activities again only after 12 days from December 5. But it was decided on the 12th.

Everything was left hanging until the moment he made me understand the COMPLETE thing, in its entirety... But that's for later on.

He himself will tell you, it's true—later on.

¹ Mother stopped all her activities for twelve days from December 5, 1950, the day Sri Aurobindo departed.

Townhall Speaks

ILLEGITIMATE ATTEMPT AGAIN TO DESTROY PROPERTY

Auroville

Tdc

Auroville Town Development Council

L'avenir d'Auroville



Auroville, 27th August 2022

TDC 22.026

To: Govind Ranjan, Hemant Shekhar, Jaya Berggreen-Clausen, M. Ponnusamy, Jothi Prasad Rajan, Sindhuja Jagadeesh, Toby Neuman

We are writing following the unannounced and illegitimate attempt today to again destroy property of the Auroville Foundation near the proposed Crown Rd, the bathroom of Elodie and Txuma. The existing building has the appropriate approvals and no alternative to the basic infrastructure required has been made available, despite numerous commitments on your part.

It is understood that following proper planning, as per the National Green Tribunal judgment the full section of the Crown area will need to be assessed and detailed development plans produced, and eventually existing structures have to be seen within that strategic context.

Yet, in the absence of due authority, proper planning, internal processes and natural justice you have no grounds to initiate or enforce such actions. It is subjudice and will be brought to the attention of the honorable courts.

We again urge you to respect the unequivocal position of the Residents' Assembly and abandon the course of destruction and division, you do not represent Auroville or its Residents. The City the Earth Needs cannot and will not be manifested this way.

Sincerely,

L'avenir d'Auroville—TDC Town Development Council

Allan B, Anan, Dorle, Divya L, Fabian, Island, Lata, Meera N, Natasha S, Tom G

Copied to: Dr. J. Ravi, Auroville Foundation Office, Working Committee, Auroville Council, FAMC

Submitted by Dorle

TDC COMMUNICATION

Auroville

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Auroville Town Development Council

L'avenir d'Auroville



Dear Community, we want to update you on our response to the on-going attempts to enforce a narrow vision for Auroville and its physical manifestation. As many of you are already aware, the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, assisted by a few Aurovilians, have been trying to equate The Dream of Mother with the mere construction and population of a city.

Most recently this can be seen in the haphazard attempts to replace existing stretches of road, and laying of new sections following the forceful clearance of forest sections and demolition of buildings.

The Madras High Court (MHC) Judgement and Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision (RAD) result:

The recent MHC judgement has affirmed the legitimacy of the Residents' Assembly's working groups. The recently concluded Emergency RAD following the judgement showed unprecedented participation and unity in the face of the on-going adversity. Although the judgement is 'stayed' (paused) following the appeal submission against it by the Secretary for the Auroville Foundation, the position of the community remains clear and we continue our work to the best of our ability.

The 'Pause Crown' RAD, the Working Committee RAD and this most recent resolution are being ignored by those trying to force their idea of Auroville by use of power. Instead of 'accelerating' the construction of the city, this disconnect only hinders the integral planning and unfolding of the international township. We remain committed to "working with the community to define a way forward for Auroville's development" We are exploring participatory frameworks such as those used in the dreamweaving and others for doing so. You will hear more about it in our next monthly report.

The "construction" of the Crown road in the Bliss/ Youth Centre area and on the earlier paved stretches (RZ Sector 1, Kalabhoomi, near Svedam):

The ongoing substandard work (as evidenced [by the reports of Satprem](#)) in the Bliss/ Youth Centre area (also going against the above mentioned RAD) and the absolutely unnecessary destruction of the existing stretches of the paved areas of the Crown have been commissioned directly by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), rather than through the illegitimate 'ATDC'.

The RA-selected TDC and Working Committee have written to the Ministry of Education, Central Public Works Department, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, and the Governing Board raising safety and access concerns along with the waste of public funds.

Attempted destruction of Elodie & Txuma's bathroom

Without notice or basic precautions there was an attempt to tear down the bathroom of Elodie & Txuma which sits alongside the proposed Crown road, a letter on this is published separately for your information

National Green Tribunal next steps

The Joint Committee established by the NGT for prescribing how the crown RoW is to be built taking into consideration trees and water bodies, has submitted its report, which is going to be heard in the follow up case issued against the AVFO for defying the initial judgement. The report is lacking in many aspects, such as only looking at the Darkali area rather than the whole 4.3 kilometres but also by lacking an understanding of the forest ecosystem and the watershed. A counter to the report has been filed and will be heard on September 8.

We strongly oppose any action that would support similar destruction in Darkali as occurred in Bliss & Youth Center. In these uncertain times and with court hearings on-going, we are striving to navigate the complexity with a smile, and we invite you to join us in this practice of patience as a lot of work necessarily continues behind the scenes.

Please write to us with any questions or suggestions at tdc@auroville.services

In Community,

L'avenir d'Auroville—TDC Town Development Council

Allan B, Anan, Dorle, Divya L, Fabian, Island, Lata, Meera N, Natasha S, Tom G

If you want to contact us, please write to: [Tdc@auroville.services](mailto:tdc@auroville.services)

CORRECTION



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L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear all, In the announcement for Site Approval for Mother's Flower Garden last week, the site area is to be read as "5 acres" and not "5 hectares".

Thanks & Regards, Sindhuja, Jaya
for L'avenir d'Auroville Team

Editor's Note: 1 Hectare is equal to 2.4711 Acre. An Acre is traditionally defined as the area of one chain by one furlong (66 by 660 feet). Traditionally, in Tamil Nadu, an acre was conceived of as the area of land that could be plowed by one man using a team of bullocks in one day.

FAMC OF THE RA CONCERNING THE BUDGET COORDINATION COMMITTEE

To the Residents' Assembly, please find reproduced below the email that was sent on 28 August 2022.

FAMC

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

FAMC

Dear friends, we would like to thank all of you for your service. It has been much appreciated by the community. It is time to make transition to the new team and the following four members (copied in this email) will be the new members of the BCC:

1. Naren Gupta
2. Ocean Bekker
3. Ravi Borchardt
4. Rupali Batra (Resource Person.)

We sincerely hope that some or all of you can help them in this transition. Please let us know how you can help.

*In Her Service, Smiles,
FAMC (Chandresh, Geeta, Kalya,
Sathyanarayan, Torkil AND Dr. Jayanti Ravi)*

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,
The Working Committee of Resident Assembly
of Auroville Foundation,
Aravinda, Chali, Hemant, Ilayabharathy, Sauro, Valli

FAMC 2ND REPORT AFTER 30 JULY 'MEET & GREET' WITH THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY AT UNITY PAVILION

Dear community, as you may recall we published a first follow-up report to you in the 11 August N&N and on the ForAll Intranet site.

You certainly gave us a lot to think about, on top of everything else that's going on. Thank you!

In our last report we said we were thinking about a follow-up meeting with the residents. We still don't quite know when that will be, having participated in the 'Emergency' meeting at Kalabhumi on Saturday 13 August and having been actively involved in the Emergency RAD that was initiated by the Working Committee after that.

What we're setting up now is 'open house' hours, like our Working Committee, Auroville Council, and Town Development Council (TDC). We have some space in the former Koodam office, along with our brothers and sisters in the Working Committee. As soon as we have confirmation we'll let you know.

From your questions, we have added to our agenda two very important topics that were brought to us, namely:

1. *How to teach and help units flourish and to bring more income to AV*
2. *How will the FAMC support Aurovilians who may need to relocate temporarily due to visa issues?*

Concerning question number 2 above our initial response is that this is a discussion for a wider group of people. We need to get inputs from the Working Committee, and the Budget Coordination Committee, for example.

Someone brought up a concern about the 'absence of core skills' in groups. We definitely agree that individuals' and groups' skills can be improved and are essential. We have responded to the individual accordingly, which included this statement, 'We are working on identifying these resources within and outside our working group and wish to work on sharing and learning these core skills as we move forward.'

We finished the list of inquiries, the last few of which were more individual in nature. We've followed up on those.

Until next time....

Regards, FAMC

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

Warmly, Amy B, FAMC

COMMUNICATION TO COMMUNITY

Dear Community, we were recently informed about a regrettable incident that happened to two young women on one of the isolated access roads, between Puducherry ECR and La Ferme, Auroville around 11:30pm at night.

In light of this assault and attempted robbery, we wish to advise again Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers and Guests against travelling on those types of isolated roads after nightfall, alone or even as a couple, as those roads are unsafe, especially at night time.

We would like to remind all Auroville units and communities who hire watchmen and employees that the prevention and care of people in need, especially in case of emergency, must be provided by these employees within their abilities. We would request all/everyone to ensure that the watchmen are alert and have the AVSST emergency number saved. Also, Auroville premises should remain accessible to all residents in case of such emergency.

Thank you all for your vigilance.

Best Regards,
The Working Committee of the RA,
the Auroville Council and
the Auroville Safety and Security Team

CONFLICT RESOLUTION COUNCIL

Dear Community, as per our mandate, an important part of the Council's work is maintaining the harmony within the community. On a practical level this means very often supporting individuals and groups to deal with conflicts that couldn't be resolved between the parties themselves. The landscape of conflict resolution in Auroville has changed a lot in the last year with Koodam and Restorative Auroville not being part of the support system anymore. Partly the work is held by the Arbitration Coordination team in cases of appeals and arbitration and a valuable service and support is also offered by the Facilitators and Mediators Coordination team. Resources such as Matram and also some individuals who serve as support persons are there to help the community to deal with conflicts today.

The Council aims at setting up a new structure that can hold conflict cases of all nature, as per Conflict Resolution Policy and make sure that the quality, in which this support is offered, remains as high as possible.

Therefore we decided to build a new team, the Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) under the Auroville Council's purview, consisting of 3-4 Council members as well as coordinators/administrators and additional team members who hold special skills to deal with conflict cases, to name a few such as psychological or social work background and mediation and facilitation skills. The team will also work closely together with all existing support structures and resources within the community (see graphic below).

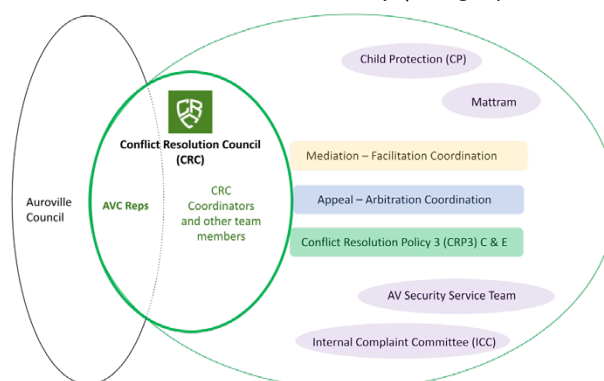


Table 1: CRC in Auroville's landscape of Conflict Resolution (2022)

The CRC meets two to three times a week to consult on cases, decide on appropriate ways forward, find supporters for each case and follow up on building more resources in the community. Besides regular information and communication towards the community we are aiming at sharing educational resources for individuals and groups to better deal with conflicts early on and to avoid the escalation that we often observe.

The resolution of conflicts in Auroville should aspire for restorative approaches to re-establish relations and further enable reconciliation between concerned parties. We want to explore and hope to find ways towards a restorative justice in Auroville in which rule violations and misbehaviour amongst the community are met with cooperative and constructive measures rather than a call for an authority to step in and decide what is right and what is wrong.

We started working in this new structure and will soon reach out to you with an open call for members of the community with specific skills and experiences needed in this new team. In the meantime we would also like to invite you to offer your feedback on the topic of conflict resolution in Auroville and share your ideas and needs with us.

For any feedback or questions around conflicts and in case you need support please contact the CRC at: avc.conflicts@gmail.com

Warm regards, The Auroville Council

OUTCOME OF THE EMERGENCY RAD

to approve the Resolution of the Residents' Assembly
No. RAD/04/2022



Dear Residents, here are the results of the Emergency RAD (voting), called by the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly, on the following Resolution. The summary of the topic of this Resolution 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, confirm that orders (Office Orders, Standing Orders and any other form of orders) from the Office of the Secretary and her appointees are not the result of a collaborative work with the RA, and have been issued without consultation with or approval by the Residents' Assembly, and affirm our support for the groups and appointees by the RA".

- A total of 1161 valid votes have been submitted online and in-person. The number of participants exceeded the 10% quorum required to validate the decision (239 votes)¹.

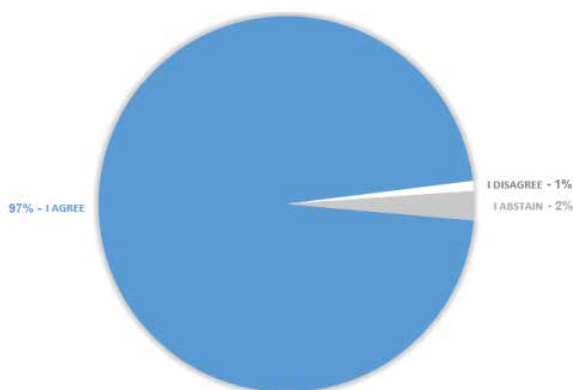
¹ Based on data received from the Residents Service, the total adult population of our community eligible to participate in RADs (age—above 18, confirmed Aurovilians) is 2386 (as of the month of August 2022).

Kindly note that as per [the RAD policy](#) "Only confirmed Aurovilians can participate in decision-making.

Those who have been announced as confirmed Aurovilians by the Entry Board are eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes **along with those** who have been entered into the Register of Residents maintained by the Secretary's Office. It does not include under 18-year-olds, newcomers and any other Auroville statuses".

This utterance is based on the WCom unanimously signed declaration that "the final decision of who is accepted as 'Aurovillian' should stay with the Residents' Assembly and not with the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation. Therefore, we have written to: the Residents' Assembly Service that those who have been announced as Confirmed Aurovillian by the Entry Board are eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes along with those who have been entered into the Register of Residents maintained by the Secretary's Office..." (<https://auroville.org.in/article/84308/> About confirmed Aurovillian status dt. 05.04.2021).

Residents' Assembly Decision:



97% (1122) participants voted in favour of the above Resolution.

1% (10) participants rejected it.

2% (29) participants abstained.

For your information: as the Residents' Assembly Service's Auroville email account has been blocked, we could not reach out to the community members via our regular mass email communication, and, consequently, many residents (especially those with their auroville.org.in email addresses) were not able to get the voting link on time. Despite all the difficulties this Emergency RAD was attended by an unprecedented number of participants.

We would like to remind you that, according to the [Provisional RAD Policy](#), "8. Responsibility for implementing decisions made through this RAD process lies with the concerned working group/s or resident/s".

Many thanks to all the residents who participated in this decision-making event!

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 145

Dated: 01-09-2022

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

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Palanivel RANGASAMY (Indian)
- Sathish KUMARESAN (Indian)
- Veeramani VISHWAKETHU (Indian)
- Anitha KASINATHAN (Indian)
- Eliahu MAGEN (Israeli)
- Song Wan PARK (Korean)
- Carla SCHUBERT (Australian)
- Deanna EVENRUD (USA)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- Ramya RAMESH KUMAR (Youth)
- Vikraman BOOMINATHAN (Youth)
- Vishnuvardhan RAMALINGAM (Youth)

ASSOCIATE of AUROVILLE CONFIRMED

- Indumathi NIRMALKUMAR (Indian)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, William for The Entry Service

UPDATE ON THE ENTRY SERVICE

Dear Community, As an update we would like to inform you that our situation in The Entry Service has not changed since 5th August when we were disconnected from our Google Drive and email accounts from the domain @auroville.org.in. So, we have come up with a temporary solution. We will start using alternate email accounts:

As previously stated, we have :

- entryservice@auroville.services and
- auroville.entryservice@gmail.com

And more recently, we have created a Gmail account as well in order to communicate with those who are not able to use @auroville.services.

- Remember that entryservice@auroville.services will not be able to receive any email written from an id with @auroville.org.in and vice versa. However, anyone from whatever the domain can write to auroville.entryservice@gmail.com.

We assure you that you will get responses from us without any difficulty on whichever ID you write to us. Of course, if you prefer you can hand over a hard copy letter with your signature at the Entry office during

- **our office hours:** Monday to Friday, 9:30am—12.30pm and 2:30 to 4:30pm.

We encourage you to either resend or bring a hard copy of any feedback you might have given in the last 3 weeks regarding the aurovilians or the newcomers who were announced at the beginning of August at the earliest.

Warmly, The Entry Board

The Entry Board members Alain, Arore M, Dheena, Jayanthi Ramalingam, Lakshmanan Krishnan, Matilde, Matriprasad, Rama Narayana, Swadha

FOREST GROUP MEETING

5 August 2022, Evergreen

Present: Veronica, Jonah, David, Rita, Vikram, Yuval, Ananda, R. Kanniyappan, V. Boobalan, G. Vengatesh, Giri, T. Saga, Agnes, Segar, Glenn, Hans, Fabian, Christoph, Thanajayan, Achilles, Alyona, Arun, Natasha, Amos, Jessamiin, Island, Ancolie, Cristo, Arun, Dave, Mani.



Pitchandikulam

Abri corner: Auroville land is being encroached on the Ami side by a private owner. His people removed the fence on the Abri/Evergreen corner today, and fence posts were removed. The Forest Group will write to the secretary/Auroville Foundation office and the Governing Board about this issue, urging for the protection of Auroville land.

Documenting and communicating land encroachment: as we are increasingly dealing with land encroachment, we will develop a procedure + list of information that needs to be gathered, documented and communicated to relevant AV bodies.

FG meeting RA Working Committee: FG will ask for a meeting date for next week which will be attended by 5-6 FG members.

Accounts: Hans wants help, Ancolie and Jessamiin will join for monthly accounts.

Research Project with Sydney University: Deepti shares her participation in a research project with Sydney University in documenting community responses to climate change. She is one of the fellows and is collecting stories from Auroville's green work. To share your story, please connect with Deepti on 9741933139.

Rita's Tricalysias: Shivaganesh from Botanical Gardens came to collect *Tricalysia sphaerocarpa* from her forest, where she thought she might have 200 he found 2000;-)

Mulus for Eternity: anyone with mulu plants, please contact Jonah as they need Many Many plants to re-establish the fence.

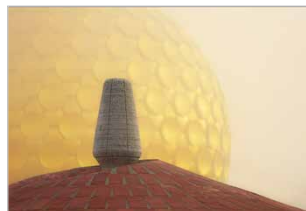
Next meeting: Friday 2 September, 3 pm in Udumbu.

Jessamiin

Community News

Auroville Matters

MESSAGE TO MY AUROVILLE FRIENDS FROM ALL HORIZONS



Dear Aurovilians Friends, Auroville is a jewel, destined to be the model town for humanity. This jewel, today fractured by division, is in a weak position, threatened and coveted by external forces and interests. Where can Auro-

vilians look for protection? Only within themselves, not through any external recourse.

All Aurovilians, directly or invisibly, have been chosen by Mother, and nothing happens against Her will. Each one of them has its importance, and holds the capacity to overcome the trials encountered on the way. The critical point that you have now reached has arrived because this is the task that has been assigned to you.

How to restore harmony and unity among Aurovilians? For many, this is "Mission Impossible", or a matter of wishful thinking, but it is the only possible way to overcome the present impasse. This is not the first crisis that Auroville has managed to go through.

Already in the early days, Mother urged the pioneers to talk to each other, to get along, to come to an agreement. Both sides must first temper their extreme branches, rely on goodwill by rallying the moderates, who form the vast majority of the Aurovilian population, and then meet and commit themselves all together to the Middle Way.

In order to rebuild bridges, each must make an effort to consider the other's point of view. Some need to understand the frustration of the "builders", who have often been caught up in slow decision-making and bureaucratic hurdles, and acknowledge their desire to move forward in building the city.

Others need to break out of any prefabricated rhetoric, abandon authoritarian and arbitrary methods of governance that have already proven to be failing in human history, recognize the validity of a truly inclusive Residents' Assembly, and reintegrate it while ensuring that they are welcome to do so.

Auroville will happen, Mother's presence is there, it is palpable, and the city already exists in the subtle. Confidence must be renewed and the joyful sense of adventure rekindled. But this great change cannot be accomplished as long as the individual and collective consciousness remains at the vital-mental level alone.

Only through psychic awareness can we recognize and experience the profound unity of all, and feel the gratitude that connects us directly to Mother consciousness. May the whole consciousness of the Aurovilians, through active surrender to Mother's will and love, discover and overcome a kind of a pivotal point, where the impossible becomes possible.

Om Namo Bhagavate

Christian Pragna

Awakening Spirit

MEDITATION WITH SAVITRI READ BY MOTHER TO SUNIL'S MUSIC

6 to 6:30pm, Amphitheatre—Matrimandir

Every Thursday at Sunset.

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



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

Reminder to all:

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

Thank you, Surya & Amphitheatre Team

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



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

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

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

EVENTS SCHEDULE IN AUROVILLE & ASHRAM

- **Tuesdays, weekly:** OM Choir at Savitri Bhavan
- **Sunday:**
Savitri Sunday with Narad on Zoom 8:30pm IST
◦ Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82409952144>
◦ Meeting ID: 824 0935 2144

Classes at Matru Sudan

22 Des Bassyins De Richemont Street,
Pondicherry (Near The Ashram)

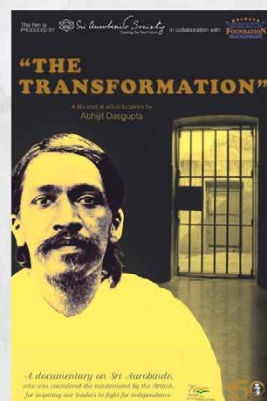
- **Wednesday:**
 - Interview with Dr. Pachegaonkar, 5:15—5:40pm on Homeopathy
 - The Life Divine with Ranganath, 5:50—7pm
- **Friday:** Essays On the Gita with Ranganath, 10—11am
- **Saturday:**
 - The Synthesis of Yoga with Ranganath, 5:50—7pm
 - OM Choir in the Ashram School, 7—7:40pm

All are Welcome!

Narad, Submitted by Willian AV

Film Projection

"The Transformation"



It portrays this pioneering leader of the Freedom Movement and revolves around the period 1908 to 1909 when Sri Aurobindo was in jail in Alipore in Kolkata.

Venue: Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
Date: Friday, 9th September 2022
Time: 5:15 pm (Duration -50 mins)

INTEGRAL YOGA WEEK 2022

VENUE

SAVITRI BHAVAN (Sangam Hall)

DATE

5TH TO 9TH SEPTEMBER 2022

@ 11AM

TALKS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS

(FROM THE MOTHER & SRI AUROBINDO'S WRITINGS)

BY

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Monday 5.09.22 - The Secret knowledge
Tuesday 6.09.22 - The Future Psychology
Wednesday 7.09.22 - The Gita for the Youth
(@10AM)
Thursday 8.09.22 - Appreciating the
Social Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo
Friday 9.09.2022 - The Future and You

Savitri

The prophet moment covered limitless Space
And cast into the heart of hurrying Time
A diamond light of the Eternal's peace,
A crimson seed of God's felicity;
A glance from the gaze fell of undying Love.

Peace meditation

Venue:

Unity Pavilion Peace Hall

Timings:

- Thursday from 5PM to 5h45PM
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 6PM to 6h45PM

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 2

The Book Of The Traveler Of The Worlds,
Canto 7,9-15

Savitri
B H A V A N

Monday, 5 September, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.
Duration: 42min.

Even on the most sublime planes of existence one fails to find the Power which would make life on earth divine. With a calm mind and detached heart, Aswapati turns his gaze away from the visible aspect of Nature towards the invisible vastnesses of the infinity from which our universe was born. *The Descent into Night* enables him to see the evil lurking at the root of Life. He becomes aware of the hidden Power which seems to be giving birth to the world and at the same time destroying it.

The obscure heart of Night is a spiritless Infinity, denying Truth and wanting to abolish God. There is no Light, no divine Soul there. Carefully guarding the flame of his divine Spirit, Aswapati unlocks the last door of the subconscious where he finds the secret key to the transformation of Nature. Hell dissolves. Soul lights up the conscious body; Matter and Spirit mingle and become one.

Immediately Aswapati's being is projected into *The Paradise of the Life-Gods*. Immersed in Light, perpetually divine, free from all adverse circumstances, that world lives in a jewel-rhythm of the laughter of God and universal love. At last, he finds calm and heavenly rest and his wounds are healed by the embraces of the divine Energies of pure bliss. The delights of this Life-Paradise cannot detain Aswapati's soul for long. Above him he discerns the large lucent realms of Mind.

But first he enters the twilight tract of dim and shifting rays from which he escapes into the realm of early Light. That realm, described in *The Kingdoms and Godheads of the Little Mind*, is served by a three-bodied trinity: the Physical Mind, a pygmy thought, needing to live in bounds, forever stooping to hammer fact and form; the Vital Mind, a rash Intelligence and an energetic and enthusiastic power without calm reflection; the Reason, the strongest and wisest of the three, who uses her lens and measuring rod, trying to understand the objective universe around her. But the little Mind is tied to little things and cannot reveal higher Truths.

Aswapati goes beyond the limits of human Mind and enters the realms of *The Kingdoms and Godheads of the Greater Mind* with their immortal air. Here he can drink again from his pure and mighty source. From here he can see the giant stairs of thought climbing up to the heights where the last peaks of Time touch eternity's skies and Nature speaks to the Spirit's absolute.

The Ideal that Aswapati is seeking beckons him higher towards *The Heavens of the Ideal*. Each step he takes reveals a new luminous world and each stage of the soul's ascent takes the form of a permanent heaven, a rung in the mighty stairway of Existence. He is able to move freely through all these kingdoms of the Ideal. He accepts their beauty and greatness, but does not remain in any of them, for each one presents only a partial light of the ultimate Truth. Beyond are realms where those absolutes meet but none is willing to sacrifice its separate identity in order to find its own soul in the world's single soul.

Thus, he passes into the higher divine sphere where the radiant children of Eternity dwell in the immutable and inviolate Truth, forever united on the wide spiritual heights where all are one. That is the goal he is aiming at.

Then, entering In the *Self of Mind*, Aswapati finds himself alone. He feels that he can remain forever in this ultimate Self and ultimate Silence. His soul is at peace, it knows and is one with the cosmic whole.

But following a mysterious sound and a secret call, he enters into the realm of *The World-Soul*. This is the source of all finite life. Here all is soul or made of sheer soul-stuff. There is revealed to him the sole omnipotent Goddess, the Supreme Mother. As soon as he glimpses her, his spirit is turned into a vessel of her force. He is overwhelmed with Bliss; his soul emits a cry of adoration and surrender as he falls unconscious at her feet.

On the last step to the supernal birth, in *The Kingdoms of the Greater Knowledge* Aswapati walks along the narrow edge of extinction thrilled with the presence of the Ineffable. He is able to scan the secrets of the Overmind and bear the rapture of the Oversoul. Living on the borders of the Supramental Empire of the Sun, he links creation to the Eternal's sphere:

A Panergy that harmonised all life / Held now existence in its vast control; / A portion of that majesty he was made. (p.300)

Aswapati's will takes up the reins of cosmic Force. He has reached the summit of *The World- Stair*. *The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds*, describes the journey of Aswapati from the base of Matter to the unknowable summits of the Spirit and reflects Sri Aurobindo's own experiences and spiritual labours.

A meditative film of passages from Sri Aurobindo's epic poem SAVITRI—*A Legend and a Symbol*, read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and illustrated with paintings by Huta created under the guidance and with the inspiration of the Mother.

The film can also be seen at the website of Savitri Bhavan.

Submitted by Arun

THY GOLDEN LIGHT

Paintings inspired by Sri Aurobindo's poetry



By Jyoti Khare

In Savitri Bhavan (Square Hall)

3—17 September, 9:30am to 5pm

Savitri
B H A V A N

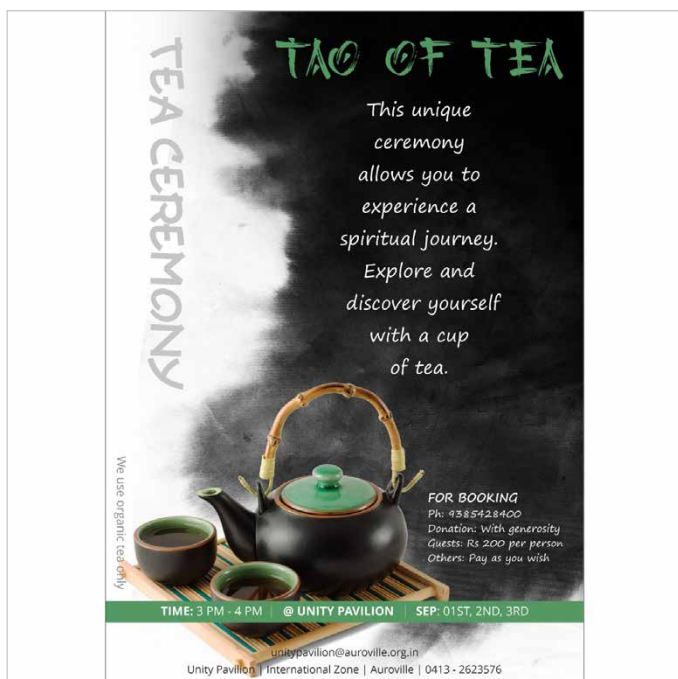
Opening Saturday, 3 September, at 4pm

With musical rendition of Sri Aurobindo's poems

By Shakti Balu and singers

Everyone is welcome

Dhanalakshmi
for Savitri Bhavan Team



Art Purchases Are Possible All Year-Long at artforland.in

Contact:

- unitypavilion@auroville.org.in
- +91 413 2623576 by phone
- artforland@auroville.org.in
- and our website artforland.in

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

Arun

ART FOR LAND 2022—EVENTS CALENDAR



ART FOR LAND EXHIBITION AND LAND FUNDRAISER 2022

Last week – on till September 3, 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

Dear Friends, this is the final week of Art for Land Year 7 and we warmly invite you to take this last opportunity to see the exhibition and enjoy all the week's rich events (see our Events Calendar for details). The Exhibition's artworks can be seen and purchased at the Unity Pavilion, or via the online gallery at our dedicated website artforland.in in which provides purchase, donation and events information.

We also invite you to join us for our closing event on **Saturday, September 3, from 7pm – 8:30pm** with a Flute Recital By Sarthak Accompanied By Tapan Chatterjee On The Tabla.

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.

August 30

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm, 2—4pm

August 31

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

September 1

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm, 2—4pm
- Peace Meditation, 5—6pm
- Community Fun by Garba Dance, Gujarat, 7—8:30pm

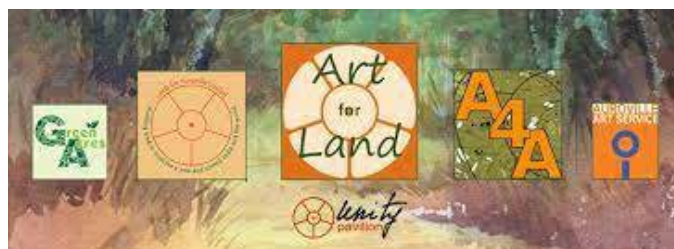
September 2

- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm, 2—4pm
- Cultural Event by Ilaigarkal School, 7—7:15pm
- Cultural Event, Kathak Dance by Debolina, 7:15—8:15pm

September 3

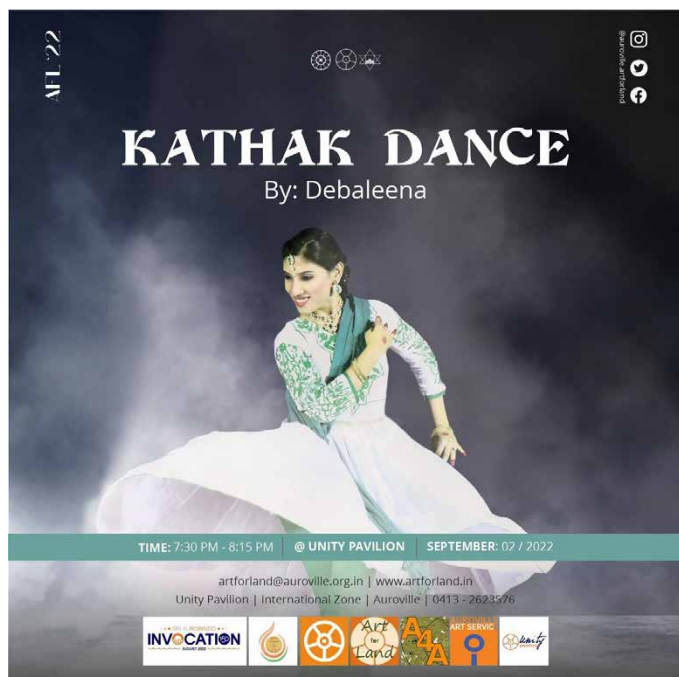
- Movie Screening, 10am—12pm, 2pm—4pm
- Closing Event, Flute Recital by Sarthak & Tabla by Tapan Chatterjee, 7pm—8:30pm

Mandakini



The Arts

KATHAK DANCE



FLUTE RECITAL



CHILD PORTRAIT

Roof Studio/ Auroville Art Service offers to draw your baby so that you can keep the memory of his/her first smile forever. It could be even you if you have a photo of your early age.

- **Vision:** all physical and emotional needs of every child are met
- **Mission:** to bring attention to children and their upbringing
- **Values:** love, respect, humility, gratitude

My work is my impressions of the happy child, not a photo-like picture. I purposely chose smiling kids of an early age as they smile only when they are really happy. I enjoy



my work and if you send me a photo of your child between 6—18 months of age, I will send you back for free a photo of my work.

I will keep the right to exhibit the picture publicly and the copyright to it. I work with full confidentiality—no information about you or your baby will ever be made public. The photo should have some shadows, no flat light please.

You should hold your baby naturally so it will create shadow from the side of you. And a smile needs to be there.

- Please contact me on: ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk

Ivana

Dance

GARBA DANCE

Unity Pavilion, September 1, 7—8:30pm



SALSA CLASS



Mani Kandan

'ARUVADAI': INTERVIEW OF ANSHUL



In this issue, the Green Column team is welcoming 'Aruvadai' with their interview of Anshul. 'Aruvadai', consisting of Allan, Avinash, Isabelle, Madhuri and Nidhin, is offering support to the food sector, focusing on coordinating the needs and supply within Auroville to overcome challenges of competition and to support a more sustainable and self-sustaining food system.

In Conversation with Anshul, AuroOrchard.

Season: monsoon, field notes and harvest

Harvesting months	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
VEGETABLES				
Brinjal				
Ladies finger				
Bottle gourd				
Pumpkin				
Cucumber				
Long beans				
Sweet corn				
GREENS/HERBS/SALAD				
Amaranth greens				
Basella spinach				
Chicken spinach				
Ponnangani spinach				
Basil				
Lemongrass				
Lettuce				
Ruccola/Rocket salad				
ROOTS				
Sweet potato				
Tapioca				
Taro				
FRUITS				
Avocado				
Banana				
Dry coconut				
Kumquat				
Lemon				
Papaya				
Passion fruit				
Pomelo				
Watermelon				
Cheese fruit/Egg fruit				

Anshul first came to Auroville in 2014 as scientist and teacher. Soon, he turned to farming to seek a deeper understanding of the ecological, social and spiritual paradigms. He has a background in soil microbiology and permaculture design and has been working at AuroOrchard since 2019. Madhuri, long term volunteer at Annapurna is leading the interview.

Warm and dry long summer, what do you observe within the AuroOrchard landscape this year?

This year, summer seemed to be longer and drier. As we irrigate all our vegetable crops, water is not the limiting factor. But some of our crops like cucumbers, bottle gourds, pumpkins, don't do very well under prolonged intense sun. This summer also brought a lot of diseases and insect infestations. It is normal to have these throughout the year, but overall I felt there was more pressure from nature to not have so much food growing in the hot season. Naturally, summers in

this region would be a time for rest (like trees developing deciduous nature to prevent transpiration), so it was like nature telling us to slow down.

This year our fruit production was also lesser than the previous year. This may not be because of the summer itself but because of the normal cycle of the trees, as last year the harvests were bountiful.

What are the crops you are looking at harvesting closer to the arrival of monsoon and further till December?

As the sun starts moving southwards and the intensity of the heat reduces (starting from mid July, Aadi month of the Tamil calendar), we begin planting crops like basil, arugula, winged beans, jicama, sweet corn and greens like basella and some local spinach. This along with year-round crops like brinjal, ladies fingers, beans, cucumber, lauki, pumpkin and tapioca will make up for the monsoon harvest.

Could you take us through what goes into planning the coming season; are there any interesting crops or techniques being used?

It is very important to prepare our soil for the monsoon. The soil should be covered so that the rains don't compact it too much. We do this by sowing ground cover crops like Horsegram in fields and by adding a thick layer of mulch on the raised beds. The cover crops also help to control weeds, which intensify during monsoon due to the excess availability of water.

We also start sowing sunhemp on the raised beds in summer as less beds are in use. Starting July, the sunhemp starts flowering, at which point we cut it at the base and use the plant biomass to cover the soil. This way, we grow the mulch for the bed during summer/late summer to help keep it covered during monsoon months.

Some crops, especially greens and herbs, which can only do well post-summer also suffer during monsoon as they don't like excess moisture on their leaves. To avoid this, we plant these crops in a greenhouse. We also prepare saplings of papayas, lemongrass and other plants which can be planted during monsoon. Monsoon is also a good time to make cuttings and propagate plants like gliricidia, mexican sunflower, etc. which we use extensively to produce biomass for our raised beds.

Could you give us an economic overview for the growing season, with regards to vegetable cultivation?

About 80% of our cost of production for vegetables and fruits is labor expenses.

Auroorchard has a permanent workforce of 12 people who work on the preparation of the fields, planting and harvesting. This team is supported by Aurovilians and volunteers (which vary in number from one week to the next). So, changing seasons don't affect our cost inputs, labour-wise.

Of course, we spend much less on diesel during monsoon as there is no plowing or brush cutting which is a considerable cost, but there are also more repairs and maintenance post monsoon, so overall it is balanced. Any extra income from high value crops like basil and arugula is compensated by lack of income from fruits which make up most of our income during summer.

What are the challenges the farm is preparing for during monsoon season? What possibly do you think would interrupt the flow or planning of cultivation and harvest?

- Major challenges and what we do about it:
- Compaction of soil due to rain: add ground cover.
- Stagnant water on fields: plant on ridges or prepare raised beds.
- Excess moisture damaging certain crops: fix greenhouses and prepare the beds to receive the crops.
- Getting water to flow to and collect where required: prepare/repair channels and pits after first few rains.

Every year is different. Monsoon is a challenging time due to difficulty in working outside and the lack of sun which also hampers growth of plants.

I cannot think of anything that will interrupt our work extraordinarily, we continue to grow what we can.

What's your personal pick from the harvest and how would you like to have it?

I really enjoy having basil and arugula which we make into a pesto at home!

The above table shows the monsoon produce chart based on observation by Anshul for AuroOrchard.

- To sign up for AuroOrchard CSA basket service, email auroorchard@auroville.org.in
- For feedback and suggestion regarding the Auroville Food Sector, kindly write to aruvadaiav@gmail.com

Submitted by Isabelle

Health Care

AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

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

SANTÉ SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Crown Road, Phone: (413) 2622803

Email: sante@auroville.org.in

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



Santé

Working Hours

Monday—Saturday: 9—12:30pm & 2—4:30pm

Tests and Sample collection

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

For emergencies,

- Auroville Ambulance (24/7) +91 9442224680
- Government Ambulance (24/7) phone 108

Appointment

- Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment & to check availability of the therapist.

Doctor consults with Dr. Senthil, Daily	Nursing Care, Ezhil & Thilagam, Daily (No appointment necessary)
Acupuncture with Andres, Daily except Tuesday	Ayurveda with Dr. Sonia, Monday/ Thursday/ Friday
Homoeopathy with Michael, Monday/ Wednesday/ Saturday	Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres, Monday to Friday
Midwifery & Couples/ Family counselling with Monique, TOS	Pregnancy Care & Women's Wellness with Paula, Tuesday & Wednesday
Paediatric Physiotherapy with Swati, Monday & Wednesday	Physiotherapy with Osnat Monday/ Wednesday/ Thursday
Physiotherapy with Rebeca, Tuesday & Friday	Physiotherapy and Massage with Galina, Monday—Friday

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

Love, Dasha

Sports

Kids (6+) & Adults
Courses from beginners to advanced level

To book contact Mani
+91 8637633696

Swimming classes

AUROVILLE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2022

Last Day of Registration
Thursday 1st of September 2022

- 2nd Sep' 22 - Sub Junior Girls Doubles
- 3rd Sep' 22 - Sub Junior Boys Doubles
- 4th Sep' 22 - Junior Boys Doubles
- 5th Sep' 22 - Junior Girls Doubles
- 6th Sep' 22 - Women's Doubles
- 7th Sep' 22 - Men's Doubles (Cat C)
- 8th & 9th Sep' 22 - Men's Doubles
- 10th Sep' 22 - Super Senior Doubles
- 11th Sep' 22 - Finals

Contact: 975111 0018 / 94436 17098
94430 01761 / 94435 35172

Thanks, Bharathy, Manickam, Palani, Lakshmi
for Certitude Badminton

Honorary Voluntary

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

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

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 and mention "One-on-one Math sessions" in the subject line or reach us any working day at 9529673687 between 1—4pm.

In addition to the above; we offer our space every Tuesday for children between 3—7yrs to explore Language of mathematics and to cultivate a positive approach towards it (against contribution).

To register for the same please write to ipk@auroville.org.in and mention "Math sessions 3—7yrs" in the subject line 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 <https://www.aurovillradio.org/interview-with-snehal-d-roy/>

Regards, Snehal, for IPK

Looking For

Upcycling Studio Seeks Plastic Banner



I am looking for a plastic sheet to serve as an announcement banner. Please contact Veronique at +91 93440 02972

Thank you, Veronique

Seeking a Vocal Coach



Hello, my name is Erica, I am 30 years old and I am looking for a vocal coach (1 to 1 and / or group classes). If you are a vocal coach please contact me at +34643183508 WA or erica.mighali@gmail.com

Thank you, Erica

Looking for House Sitting

Looking for house sitting!

Hello, I'm Isabelle
your dedicated gardener here at
Pour Tous who is looking for a
house sitting for mid-September.
Please let me know if you have any
opportunity! Thank you

WA +33 689652804 IFP660@GMAIL.COM

Isabelle

Apartment for Transfer and Accommodation needed

Dear community, I am planning to offer, for transfer my apartment and an office in Luminosity (a beautiful and luminous renovated apartment); I am looking for an exchange for a small stand alone house, preferably. I am open to hearing all possibilities.

It will be announced through Housing soon. But as the apartment needs some paint work and small repairs I need temporary accommodation for me and my two cats until the apartment can be transferred.

Any house sitting option or someone with extra space that can host me? It is rather urgent. All support is much appreciated.

Thanks, Mila, milaiba@yahoo.es

Available

Reliable Housekeeper looking for Work



Kuppu, living on the beach-road, a long-term very reliable and well trained Amma, friendly, sweet and experienced also in cooking or ironing, is looking for another 3 half days in the morning. I can recommend her from my heart. Ingrid Arati, please call her son 8015488091

Thank you, Ingrid

Peggy is Educated & Available

Peggy is a sweet female puppy. She is 6 months old, educated and sterilized. We are looking for a new home for her.

Rita E, 89408 78665



Giving away a White Board

I am giving away medium sized White Board. If anyone needs it kindly contact me.

Sitharth, 7845726955

Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, 11:30am, September 10

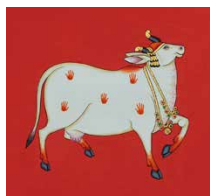


I will be traveling from AV to Chennai Airport at about 11:30am on September 10. If you need to go around the same time or get back from the airport after 2:30pm please contact me.

nandita@sharan-india.org,
WA +919488483286, Nandita

Help Needed

KALPAVRUKSHA FARM NEEDS MATERIALS TO CONSTRUCT A COW SHED



Dear Friends, Kalpavruksha farm is in need of a few materials for the construction of a cow shed. We would be grateful if you could offer any of the materials (asbestos GI sheets, old reapers, polls and wooden planks) that are kept idle at your premises, or any other left-out /waste materials that could be used for constructing a simple cowshed, even your small contribution would be more helpful for the cows.

If you have any questions regarding this, please write to kalpavrukshafarm@auroville.org.in or contact the mobile number below.

Thank you, with hope, Ramesh,
Kalpavruksha farm, 8637460309

FUNDRAISING FOR URBAN DESIGN STUDIES

Dear community, hello again!

My name is Bhavya. I grew up in Auroville, and since 2018, I've been pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Urban Design at CEPT University in Ahmedabad, India. I'm passionate to learn about how people behave and move within public spaces. As part of my university studies, I have been selected to study abroad for a semester. It is an exciting and rare opportunity but it is challenging for me financially. I've started a fundraising campaign and I have been sharing my progress with the community.

In this update, I am happy to announce that my article, 'One Dream and Many Questions' has been published! I invite you to read the August Issue of Auroville Today, where I explore the thoughts and questions that have shaped my aspirations to become an Urban Designer for Auroville.

I am also delighted to share that I have raised 59% of my fundraising goal!

37% was donated from inside Auroville via the financial service account. And 22% was donated from friends and well wishers all around the world via the Ketto crowdfunding page. Your support has been absolutely amazing and I am so grateful to be part of this wonderful community.

I request you to [please share the link](#) of my online crowdfunding page through which well-wishers can contribute anonymously and in their preferred currency. Every share can help me reach my goal!

Contributions are also welcome in FS Account **106288**. Every contribution is deeply appreciated. If you'd like to know more or can help me further, I would love to have a chat! Please contact me at aurobhavya@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and your generosity.

Bhavya

PS: If you would like to read the article, but do not have access to Auroville Today, please write to me and I can share a soft copy with you!

Foods, Goods and Services

RED CHILLY RESTAURANT OPEN



Dear Community, we are delighted to let the community know that Red Chilly Restaurant (a unity of Auroville) is open for lunch and dinner!

You can find us near Certitude corner.

Please come and try our new menu and there is a special 20% discount for Aurovilians!

- For home delivery, please contact us @0413-2904778.

*Sincerely, Vijayan Dhandapani
For Red Chilly Restaurant*

BIG DISCOUNTS FOR AUROVILIANS AT THE MAROMA SHOP IN ASPIRATION!



MAROMA

Dear Friends, just in case you're not already aware, Maroma has a beautiful outlet/shop (inside its campus next to Aspiration) where Aurovilians get big discounts on Maroma products.

So if you'd like to try out, say, our new refillable shaving foam, shampoo bars or our all-natural roll-on deodorant, drop in for a visit! We'd love to see you.

We have a wide range of mostly-natural, environmentally-friendly and healthy products for your body or home at special prices just for you—the hard-working residents of the City the Earth Needs!

Please check out the full Maroma range on our new-look website at www.maroma.com.

We'd love to hear your thoughts and comments on our products! Please don't hesitate to write to us at care@maroma.com

*Much love,
Jesse for The Maroma Team*

Bioregion

WEEKLY WEED WALK

Last of Special Weekly – Edible Weed Walks : for the season
3 September 2022
Time: 7:30am to 8:45am (or 9am max)
Location : In Auroville

Pre-registration required and open (until Friday 3pm)
Registraton (max 10) on first come basis
Location in Auroville is decided only when registration is complete

Contribution @ registration goes towards the Edible Weeds project.

WhatsApp/SMS : +91 9840936907 or
RSVP: edibleweedwalk@gmail.com

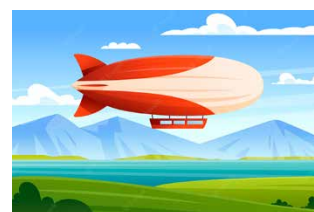
To know more and/or to donate towards the project
please email/reques for QR Code

Edible Weed Walk @ Ninas
edibleweedwalk@gmail.com

Submitted by Nina

LATEST INFO FROM THE TRAVELSHOP

Contact: Mr. Ganesh via call/
WA 09894598686 and email
travelshop@auroville.org.in



- **Airastral** weekly one flight from Chennai to Reunion direct flight and to Mauritius Via Reunion.
- **Airarabia** daily flights from Chennai to Istanbul via Sharjah.
- **Lufthansa and Gulf** airways have good fares from Chennai to Amsterdam, Stockholm, Paris, Nice, Frankfurt and Munich. Their fares include for Germany travel with Deutsche Bahn.
- **Qatar** airways has competitive fares from Chennai to Milan, Stockholm, Vienna in October month.
- **Etihad** airways offers flights from Chennai to London, Rome, Milan, Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam in October month.
- **Oman** airways Europe schedule: weekly 5 days from Chennai 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 from **Chennai** to **Zurich** on Wed, Fri, Sun and Istanbul on Mon, Wed, Fri.

Joster

*Auroville Poetry***AN ARTIST**

Focuses on shadows
To reveal the light.

∞

I paint on my canvas.

We paint each other.
In what shades?

ART EXHIBITION

My eyes turn
From the exhibits
To you
A living art.

With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang

CHANGED YET THE SAME

The Great Awakening
Is happening:
From the humans
Who are now remembering
That We are none other than
The Ineffable One,
To the immortal Cells
Whom with its Molecules
Have been endlessly complexifying
Since the birth of Life,
To the Atoms themselves
Looking for their lost Lovers
Since the eternal Play
Of Dark and Light started.
Matter is now being observed
By a consciousness Supramental
Not anymore divided like mind
But united: the Truth kind.
However the division
Although only an illusion
A felt hologram
Existing every fraction of a second
Is necessary for individualisation.
Otherwise where is The Play?
What is to savour
If there is only one flavour?
Spirit and Matter
The Eternal and the Infinite
Are none other than
The Two who are One.
And We are That
Without exception nor exclusion
The very embodiment of inclusion:
Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
The World is One Family
Sanatana Dharma
Unity in Diversity

Utter freedom in complexity
Through knowledge by identity.

A complete identification
With all our co-extensions.

Who then can you harm
Knowing back to yourself

All your actions to your other selves

Will karmically rebound?

There is only the realisation

That all must be embraced

In a Love Divine.

So wake up to the New Dawn

O Supramental Children

Of the Marvellous One

And see this Earth

As a Life Divine.

"All now is changed,

Yet all is still the same ..." *

Zech, 2022.08.23

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/2829/0049_e.htm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyUv3FawKY8>

*Voices and Notes***AUROVILLE RADIO**

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

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

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

Last published podcasts

- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita Divina—Cap. 3](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Audible Weed Walk—Ep.91 "Edible Weeds Book 2nd Edition: where and how to get it"](#) (Food Education)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering—ep.61](#) (Literature)
- [The Life of Sri Aurobindo in Tamil—Ep.29](#) (Sri Aurobindo) "ஸ்ரீ அரவிந்தரின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு"
- [Bullet Proof and Many Roots Ensemble—Live concert](#) (Music)

Last Youtube live videos

- [Davaselvy talk—Live at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville](#)
- [Ananda Memorial Basketball Tournament 2022](#)
- [International Youth Day Fest—12 August 2022, Tibetan Pavilion](#)
- [Sanjeev talk—Live at Savitri Bhavan, Auroville](#)
- [BulletProof & Many Roots Ensemble—Live in Kalabhu-mi, 6 August 22](#)

...and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org

Please help us to relocate the radio!

Donate to F.A. number 251369

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

Peace and Love

Regards, Sai Priya For AV Radio

REGARDING TXUMA AND ELODIE'S HOUSE IN CENTER FIELD:

On the 31 July 2021 a walk of the Crown was organised. During this walk we were all of a sudden called names such as "Encroachers" and were told that Tapas/Mita's house would be demolished as well as our bathroom.

We had many meetings with the ATDC appointed at that time. During these meetings with members of the then ATDC (Toby, Ambu, Vidhya), we were assured that we could stay in our house and only the bathroom, and infrastructure needed to be moved.

Our last meeting with that same ATDC, including Toby, Rajendaran, Govind and Naren (AVFO) it was again agreed that the following would be done and funded, a new bathroom be built, shifting the existing Infrastructure (that we shared previously with Tapas and Mita), shifting the existing fence and even giving us a new NOC.

The work was supposed to start within a couple of days... But then the terrible events of Youth Center and Darkali happened and we didn't hear more from ATDC.

After feeling extremely threatened by some members of the community, Tapas and Mita moved out, as they were offered an alternative and Tapas was in no state of health to be able to deal with all that stress, after having just suffered some health issues.

It was after some months that on the 2nd may (my birthday) that all of a sudden, we heard a JCB arrive, without any kind of notice or warning, followed by a few people. They then proceeded to violently demolish Tapas and Mita's house, without any care of securing the area. They kept going for a few hours through the night. Then agreed to stop and came back the next day to demolish more of the house.

We were then also told that we needed to find the funds ourselves to do the shifts needed for our bathroom.

The Housing board offered to help us then.

Few days later we had a visit from Ambu and Sindhuja (newly appointed without the approval of the RA) to check about where the bathroom could be shifted to. They then asked us to get Estimates and drawings ASAP. We provided those within a few days.

We were then told that we would only get a temporary NOC of approx. 2 years for the bathroom and that it would only be for a minimal size, not as the existing one, and that we would need to fund it ourselves. We were also told that due to the NGT stay we were actually not allowed to build, so we would have to wait until the case was lifted Or find adequate, alternative housing immediately.

We then looked for alternatives but were not able to find or place to build or move in.

Sometime after, we received a letter in the afternoon from ATDC saying they would be coming the next day to demolish the bathroom.

We immediately contacted our working groups to ask for help and guidance. It was then that it was brought to Court.

We would like to add that in 1997 when we got this permission to build, the Crown Road was measured from a diameter of 710 mtrs taking the Banyan Tree as the centre. At that time our house or bathroom was not on the Crown, this only changed a few years ago, when the diameter was changed to 690 meters, thus changing the location of the Crown.

Present situation:

We have been living under extreme stress and incertitude since then, affecting us in many ways.

We would like to again bring to everyone's notice that we never blocked the development, we have only been asking for a just and honest process without violence and intimidation.

We are hoping the community can help us to find a peaceful way to move forward economically as well as harmoniously to shift the existing Infrastructure (Electricity, water and Internet connection), as well as build a new bathroom. Before the existing bathroom is dismantled.

We will again ask for an NOC for these shifts, and the time to make the shifts before the demolition of the existing bathroom and infrastructure happens. Hopefully this can happen without more violence and intimidation, but in a more respectful manner.

Elodie and Txuma

AUROVILLE COMMUNITY RESIDENT ASSEMBLY SERVICE RIGHTS

Rights passed by Auroville residents Community are invalid and self destructive if they are not based on being a divine servitor.

There is work to be done and for that work the Mother has not even given permission to any architect or engineer to intervene let alone any community member. The community decision making may be helpful in some cases of the world, but not here where all is laid down already by the Highest. No individual here has any rights as broadcasted by the Residents assembly for decision making regarding the city. This is a propaganda by the wrong forces who have been delaying and will continue to do so the God's work. Choose not my will but Thine and see your life flourish with His boons.

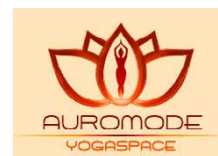
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Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

Vanakam, we are having the following classes happening in Auromode Yoga space starting from 5 September.

- All are Drop in sessions
- Beginner to Intermediate level
- Contribution required
- Bring your own mats if you have one



Monday to Saturday

- **Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30am to 12noon:**
Ashtanga Vinyasa, Self Practise session, This is not a lead class.
- **Thursdays, 5:30pm to 6:45pm,**
Hatha/ Vinyasa flow with Siva.
- **Monday to Saturday—Strength Evolution Yoga (You can attend only the Yoga sessions also)**
 - **16:30 to 17:00** Warm up, Mobility & Core work
 - **17:00 to 17:30** Animal Flow workouts
 - **17:30 to 19:00** Vinyasa flow Yoga & meditation

Ask us for more information

- WA + 91 98926 99804,
- contact@auromodeyogaspace.com
- balaganesh.siva@gmail.com

Bala

PITANGA PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER 2022



(0413) 2622403 / WA 9443902403

info@pitanga.in

Yoga with Rachel

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

More Yoga

Pranayama, Regular only	Friday, 6:45—8am	François, Namrita
Yoga Therapy, All levels	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30—10am	Gala
Asanas for children, 7—9 yrs, Regular	Saturday, 10—11am	Gala
Asanas for teenagers, 10—15 yrs, Regular* <i>*New students need to contact the reception and see with the teacher</i>	Monday, Wednesday, 4—5pm	Lisbeth

Body—Mind—Spirit

Dynamic Balance, 8 sessions in September & October, starts 6 September	Tuesday, 4:45—6:15pm	Osnat
Neurographic Drawing, For adults, Drop-In	Friday, 3—4pm	Gala
Tuning to Peace, Drop-In	Monday, 7:15—8:15am	Rosa A.
Training our listening skills, through the body, Drop-In	Wednesday, 8—9:30am	Rosa A.
Awareness and Joy, for seniors, Drop-In	Friday, 9 10am	Rosa A.
Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Tuesday, 10—11:30am	Aurovici
Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Friday, 5:15—6:30pm	Shari
Aviva Exercise, For women, Drop-In	Thursday 4:30—5:30pm	Suriya-Gandhi
Odissi Dance, Beginners, Drop-In	Monday, 4:45—5:15pm Friday, 3:45—4:30pm	Rekha
Odissi Dance, Intermediate, Regular	Monday, 5:15—6:15pm Friday, 4:30—5:15pm	Rekha

Homeopathic Clinic

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

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

Healing Spaces

Please book your appointment for a healing space by phone 262 2403

Acupuncture	Heidi
Essenian Healing	Patrick
Journey to the memory of the body	Vani
Life Coaching	Vani
Shamballa Reiki	Pierre
Self-Healing	Kirtan
Thai Yoga Massage	Bernardo

About our healing spaces

- **Acupuncture** regulates and harmonises the flow of life energy, the "Qi", of the whole organism. The "Qi" flows in a network of channels called Meridians. The acupuncture points are located along these channels. To regulate and tonify the "Qi", acupuncture points are stimulated with needles or treated with mugwort (moxibustion). Acupuncture may help with all kinds of pain, fatigue, menstrual and menopausal disharmonies, anxiety as well as many other disorders of the body.
- **Essenian Healing:** Essenian treatments are a therapeutic approach that uses the healing power of light and sound as well as the massage of energy points with the aim of maintaining or restoring a harmonious balance between body, soul and spirit. The healing acts by restoring the flow of energy that has been disrupted by stress, illness, negative thought forms and the difficulties of everyday life.
- **Journey to the memory of the body:** Journey through the trauma memories, emotional blockages and belief systems in order to release and heal these traumas, by getting aware & deprogramming these old believe systems put in place in the past, which keep us from living a very joyful life in the present.
- **Life Coaching:** Life coaching is very useful in period of changes and doubts in order to get in contact with your intuitive self and find the creative and dynamic thread of your life again. It is also very helpful, to clarify the different steps to take for developing any new project.
- **Shamballa Reiki:** Pierre is offering treatments for those who are open to using the Universal Energy, we call Reiki, to keep us aligned during the immense shift we are all going through. In his observation "the cosmic clock is turning; the Universal Energy remains the same".
- **Self-Healing** based on Craniosacral therapy offered by Kirtan are a non-medical healing approach based on Craniosacral Therapy. It is a way for you to experience your True Self in a profoundly deep, practical, and lasting way, by attuning you to your own blueprint for health. It calls forth your natural re-alignment, resonance and healing forces.
- **Thai Yoga Massage** is a deep, full-body treatment, which includes both stretching of the joints and muscles, and applied pressure on the Sen lines. Traditionally Thai Massage was not only used to treat illnesses, but also to maintain health and well-being.

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

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

JIVA: YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



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

Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

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



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

Contact: WA 9626565134, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Ongoing classes in dynamic QiGong

Dynamic QiGong with Andres

- Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 7—8am
- Location: Gaia Frisbee field, near Kalabhum



Just come!

The Way of the Sufi: Retreat with Nirupam Gyan

- 10—14 September

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



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

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

Our Venue Sharnga Guesthouse

- www.sharngaguesthouse.in

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

Gurdjieff Sacred Dances

- 7, 8, 9 Sept with Nirupam Gyan

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



- Facilitator Nirupam Gyan
- Venue Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

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

Integral regression therapy training

- Intro Session 20 September, 5—7pm
- Intro Webinar 21 September, 7—9pm

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



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

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

- The 7 Module training in Integral Regression Therapy starts end July with Modul 1 Reliving and transforming
- Sigrid Lindemann is integrating her large professional background in this focussed approach to transforming deep, longstanding issues towards an evolving consciousness and purpose of life. Sigrid is a transpersonal regression therapist, trainer in hypnotherapy and teacher of advanced classical homeopathy, with her background in Integral Yoga, living over 20 years in Auroville, Pondicherry.

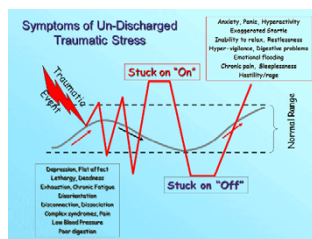
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YEP We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAV> parallel with wellness and healing sessions for parents: forest walks, camp fire, visits to various activities in Auroville, Yoga and TaiChi, art sessions, bird watching,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

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

Transforming trauma, 17 & 18 September with Sigrid

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

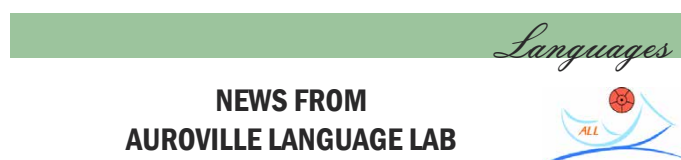


The workshop is designed for therapists of body and mind, psychologists, and all who work with trauma.

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

- **Time:** 17 & 18 September, 9—5pm.
- **Venue:** Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in
- **Jiva Venue:** Sharnga Guest House, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Submitted by Sigrid

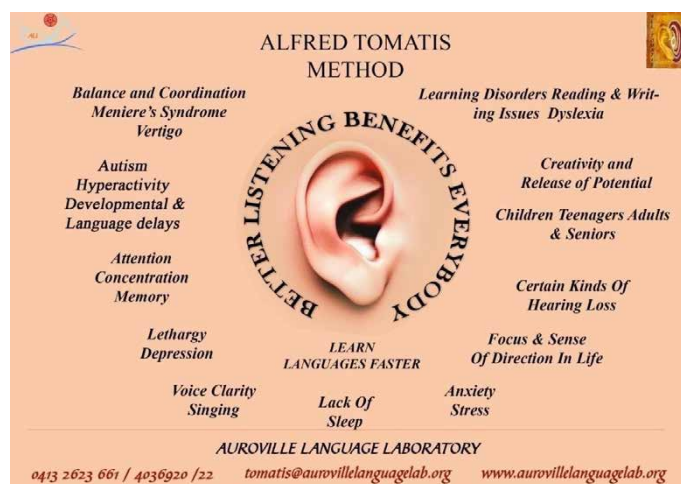


Please remember to put your mobile phones on flight mode and switch off all wireless and bluetooth devices before you enter the lab, since it is a wireless-free space

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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



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

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

Summer Language Courses at ALL

New: Spanish with Mila

Fantastic news for Spanish learners! Mila will soon be starting a new batch for her Spanish Beginner Course! Mila's course is structured on the highly-acclaimed book, "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish: A Creative & Proven Approach". She has been running this course since many years with tremendous success. The course will start mid-September. We will fix the days and timings as per the group's and the teacher's mutual convenience. Enquire now to join!

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

Spots are filling up for Vatsla's Beginner Hindi course! You have two weeks to register!

We have always received great feedback on her course! The new batch starts on 3 September 2022. This three-month course is a blend of grammar and conversation, poetry and songs. We invite you to come and relish the beauty of the Hindi language. Enquire now to join!

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

Spoken Tamil with Saravanan

- This course is now closed to new registrations.

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

English Conversation with Ramesh

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

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

Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam

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

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

Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan

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

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

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

To join or enquire:

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

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

Current Schedule of Classes

Lan-guage	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English Always Ongoing	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am—11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate, Group 2	TBA	TBA
	Pre-Intermediate & Intermediate, Started on 25 May	02:30pm—03:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
French	Beginner, Started on 16 July 2022	02:30pm—04:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation: Intermediate	02:00pm—03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation-Pre-Intermediate	03:30pm—04:30pm	
German	A1 Beginner, Started on 16 June 2	9am—10:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, To start on 3 September 2022	10:00am—12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started on 15 July 2022	09:30am—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start September	03:00pm—04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start September	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner, To start September	TBA	TBA
	Spanish Conversation, To start September	TBA	
Japanese	Beginner, To start September	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner, To start September 2	TBA	TBA

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday—Friday:

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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Cinema

**Aurofilm presents**

• **Reminder: on Friday 2 September, 8:00pm:**

“Paterson”—Directed by Jim Jarmush, US, 2016

• **Friday 9 September, 8:00 pm:**

“The Wild Child” (titre original: L'enfant sauvage)

Directed by François Truffaut, France, 1970

With: François Truffaut, Jean-Pierre Cargol, Françoise Seigner, Jean Dasté

Synopsis: The film is about a wild child who is found in the woods in south of France in 1798 and taken into society. Some see him as a dumb beast but Dr. Itard thinks he might be able to teach the child something and turn him into something society would accept. An enthralling Truffaut film shot in black and white, based on the book of the physician Itard. *Original French version with Engl. subtitles.*

Duration: 1h23.

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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 “pre-views” 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 9 September: Our Planet—High seas

2013 / 48 minutes / Hugh Pearson

Experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary of spectacular scope.

In this episode: Venture into the deep, dark and desolate oceans that are home to an abundance of beautiful—and downright strange—creatures.

Warmly, Shek





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
5 September 2022 to 11 September 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 5 September, 8:00 pm:

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India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Kiranraj K. w/Rakshit Shetty, Charlie (furry actor), Sangeetha Sringeri, and others, Drama, 164mins, Kannada w/ English subtitle, Rated: NR

Dharma, who lost his family by the time he was preteens—is decidedly anti-social as an adult. But he begins metamorphosing into a more rounded individual when an adorable abandoned light beige hued Labrador walks into his life and slowly but surely into his heart. But when everything seems settled and happy, Charlie falls ill. Dharma rose to the occasion to offer Charlie the best of life. *Lovely film.*

Potpourri—Tuesday 6 September, 8:00 pm:

LUNA PAPA

Russia-Tajikistan, 2000, Dir. Bakhtyar Kudojazarov w/ Chulpan Khamatova, Montz Bleibtreu, and others, Drama-Comedy, 107 mins, Russian-Tajik w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR.

In a small village close to Samarkand, 17yrs old Mamlakat dreams of becoming an actress. One moonlit night, she is seduced by a mysterious stranger who claims to be a friend of Tom Cruise. He then disappears, leaving Mamlakat pregnant. For her father Safar and brother Nasreddin restoring of the family honour is a question of pride, and they set out together to find the culprit.

Interesting—Wednesday 7 September, 8:00 pm:

LIFE IN COLOR: Hiding in Color- Episode 2

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

This episode reveals the extraordinary ways that some animals use color to hide and disappear into the background. New science reveals how the Bengal tiger in central India uses its orange-black stripes to hide from its colour-blind prey. In Kenya's Masai Mara, the zebra's black-and-white pattern confuses predators with an extraordinary effect called motion dazzle. And on the island of Cuba, a small snail uses colourful stripes in a surprising way to hide from its enemies.

German—Thursday 8 September, 8:00 pm:

ZU WEIT WEG (Too Far Away)

Germany, 2019, Dir. Sarah Winkenknecht w/ Yoran Leicher, Sobhi Awad, Anna König and others, Drama, 92 mins,

German w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan—A friendship born from anthropogenic loss of home: when the village where 11yrs old Ben and his family live has to give way to open-cast lignite mining, they move to the city. There, Ben meets Tariq, whose family has fled Syria. Though they start out as competitors, the shared experience of a new beginning soon welds them together at school as well as the football club. The film debut tackles themes of uprooting, displacement and immigration in a deeply emotional manner.

International—Saturday, 10 September, 8:00 pm:

PETITE MAMAN (Little mom)

France, 2021, Writer-Dir. Céline Sciamma w/Joséphine Sanz, Gabrielle Sanz, Nina Meurisse, and others, Drama-Fantasy, 73mins, French w/English subtitles, Rated: PG

From the maker of the acclaimed film Portrait of a Lady on Fire comes this uniquely emotional film. In this film, following the death of her beloved grandmother, 8yrs old Nelly accompanies her parents to her mother's childhood home to begin the difficult process of cleaning out its contents. As Nelly explores the house and nearby woods, she is immediately drawn to a neighbor her own age building a treehouse. What follows is a tender tale of childhood grief, memory, and connection.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 11 September, 4:30 pm:

A MONSTER IN PARIS

France, 2011, Dir. Bibi Bergeron w/ Matthieu Chedid, Vanessa Paradis, Gad Elmaleh, and others, Animation-Adventure, 90 mins, English, Rated: PG

Paris, 1910. Raoul and Emile, a movie projectionist, and an inventor, accidentally release a monster and vow to track it down. Joining forces with a cabaret star, an eccentric scientist, and his monkey, they soon realize the beast may be the one who needs saving.

Movies On Ancient Greece @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 11 September, 8:00 pm:

ILEKTRA (Electra)

Greece, 1962, Dir. Michael Cacoyannis w/ Irene Papas, Giannis Fertsis, and others, Drama, 110 mins, Greek w/ English subtitles, Rate: NR

A powerful rendering of the tragedy of Elektra by Euripides, in which the wicked Queen Clytemnestra and her lover Aegisthus murder her husband Agamemnon upon his return from the Trojan War. The king's son, Orestes, is sent into exile, and his daughter, Elektra, into mourning. Over the years, Elektra's hatred of her mother grows, and she bristles with the desire for vengeance.

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

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Thanking You,
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KALARIPAYATTU, THE MOTHER OF ALL MARTIAL ARTS

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary Bharat Nivas presents

Documentary Film Screening

"Kalaripayattu, the mother of all Martial Arts"

It combines defence techniques, dance, yoga and healing systems. It boosts both physical and mental fitness and body flexibility and functioning. Moreover there is no age to learn this art form.

Kalaripayattu is used by dancers to master the body. But there is no dance technique behind it.

Sharing on the values of Kalaripayattu & its basic foundation & its connection to Yoga which will be followed by Q & A.



Venue: Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
Place: Saturday, 3rd September 2022
Time: 5 - 6 pm



Vani, Bharat Nivas Cultural Team

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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

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