



# News Notes

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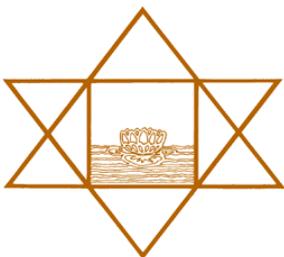
He energized conscious-force (in the austerity of thought) and came to the knowledge that Matter is the Brahman. For from Matter all existences are born; born, by Matter they increase and enter into Matter in their passing hence. Then he went to Varuna, his father, and said; 'Lord, teach me of the Brahman.' But he said to him: 'Energize (again) the conscious-energy in thee; for the Energy is Brahman.'

*Taittiriya Upanishad*

The Soul of man, a traveler, wanders in this cycle of Brahman, huge, a totality of lives, a totality of states, thinking itself different from the Impeller of the journey. Accepted by Him, it attains its goal of Immortality.

*Swetaswatara Upanishad*

## Pondering



The greater the apparent disorder of the materials offered or the apparent disparateness, even to irreconcilable opposition, of the elements that have to be utilized, the stronger is the spur, and it drives towards a more subtle and puissant order than can normally be the result of a less difficult endeavor

The revelation of the detail, the circumstance, the abundant ways and forms of the manifestation will be the unveiling of the endless opulence of the truths of that identity, its forms and powers of self, its curious manifoldness and multiplicity of form bringing out infinitely its oneness

*The Gnostic Being, Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

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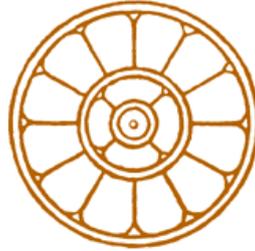
# House of Mother's Agenda

'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)

(continued from last week)



All there was soul or made of sheer soul-stuff;  
 A sky of soul covered a deep soul-ground.  
 All here was known by a spiritual sense:  
 Thought was not there but a knowledge near and one  
 Seized on all things by a moved identity,  
 A sympathy of self with other selves,  
 The touch of consciousness on consciousness  
 And being's look on being with inmost gaze  
 And heart laid bare to heart without walls of speech  
 And the unanimity of seeing minds  
 In myriad forms luminous with the one God.  
 Life was not there, but an impassioned force,  
 Finer than fineness, deeper than the deeps,  
 Felt as a subtle and spiritual power,  
 A quivering out from soul to answering soul,  
 A mystic movement, a close influence,  
 A free and happy and intense approach  
 Of being to being with no screen or check,  
 Without which life and love could never have been.  
 Body was not there, for bodies were needed not,  
 The soul itself was its own deathless form  
 And met at once the touch of other souls  
 Close, blissful, concrete, wonderfully true.  
 As when one walks in sleep through luminous dreams  
 And, conscious, knows the truth their figures mean,  
 Here where reality was its own dream,  
 He knew things by their soul and not their shape:  
 As those who have lived long made one in love  
 Need word nor sign for heart's reply to heart,  
 He met and communed without bar of speech  
 With beings unveiled by a material frame.  
 There was a strange spiritual scenery,  
 A loveliness of lakes and streams and hills,  
 A flow, a fixity in a soul-space,  
 And plains and valleys, stretches of soul-joy,  
 And gardens that were flower-tracts of the spirit,  
 Its meditations of tinged reverie.  
 Air was the breath of a pure infinite.  
 A fragrance wandered in a coloured haze  
 As if the scent and hue of all sweet flowers

Had mingled to copy heaven's atmosphere.  
 Appealing to the soul and not the eye  
 Beauty lived there at home in her own house,  
 There all was beautiful by its own right  
 And needed not the splendour of a robe.  
 All objects were like bodies of the Gods,  
 A spirit symbol environing a soul,  
 For world and self were one reality.

Immersed in voiceless internatal trance  
 The beings that once wore forms on earth sat there  
 In shining chambers of spiritual sleep.  
 Passed were the pillar-posts of birth and death,  
 Passed was their little scene of symbol deeds,  
 Passed were the heavens and hells of their long road;  
 They had returned into the world's deep soul.  
 All now was gathered into pregnant rest:  
 Person and nature suffered a slumber change.  
 In trance they gathered back their bygone selves,  
 In a background memory's foreseeing muse  
 Prophetic of new personality  
 Arranged the map of their coming destiny's course:  
 Heirs of their past, their future's discoverers,  
 Electors of their own self-chosen lot,  
 They waited for the adventure of new life.  
 A Person persistent through the lapse of worlds,  
 Although the same for ever in many shapes  
 By the outward mind unrecognisable,  
 Assuming names unknown in unknown climes  
 Imprints through Time upon the earth's worn page  
 A growing figure of its secret self,  
 And learns by experience what the spirit knew,  
 Till it can see its truth alive and God.

(to be continued next week)

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri— A Legend and a Symbol  
 Book 2: The Book of the Traveller of the Worlds,  
 Canto 14: The World-Soul

[https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/2829/0019\\_e.htm](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/2829/0019_e.htm)

# Townhall Speaks

## AUROVILLE WORKING GROUPS OPEN HOUSE HOURS

Drop by with your questions, suggestions and ideas or write to us.

### Working Committee

- Tuesday 10:00 to 12:00 @ Koodam office
- [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services)

### Auroville council

- Thursday 10:00 to 11:00 @ TH council Room
- [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services)

### TDC

- Monday 1:00 to 2:00 @ TH Council Room
- [tdc@auroville.services](mailto:tdc@auroville.services)

### FAMC

- Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4.30 @ Koodam office
- [famc@auroville.services](mailto:famc@auroville.services)

Additionally the RAS is happy to receive questions and feedback at their office in Town Hall. Pass by or please write to RAS: [raservice@auroville.services](mailto:raservice@auroville.services)

Some more useful email addresses:

### BCC

[bccauroville@gmail.com](mailto:bccauroville@gmail.com)

### Entry

[entryservice@auroville.services](mailto:entryservice@auroville.services)  
[entryboard@auroville.services](mailto:entryboard@auroville.services)

### Housing

[housingboard@auroville.services](mailto:housingboard@auroville.services)  
[housing@auroville.services](mailto:housing@auroville.services)

Dorle

## HOW TO REACH BCC

Dear Community, if you would like to reach us please temporarily use [bccauroville@gmail.com](mailto:bccauroville@gmail.com). Our access to the [BCC@auroville.org.in](mailto:BCC@auroville.org.in) email accounts *has not* been restored.

- We continue to be available in person during our regular office hours, Monday to Friday 10am—12pm at Town Hall.

*In service, Suryamayi, BCC Office*

*Your BCC members (Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Rathinam, Sacha, Suryamayi, Verena)*

## FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY (FAMC)

### Open house timings starting Wednesday 21 September

Dear community, we hope you read our second follow-up to the 30 July 'Meet and Greet' in the 1 September 2022 News and Notes. We mentioned then that we are setting up 'open house' hours like the Working Committee, Auroville Council, and Town Development Council. We are pleased to let you know that we are ready to receive you

- Every Wednesday
- At the former Koodam office, across from the Auroville Library
- Between 2:30 and 4:30pm

If you can let us know in advance of your intention to visit, that would be great, but it is not necessary. You can write to us at [famc@auroville.services](mailto:famc@auroville.services).

*We look forward to seeing you,  
Sincerely, Amy, FAMC  
(Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Elodie,  
Mita R., Palani, Ranjith)*

## A COCKROACH INCIDENT

Dear Community, this is not a communication we had hoped we would ever have to make in Auroville, so we are presenting facts as they are.

Since a few weeks, members of our working groups have had strange cockroach stickers pasted on their vehicles, sometimes repeatedly.

This afternoon after the Working Committee secretary returned from her lunch break she found two such stickers pasted on our door (attached) A quick CCTV camera check revealed the culprit: not some misguided youth but an adult and an architect, Dorle. (screenshot attached)

For some days we have wondered about the bizarre symbolism that seeks to target people with a clear message of hate. We attach here an article which points to the symbolism of such vicious campaigns. (see attached) Please take time to read it through to understand the nature of these actions. We can no longer believe that they are mere pranks but actions of a very negative force that has no place in Auroville.

Dorle went into the Conference/Council room after planting the stickers. There were people inside and we wondered how they supported such actions.

The Council also seems to have condoned the removal of Working Committee laptops, the wiping of all data in our computer and that no office seals are returned.

Nevertheless, we continue to work with all, regardless of which side they are on, and help people with their visas, Adhaar cards and RoR.

We therefore ask for the following to be able to serve the Community in a harmonious and balanced way.

1. We would like to see all Working Committee material returned intact.
2. We would like to have the use of the Conference room for our meetings with other groups.
3. Hate crimes, hate videos against fellow Aurovilians and the Foundation must cease for the sake of Auroville and the Mother's Dream.

*At the Service of Truth,*

*Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine*

*The Working Committee*

To see the the attachments please go to: [auroville.org.in/article/92683](http://auroville.org.in/article/92683)

## FOREST GROUP COMMUNIQUE

09 September 2022

Dear community members, over the many decades the Forest Group has always collaborated and worked with the FAMC's that have come and gone, in the spirit of transparency and progress.

In reference to a report recently published by the GB FAMC in which they reported on the Forest Group, please see the email below that was sent to them in the last week of August.

To: Jocelyn, Geeta, Chandresh, Kalya, Sathyanarayan, Torkil

In the light of the recent Madras High Court (MHC) decision regarding the role of the Residents Assembly in appointing working groups, the ongoing RAD on the validity of various office orders of recent months and the upcoming case on the constitution of the FAMC in front of the MHC, we are not able to meet with you at this point of time.

Representatives of the Forest Group (which has maintained regular and transparent accounting throughout its existence) have recently met with the RA appointed FAMC to discuss various issues around accounting and formalizing the accounts.

For any questions on this, the Forest Group recommends that you approach the RA appointed FAMC at your convenience.

*Kind regards, Auroville Forest Group*  
[forestgroup@auroville.org.in](mailto:forestgroup@auroville.org.in)

## AUROVILLE COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT—AUGUST 2022

### Council Communications to the Community

- Council Open House (<https://auroville.org.in/article/92613>)
- Alternate email addresses of Working Groups of the Resident Assembly ([Click here](#))
- Announcement of the Conflict Resolution Council Subgroup (<https://auroville.org.in/article/92531>)
- Joint Communication with other Working Groups
  - ‘Staying true to our values’ (with Working Committee of the RA) ([Click here](#))
  - Call for vigilance on isolated roads to Auroville after nightfall (with Working Committee of the RA and AV Safety and Security Team) (<https://auroville.org.in/article/92533>)

### Challenges

- Our email communication remains a challenge in our day to day work, as even our alternative gmail address ([avcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:avcouncil@gmail.com)), created especially to reach any auroville.org.in address, has been blocked by the administrator of the Auroville.org.in domain, making it extremely difficult for us to reach Aurovilians and AV services. We are however adapting to each changing situation and doing our best to reach out to you via our alternative address [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services) until our auroville.org.in addresses are fully restored.
- Another month of keeping the Council meeting room in Town Hall, available for the general use of the RA Working Group meetings, has passed with a 24/7 surveillance, managed by Auroville residents. Once again we wish to extend our extreme gratitude to all those who persevere in that difficult task and we hope for a happy ending in the near future.

### Meet & Greet at Unity Pavilion 30/7

The Council replied individually to all Aurovilians that shared their concerns with the team members during the event.

### Communications

A few of our communications to the community on AuroNet have been censored by the current unknown AuroNet administrators. Therefore the council is now communicating through several channels such as the new AV massbulletin (email and Telegram), N&N, community forum etc.

### This months joint meetings:

- **All Working Groups**—the Working Groups of the RA are meeting at least once per week. Topics:
  - Organization of Community Meeting in Kalabhumi on 13. August 2022
  - Various communications to the Community on current matters

Julia is the Communication/Media liaison for the Council

- **Working Committee.** As per the recent judgment of the Madras High Court, all policy decisions are on hold until the Secretary of the AVFO has finalized the Register of Residents’ under her purview. Thus, all policy related RADs such as
  - Entry policy review
  - Exit policy
  - RAD review
  - Participatory Working Group (PWG) review
  - Other Working Groups’ policies/mandates
 are on hold. However, the Council continues their preparation for everything to be ready for roll out, once the RoR is completed.
- **BCC**—The Council received the BCC team in a meeting to discuss their challenges in the current working environment and to offer our support where possible.

- **Arbitration/Appeal Coordination** and Mediation/Facilitation Coordination Teams—The Council received the representatives of both teams to discuss their continuation after the dissolution of Koodam and to introduce the new Conflict Resolution Subgroup of the Council (CRC) to them.
- **Evergreen ‘Wednesdays for AV’**—1 Council member attends the weekly meetings

### Open House

The Council welcomes residents who wish to share on various topics with some members, every Thursday from 10—11am at the Council Room in Town Hall.

We will address your questions and requests, and if required bring them to the Council table for further discussion.

### Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) Subgroup

(for AVC: Balaji, Julia, Shivaya (TOS), Suryan, Svenja; Admin/Coordination: Sophie):

An open call for more skilled members from the community will be made in due time

**Sanjana Community**—This long standing conflict, opposing the Sanjana community residents and the Architect of the Sanjana project, has now gone into an arbitration process. The Arbiter Coordination Team will be guiding the parties through the process, based on an agreed upon arbitration scope. We will inform the AV Community of the outcome once it becomes available.

- Email address to reach the CRC subgroup: [avc.conflicts@gmail.com](mailto:avc.conflicts@gmail.com)

### UPDATE FROM THE FAMC OF THE RA CONCERNING THE HOUSING SERVICE

To the Residents’ Assembly, on 31 August 2022 the Housing Board and Housing Service received an email:

FAMC. <[famc@auroville.org.in](mailto:famc@auroville.org.in)>  
Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 15:09

To: Housing Board  
<[housingboard@auroville.org.in](mailto:housingboard@auroville.org.in)>,  
housing <[housing@auroville.org.in](mailto:housing@auroville.org.in)>

Dear friends from Housing Board and Service,

We would like to thank you for your time and service. As per the office order, the new team is ready to start functioning in Housing from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

The members of the new team are:

- Aryamani
- Banu
- Donata,
- Pietro
- Saroja
- Uma Melin
- Venkatesh.

*In Her Service, Smiles,  
FAMC (Chandresh, Geeta, Kalya,  
Sathyanarayan and Torkil)*

After that, on 2 September 2022, the Housing Service and Housing Board received the below ‘Office Order no. 436’ dated 30 August 2022.

In response to this, on 3 September, we replied by email to Chandresh, Geeta, Kalya, Sathyanarayan, and Torkil that the Office Order dated 30 August 2022 concerning reconstitution of the Housing Service is without merit and is unequivocally rejected citing the results of the emergency Residents’ Assembly Decision that has been published in the N&N no. 938 dated 1 September.

*In community, FAMC  
(Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Elodie,  
Mita R., Palani, Ranjith)*

## TDC / L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE

August 2022 update

- **Members:** Allan Bennett, Anan Skoles, Divya Lieser, Dorle Heller, Fabian Ostner, Island Lescure, Lata Iyer, Meera Natarajan, Natasha Storey, Tom Gablier
- **Mission statement:** We are the Interface Team that engages with the Community to identify and hold the developmental priorities for the future of Auroville.
- **Core values:** Relaxed—Reliable—Resourceful

### Preparation of a Detailed Development Plan (DDP) and Master Plan (Perspectives 2025) update

We are preparing a roadmap for next steps needed in starting a brief and working towards a review of the Master Plan (Perspectives 2025) framework and the preparation of a DDP. We have begun looking together at the many documents that already exist (may need updating) and the work that needs to be initiated. We are also exploring methods of engagement with the community in these works.

So far, we've reviewed the following:

#### Master Plan (Perspectives 2025)

- Report of the Study to Identify Auroville's Development priorities 2021—2026 (still in draft)
- Auroville city area—Land Suitability and Land Use Proposal
- April—May 2014

#### Multidisciplinary Team

A group of people from various professional backgrounds have approached the TDC as a team that could work together with the TDC and the community through processes that still need to be identified or/and defined. This would help to look at topics from many different angles at one time.

#### Proposed Crown road—Archeological sites

Taranti brought to our notice that a number of archaeological sites are on the proposed Crown RoW and these need to be considered when/if work is to occur in these areas. We are working with her to find a solution to protect these sites and artefacts as well as establish norms for other areas.

#### Proposed Crown road—Joint Committee (JC) Report and Darkali

After reading the JC report we have written to the JC reminding them that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) ruling prescribes that they cover the entire 4.4 km of the Crown road in their report and not just Darkali. As you may know, this issue will be heard in the NGT in the coming weeks. Next steps will follow.

#### Sludge

Sludge is still a problem in Auroville. The management of this problem has been very poor for years. Pour Tous Water does not know where to dump sludge as there is no proper set-up or management team.

A group of people are looking into coming up with a method to deal with this, at the very least in a temporary but responsible manner. This could lead to a pilot project which could help to get a more permanent solution.

For perspective: The Green Group (GG) had followed up on this before with reports checking the quality of the sludge over the past 20 years or so: it was always filled with condoms, tampons, pads, etc. so a robust method from pickup, filtering and treating needs to be put in place.

#### Letters were sent to various people and institutions

- Letter regarding archaeological heritage sites on the Crown
- CPWD reg. quality concerns
- ATDC, ACUR managers, CPWD and NGT Joint committee reg. MHC verdict

- Dr. J. Ravi reg concerns of quality and planning of the Crown
- Letter regarding illegitimate attempt to demolish Elodie and Txuma's bathroom

#### Limitations

We are trying to address logistical elements, such as budget and other requirements, to have a solid base on which we can operate.

#### Reminder

Two of us are available on Mondays 1—2pm at the Council room or all of us can be reached at [TDC@auroville.services](mailto:TDC@auroville.services)

*Thanking you, in Service,*

*L'avenir d'Auroville—TDC*

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

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

*The Auroville Council*

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

### FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 147

Dated: 15-09-2022

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](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com). We thank you in advance.

#### NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Yolane KOCHER (French) staying in Maitreye-II and working at Oli School

#### NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Pedro GASPER (Portuguese)

#### AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Celia DEMENGIN (French) staying in Creativity and working at Eco Femme
- Senthil PASUPATHY (Indian) staying in Kriya and working at Svaram

#### LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- Cristina GILI (Spanish)

**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, The Entry Service*

**FOREST GROUP MEETING**

**Aurodam Friday, 2 September, 2022**

**Present:** David (Aurodam), Vengatesh (Abri Forest), Glenn (Anusuya), Rita (Centre Field), Yuval (Eternity), Manolo (Bliss/Espace), Siva (Kriya), Achilles (Baraka), Balu (Azhagu Bhoomi), Mani (Samridhi), Fabian (Pitchandikulam), Christoph (Bliss), Edzard (Discipline), Andreean (Hermitage), Vikram (Infinity), Philippe (Anusuya), Ananda (Nine Palms), Natasha (Evergreen), Amos (Evergreen), Island (Espace), Archana (Siddhartha Forest), Segar, Dave (Chairperson), Ancolie (Notes). *24 members present and one volunteer*

**Topics discussed**

**Ami/Abri/Evergreen Encroachment**

Concerned Auroville residents have shown their presence and have stood to protect Auroville land, in rain and shine. A big thank you to everybody who has lent their valuable presence to protect one of Auroville's greatest asset; land. It is important to note that Auroville residents were altogether called 7 times due to these land encroachments. We are all very tired and it is extremely uncomfortable to be present in violent situations like these when we, Auroville residents, are protecting land that the Auroville foundation should be protecting and we put ourselves in a very vulnerable position in front of violence ready people who know where we live. We urge the Secretariat of the Auroville Foundation to do everything in its power to stop further encroachment on Auroville land. Furthermore, we would like to emphasize that it is of utmost importance that all land papers are in order to avoid any future unnecessary confrontations.

**Planting**

Planting season is around the corner. Glenn has reminded us there are funds and seedlings available in the various Auroville nurseries and forest communities should contact him now. There are also funds for soil and water conservation. Parallely Kiran is in charge of another planting project under the Auroville Botanical Gardens and has already been in touch with different forest communities for the planting of these specified seedlings.

**Revelation and Silence**

Revelation and Silence shared with us that they are in collaboration with Marc's coffee. The idea is to plant *Coffea robusta* underneath the forest canopy or under electricity lines and Marc's Coffee would use the coffee beans. Right now, the seedlings are coming from the Coffee Board and Revelation forest.

**Samridhi**

As you may have noticed there were lots of white pillars erected around Auroville land mainly in the North Eastern greenbelt. These MBA pillars are part of the Mailam Bommabura Adhinam temple trust which is connected with the Bommayarpalayam village. Samridhi West forest, which borders some of that land along the canyon at the back, has lost around 10 meters into the forest. The Land Board has been alerted, and together with the stewards, are working on appropriate marking and fencing.

**Sacred Groves**

As reported in the the Hindu newspaper, <https://www.the-hindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/auroville-study-finds-sacred-groves-in-state-of-decline/article65814769.ece> a study led by the Auroville Botanical Gardens on the fragile ecological status of the sacred groves of the Coromandel Coast was released. The report highlights the decline of the remnant forests present in these groves, but that hopefully it is not too late to develop strategies to protect these local, valuable biodiversity hotspots. This work is one element of a larger TDEF (Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest) conservation project that is being run from the Auroville Botanical Gardens. Anyone wanting to read the report should contact Glenn at [anusuyaforest@gmail.com](mailto:anusuyaforest@gmail.com).

*The next forest meeting will be in Udumbu on Friday, October 7, 2022. Unless it is raining, then it will be at the Aurodam Kitchen.*

*Community News*

*Auroville Matters*

**PASSING ON: DORIS**

On Sunday evening, 11 September, at 9:02pm our dear friend and sister Doris van Kalker (born Griethe) quietly left her body at the age of 76 in Mahalakshmi Home where she had been taken on 9<sup>th</sup> of August to recover from a fall. Doris was coping with Myeloma which these last months had been rapidly aggravating, causing unbalance and difficulty with walking, and eventually her demise.



Hailing from Germany and after studying anthropology, Doris worked as Lufthansa stewardess in the 70/80s, traveling to all corners of the world and loving it. In an interview with AV Today much later on, she mentioned 'I remember how once in the information room where all the flight crews used to meet, someone had an article on Auroville and read its Charter out to us. 'Traumtaenzer (dream-dancers)!', I laughed and immediately forgot about it. But one thing did stick with me for years—Mother's reference to never ending education...'

The time came that she had enough of the hectic life and realized she had been looking for a change. At the end of the 90s, she accompanied a friend to Auroville and 'When I climbed out of the taxi in the middle of the night at Centre Guesthouse and put my feet on Auroville's earth, I somehow knew I had arrived somewhere very special.' Returning for good in May 2002, she stayed for a year in Sailam, lived in various places as house sitter, and worked at the Auroville website with Mauna and Manoj in their office at Aurelec. When two years later the Indian Ocean's tsunami struck and Doris, then Auroville's webmaster, started posting images online of the havoc created in township and villages, she felt 'that something new was happening to me by being exposed to this remarkable experience and that soon my life would take on a different direction.'

It did. Seeing all the enormous post-tsunami clean-up work and Auroville outreach projects spontaneously emerging in the fishing villages nearby, she observed in a meeting that it all should be documented. As is bound to happen in Auroville, someone said 'Go get a camera and do it!' and that was it. Her first 10-minute 'Tsunamika' clip was soon born. Being 'shocked when I learned that so little of Auroville's history had been recorded, I knew that was where my path lay. Auroville is an experiment and it should be documented', she got in touch with Auroville film maker Basile, studied him at work, and grew into her element: documenting the emerging city. This was her way of life: she would take up something new, involve herself fully, getting the equipment needed, researching the topic, plastering her white board with information and then doing it with all her being. At the time, she also moved to Arati.

Having teamed up with Francis and founding 'Auroville Video Productions', from then on the pair steadily produced treasures such as 'Matrimandir, a labour of love' chronicling its construction and olden-days inspiration; 'The Second Generation' and 'Born at the Right Time' about the children who had grown up here, as well as the moving 'Interview with Serge', the musical 'Sorcery at Sea', the 'Sacred Groves' project, 'The Retreat'..., and many more filmed interviews and performances with little fun AV moments captured in between.

When several years ago the Auroville Archives shifted to its new place adjacent to the Multi Media building, Doris gladly moved in and painstakingly built up the AV Digi-

tal Archives, a centralised repository of the various existing AV archive materials with state-of-the-art software and know how, containing some 350+ videos on Auroville, and more. The rather abrupt take-over of the Archives in June of this year left her deeply shocked and hurt but not disheartened, as she wrote to a friend: 'There is still hope, we can turn it still around, that's what I as a strong believer in Mother believe.'

During the last weeks in Mahalakshmi Home, where Doris had expressed her open readiness to gently and naturally fade away, many Aurovilians passed by to give her a last hug and bid her farewell, and were touched by the sweetness in the air.

Thank you, Doris, for having shared your generosity, creative spirit and wit with us. Go capture the Beyond,—you'll live here in all the footage you created...

Our warmest condolences and strength go out to her partner Francis, close friend Stephanie and all her other friends.

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Doris's body will be taken to Farewell and cremation may take place on Thursday at the Auroville Cremation grounds.

### AN UPDATE ON DEEP DIALOGUE FOR HARMONY



Dear friends, this is a follow-up to the message published in last week's news and notes regarding the deep dialogue for harmony with Raghu Ananathanarayanan.

There are many, many residents of Auroville who are yearning for a space of dialogue with an intention to progress together harmoniously. However, after meeting with team members from the Resident Assembly Service (RAS), Auroville Council (AVC) and messages exchanged with both sets of the Working Groups (appointed by the office order of the AV Foundation Office and selection process facilitated by the RAS), I've come to an understanding that not everyone is ready for a formal dialogue process. Yet, there are more and more residents coming forward with the willingness to speak with Raghu to share their perspective and are hoping that the dialogue eventually happens when there is more readiness in the collective.

As published in last week's News and Notes, there was an email sent by the Working Committee selected by the RAS process to Raghu. There has been a reply from Raghu to that email and another Q&A which clarifies his stand which is shared in this document: <https://tinyurl.com/updates-deep-dialogue-harmony>

So as I understand, while this will not be a formal dialogue process till there is more readiness in the collective, those who would like to share a perspective with Raghu are still welcome to write to him on [raghu.tao@gmail.com](mailto:raghu.tao@gmail.com) or share here: <https://tinyurl.com/share-dialogue1-for-harmony>

With utmost faith in Divine Grace and a sincere aspiration, praying for a harmonious collective progress. Sharing a couple of verses from Bhagavad Gita which guides deeply:

Verse 2.47

कर्मण्येवाधकारसुते मा फलेषु कदाचन ।

मा कर्मफलहेतुर्भूर्मा ते संगोऽस्तुत्वकर्मणि ॥

You have a right to action, but only to action, never to its fruits; let not the fruits of your work be your motive, neither let there be in you any attachment to inactivity.

18.62

तमेव शरणं गच्छ सर्वभावेन भारत ।

तत्प्रसादात्परां शान्तिस्थानं प्राप्स्यस्यसि शश्वतम् ॥

Surrender with your whole being and take refuge in 'Him'. By 'His' Grace, you will attain supreme peace and the eternal abode.

Sincerely, Deven

## Awakening Spirit

### MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 4

The Book of Birth and Quest, Canto 1-4

Savitri  
B H A V A N

The Birth and Childhood of the Flame, The Growth of the Flame, The Call to the Quest and The Quest.

Monday, 19 September 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Duration: 43min.

Savitri takes birth in spring when all nature is a festival of beauty. Returning from the transcendent planes she takes up her unfinished divine task. Once more the Mother-Wisdom, which is constantly at work in Nature's breast to make dumb Matter conscious of the divine, puts on a human shape.

The land where Savitri is born and grows up is full of the greatest works of God and Man, a land of majestic mountains and wide plains beneath the sun, and where great influences and ancient Godheads surround the growing child.

A brooding world of reverie and trance, / Filled with the mightiest works of God and man, / Where Nature seemed a dream of the Divine / And beauty and grace and grandeur had their home, / Harboured the childhood of the incarnate Flame. (p.359)

Even the closest partners of her thoughts cannot match the measure of her soul. She is their leader and the queen of their hearts and souls, close to their lives and yet divine and far beyond their reach. Amongst these hearts, none can stand up as her equal and life-partner.

On an exceptionally beautiful spring morning, in a moment of revelation, Savitri's father King Aswapati sees in his daughter the great spirit who has taken birth as his child. He is inspired to tell her that somewhere on earth her unknown beloved is waiting for her—the second self her nature needs—and that her soul has enough strength and does not need any other guide than the One within her. He advises her to go, depart where love and destiny call her and venture into the world to find her mate. Her father's words, forming *The Call to the Quest* enter Savitri like a mantra, and the seed of great change is sown in her heart. She leaves the palace and turns to the world and the vastnesses not yet her own.

At first, her mind is absorbed by the strangeness of new scenes, but as she travels further a deeper consciousness wells up within her which takes all clans and peoples for her own, until the whole destiny of mankind becomes hers. The cities and rivers and plains she passes through come to her like memories from the past. The wheels of her chariot are being guided by hooded divinities. She passes through the capitals of powerful city-states and slumbers in the palaces of kings. She travels through free and griefless spaces not yet troubled by human joys and fears and experiencing the unspoiled childhood of the primeval earth. She halts in hermitages at night or rests in the open on the banks of rivers, in desert spaces or solitary tracts. Months pass, summer is approaching, but she has still not found the one predestined face she is seeking.

Still unaccomplished was the fateful quest; / Still she found not the one predestined face / For which she sought amid the sons of men. (p. 385)

A meditative film made 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 under the guidance and inspiration of the Mother. The film can connect us to the Divine Presence within and lead us towards the spiritual truth and the New Consciousness.

In the beginning there is also a short video of Huta speaking about her work with the Mother. Duration: 5min.

Submitted by Margrit

### AMPHITHEATER—MATRIMANDIR

From 22 September onwards: 5:30 to 6pm  
Every Thursday at Sunset



We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music (we are restarting from Book 1). 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 Amphitheater from 5:15pm.**

Thank you,  
Surya & Velmurugan  
(Amphitheater team)

### KOHAM—SOHAM

Unity 22  
unity pavilion Presents  
**KOHAM - SOHAM**  
Who am I ? I am That  
Inspired by Sri Aurobindo's poem 'Who'  
A Meditative film-offering by Know Your Rhythm  
Scan Here Koham - Soham Trailer  
COMPOSED & DIRECTED BY  
Arnab Bishnu Chowdhury  
CO-CREATED BY  
50 Artists from Ashram,  
Auroville, Europe, Russia & US  
TIME: 5 PM - 6:30 PM | @ UNITY PAVILION | SEPTEMBER: 15TH  
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Unity Pavilion | International Zone | Auroville | 0413 - 2623576

### DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6 to 6:45pm

Thursday 5 to 5:45pm

**DAILY PEACE MEDITATION**  
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.  
- Mother  
Venue: Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 6PM TO 6:45PM  
Thursday 5PM TO 5:45PM

### HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION AND TALKS IN AUROVILLE

**HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION AND TALKS IN AUROVILLE**  
Day 1: Sept 18, 2022, Sunday  
7 am - Introduction to Heartfulness Meditation by Dr. Veronique Nicolai and Serge Nicolai  
7:30 am - 9 am Online Meditation with Daaji followed by talk on Evolution of Consciousness  
10-11 am Heartfulness Yoga by Dr Veronique Nicolai  
11:30 - 12:30 Introduction to Abhyasi on Auroville and Integral Yoga by Dr. Jayanti Ravi and Auroville Residents  
5:30 pm - Group Meditation Conducted by Daaji followed by Q&A  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Music Concert:  
(Artist Kumari Shantala (flute) and Bhargavi (Chitra Veena) accompanied on violin, mridangam and ganjira)  
Day 2: Sept 19, 2022 - Monday  
6:30 am Heartfulness Meditation by Dr. Veronique Nicolai  
8 am - Closing.  
Venue: Unity Pavillion, Auroville, Tamilnadu, India  
on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

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### THE POET SRI AUROBINDO IN DIALOG WITH CHETANA, THE DESIGNER

“The poet Sri Aurobindo in dialog with Chetana, the designer...”

Join us for an interactive presentation

#### Beyond: Poetry By Design

Original art, visual interpretation and personal story

Thursday, October 6th, 2022

5:15 pm to 6:30 pm

Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan, Auroville

Chetana Deorah, Graphic & Product Designer

**ON THE OCCASION OF SRI AUROBINDO'S  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*The Photographic Exhibition on Sri Aurobindo's political life and Works during the period 1872-1910*

**Kalakendra presents**

**Homage to Sri Aurobindo**

You are all invited to a short musical closing ceremonial program: The 'Blue Bird Ensemble' Music Group and the Women's Group will play and chant Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri: It is an invocation in musical form of two poems of Sri Aurobindo set to song:

- **Singers:** Anita, Srimoyee, Shelley, Antoine, Otto, Surendra and Surya
- **Recorders:** Moise, Suresh
- **Guitar:** Surya
- **Lithophones** (a rare and unique instrument made by Svaram): Shantanu and Surendra
- **Celtic Harp:** Tapan Chowdhury

**Poem 1: 'The Blue Bird':**

It has been set to the tune of a classic guitar piece, 'Spanish Romance', author anonymous, and an orchestral arrangement for a 'Chamber Ensemble and Voices' was composed with 2 unique instruments in mind, The Celtic Harp and the Chromatic Lithophone created by Svaram.

**Poem 2: 'Invitation'**

It has been set to an original composition also with the 2 instruments in mind, the 'Celtic Harp' and the 'Lithophone' and the 'Chamber Ensemble and Voices'.

Duration: 20 minutes

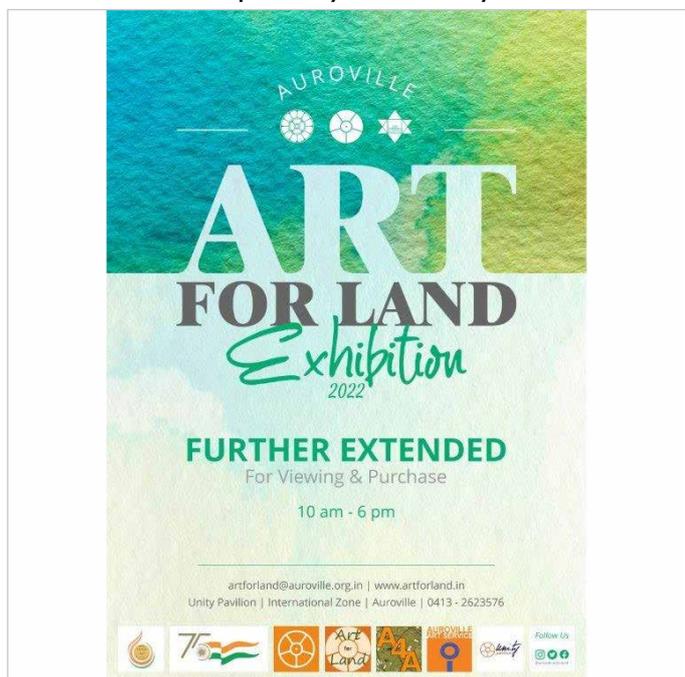
**Chanting and Recitation of Sri Aurobindo's Poem and Gayatri**

This is offered by the Auroville Women's Group

*Tapas, For Kalakendra  
Bharat Nivas Cultural Group*



**ART FOR LAND  
EXHIBITION AND LAND FUNDRAISER 2022**  
10 am— 6 pm daily at the Unity Pavilion



Extension of the Exhibition for Viewing and Artwork Purchase! It's too beautiful to take down yet!!



**Art For Land—Acres For Auroville—Unity Pavilion—  
Auroville Art**

are happy to invite you to the continuation of **Art For Land 2022 Exhibition & Land Fundraiser**

*Beauty is his footprint showing us where He has passed*  
We are happy to announce that the **Art For Land 2022** exhibition has been extended with the artworks available for viewing and purchase at the Unity Pavilion. The works can also be seen on the online gallery and bought all year long via our dedicated website [artforland.in](http://artforland.in) which provides purchase, donation and events information.

**Upcoming Art For Land event on September 15 at Unity Pavilion from 5 to 6:30pm!**

You are all warmly invited to the projection of the impressive new meditative film Koham-Soham based on Sri Aurobindo's poem Who created by Arnab Chowdhury & Know Your Rhythm with original music and choral by a worldwide group of musicians and singers, including from Auroville, and featuring the latest NASA images of our incredible universe. [Here's the trailer.](#)

**Other events this week at the Unity Pavilion:**

- **Sound Bath:** Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm
- **Peace Meditations:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 6:45pm/ Thursday from 5 to 5:45pm.

We invite you to partake of the beauty of the Exhibition and the events, and by your presence and participation, support Auroville's land !

**Donations From Fundraising Are  
The Only Source For Land Purchase!**

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.

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

**Art Purchases Are Possible All Year-Long  
at [artforland.in](http://artforland.in)**

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and our website [artforland.in](http://artforland.in)

**Mandakini  
for Art for Land**

*Education*

**TRANSITION SCHOOL OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE AUROVILLE COMMUNITY!**

Friday September 23, from 9:20 to 10:20am.



In honour of Sri Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, Transition school teachers and students invite you to come to our school on Friday, September 23, 2022, from 9:20 to 10:20am. During this time

we will open our doors to the community so you may get a glimpse of our school and what we have been working on this term.

**Highlights:**

- In our multimedia room you can watch a short movie (15 minutes) about Sri Aurobindo's life and work narrated by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Panthers class. This will be played continuously throughout the hour.
- Look at displays about Sri Aurobindo around our school.
- Meet the teachers and students in their classrooms and see the different displays in each class.
- We hope you can take advantage of this opportunity to get a preview of our work.

*Love, the Transition students, teachers, and support staff*

*Health Care*

**AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC**

**AURO DENT**

Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

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

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

**AUROKIYA**

Aurokiya is happy to expand its service in healthcare and support the community with the following services.

- Home care support and specialized nursing care
- Support for hospital visits and diagnostic services
- Laboratory services and home collection
- Health screening and awareness programs



**Contact us**

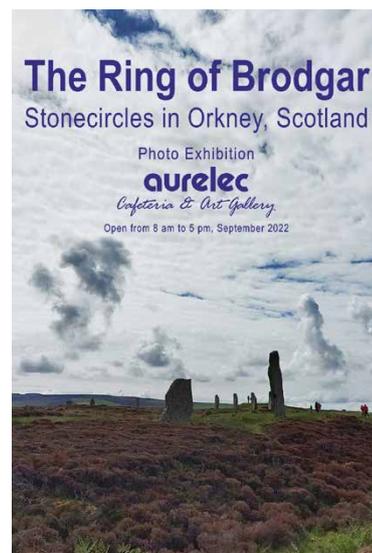
[aurokiya@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurokiya@auroville.org.in), WA, call 80123 05151

*Regards,  
Aurosugan,  
for Aurokiya*

*The Arts*

**THE RING OF BRODGAR**

The Ring of Brodgar (or Brogar, or Ring o' Brodgar) is a Neolithic henge and stone circle in Mainland, Orkney, Scotland. It is the only major henge and stone circle in Britain which is an almost perfect circle. Most henges do not contain stone circles; Brodgar is a striking exception, ranking with Avebury and Stonehenge among the greatest of such sites. The ring of stones stands on a small isthmus between the Lochs of Stenness and Harray. These are the northernmost examples of circle henges in Britain. Unlike similar structures such as Avebury, there are no obvious stones inside the circle, but since the interior of the circle has never been excavated by archaeologists, the possibility remains that wooden structures, for example, may have been present. The site has resisted attempts at scientific dating and the monument's age remains uncertain. It is generally thought to have been erected between 2500 BC and 2000 BC, and was, therefore, the last of the great Neolithic monuments built on the Ness. A project called The Ring of Brodgar Excavation 2008 was undertaken in the summer of that year in an attempt to settle the age issue and help answer other questions about a site that remains relatively poorly understood. The results of the excavation are still preliminary.



The stone circle is 104 metres (341 ft) in diameter, and the third largest in the British Isles. The ring originally comprised up to 60 stones, of which only 27 remained standing at the end of the 20th century. The tallest stones stand at the south and west of the ring, including the 'Comet Stone' to the south-east. The stones are set within a circular ditch up to 3 metres (9.8 ft) deep, 9 metres (30 ft) wide and 380 metres (1,250 ft) in circumference that was carved out of the solid sandstone bedrock by the ancient residents.

The monuments at the heart of Neolithic Orkney and Skara Brae proclaim the triumphs of the human spirit in early ages and isolated places. They were approximately contemporary with the mastabas of the archaic period of Egypt (first and second dynasties), the brick temples of Sumeria, and the first cities of the Harappa culture in India, and a century or two earlier than the Golden Age of China. Unusually fine for their early date, and with a remarkably rich survival of evidence, these sites stand as a visible symbol of the achievements of early peoples away from the traditional centres of civilisation...The Ring of Brodgar is the finest known truly circular late Neolithic or early Bronze Age stone ring and a later expression of the spirit which gave rise to Maeshowe, Stenness and Skara Brae

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*Thanks,  
Jana*

### THE DIVINE FLUTE RECITAL

On the occasion of  
150<sup>th</sup> of Sri Aurobindo Birth Anniversary  
50<sup>th</sup> - Bharat Nivas presents  
\*Sponsored by the Golden Chain Fraternity

**BHARAT NIVAS**  
भारत निवास  
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

**The Divine Flute Recital**  
by Pandit Sudip Chattopadhyaya  
One of the flag bearers of Pandit Pannalal Ghosh Gharana  
& empaneled member of ICCR since 1992.

Chanting : Madhumita Chattopadhyaya  
Swaramandala : Bryce Grinlington  
Tabla : Dr. Udayaraj Karpur



Venue : Sri Aurobindo Auditorium  
at Bharat Nivas  
Date : Monday 19 th September 2022  
Time : 8 pm  
Duration : 75 mins

**BHARAT NIVAS**  
भारत निवास  
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Regards, Vani,  
BN Cultural Team

### THY GOLDEN LIGHT

Dear All, we are happy to inform that the Exhibition 'Thy Golden Light' by Jyoti Khare is extended upto 24 September.

*Thy Golden Light*  
Paintings inspired by Sri Aurobindo's poetry  
by Jyoti Khare

Savitri Bhavan (Square Hall)  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September - 9:30 am to 5:00 pm



**Opening**  
Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4:00 pm  
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Thank you, Dhanalakshmi  
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Looking forward to welcoming you!  
The Sadhana Forest team, warmly, Shek

Books

**SRI AUROBINDO LE REBEL ET LE SAGE**

Sri Aurobindo le Rebel et le Sage (Sri Aurobindo the Rebel and the Sage) 100 copies of this new biography of Sri Aurobindo by Luc Venet is available in French from now onward.

Those interested in this French version may buy it in the Visitor's Centre, Auroville Papers Bookshop. The English translation will be available within a few months.

**Synopsis of the book**

Largely unknown to the general public, Sri Aurobindo is one of the most mysterious and influential figures of 20th century India. At the age of twenty, this young Indian poet, steeped in classical culture developed at Cambridge, returned to his native land, only to find his country bent under the yoke of British colonialism.

Venet's biography covers the main political events of these years—the struggles between the 'Moderates' and the 'Extremists' in Congress, Britain's 'divide and rule' policy regarding the Muslim minority, the Alipore bomb trial, Sri Aurobindo's Uttapara speech, the British suppression of the opposition etc.

Chapter after chapter, the wonderful spirit of Sri Aurobindo unveils itself before us; not only are the issues of that time depicted, but revealed the silent and secret power of this country and its destiny to resolve all of the difficulties which are concentrated on humanity today.

Forerunner of a modern, democratic nationalism, Sri Aurobindo succeeded in launching India's Liberation Movement, laying the foundations of the political strategy combined with spiritual principles, which ultimately resulted in the withdrawal of the British in 1947—an outcome still attributed to Gandhi alone.

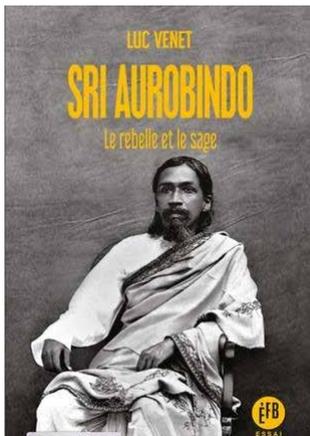
In 1910, he began a second life in Pondicherry.

Always very reserved, preferring to remain an actor behind the scenes; this chapter of his life ending in 1950 is even more secret.

The influence of his work has been such that many disciples flocked from India and all over the world to the Ashram he founded in 1926 with his companion Mira Alfassa, and then to Auroville, the project of International city dedicated to Human Unity created in 1968.

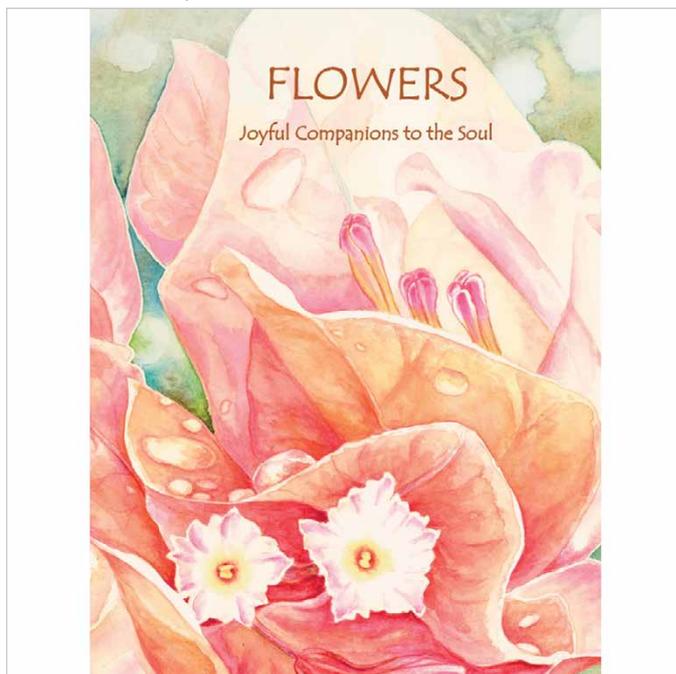
These events have always been central to the story of Indian independence and to her Soul. As we mark Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary, in 2022, they are arguably even more important.

*Born in Paris in 1943, Luc Venet discovers India and the thoughts of Sri Aurobindo at the same time as he witnesses the May 1968 demonstrations in the street. A young mathematics graduate in search of an ideal, he understands that pounding the pavement will not be enough to make his 'revolution'. At 26, he flies to Pondicherry where he meets The Mother. It is the beginning of a long spiritual adventure during which he builds experimental houses in Auroville while helping Mother's confidant, the French writer Satprem, to publish 'L'Agenda de Mère' a veritable logbook of the construction of a new man and then spends six years in Auroville.*



Submitted by Rakhil,  
[rakhil.auroville@gmail.com](mailto:rakhil.auroville@gmail.com)

**FLOWERS, JOYFUL COMPANIONS TO THE SOUL**



New arrival at the Wild Seagull bookshop in the Visitors Center with paintings by Jyoti Khare  
**Chithra, Auroville Press**

Looking For

**Housing for Visiting Musician**

Many of you enjoyed the Road of the Wild Lily with powerful mystic/folk musician Shruthi Vishwanath.

Help me bring her back to share more music with Auroville. I'm looking for not-too-expensive housing for her (and her partner) from the end of October to mid March. So grateful for community support, please write me at [shalini@auroville.org.in](mailto:shalini@auroville.org.in)

**Shalini Sekhar**

**Looking for Instruments**



I have just completed my Svaram Sound healing course & I am looking for instruments to start my journey further. If you have any of the following instruments not used, let me know I can pick it up on long term loan basis as I give a new lease of life to the instrument, I am looking for

- Gongs, Shruthi Thali, Frame drum, rattles, Strom drum or any instrument
- Contact +91 9892699804WA, [balaganesh.siva@gmail.com](mailto:balaganesh.siva@gmail.com)

**Best Regards, Bala**

**Looking for Grecians**

I am looking for people from Greece.

Do we have Aurovilians here who could contact me?

**Thanks, Rita E.**

**Arya/South community, 8940878665**

**Raji Looking for Work**

Dear friends, I am Raji who works at guest registration service at town hall in the morning.

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

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

**Thank you in advance, Love, Raji**

*Available*

**Are You a Cat Lover?**



We have 3 little fur balls up for adoption to a single household or separate Perfect pets for young kids as they are independent kittens who can eat on their own We have a litter of three beautiful healthy babies born to an Auroville cat mother They are a month and a week old, very playful and healthy

Seeking a foster family or someone to adopt them and we want to stay connected and potentially help out in their care depending on your preference. We would like to visit them occasionally and let the mama visit them too. They can climb stairs, starting to chase flies and they cuddle together. They are young so can adapt to a dog friendly place as well.

They are just magical and we wish they can all live together or separately. Either way we want to be involved, visit them occasionally, care for them if you want to go away for a few days. Aurovillians, new comers or long term volunteers welcome please.

Message/call: 9654477971  
Pratik Chatterjee.

**Educated Puppy**

Peggy is a six month old female puppy. She is educated,vaccinated and sterilized. We are looking for a new home.

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Surajkiran, Auroville

**LATEST INFO FROM THE TRAVELSHOP**

Contact: Mr. Ganesh via  
call/WA 09894598686  
[travelshop@auroville.org.in](mailto:travelshop@auroville.org.in)



- **Cathay Pacific** airline will start on 11th October direct flights from Bangalore to Hongkong weekly twice Monday, Thursday.
- **Etihad Airways** has offers from Chennai to London, Rome, Milan, Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam and New York for flights in October month.
- **Lufthansa and Gulf** airways have good fares from Chennai to Amsterdam, Stockholm, Paris, Nice, Frankfurt and Munich.
- **Qatar** airways has competitive fares from Chennai to Milan, Stockholm, Vienna in October.

All the best, Joster

**HR HUB INITIATIVE**



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

- **We invite the Auroville Services/Units** to use our service; if you are in need to find someone to fill out a work position in your unit, we can help you by screening and finding suitable applicants.
- **We also invite Aurovillians and newcomers** that are in search of a work opportunity to write to us and apply through our service so that we can connect you with the Units/Services of Auroville in need.

At the moment we do have a number of candidates in search for suitable working opportunities. If your Unit/Service is in need of people, feel free to contact us; we might be able to connect you with Aurovillians/Newcomers who are searching for work.

Please contact us for more information:

- [hr.hubauroville@gmail.com](mailto:hr.hubauroville@gmail.com)

HR Hub Team  
Warmly, Sara for HRHub Team

*Work Opportunities*

**CREEVA IS LOOKING FOR A WEB DEVELOPER**

Hi There, CREEVA is looking for a web developer for our website. Contact Sangarapranan, 91 9047722987.

Warmly, Sathya

**TLC LOOKING FOR IT/TECH PERSON...**

TLC (The Learning Community) is looking for an IT/tech person to help with all aspects computer related—maintenance of our computer room (supported by Aurinoco), and assisting learners (children and adults) with computer-related tasks.

- A lot of patience and knowledge of basic softwares necessary (word, excel, powerpoint, Google sheets, editing, layout etc).
- The role would require good English and communication skills, and spoken Tamil would be a great bonus. A love of community is a must and would entail half-time work (4-5 mornings per week).
- Financial assistance could be offered if needed.

Please write to [tlc@auroville.org.in](mailto:tlc@auroville.org.in) if you are inspired to join our learning journey.

With much care and gratitude  
Sara, Tamar, Mrinalini, Mira  
For TLC Aspiration team

*Help Needed*

**UPDATE ON ANAND**

The Matrimandir executives would like to thank everyone who has given so generously to Anand's Medical Fund.

So far Rs 2.4lakhs have been raised.

Anand is progressing well. He is now able to talk and walk a little. Further progress is expected after another operation has been carried out in PIMS in a few weeks time. Continued financial support will be needed, so those of you who have offered to make regular contributions, thank you very much.

The account number is 251019

Thanks, Judith, for Matrimandir Team

## ROCK MUSICAL PETER PAN



Dear Friends, We are excited to announce **The Auroville Theater Group's** next play is a **Rock Musical** called **Peter Pan: Lost and Found**. It's an original story, a comedy with music and dance. The book and lyrics are by **Jill Navarre** and the music is composed by **Martin Gluckman**.

Our musical comedy is based on the children's story of **Peter Pan**, by J.M.Barrie, with some serious changes to bring it up-to-date and current. So Peter and the Lost Boys are a Rock Band, The Pirates are now Policemen, the Mermaids are Peter's Fan Club and The Darling family is loving... but a bit dysfunctional!

As we dive into the music (with a live band), the story and many amazing rehearsals with a large cast of wonderful, talented actors coming from all parts of India, we are asking for your participation. We know you all love theater... now we need your support to make it happen!

- Please consider supporting the **Auroville Theater Group** with a donation to our **Pour Tous account 251067**. It's easy. Just say it's for **Peter Pan** !

Make our wish come true to perform **Peter Pan: Lost and Found** in December with your generous contribution. Pour Tous **account 251067**. Thanks a lot!

*Love, Jill Navarre, Director and the Peter Pan Team*

## LINK TO CONVERSATION WITH AVI USA

Urban Design Student from Auroville

Dear fellow Aurovilians, hello again!

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



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

I recently had the opportunity to speak to **AVI USA**! We had a wonderful conversation that explored my recent article 'One Dream Many Questions' in the **August Issue of Auroville Today** and how my experiences growing up in Auroville have shaped my education choices and have led me towards Urban Design.

- Please visit the following link to watch the [recorded session on Facebook](#).

My fundraising efforts to go to Milan are still underway! I request you to please consider contributing and sharing the link of my online crowdfunding page through which well-wishers can contribute anonymously and in their preferred currency. Every share can help me reach my goal!

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

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

## 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

- [Soul Tracks Se4 ep11 'Music from the Small Screen & Arctic Monkeys World Exclusive!'](#) (Music)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering—ep.62](#) (Literature)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—409](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Tamil Express—Lesson 24](#) (Tamil Language)

### Last Youtube live videos

- [Dr. Jayanti Ravi IAS 'The Future and You'—Integral Yoga Week](#)
- [Dr. Beloo Mehra 'Appreciating the Social Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo'—Integral Yoga Week](#)
- [Art For Land 2022](#)
- [Audrey Wallace-Taylor painting exhibition](#)
- [Dr. Alok Pandey 'The Gita for the Youth'—Integral Yoga Week](#)
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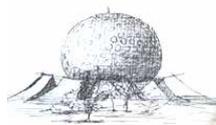
For more information write to [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

Peace and Love

*AVRadio Team,*

*Stefano, SaiPriya, Rajeev, Rateesh, Loretta, Matthew, Dhani, Jasper, Gangalakshmi, Marlenka and for this week also Aurosugan, Dr. J. Ravi, Dr. B. Mehra, Dr. A. Pandey, Audrey Wallace and the Art4Land team*

## MATRIMANDIR



Matrimandir the soul of Auroville is being isolated from humanity. Officially being declared in the new pre visit video that the Matrimandir is not for everybody and is open only on certain occasions. I have seen a similar process in the Ashram.

All Her life the Mother gave flowers and received flowers, this was a means for spreading the Divine consciousness, Her love and joy and protection that reached people's heart and home. This was the daily routine of the Ashram life, arrangements were made by the Mother that anybody who comes is given flowers and agarbathi to offer at the Samadhi. Now no flowers and no incense allowed is the new rule and law.

Auroville's basic space is goodwill for all, and those who do not have this and become hostile instruments should not be allowed to take control of the very soul of Auroville. It has to be seen and welcomed and encouraged that every Aurovilian visits Matrimandir daily, receives the light, offers all his or her problems and contacts with the higher self for help and guidance. This getting together around the Matrimandir in the space of love, harmony, contemplation will shift 50% of anybody's blockages. For the welcome of all Aurovilians and all those who come for Auroville enlightenment, we have to see and do whatever is required, the airflow is circulating and not stuffy, enough volunteers are there to make you feel comfortable for the higher space. Set the soul of Auroville free and see the spirit of Auroville flow and grow and attract and heal not only the Aurovilians but all mankind.

*Sunil*

## DEATH

In 2006 I felt a strong pain in my body, mainly in the joints. I asked the doctors in Santé 'Please, help!' Doctors answered: 'You are not the only one with these symptoms in Auroville, but we don't know the name of the illness and what kind of medicine can help you.'



I lived in Aspiration community and had a talk in our kitchen with a woman from Kuilapalayam village. About 3000 people live in it. She told me that all the villagers were sick with similar symptoms. I knew from her the name of the disease. It was Chikungunya, African-Asian tropical sickness.

There was a strange behaviour of the press, evidently it was an epidemic. There were no words in newspapers about it. Why? There wasn't enough detailed information about it? Or journalists were afraid to damage tourist business? But the World Health Organisation sent a commission in Tamil Nadu to study the epidemic. Immediately in newspapers appeared a lot of articles about it.

Contemporary official medicine does not know the radical methods for fighting against Chikungunya. Some people try to use different 'médecine'; they eat grapefruits or use cow urine. Chikungunya is a sickness of adults not children. Level of mortality isn't high.

Pain in my joints was very strong; together with fever it was difficult for patience. Maybe these suffering were a bell from another world? Maybe it is my last adventure with hard experience? Why is it so early?

I hadn't committed a sin by using a motorbike.

Every day on Earth more and more moans from a nightmare of innumerable vehicles on countless roads. Roads of death with killing the plants, animals and people. Situation on the road now is third world war numberless killings.

If a person dies in own bed, usually he hears good words of friends, he feels their good thoughts and kind wishes. It is normal for our life and death. If somebody is killed in an accident, the normal process of dying stops. After the First World War was the Spanish flu. After the third world war on roads is Covid 19.

The Mother wrote: a mass killing in wars is a cause of epidemic, mass vampirism of killing essences.

**Boris**

### ATTITUDE TOWARDS CALLING THE MOTHER

A fellow Aurovilian sent this note which resonated deeply and hence sharing it here. Divine Grace.

*'Every day I pray for the growth of truth, beauty and goodness in the institution where I work. But recently I was very much distressed by a series of events which are totally contrary to truth and expressions of dark falsehood. Does this mean my prayers are not sincere? What then is the use of our prayers and aspirations?'*

What you are telling happens quite often to people with a higher aspiration. As the Mother explains in some of her conversations, your aspiration attracts the attention of dark forces. You invoke the higher powers with a sincere aspiration and they descend. But it stirs the dark forces below and they create things which are contrary to your aspiration. You aspire for goodwill and love and you are confronted with a mass of bad wills or all that is contrary to love within you and around you. You aspire for harmony and unity in

your community and the conflicts increase. This may not happen always. You must not take it as a law in the rigid, scientific sense. But it can happen or to put it in another way, it is one of the possibilities which can happen. The Mother says these things come as a test to your sincerity and persistence. You must never think 'what is the use' and abandon your aspiration and effort. This is exactly the intention of these hostile forces in creating this kind of (mis?) chief. You must persist, examine your motives behind your prayers and aspiration and eliminate all self-seeking from it. As the Mother said, you must be good or do good for the sake of goodness and for the joy of goodness without seeking for anything in return and without expecting any specific results, impact or benefits from it.

We cannot demand results because the outcome and results depend on so many factors which are not under our control. We must do what we can and which is within our control and leave results to the Divine.

If your aspiration and prayers are sincere and selfless it helps in your own moral and spiritual development which in turn will have a positive impact on the collectivity. And the moral force released by your prayers will have its own beneficent impact on the institution. But these things happen first in the inner, subtler and mental levels and it may take some time or even a long time to manifest in the outer life.

So make a conscious effort to progress in the purity and sincerity of your aspiration by purifying your mind and heart from all forms of ego and self-seeking. If you are doing this inner work whatever you do outwardly helps in your own inner progress and also has a positive impact on the collectivity. We have to go on with the faith and the hope that truth, beauty and goodness will ultimately triumph in the end over evil and falsehood. 'Satyameva Jayate', which is the great message of our seers and sages and the Indian epics.

**M. P. Pandit (Service Letter)**

This reminds us of what the great Tamil poet wrote as a tagline for his Tamil version of Mahabharat: 'Dharmathai Soodhu Kavvum. Mudivie Dharmame Vellum' which means - 'Dharma will be engulfed by cunning and falsehood, but at the end Dharma will triumph'. But the English translation can never capture the simple, potent and mantric beauty of the Tamil verse.

On the sincerity of aspiration: Mother defines it as 'an aspiration that is not mixed with any egoistic or self-interested calculation' (CWM, Vol.17, p.21)

When we pray for others or the community we think we are selfless. But it can be mixed with the ego of the do-gooder. The moment I know or feel I can help others or the community by my thought or prayer it awakens the do-gooder ego which says enthusiastically: 'Now I am going to help the community by my prayers'. If something good happens, my ego congratulates itself for its goodness and the impact it is having by its prayers. And if something bad happens, like the one which happened to the questioner in the above passage, my ego feels disappointed and says, 'what is the use'. This kind of reactions shows my prayer is not selfless but mixed with ego. But still to pray for others or the community is good and as M.P. Panditji says it can help in our own inner progress and also can have a positive impact on others or the community, but only to the extent to which it is selfless and sincere. To make it selfless, the first step is an entire equanimity to results and a total surrender of the results of the Divine with the attitude 'Thy Will will be done'.

**Submitted by Deven Shah**

**REMEMBERING THE INTERACTION  
WITH HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

**Eye care interaction meeting Queen Elizabeth**



Deeply saddened by the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest serving monarch who died at Balmoral at 96 after reigning for 70 years. As the world mourns her death, let's take a moment to offer our condolences to her family and the country.

I would like to remember and share the conversation I had with her in October 2020, through online on the eve of world sight day. I was selected as the young Inspiring leader in the field of eye care for my work on Sustainability in Eye Care from India along with two others globally. It was a great experience talking to her along with Her Excellence Sophie, the Countess of Wessex,

The queen shared with me her experience of visiting India and how she enjoyed her visits, the richness of Indian culture was always close to her heart. I shared with her about my profile, Auroville and briefed the need for eye care in India. Also emphasized the barriers in accessing eye care, and the need for innovation in the field of healthcare to reach the unreached. I am happy that I have been able to contribute in the field of healthcare by bringing innovation and technology through Aurokiya for Auroville and Bioregion.

The way she listened to our talks and motivated us youngsters to focus on serving the community is still reflecting in my heart. I thanked her for the eye care initiatives they have taken in India through the Queens Diamond Jubilee Trust and her Excellency Countess of Wessex for being very supportive of eye care programs globally.

Lets Pray for the Soul to Rest in Peace

**Aurosugan**

*Auroville Poetry*

**ASKING FOR NOTHING**

Have you ever noticed  
Since we were babies  
This body and identities  
Have never stopped changing?  
Looking at each flux of a moment:  
Each fraction of a second  
Is new and unique.  
There is no repeat.  
On this marvel of a planet  
The same thing is happening  
To all sorts of living beings:  
A co-transformation that is perpetual.  
But there is Something  
Upholding us all  
That does not change  
Without That or Which  
We cannot even exist.  
And It is here  
There  
Everywhere...  
Smiling.  
Waiting in patience  
Asking for nothing  
Only to be seen.  
In the absolute sense of a word  
She is Love.

*In the personification of a Life Giver  
She is none other  
Than the Divine Mother:  
The object of our Surrender.  
And from this blissful meeting  
A New Life begins...*

**Zech. 2022.09.06**

Oh, here's a beautiful confirmation from Sri Aurobindo: 'He who chooses the Infinite has been chosen by the Infinite.'

Read the Mother's very interesting commentary in full here: Questions and Answers. Volume 7, pages 338-340

- [https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/07/vol\\_07\\_e.pdf](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/07/vol_07_e.pdf)

**DEVOTION**

*I'm a child of the Great Mother, Mother Nature  
She is the true unconditional one  
She is the one present now and always  
She is the one offering me an unconditional home,  
asking absolutely nothing in return.  
She's my strongest foundation.  
She's my source of worship,  
My excuse for devotion,  
the only reason I'm alive on this human body...  
She is my real guru.  
I will follow her  
I will protect her,  
Now and always.*

**Valentina B.**

**I'M A TREASURE-HUNTER**

*'I'm a treasure-hunter  
For what's precious  
In everyone, everywhere.'  
  
'My treasure, if any  
Lies deep down  
In the hard core.  
To discover it  
You'll have to  
Dig real hard.'  
  
'The treasures I hunt  
Are not fixed fossils.  
They form and flow.  
Even if I lift a corner  
Of the covering veil  
They may still spring out  
And steal the show  
Ancient and renewed.'*

**Anandi Zhang**

**FIRST ENCOUNTER OF MYSTIC POETRY**

On September, 15 via Zoom, the poets selected by the **First Encounter Of Mystic Poetry** organized from CISAUM: Spanish Center for Sri Aurobindo and the Mother Studies are going to read their poems.

- Savitri (Sandra) de Spain
- Anandi (Elba) India
- Benito (Cecilia) Chile
- Shafali (Martha) Colombia
- Maestro de los Magos (Darwin) Brazil.

**Anandi-ayün, Certitude.Auroville**

## THE FUTURE OF AUROVILLE'S AGRICULTURE: SAME AS INDIA?

Following the report on Auro orchard by Aruvadai (who will be sharing more regular farm news in this Green Column) we now take a look at the future of Auroville's farms in the context of agricultural developments in India. The recent threat by the authoritarian faction orchestrating systematic takeover of community processes was the last in a series of attacks on farming in Auroville. Their self-appointed committee proposed to 'rotate the stewards of 27 farms; 5 acres max for 3 years.'



Since many years subsequent FAMC's have demanded more productivity and rationalised management from farmers, often combined with accusations of incompetence and unwillingness. They are disappointed by the lack of appetite among the AV farmers for collaboration and coordination, and their unwillingness to meet consumers halfway in the everlasting tension between supply and demand. Our food market is not a cradle of human unity...

Both sides have built their trench and no one is budging. The policy wonks claim that farmers are whiling away precious fertile land at the expense of the collective. The farmers claim they are not respected for their toil and people should eat what grows here instead of the other way around. Recently another story did the rounds of 50 kg of ladyfingers being returned to farmers due to lack of local demand, adding to their demotivation. Why grow more food if nobody wants it?

What is new is the level of disruption proposed as a sanction to the entire farm sector. Rotating stewardship is a model that aims to prevent deep relationships between the grower and the land. Similar to rotating placements of government officers, the intention is to reduce harm by a bad manager and avoid build-up of entrenched positions and support bases that insulate the manager from his superiors. It has many side effects - one being that those on deputation come with a short term mindset. Why commit to a place you are not allowed to stay in anyway?

It also reinforces the general perception that Aurovilians can't be trusted. Otherwise why would this rule be necessary? It is the opposite of the message one gets from a 'Free Store' where anyone can walk in and out with clothes, presuming most residents are not scheming to exploit the collective.

How does this attitude towards food and farming sit within the wider national context? We look at recent proposals for a more self-reliant and self-sufficient food sector - also known as Atmanirbhar. Since the contentious 'farm laws' were repealed after mass protest in Delhi there has been much introspection in the agricultural sector. If top-down imposition of neoliberal capitalism is not the path, then what is?

### Indian Agriculture policy wonks

A paradigm shift is needed in Indian agriculture, but legacy policies are still aimed at production at all costs. Indian farmers are mainly small and marginal for whom the chemical-intensive, monocrop-based, market-input dependent model has failed on ecological, social and financial levels. Techno fixes such as genetic modification have led to increased use of agrochemicals, failed to sustain yield gains and increased control of undemocratic corporations through intellectual property rights. Promoting unregulated private trade of farm produce is the same recipe that pushed farmers in Europe and the USA to the brink of extinction. Even the Planning Commission realizes something else is needed. But what?

India's centuries-old farm practices are based on principles of sustainability, curated by innovative, hard-working and entrepreneurial farmers. Rather than banking on alien technology and uniformity, a serious attempt at localized, agroecology-based farming backed up by field level re-

search and state level policy support could change the direction of farming in the country.

Indian agriculture needs a blend of praxis based wisdom traditions and holistic science. The ancient recipes of pan-chagavya (5 elements of the cow), Jeev Amrut and kashayams are as relevant now and before the British came. But crops, commercialisation and customer habits have changed (not to forget the climate!) and the food systems need to keep up with modern realities.

Policy makers are flirting with 'zero budget natural farming', but this is only half of the answer. Replacing one universal model with another may seem attractive, but doesn't take India's vast diversity into account. And innovation and entrepreneurship may sound similar to the startup craze at the core of the mainstream development model. But to reach all 6,6 lakh villages we'll need collective ownership, revived commons and protection against corporate exploitation which do not feature in policy language. One idea proposed by Rajinder Chaudhary in [Down to Earth](#) is a re-education of our policy makers.

'Legends of Krishipandits of the immediate post-independence period, who were getting record yields with local seeds and without chemicals, never became a part of syllabus in agricultural universities. Great scientists like Albert Howard, who appreciated the richness of traditional Indian agriculture a century ago, are still unknown to many of our farm scientists.'

'It is time to correct this mistake', says Chaudhary. 'We need to consider implementing a programme of re-learning farm sciences with a systematic approach and help from successful agro-ecological farmers'. ([See this link](#) for more detailed presentations from multiple experts from across the country.)

### Non-food benefits

In order to sustain the hard work of regenerating soils and growing healthy food farmers need special incentives *not only in lieu of subsidies on chemical fertilizers, which are [around Rs 10,000 per hectare per year](#)* but also for providing ecological services like carbon sequestration, reducing water and energy use, improving soil health, conserving rain water, conserving biodiversity through mixed cropping, live hedges and crop rotations. Various models exist to track and reward farming collectives for such positive externalities. Auroville could choose to be a testing ground for such an approach.

Rural entrepreneurship is another obvious opportunity. Agro-processing as well as production of various kinds of microbial and botanical products is not rocket science and can be easily done at farm/village level with little scientific training and investment. It can employ millions of rural youth. Similarly, localised seed-breeding could be recognised as a source of collective wealth and wellbeing.

And finally, closing the loop to recycle nutrients and energy from farm biomass by composting programmes with the help of special microbial inoculants and small machinery in villages. Urban areas should return the nutrients drained from agricultural soil. Biogas-manure plants, from farm to city levels, need special boost. Locally available agri-inputs will reduce the cost of production and farmers' money will circulate locally. Again: does Auroville not offer an ideal testing ground for such models?

In conclusion: India seems ready to take on experimentation and system change, but Auroville is too caught up in its mistrust and internal revenge politics to notice the chance to contribute in a meaningful way to an actual Atmanirbhar campaign that would sustain people and not just multinationals.

• sources: *Down to Earth* Kapil Shah / Rajinder Chaudhary, *The Hindu*, IRMA

Lisbeth & Gijs

The Green Column appears bi-weekly in the News and Notes and reports on green issues in Auroville, India and the world. We like to hear from you! [avgreencenter@auroville.org.in](mailto:avgreencenter@auroville.org.in) or [avgreencenter@gmail.com](mailto:avgreencenter@gmail.com)

*Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts*

**INTEGRAL HEALTH:  
A SPIRITUAL APPROACH TO MEDICINE**

**A call for participation to the community**



My name is Dan, I am a therapist in the field of mental Health, practicing Hypno-therapy, NLP and Reprogramming for the past 13 years, in France and in Auroville. I am passionate about understand-

ing to which extent certain illnesses are created by pre-conditioned and/or specific behavior.

In so-called modern societies, we have been accustomed to treat any illness with medication and/or surgery, which means becoming more and more sophisticated. On the other hand, ancient traditions in the field of health emphasized on prevention and healthy ways of living, to prevent any disease from appearing.

Integral Health, according to the Mother, implies a holistic approach to treat any disease, be it mental, emotional, or physical. All aspects of the being, as well as the subtle bodies, are of concern to address any kind of illness.

With some colleagues General Practitioners (GPs) and therapists, in France and in Auroville, within a multi-disciplinary approach, we have started to address 3 kinds of diseases: Dementia, Parkinson and Fibromyalgia (auto-immune diseases) with significant outcomes. These results encourage me to move further, in order to document and possibly establish new ways of healing.

So far, we have worked in teams constituted of the following practices: Allopathy, Ayurveda & Siddha, Naturopathy & Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Osteopathy & Kinesiology, Hypnotherapy, Homeopathy, Systemic Constellations, Art Therapy, Musicotherapy, etc. In fact all practices might give some input on a specific illness.

Whether you are a patient (or family member) who has been or still is concerned by one of these illnesses mentioned above (information is kept confidential), or a GP / Therapist who has treated or is still treating patients, willing to share and address cases (anonymously), from a spiritual and holistic perspective, please kindly contact me.

Initially, I will collect and organize testimonials and experiences, then share them anonymously (with your agreement) with the therapists that are involved in this research.

At a second stage, we will hold meetings on the concerned illness, and explore further together, patient (who agrees to participate) and practitioners, this concept of 'Integral Health.'

Finally, we will document, try to establish new alternative protocols and/or association of therapies, and explore further implementation.

Let's consider that few Aurovilians are today suffering from one or the other illnesses mentioned. Given the average of Aurovilians that might be concerned in the future, I do think that such research is of great interest for the community.

I thank you for your trust and cooperation.

**Dan, Prarthna,**  
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**HEARTFULL MEDITATION WITH  
AVANTIKA NIRUPAMA**

**Tuesdays 9:30—10:30am,  
Arka Guest House, Auroville**

*'Those who feel the unquenchable thirst for something different will be protected in a cocoon of Light to traverse all perils of the convulsions of the old and dying world, for in part of their being they already belong to that light, to the New World.'*

**The Mother**



What is Heartfull Meditation? Heartfull Meditation is a dynamic meditation that welcomes your Spirit into every cell of your body. This is achieved by turning the mind inward to the Heart Chakra and connecting with the Divine source within us, the Pillar of Light.

As one surrenders and aspires, the Divine Light above begins to flow down through the crown chakra, expanding the Pillar of Light and eventually turning the body into a Divine physical manifestation of Love, Light and Truth.

Heartfull Meditation teaches the Align and Shine Meditation SnacksTM, unique meditation practices created by meditation master teacher Savitri, a long time devotee of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

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**Avantika**

**THE ART OF RELAXATION**

**Tuesday's @ Budokan/Dehashakti.  
16:30—17:45 with Hans.  
No charge, all are welcome.**

**THE ART OF CHI**

**With Hans at Dehashakti,  
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30—7:45  
No charge, all are welcome.**

**Hans**

**MUDRA-CHI**



Information about MUDRA-Chi:

**Saturdays  
11am at the Youth Center,  
5pm at Savitri Bhavan.  
Everybody Welcome**

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## ACTIVITIES & THERAPIES IN SERENDIPITY



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### Mindfulness Evening Circle

- Restarting From Thursday, 22 September at 7:30pm (duration 1hr and 30mins)

Mindfulness is the art of opening up to the present moment, embracing all that is alive within us and around us. It enables us to enjoy life deeply and cope with life's challenges in a skillful way. It helps us to stop and slow down, understand the deeper meaning of things and align ourselves with our true aspirations. This is a drop-in group session. (every Thursday); Facilitated by Jass; On Donation

### Facial Acupuncture and Massage with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

Facial acupuncture works on the principle that in the face there is a holographic miniaturization system covering the whole human body. The theory and techniques of facial massage comes from facial acupuncture and it is useful for people who are more sensitive and feel uncomfortable with the needles. Through massaging the face, neck, head and using acupressure, the whole body is treated and supported.

### Gua Sha (Chinese Detox Scrub) with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

This is one of China's oldest treatments. The practitioner uses a tool like a flat piece of jade to scrub the skin to help release blocks, stagnant blood, energy and restore a natural flow. When the toxins in the deep layers of the body reach the surface through scraping, they get more easily released from the body. This treatment is also suitable for healthy people to detoxify, to purify and improve the metabolism of the whole body.

### Hypnotherapy with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

In modern hypnosis, the emphasis is put on our own relationship to our own creative unconscious. There are many different aspects and parts in our outer and inner life. And there are parts that don't have a positive appearance. But in hypnosis, we can turn them into positive possibilities and let them teach us how to discover their positive meaning.

### Shiatsu Massage with Sara

- On appointment only (+91 9443617308 and +91 9489511648)

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

*Submitted by Sara*

## QUIET HEALING CENTER



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### Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA®) 1: Fluid Body with Dariya & Daniel

- Tuesday 27 September—Sunday 2 October 2022  
8:45am—6pm

Developed by Kaya Femerling & Nirvano Martina Schulz, OBA is a deeply relaxing aquatic therapy modality, which takes place in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). It combines elements of soft stretching movements, aquatic deep tissue massage and joint release, as well as energy and breath work in a unique way above and below water. Especially designed movements allow your whole spine to swing and energy to flow again.

In this 50-hour course, we'll approach water in a playful and friendly way. You'll learn working on cushions and floats, on the surface, and under water.

OBA 1 is mainly an underwater course, inviting you to experience the nurturing qualities of being held and to rediscover trust, peace within yourself, and a sense of coming home again. At the end of this course, you'll be able to offer friends and acquaintances an enriching OBA session.

#### Prerequisites

OBA Basic, Liquid Flow Basic, Watsu 1, Healing Dance 1 or Waterdance 1

### Heartfull® Meditation Workshop with Avantika Nirupama

- Sunday 2 October 2022, 9:30—11:30am

#### 'Concentrate in the heart.'

Enter into it; go within and deep and far, as far as you can. Gather all the strings of your consciousness that are spread abroad, roll them up and take a plunge and sink down. A light is glowing there, in the deep quietude of the heart. It is the Divinity in you— your true being. Hear its voice, follow its dictates.— The Mother

#### Come learn how to make this a reality with the sacred techniques of Heartfull® Meditation.

Heartfull® Meditation techniques will help you understand Sri Aurobindo's dictum 'All Life is Yoga' and connect you to his teachings in a deeper way.

Avantika has been studying Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's teachings, and Heartfull® Meditation, for twenty years. She has a 500-hour yoga teacher's certificate and translated some parts of Savitri in Marathi and Hindi. As mainstream schooling cultivates mind and ignores body and spirit, she home schooled her daughter after reading Sri Aurobindo's understanding of human existence to keep the connection with the Light.

#### Questions?

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**PITANGA**



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Dear friends, there are some changes in our programme for the ATB classes with Rosa, Feldenkrais with Shari and Neurographic Drawing with Gala. Here is the updated programme of September for you.

**Yoga with Rachel**

Monday	5—6:30 pm	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 (New students need to contact the reception and see with the teacher)	Monday, Wednesday, 4—5pm	Lisbeth

**Body—Mind—Spirit**

Dynamic Balance, 8 sessions in Sept & Oct	Tuesday, 4:45—6:15pm	Osnat
Neurographic Drawing, For adults, Drop-In	Thursday, 3—4pm	Gala
Tuning to Peace, Drop-In, Not on 26/9 and 3/10	Monday, 7:15—8:15am	Rosa A.
Training our listening skills, through the body, Drop-In, Not on 28/9 and 5/10	Wednesday, 8—9:30am	Rosa A.
Awareness and Joy, for seniors, Drop-In, Not on 23/9 and 30/9	Friday, 9—10am,	Rosa A.
Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Tuesday, 10— 11:30am	Aurovici
Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Pauses in Sept	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' Homeopathic 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 2622403

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

**Workshop Speaking from the Heart with Vega**

A language of life, based on nonviolent communication. A 2-days introductory workshop



- Friday 16 September, 9am—1pm
- Saturday 17 September, 9am—4pm

Learn with Vega about the basic elements of compassionate communication and practice how to apply them in your daily life.

- Transform judgment, blame and restore connection.
- Exploring our patterns in communication and practicing a way to connect oneself and with others deeper.
- Learn how to hear the deeper message behind words.
- Empower our capacity for choice and freedom.

Contributions from guests and volunteers requested; donations welcomed.

For registration, please contact Pitanga's reception team.

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile!  
(0413) 2622403/ WA 9443902403

Thank you! Love, Andrea



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

**Classes**

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

**Treatments**

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacolouring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, 9600094875, +353877420282 (WA)	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina: 9791719387, +39346225804, WA	Monday to Friday (Morning)
Ayurvedic Massage, Garshana with wool and silk gloves, Chinese Anmo and Energy Techniques	Mukta 9655422346	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a>	Monday to Sunday



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**Yoga for Energy, Harmony & Well-Being with Rosa**

• Saturday, 24 September—from 9:30am to 12noon  
 There is a universal, divine power available for everyone that heals and helps but we have to take it in. In this workshop we will learn to absorb this life force through the practice of Asana and Pranayama and use it for our bodies and our life.

**Shaucha: Yoga to Purify Body, Energy and Mind with Sabrina**

• Saturday, 24 September—from 9:30am to 12noon  
 According to the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, Shaucha (Purity) is the doorstep that connects with the inner voice, in order to reach mental clarity and accelerate spiritual development. You will learn a variety of yogic tools such as asanas, pranayamas, mudras, mantras and meditation to purify and detoxify the physical body, the energetic system and the mind. (Please have a light breakfast, or come with an empty stomach)

Joshy, for Vérité Programs

*Languages*

**NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB**



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

**Tomatis**

There are a few spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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

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- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlly-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 end of 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 started on 10 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, YouTube, 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](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org), or call us at 2623661

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

### Current Schedule of Classes

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

### The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday—Friday:

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre



**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
 Film Program  
 19 September 2022 to 25 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 19 September, 8:00pm:**  
**RRR (Rise Roar Revolt)**

India, 2022, Dir. SS Rajamouli w/ NT Rama Rao, Ram Charan Teja, Ajay Devgan, and others. Action-Drama, 187 mins, Telugu-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

During the British era Malli, a small tribal girl, is taken away by British governor Scott Buxton and his wife Catherine against the wishes of her parents. Komaram Bheem who considers Malli his sister sets out to find her. He is pursued by Sitram Raju a dutiful Indian cop, after the Buxton announces a bounty against Bheem. Both soon finds that the reality is more complicated. Upon returning, they began fighting for their country's independence against British colonialists in the 1920s. This is a fictitious story about two legendary revolutionaries — Gond tribal leader Komaram Bheem and independence activist Alluri Sitarama Raju.

**Potpourri—Tuesday 20 September, 8:00pm:**  
**A SCANNER DARKLY**

USA, 2006, Dir. Richard Linklater w/ Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder, Robert Downey Jr., and others, Animation-Comedy, 100 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In the near future, America is losing the war on drugs. Robert Arctor, an undercover narcotics cop in Orange County, California, is wooing his dealer Donna, trying to ferret out her supplier. As he becomes an addict, he receives orders to spy on his housemates and his own identity begins to unravel.

**Interesting—Wednesday 21 September, 8:00pm:**  
**BENGAL SHADOWS**

France-India, 2017, Dir. Joy Banerjee & Partho Bhattacharya w/Soumitra Chatterjee, Madhushree Mukerjee, Richard Toye, and others, Documentary, 48mins, English-Bengali w/ English subtitles (for non-English conversations), Rated: NR (PG)

When sympathies are flooding regarding the recent changes in the monarchy, one is also reminded of what the regime meant for countries like India—often referred to as the jewel in the crown. This succinct and acclaimed film, by two France-based filmmakers, is about the lesser-known history of this land from WWII—the 1943 famine where several million Bengali people starved to death. Presumably one of the worst war-crimes ever committed where the perpetrators were never held responsible.

**Selection—Thursday 22 September, 8:00pm:**  
**FRATELLO SOLE, SORELLA LUNA**  
**(Brother Sun, Sister Moon)**

UK-Italy, 1972, Dir. Franco Zeffirelli w/ Graham Faulkner, Judi Bowker, Leigh Lawson, and others, Drama-Biography, 121 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In early 13th-century Assisi in Italian Umbria, the son of a rich merchant returns ill from war. In his delirium, he goes back to the days when he lived for parties and carnal pleasures. Yet, the shadow of the cross that he sees in fever brings an end to his old life. After the illness he renounces riches and his family and starts to rebuild the church as St. Francis of Assisi.

**International—Saturday, 24 September, 8:00pm:**  
**CYRANO**

UK, 2021, Dir. Joe Wright w/ Peter Dinklage, Haley Bennett, Kelvin Harrison Jr., and others, Musical-Drama, 123 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Cyrano de Bergerac dazzles, whether with ferocious wordplay at a verbal joust or with brilliant swordplay in a duel. But convinced that his appearance renders him unworthy of the love of the luminous Roxanne, Cyrano helps young Christian nab her heart through love letters instead.

**Children's Matinee—Sunday, 25 September, 4:30pm:**  
**BACK TO THE OUTBACK**

Australia, 2021, Dir. Harry Cripps, Clare Knight w/ Eric Bana, Tim Minchin, Miranda Tapsell, and others, Animation-Adventure, 95 mins, English, Rated: PG



Tired of being locked in a reptile house where humans gawk at them as if they're monsters, a group of Australia's deadliest creatures plot a daring escape from their zoo to the Outback, a place where they'll fit in without being judged for their scales and fangs. So begins the adventurous road trip across Australia.

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

**Sunday 25 September, 8:00pm:**  
**ANTIGONE**

Greece, 1961, Dir. Yorgos Tzavellas w/ Irene Papas, Manos Katrakis and others, Drama, 98 mins, Greek w/ English Subtitles, Rated: NR

Antigone, written by Sophocles, is a characteristic Greek tragedy where the city's king, Creon, is faced with a moral dilemma that eventually hastens his fall from grace. Set in antiquity, the movie's plot is designed to question pre-supposed ideas of justice and wisdom as they were seen through the ancient Greek perspective.

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

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

- **Reminder: on Friday 16 September, 'Chicken Run'**, by Peter Lord & Nick Park, UK/US/France, 2000 (with Cine-Master-class on Saturday (see below)
- **And Friday 23 September, 8 pm: 'Meeting With Remarkable Men'** directed by Peter Brook, UK, 1979

**Synopsis:** The life of Georges Gurdjieff, from his youth to his initiatory journeys in search of Wisdom. We follow his spiritual quest in Central Asia, notably in Bukhara, and in the Gobi Desert, where he discovered different disciplines such as music and dance, allowing him to progress further. This film is inspired by the book *Meetings with Remarkable Men*, an autobiography by Georges Gurdjieff published in 1963. This book is the second part of his trilogy called *All and Everything* written between 1924 and 1935. We find in the credits the musicians Thomas de Hartmann and Alain Kremski, musical collaborators of Gurdjieff.



Alain Kremski, a great specialist for decades in ritual music with gongs, bells, singing bowls, is notably the interpreter of many piano pieces based on the work of Gurdjieff. Directed by the famous and highly

awarded theatre person Peter Brook (who also directed a wonderful *Mahabharata* with an international casting) *Meeting With Remarkable Men* was shot on location in Afghanistan, but for dance sequences, which were filmed in England.

*Original English version with Engl. subtitles.*

Duration: 1h48'

**A 'Cine-master class'**

- 5—6:30pm on Saturday 17 September at Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)

If you like to learn more about films and Cinema, to discuss and share about a film, we invite you to our Cine-Master classes! This time we *welcome you to 'Chicken Run' led by Abhijit Roy:*

**Overview:** Abhijit, media & entertainment professional and passionate about animated films, offers us this time a study-analysis of *Chicken Run*.

*Chicken Run* is a 2000 stop-motion animated comedy film produced by Academy Award winning British Animation Studio—Aardman Animations. It is known for films made using stop-motion and clay animation techniques, particularly those featuring its plasticine characters: Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep, and Morph. This is their first feature-length film. Directed by Peter Lord and Nick Park, the film's plot centres on a group of British anthropomorphic chickens who see an American rooster named Rocky Rhodes as their only hope to escape the farm when their owners want to turn them into meat pies...

Aurofilm is screening the film **just the day before this study at MMC on Friday, 16**, and we hope all or most of you will have seen the movie! As usual, informal exchanges and discussions will follow the presentation.

*FYI the Aurofilm building is half open-air and well ventilated. You may need a torch light.*

Susana

**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!

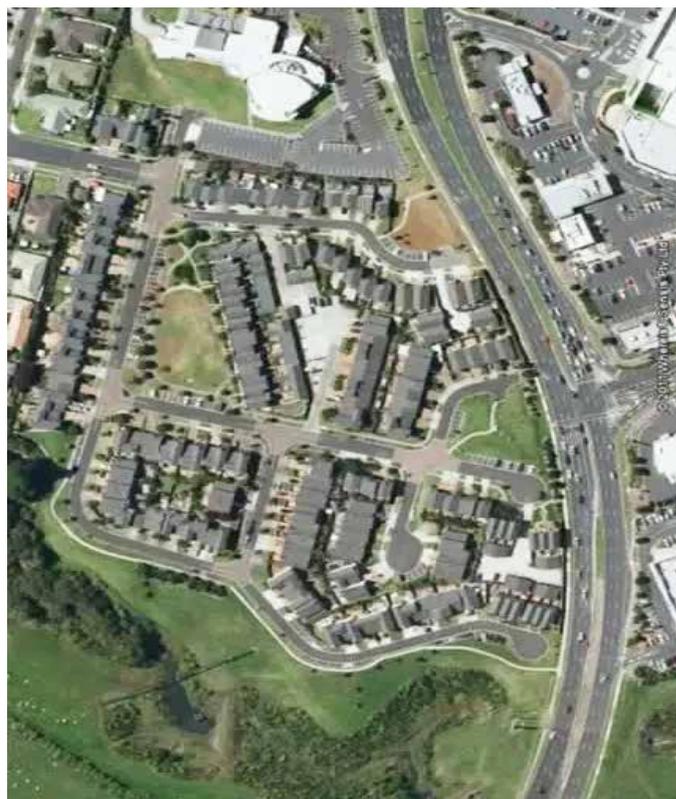
The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.

**\*\*Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00:)

**Friday 23 September: Nature's response to urban sprawl**

2019/ 42 minutes/ Martin Gronemeyer, Michaela Kirst

It's a new and surprising chapter in the theory of evolution. According to recent studies, it's in our cities, of all places, that animals and plants adapt particularly quickly to changing living conditions. New research provides surprising new insights into Darwin's theory of evolution. Biologists have long known that animals and plants occupy new habitats in the vicinity of humans. But now, new genetic analyses show that these adaptations are accompanied by significant changes in DNA.



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



**Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE**

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

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**Mental health 24/7 support:**

- Matram—9487746051

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

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