



News Notes

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Kopeshwar Temple circa 1109—1178 CE

I purify earth and heaven by the Truth. Rig Veda

*His ecstasy, in one who holds it, sets into motion the two births,
the human self-expression and the divine, and moves between them. Rig Veda*

Pondering



To be and to be fully is Nature's aim in us; but to be fully is to be wholly conscious of one's being: unconsciousness, half consciousness or deficient consciousness is a state of being not in possession of itself; it is existence, but not fullness of being. To be aware wholly and integrally of oneself and of all the truth of one's being is the necessary condition of true possession of existence. This self-awareness is what is meant by spiritual knowledge: the essence of spiritual knowledge is an intrinsic self-existent consciousness; all its action of knowledge, indeed all its action of any kind, must be that consciousness formulating itself.

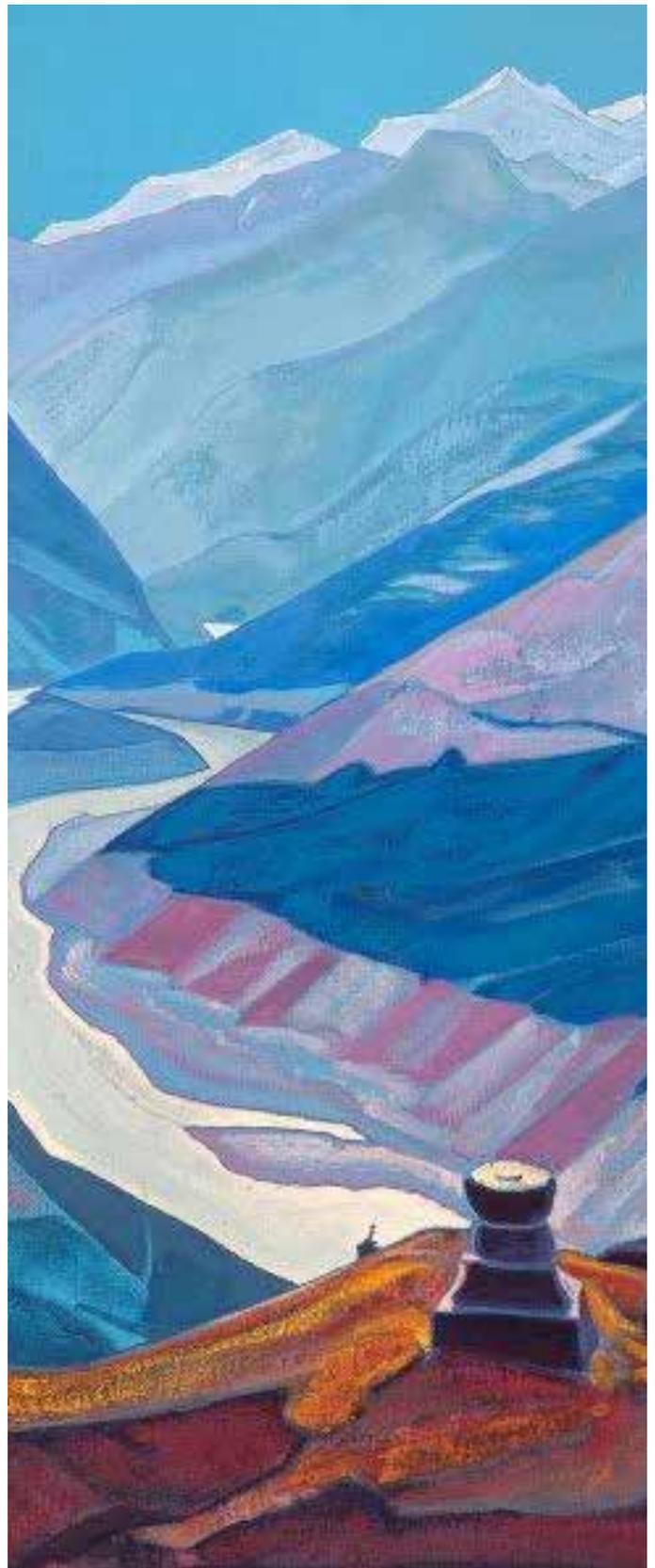
The Divine Life, Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo

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Fragment of the painting
by Nicolas Roerich

The Last Moment

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L'avenir d'Auroville 

UPDATE ON L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE—TDC OPEN HOUSE
New timing: Wednesdays 11:30—12:30 at Koodam Office, (small room) Crown Road opposite the Library.
 We are looking forward to seeing you there.
 We will no longer be at the AV Council room on Mondays
In Service, L'avenir d'Auroville—TDC
Allan B, Anan, Divya L, Dorle, Fabian, Island, Lata, Meera N, Natasha S, Tom G


News Notes



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)

The Message of the Gita

(continued from last week)



"This triune way is the means by which you can rise entirely out of your lower into your supreme spiritual nature. That is the hidden superconscient nature in which the Jiva, a portion of the high Infinite and Divine and intimately one in law of being with him, dwells in his Truth and not any longer in an externalised Maya. This perfection, this unity can be enjoyed in its own native status, aloof in a supreme supracosmic existence: but here also you may and should realise it, here in the human body and physical world. It is not enough for this end to be calm, inactive and free from the gunas in the inner self and to watch and allow indifferently their mechanical action in the outer

members. For the active nature as well as the self has to be given to the Divine and to become divine. All that you are must grow into one law of being with the Purushottama, sadharmya; all must be changed into my conscious spiritual becoming, mad-bhava. A completest surrender must be there. Take refuge with Me in all the many ways and along all the living lines of your nature; for that alone will bring about this great change and perfection.

"This high consummation of the Yoga will at once solve or rather it will wholly remove and destroy at its roots the problem of action. Human action is a thing full of difficulties and perplexities, tangled and confused like a forest with a few more or less obscure paths cut into it rather than through it; but all this difficulty and entanglement arises from the single fact that man lives imprisoned in the ignorance of his mental, vital and physical nature. He is compelled by its qualities and yet afflicted with responsibility in his will because something in him feels that he is a soul who ought to be what now he is not at all or very little, master and ruler of his nature. All his laws of living, all his dharmas must be under these conditions imperfect, temporary and provisional and at best only partly right or true. His imperfections can cease only when he knows himself, knows the real nature of the world in which he lives and, most of all, knows the Eternal from whom he comes and in whom and by whom he exists. When he has once achieved a true consciousness and knowledge, there is no longer any problem; for then he acts freely out of himself and lives spontaneously in accordance with the truth of his spirit and his highest nature. At its fullest, at the highest height of this knowledge it is not he who acts but the Divine, the One eternal and infinite who acts in him and through him in his liberated wisdom and power and perfection.

"Man in his natural being is a sattwic, rajasic and tamasic creature of Nature. According as one or other of her qualities predominates in him, he makes and follows this or that law of his life and action. His tamasic, material, sensational mind subject to inertia and fear and ignorance either obeys partly the compulsion of its environment and partly the spasmodic impulses of its desires or finds a protection in the routine following of a dull customary intelligence. The rajasic mind of desire struggles with the world in which it lives and tries to possess always new things, to command, battle, conquer, create, destroy, accumulate. Always it goes forward tossed between success and failure, joy and sorrow, exultation or despair. But in all, whatever law it may seem to admit, it follows really only the law of the lower self and ego, the restless, untired, self-devouring and all devouring mind of the Asuric and Rakshasic nature. The sattwic intelligence surmounts partly this state, sees that a better law than that of desire and ego must be followed and erects and imposes on itself a social, an ethical, a religious rule, a Dharma, a Shastra. This is as high as the ordinary mind of man can go, to erect an ideal or practical rule for the guidance of the mind and will and as faithfully as possible observe it in life and conduct. This sattwic mind must be developed to its highest point where it succeeds in putting away the mixture of ego motive altogether and observes the Dharma for its own sake as an impersonal social, ethical or religious ideal, the thing disinterestedly to be done solely because it is right, kartavyam karma.

(to be continued next week)

Sri Aurobindo,

Essays on the Gita, pages 590-592

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/13/essays_on_the_gita_19_e.pdf

Townhall Speaks

GAIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT



L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear residents, Auroville Town Development Council is announcing the start of a new low density housing project between Gaia and Grace, including the part of Gaia which is situated in Sector 1, Residential Zone.

This area is designed for low density housing clusters as per the Galaxy plan. Due to access (narrow path in a planted area) and neighbor issues (neighbors saying "no" to development in the neighborhood) the development in part of Sector 1 had not been seriously attempted before and only a few houses exist on several acres of land. With the Crown, Ring and Radials being prepared for implementation, permanent access will soon be made, and a new housing project with the appropriate density for sector 1 is underway in this area.

We had already invited, to a first meeting, some of the residents who applied to build a house in Auroville and presented the project to them. We now take this opportunity to invite more residents who need permanent housing in Auroville, if you feel interested to be part of a low density housing project.

Important points to note

1. This will be low-density housing of ground floor + one, built in clusters like Surrender and Grace, and with shared collective facilities. There will be an overall design with 60% family units and 40% of units for singles and couples. L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC will be the project-holder. Space will be allocated as per the Master Plan guidelines for space per person / family.
2. We are exploring a collective funding model where the capital for building comes from pooled resources of applications, plus a supplemental loan from an external agency. The future residents pay a monthly amount towards the reimbursement of this loan. This model of funding is yet in the initial conceptual stages and we aim to be ready with this proposal shortly.
3. There will also be other housing projects available in Auroville soon in Residential Zone Sector 1 and 2 with different densities.

If you are interested to be part of this project, kindly write to communication-avenir@auroville.org.in and you will be added to the list, and kept updated on progress.

Kind regards, Govind, Hemant, Jaya, Ponnusamy, Prasad, Sindhuja, Toby, L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC

INFORM BEFORE DIGGING



L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear Aurovilians, this is in reference to the digging by JCB on the corner of the road outside Shradanjali fence, Auroshilpam area. Following is the effect of not informing and non-supervision:

- Electrical supply to Aurosarjan cut
- Water supply cut
- Main incoming Internet lines cut to all of Auroville for 4 hours

Please inform infrastructure@auroville.org.in or directly to AVES, RS, TS, Aurinoco before digging. Please get approval from ATDC for laying new infrastructure lines.

Regards, L'avenir d'Auroville

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTHERN SECONDARY SERVICE NODE



L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear residents, Auroville Town Development Council is happy to announce the start of a new collective project "Food court and market plaza" at the Southern Secondary Service Node (near Gas Service).

A mobility plan is being put in place and a petrol vehicle parking node is being planned at the Southern Secondary Service Node with a possibility to switchover to e-vehicles within the same node. There is a zone called the "Mobility Switchover Zone" being planned between these 2 parking areas, where food courts, markets, information kiosk, public toilets, children's play area etc are being planned.

We have already contacted many units of Auroville who had applied to build in this node, to be part of this initiative, and many of them have responded positively. Collective funding models are being explored to fund the project.

We are now calling out to the wider community to write to us if you have a project that you feel will fit into the above categories. Please write to us at communication-avenir@auroville.org.in.

Kind regards, Govind, Hemant, Jaya, Ponnusamy, Prasad, Sindhuja, Toby
L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC

UPDATE FROM THE HOUSING BOARD

Dear community, as you may be aware, the members of the Housing Board have been 'removed' from office and replaced by a team appointed by the Office of the Auroville Foundation. No notification or reasons have been given.

In their present form the Housing Board team has been working together and in full collaboration with the Housing Service, since August 2021. During this time, new working procedures and systems have been put in place to improve the quality of the service.

However, the dismissal and replacement has been done disregarding the work done, and without requesting any kind of proper hand over. As the "take over" has been done in such a hurry, even the Office Order issued is misleading and incorrect. The Office Order does not mention the Housing Board, but only the Housing Service, which are two separate bodies. It is unclear at this stage whether there is an attempt to restructure the Housing group, disregarding in this way the Housing Mandate which has been approved by the Community in 2021, or a simple lack of information and knowledge about the work and the structure of the Housing group.

We have also been locked out of our inboxes and are no longer able to access the Housing accounts. As such, we feel our hands are tied, as many of our decisions relate to the allocation of funds for repairs and building projects, which we have no access to at the moment. We find the current events go against all sense of natural justice and we await the outcome of the Madras High Court case regarding the FAMC.

We would like to remind you that the Housing Board was created in 2017 through a community process to assure transparency and accountability, which the service by itself was lacking. Since the Housing Board was created, they have been grappling with many unrecorded decisions and accounting mismanagement of past Housing Group teams.

As the Housing Board, we wish to continue whatever work we can in the spirit of service. If you have any enquiries, you can reach us at housingboard@auroville.services or av.housinggroup@gmail.com. We will always do our best to help you with the means available to us.

With care, The Housing Board
Amy L., Angela, Aravindh, Bharathy, Iyyappan, Rima, Venkat

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 149

Dated: 29-09-2022

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Heinz BAUER aka Arthur (Austrian) staying in Baraka and working at Integral Animal Care Centre (IACC)



Arthur

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Sivarajan DEVARAJAN (Indian)
- Sumi MOON aka Khaya (Korean)
- Tara Devi ROY BOCO (Italian)

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, Suvedha,
for The Entry Service*

Community News

Passing On

CHRISTINE BESSON PASSED AWAY



In the evening of Sunday, 25 September, our friend and sister Christine Besson left her body at Marika Home, where she had been taken two weeks ago as her struggle with lung cancer became critical. She was 65 years old.

Christine came from France to Auroville in 2008. Having worked in the Parisian banking world, her accounting skills were readily welcomed by the Financial Service where colleagues re-

member her as a kind and pleasant person to work with. She moved into Vikas, where she lived an unobtrusive, reserved and solitary life. True to her lifestyle, she expressed the wish to have no visiting hours at Farewell after her passing. Her remains were cremated at the Auroville mandapam in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 28.

Our warmest condolences go out to her mother and sister whom she visited every year.

Farewell, dear sister, thank you for having been with us.

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100th Anniversary

KRISHNA'S CENTENARY 1922-2022

Sunday, 2 October, 4 to 5:30pm

The Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

On 2 October 2022, Krishna Tewari (Major General K.K. Tewari, PVSM, AVSM), would have celebrated his 100th year!

In joyful remembrance of his remarkable, eventful life please join us for a photographic slide show followed by tea/juice.

Krishna's family



Auroville Matters

IN A CERTAIN STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS

In a certain state of consciousness, it becomes absolutely impossible to worry about what may happen; everything becomes visibly, obviously, the work of one and the same Force, one and the same Consciousness, one and the same Power. So that sense of will and ambition to be 'more'—more powerful, greater—is again the SAME Force, which pushes you to expand to the Limitless. As soon as you cross the limit, it's finished.



Those are old ideas—the old ideas of the two powers opposing each other: the power of Good and the power of Evil, the battle between the two, which of the will have the last word.... There was a time when children were entertained with such stories. They're just children's stories.

Some people (or if you like, some beings, some forces, or consciousnesses) in order to progress need to give themselves, to merge, and in total self-annihilation, they attain Realization; for others the path is diametrically opposite: it's a growth, a domination, an expansion which assumes fantastic proportions... until the separation disappears—it can no longer exist.

Some prefer this path, others prefer that one—but when we reach the end, it will all meet.

(And two pages further, in the same conversation, the Mother adds:)

Fear is not a negative thing: it's a very positive thing, it's a special form of power that has always been used by the Asuric forces—it's their greatest strength. Their greatest strength is fear.

I can see: whenever people are defeated, it's always through fear, always.

*p. 203 of Mother's Agenda 1963,
Submitted by Roger Toll*

A QUESTION FOR ALL AUROVILIANS

Dear Aurovilians, this is an anonymous, one-question survey for us all. Once you have completed your response to the one and only question, it will be sent without any of your personal data being collected (name, email, IP address, etc.). The survey is meant for us all to reflect and learn and has no relation to any specific group or body.

The results of the survey will be published via the Master's List, and it will be made available in a format suitable for circulation. I believe that each of us will read the responses with curiosity once the results of the survey are published, and I hope that this process will allow each of us to reflect on and learn from it.

I would like to thank you all in advance for participating and sending your responses.

- [Please click here to fill out the one-question survey](#)

Pashi Kapur

Awakening Spirit

AMPHITHEATER—MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music
5:30 to 6pm, every Thursday at Sunset



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

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)*

COLLECTIVE INVOCATION WITH PRAYERS AND CHANTING

Every Sunday, 5:30pm, at Matrimandir Amphitheater
Namaste. For a little more than a year now, every Sunday, some of us have been gathering in the Matrimandir amphitheater to chant Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri mantra and other mantras in a spirit of collective offering and aspiration.

All are welcome to gather from 5:30 pm in a Circle of Prayers... in silence or in any language that emerges from your hearts.

- 5:30—5:45pm: Prayer Circle
- 5:45—6:15pm: Chanting Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri mantra and other mantras

ॐ तत्सवितुर्वरं रूपां ज्योतिः परस्य धीमहि।

यन्नः सत्येन दीपयेत् ॥

*Om tat savitur varam rūpam jyotiḥ parasya dhīmahī,
Yannaḥ satyena dīpayet.*

Let us meditate on the most auspicious form of Savitri, on the Light of the Supreme which shall illumine us with the Truth.

All are most warmly invited.

*In gratitude for this opportunity to come together,
Sanskritam Auroville Team,
Warm smiles, Shaalini*

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

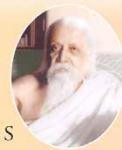
Submitted by Arun

SRI AUROBINDO'S DREAM OF HUMAN UNITY: MANIFESTING AUROVILLE

SRI AUROBINDO'S DREAM OF
HUMAN UNITY: MANIFESTING AT AUROVILLE

The AUROVILLE FOUNDATION
cordially invites you to a
CONFERENCE commemorating

SRI AUROBINDO'S 150TH
BIRTH ANNIVERSARY AT UNESCO, PARIS

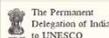


MESSAGE BY HON'BLE PM MODI & DIGNITARIES

UNESCO SEPTEMBER 30TH 2022
7M PLACE DE FONTENOY FRIDAY : 3.00 - 8.00 PM AT
75007, PARIS ROOMS 1 & 2



Reach us at sriaurobindo-unesco@auroville.org.in



Thank you, Anu

REVOLUTION TO EVOLUTION: LIFE JOURNEY OF SRI AUROBINDO

Kalakendra, Bharatnivas, Auroville

Thursday, 22 September—Monday, 31 October 2022.
9am—5pm, open on Sundays

**SRI AUROBINDO • RISHI OF INDIAN RENAISSANCE
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS**

An Exhibition on the
Life Journey of
SRI AUROBINDO
Organised by IGNSA,
Regional Centre, Puducherry
in Association with
Sri Aurobindo Ashram,
Puducherry

**REVOLUTION
TO EVOLUTION**
Life Journey
of Sri Aurobindo

Curated by
Dr. Sampadananda Mishra,
Rishihood University, Sonapat

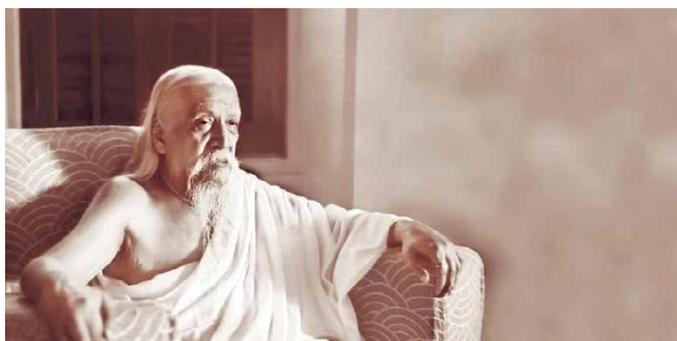
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Date: Thursday, 22 September 2022 to
Monday 31st October 2022.
Opening Hours: 9.00 am to 05.00 pm
Open on Sundays
Inauguration: Thursday, 22nd Sept 22 at 5 pm.

An Exhibition on the Life Journey of Sri Aurobindo, organised by IGNSA, Regional Centre, Puducherry in Association with Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry



SAVITRI BHAVAN, OCTOBER 2022



Exhibitions

- **Meditations on Savitri:** The series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is now on display in the picture gallery
- **Glimpses of the Mother:** Photographs and texts in the Square Hall
- **Sri Aurobindo:** A life sketch in photographs in the upper corridor

Films: Mondays at 4pm

We continue the series of Meditations on Savitri with meditative films 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 made by Huta under the guidance and inspiration of the Mother. We offer these films, in order to concentrate within, to be with our soul and psychic being and the Divine presence.

- **October 3:** Meditations on Savitri, Book 6—The Book of Fate, Cantos 1-2. Duration: 33min.
- **October 10:** Meditations on Savitri, Book 7—The Book of Yoga, Cantos 1-7. Duration: 74min.
- **October 17:** Meditations on Savitri, Book 8 & Book 9—The Book of Death and The Book of Eternal Night. Duration: 42min.
- **October 24:** Meditations on Savitri, Book 10—The Book of the Double Twilight, Cantos 1-4. Duration: 41min.
- **October 31:** Meditations on Savitri, Book 11—The Book of Everlasting Day. Duration: 46min.

Full Moon Gathering

- **Sunday, October 9, 7:15—8:15pm** in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Regular Activities

- **Sundays 10:30—12noon:** Savitri Study Circle
- **Mondays 3—4pm:** Sri Aurobindo's Isha Upanishad led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays 3—4pm:** Yoga and the Evolution of Man led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4—5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Thursdays 5:15—6:30pm:** Hymns to the Mystic Fire by Sri Aurobindo led by Nishtha
- **Fridays 3—4pm:** The Finding of the Soul (in Savitri Book 7 Canto 5) led by Dr.Jai Singh
- **Saturdays 3—4pm:** Introduction to Integral Yoga, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Saturdays 4—5:15pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Saturdays 5pm:** Mudra-chi led by Anandi
- **Exhibitions, Main Building and Office** are open Monday to Saturday 9—5
- **Library** is open Monday to Friday 9-5
- **The Digital Library** can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9—4

Everyone is welcome

Dhanalakshmi for Savitri Bhavan Team

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 6:
THE BOOK OF FATE, CANTO 1-2



The Word of Fate and The Way of Fate and the Problem of Pain.

Monday, 3 October, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.
Duration: 33min.

Narad, the heavenly sage, who can move freely between earth and heaven, leaves Vishnu's Paradise to visit earth. He descends to Aswapati's palace in Madra, where the King and Queen welcome him. As they listen to the sage's chants, Savitri arrives surrounded by the halo of love. She tells her father about Satyavan: *'Father and king, I have carried out thy will. / One whom I sought I found in distant lands; / I have obeyed my heart, I have heard its call.... / My father, I have chosen. This is done.'* (p.424)

Aswapati asks Narad to bless their union. But some hesitation in the sage's reply alarms Savitri's mother. Pressed by her, Narad reveals that Satyavan is a marvelous result of earth and heaven coming together, fully worthy to be Savitri's mate, but he has only one more year to live: *'This day returning Satyavan must die.'* (p.431)

Savitri's mother insists that her daughter should make another choice.

But Savitri replied with steadfast eyes: ... / 'If for a year, that year is all my life. / And yet I know this is not all my fate... / For I know now why my spirit came on earth / And who I am and who he is I love. / I have looked at him from my immortal Self, / I have seen God smile at me in Satyavan; / I have seen the Eternal in a human face.' (p.435, 436)

Gripped by pain, Savitri's mother challenges Narad and asks who made this cruel law of Time and Fate, of grief and suffering, and that perhaps there is even no God and no soul at all.

In response, Narad imparts to her the knowledge that the Eternal lives hidden in the soul of man. The mortals are not aware of the Immortal's meaning in the world. Human thought is a light of Ignorance. And pain has a purpose: without it human heart would never learn to climb towards the Sun of divine Truth. It is particularly the great souls who come to save this suffering world that must share its pain: *Hard is the world-redeemer's heavy task... / He must enter the eternity of Night / And know God's darkness as he knows his Sun... / Imperishable and wise and infinite, / He still must travel Hell the world to save.* (p.448, 450)

Narad also agrees that there is greatness in Savitri's soul which can transform the whole world, but that it can reach its goal only through suffering. Savitri alone completing her heaven-sent task can save the world and face her hour of Fate.

A day may come when she must stand unhelped / On a dangerous brink of the world's doom and hers, / Carrying the world's future on her lonely breast, / Carrying the human hope in a heart left sole / To conquer or fail on a last desperate verge, / Alone with death and close to extinction's edge. (p.461)

Having shared this knowledge, Narad, the heavenly sage, leaves the earthly scene.

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

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

Join us for a 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 & UX Designer

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM

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The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

Calendar of regular events of October 2022

Every Thursday 6:00 - 6:30pm
Meditation

3rd & 17th, Monday 4:00 - 5:00pm, reading
“The Sunlit Path”
in English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi

4th & 18th, Tuesday 5:30 - 6.30pm, reading
“The Mother’s Questions & Answers- Vol-7”
in English by Rama Narayana

9th, Sunday at 6:00pm full moon, reciting
Sri Aurobindo’s Gayatri Mantra for 30min

No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street
Edayanchavadi, Auroville

Location
kshetram2014@auroville.org.in

Thank you, Tixon

For Your Information

**THE AUROVILLE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED,
3 & 4 OCTOBER**

The Auroville Library will be closed on Monday, 3 October, for Gandhi Jayanti, and on Tuesday, 4 October, for Saraswati Puja.



AV Library opening timings:

- **Mornings:** Monday—Saturday, 9am—12:30pm
- **Afternoons:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 2pm—4.30pm
- **Tuesday:** 4pm—6.30pm

Thank you!
Kathrin

Art for Land

**ART FOR LAND
EXHIBITION AND LAND FUNDRAISER 2022**

Extension of the Exhibition for Viewing and Artwork Purchase!

Final Week—till September 30
10am—6pm daily at the Unity Pavilion

ART FOR LAND Exhibition 2022

FURTHER EXTENDED
For Viewing & Purchase
10 am - 6 pm

artforland@auroville.org.in | www.artforland.in
Unity Pavilion | International Zone | Auroville | 0413 - 2523576

It's too beautiful to take down yet!!

Art for Land—Acres for Auroville—Unity Pavilion—Auroville Arts

are happy to invite you to the to the final week 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 till September 30—with the artworks available for viewing and purchase at the Unity Pavilion. The works can also be seen on the online gallery and purchased all year long via our dedicated website artforland.in which provides purchase, donation and events information.



- **And at Citadines Mondays—Saturdays, 2 to 5pm till October 1:** the exhibition of 'Auroville 80—the Poetry of Daily Life' by Nadia Loury



**Auroville 80
the poetry of daily life
Nadia Loury**

16th September - 1st October 2022
Opening Friday 16th September, 4.30pm

Centre of Art, Citadines, Auroville
Mon - Sat 2 pm - 5pm

Please park at Town Hall
Free pickup and drop from the citizens center
on Friday and Saturday from 14.30 to 16.30

Centre of Art
Auroville

Sales of books, photographs, and postcards go for Auroville land purchase via Art for Land and Acres for Auroville.

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

unitypavilion@auroville.org.in,
+91 413 2623576 by phone,
artforland@auroville.org.in

Mandakini for Art for Land

Self-Led Sessions on Mathematics

This month we are starting self-led sessions for children between 11-17yrs. Under this activity, we will develop learning activities for these young minds to help understand math better. We might design and play games, and will also undertake projects. These are group sessions. Children will decide what they want to learn and will also decide the course of their exploration.

So, If you are a group who does not understand a certain concept that you have learned so far (for eg. trigonometry or geometry formulas etc), connect with us.

- To understand how we take sessions please join us Friday, **October 7, from 2pm onwards.** We will explore "Evolution of Trust".

To join or enquire about any of the above activities, please connect via email ipk@auroville.org.in or phone 9529673687, Snehal

- To understand our learning approach; please click on the link to [listen to our latest podcast](#) with Auroville radio.

Snehal, For IPK

AUROVILLE INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY



Auroville Institute of Applied Technology at Aurobrindavan campus is now taking admission of students who have passed 10+2 OR EQUIVALENT for its Bachelor degree courses((B.Voc.) in Software Development & Machine learning, Production technology, Green Energy and Electric Systems.

The B.Voc. courses are affiliated to the Pondicherry University. These courses are more skill oriented than the regular B.Tec. or B.E courses. Students will practice their knowledge in project work. Our faculties are highly qualified, few of them are IITan or have a PhD degree.

Students joining the B.Voc. courses can get lateral entry in the 4th year in B.E. degree course directly in the final year. These courses have multiple entries and exits. Students who have completed the 1st. year will get a Diploma certificate, students who have completed 2 years will get an advanced diploma certificate and after 3 years a B.Voc. certificate.

AIAT designed the curriculum by itself. The syllabus was approved by the PU university. We have a strong general component, Yoga, Meditation, spirituality, leadership is part of the syllabus. The skill component is 60% of the total curriculum.

Girls students will get a special discount.!

For more information please visit our campus at Irumabi just opposite to the Village Action.

You may also contact Lavkamad or Sanjeev Ranganathan: lavkamad@auroville.org.in or sanjeev.r@auroville.org.in

Education

IPK MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Please take a note of following mathematics activities happening at IPK from September 29 till October 29 at the European house.



One-on-one assistance in mathematical understanding for children from age 8-16yrs

- against contribution.

The intention is to discover / re-discover the language of mathematics through various aspects. We would like children to have a fluid way of learning mathematics which can be molded as per one's needs.

- To join this activity, please [click on the link](#)

Math behind an effective storytelling

Calling all the storytellers to discover and explore mathematics behind storytelling! If you are a writer, director, actor or someone who loves to share a story or listen to stories, do come. If you are just a curious soul, you are welcome too!

We like to go impromptu. Course of these sessions is usually decided by participants. (Free entry, Donations are welcome)

- This event is for 18+yrs, RSVP to Snehal 9529673687
- Date : Saturday, October 8 & 24
- Time : 2—4pm

Math exploration session for children between 3-7yrs

- against contribution

Thank you so much for your wonderful response for this activity. Many of you have shown interest in making this a regular activity, hence we have created a detailed plan for the next four weeks.

- To join this activity please [click on this link](#)

Languages

THE HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA RESUMES FRENCH CLASSES

- The House of the Mother's Agenda which has held French classes since 17 September, is resuming these classes for learning French with children from 7 to 12 years old, on Saturdays from 3 to 4pm.



Welcome to those who want to study.

- We have also received several books in French concerning the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo as well as a tribute to Satprem. There is also a small book on Satprem and Sujate, by Sri Kireet Joshi.

All Classes and books are offered free of charge.

**Welcome to all with the Joy of Being.
Gangalakshmi, House of Mother's Diary, Savitri Bhavan**

**NEWS FROM
AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB**



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

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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

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

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

Summer Language Courses at ALL

New: Spanish with Mila

Our long-time Spanish teacher, Mila, is starting two new batches:

- **Beginner Spanish:** We have filled all our spots for this course. Unless there are drop outs, we cannot take more registrations.

This three-month course is structured on the highly-acclaimed book, "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish: A Creative & Proven Approach". Mila has been running this course since many years with tremendous success. The course starts on October 3 with an introductory session on September 28.

- Classes will take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:30pm to 3:30pm
- **Intermediate Spanish:** This three-month course is for those who have a basic knowledge of the Spanish language and would like to further advance their skills. The course will start on October 3.
 - Classes will take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:45pm to 4:45pm

New: English for Total Beginners with Rupam

Our long-time English instructor, Rupam, is ready to offer a course for total beginners. This course will take you through the very basics of the English language.

- Classes will be organized at the mutual convenience of the students and the teacher. Enquire now to register!

New: French with Jean-François

Jean-François's current courses will conclude soon. He will start new batches in November. We usually fill up spots fairly quickly, so you are advised to register early!

Jean-François is offering three 3-month courses:

- **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.
 - This course starts on October 5. Classes will take place Saturdays, 2:30pm to 3:30pm.
- **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.
 - This course will start on November 3. Classes will take place Monday & Thursday afternoons. Exact timings to be fixed later.
- **Beginner French for Teens:** This course is for students between 13 to 16 years of age.
 - The course will start on November 5, and classes will take place Saturdays 11am to 12noon.

New: Spoken Tamil with Saravanan

- The current course will conclude soon.

We will start a new batch in November!

Saravanan has been running this interactive and practical-oriented course for the past seven years. The class modules are based on a booklet called "Fun with Tamil", which has been put together with a lot of research and thought. By the end of this course, you would be able to converse in Tamil on day-to-day matters, having achieved a deeper understanding of its sounds, pronouns, conjugations, etc.

- Classes will take place twice weekly. The days & times will be announced shortly.

English Conversation with Ramesh

The last batch for English Conversation with Ramesh concluded recently. We will announce a new batch soon! Stay tuned! Meanwhile, you're welcome to send us a query and reserve your spot for the next batch.

Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam

Rupam continues to offer morning English classes. Her 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@aurovillelanguage.org, or call us at 2623661

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

Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English Always Ongoing	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am—11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Total Beginners	TBA	TBA
	English Conversation To Start October	TBA	TBA
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	Monday & Thursday
German	A1 Beginner, Started on 16 June 2022	9am—10:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, Started 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 October 2022	03:00pm—04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start October 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner To start 3 October 2022	02:30pm—03:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate To start 3 October 2022	03:45pm—04:45pm	
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.

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

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab

Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

Health Care



Dental Clinic

Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

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

Art of Photo

ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP

6, 7 and 8 October, at Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines by Sasikanth Somu



Program & Timings:

- **Thursday, 6 October, 2—5pm**
Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- **Friday, 7 October, 9am—12:30pm**
Film photo shoot,
2pm—5pm: Develop your roll of film.
- **Saturday 8 October, 9am—12:30pm & 2—5pm**
Printing Contact Sheets & photos in the darkroom.

Film Cameras available for use for a contribution.

- **Registration Contact:**
sasi@auroville.org.in, centredart@auroville.org.in

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

Warm regards, Sri,
Centre d'Art

The Arts

ANNA AKHMATOVA, HOPE AGAINST HOPE

Saturday, 1 October, 7:30pm, Cripa

AVANT-GARDENER
presents

ANNA AKHMATOVA

hope against hope

An original devised theatrical play based on the poems & life of Anna Akhmatova

**Oct 1,
saturday
@7:30 PM**



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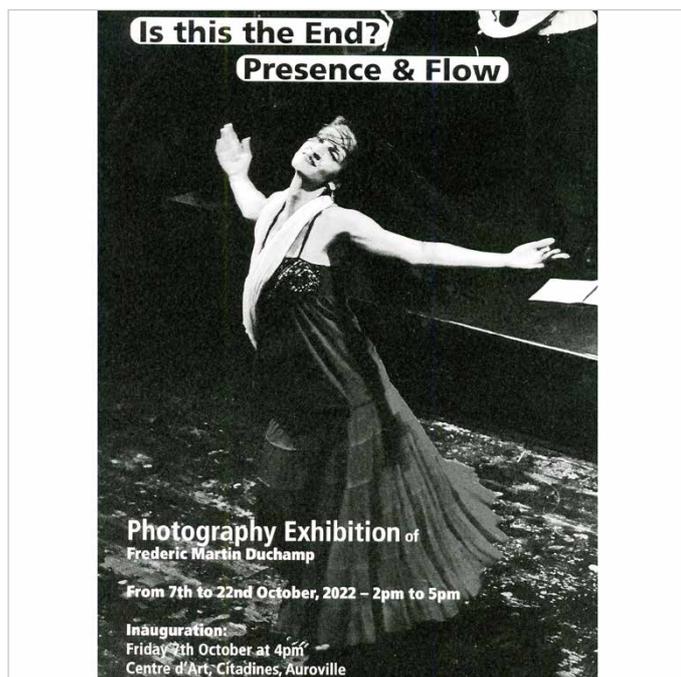
Direction and choreography :
Jill Navarre & Huong Pham
Concept, Written & performed by :
Rupam mishra &
Alexander Pereverzev

A devised theatrical play filled with joy, tears and human emotions. We try to understand Anna's life and tribulations using her poems. Come witness the story of the great Russian poet and a great artist the world has ever witnessed.

Rupam

IS THIS THE END, PRESENCE & FLOW

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to an exhibition "Is this the End, Presence & Flow" by Kirtan/ Frederic Martin Duchamp.



- **Exhibition opening:** on Friday, 7 October, at 4pm
- **Exhibition Dates:** 7—22 October
- **Gallery hours:** Monday to Saturday, 2—5pm
Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville.
Please Park at the town hal.
- **Free pickup and drop from the Visitors Center** on Friday and Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30pm.
- **Sunday is closed.**

Welcome to Presence and Flow—an exhibition of photographs from different parts of the world by Kirtan / Frederic Martin Duchamp. When we are present with the Presence, we are also present to something that is Flowing—a dancing Grace, a tender lucidity.

In that dancing, the medium and the message are one. It is a Self-absorbed Meaning or a State of Being in the Universal Now. "The present moment is an embodied realization. Accessing the power of presence is more than a physical experience—it is the alignment of body, mind, and spirit with the Source." (Kim Eng)

Presence through movement enables us to come back to inner balance, resulting in ease and flow with the present moment. It aligns us with our true nature, which is awareness. The experience of flow is universal and has been reported to occur across all classes, genders, ages, and cultures, and it can be experienced during many types of activities. Flow is defined as "a subjective, mental state contributing to optimal experience, which is characterized by complete absorption in an activity, at a given moment in time" (Csikszentmihalyi)

If you've ever heard someone describe a time when their performance excelled and they were "in the zone," they were likely describing an experience of flow. Flow occurs when your skill level and the challenge at hand are equal.

Presence and flow are deeply rooted in the act of dance. This exhibition wants to be a celebration of these states of Being that we all can experience through movement and music.

Kirtan, biography

For photographers, perhaps the most mobile of all artists, the road is a natural home. Daily life, performing art, sacred architecture, flowers, children, blurred photography are my main motivations, inspirations to take out my

camera from my bag, and contemplate inner life through it, photo is coming out of this process, the result is only a way of sharing intimacy without words.

Still a beginner in photography, I've been sharing my encounters in different countries, France, Portugal, Morocco, India; with different people, ages, sensibilities; in different spaces, galleries, cafés, streets, gardens, festivals; with the intention to create new connections for new discoveries.

Still I'm in the exploration and the fascination of the "Decisive Moment" of Henri Cartier Bresson, expressed as witnessing an event that is ephemeral and spontaneous, where the image represents the essence of the event itself.

Warm Regards, Sri, Centre d'Art
+91 4132622699, centredart@auroville.org.in
www.centredart.in

CHILD PORTRAIT

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

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



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

I enjoy my work and if you send me a photo of your child between 6—18 months of age, I will send you back for free a photo of my work. I will keep the right to exhibit the picture publicly and the copyright to it. I work with full confidentiality—no information about you or your baby will ever be made public. The photo should have some shadows, no flat light please. You could hold your baby so naturally it will create shadow from the side of you. And a smile needs to be there.

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

Ivana

Work Opportunities



HR HUB INITIATIVE

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

IT/Tech support and teacher

A school is looking for an IT/tech person to help with all aspects computer related—maintenance of the 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 contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at hr.hubauroville@gmail.com.

Warmly, Sara for HR Initiative,
hr.hubauroville@gmail.com

Ecology

GREEN COLUMN

We are forEver Green

Two contrasting events mark this fortnight: local businessman PKS grabs prime roadside Auroville real estate, and UNESCO meets in Paris.



In the face of PKS's full blown attack on Auroville land it becomes clear who are our genuine community and who are collaborators with the occupying forces, hiding behind their occupied desks in their occupied offices. The illegal, violent occupation of Evergreen forest exposed the hypocrisy of the MasterPlan fundamentalists. In court they beat their chest claiming Supreme Authority, but where are the Supreme Leaders when the physical assets are stolen in plain daylight?

The answer seems to be: in Paris. Instead of showing solidarity with stewards facing threats and harassment on the ground, they fly across the world to spread their PR about spiritual shortcuts to construct "Mother's City". On September 30th the fake representatives who agitate against the Residents Assembly back home are planning to steal the show at a UNESCO gathering to honor Sri Aurobindo. While our land is being possessed by greedy capitalists and corrupt politicians, our self-proclaimed saviors are possessed by another form of corruption: sycophantic megalomania.

These are heavy words. Polemic perhaps. But the contrast has rarely been so stark between what is happening on the field and what is presented to the outside world. And it needs to stop.

You may ask what this has to do with a Green Column? Should we not restrict ourselves to speak of water harvesting and agroecology? Well, unfortunately social systems and ecosystems are intrinsically linked. Both need diversity to be healthy and resilient. Old fashioned models of organization based on hierarchy, top-down command and control are as unecological as monocultures in the field. But they keep attracting those looking for easy answers.

Large corporations keep buying off their climate guilt with monocrop plantations, replacing indigenous forests and consumers are happily convinced to keep buying and ignore planetary boundaries. In the same way, large institutions distract the public from collateral damage caused by their superficial development drive and create scapegoats to take the blame. It doesn't matter who these are, as long as they can be made into "the other". Immigrants from another country, people with another skin color, believers in another religion, residents following another decision making process...

Much of public opinion is conditioned by education and mainstream media, and kept in place by public policy. Fossil fuel and fertilizer subsidies keep people from questioning the true cost of all kinds of poisons. Tax credits for corporations hide their inefficiency and irrelevance. And stories of strong men with money and power leading their followers to the Promised Land lock societies in endless cycles of conflict and conquest. This column is an antidote to such lies. Small, but persistent. We see inspired communities rooted in ecology as a source of true wisdom and power.

In one story about Auroville farming the Mother was asked about the use of pesticides. She replied those were "part of a PAST trying to cling on to the Present". The same can be said for patriarchy, sexism, racism, consumerism and anthropocentrism. But also for authoritarianism, which acts very similar to pesticides: it is sold as a quick fix to get rid of life forms that annoy humans who want to be "in charge", but their application leads to increased volatility and an arms race between the dominator and the resistance. Sounds familiar?

Instead, a healthy, resilient socio-ecosystem is one where power is shared, subsidiarity (sorting out things at the

smallest scale possible) avoids burnout of office bearers and continuous dialogue is fostered to allow emergence of collective intelligence. We have seen glimpses of this happening in Auroville. That was the FUTURE trying to announce itself in the Present.

Let's keep our eyes on the prize and grow more trust and solidarity with our neighbors instead of hot air with VIP's far away.

Gijs & Lisbeth

The Green Column appears bi-monthly in the News & Notes . We report on green issues in Auroville, the bioregion and the wider world. We like to hear from you! avgreencenter@auroville.org.in or avgreencenter@gmail.com

Dance

NAVARATRI GARBA

Navratri is the festival dedicated to the worship of the Hindu deity Durga. During the nine days of the festival, nine different forms of the Devi are worshipped. Garba is the traditional gujarati dance having rhythmic circular movements performed around a centrally lit lamp or an idol of Goddess Durga.



We invite one and all to come and dance together

Every year since 15 years, many many auroilvians attend this dance of joy and come together—without any politics.

Warm regards, Mona

Honorary Voluntary

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

If you would like to contact us: sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

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

Available

TATA Compost Available

In MGEcoduties—Probiotics House, we have some sacs of TATA Compost for sale. For your garden, for your pots, for your soil amendment. Some inventory left. Hurry up to have it.



- **Contact MGEcoduties**—Probiotics House, Reve. mgecoduties-orders@auroville.org.in
Phone: 2623774 or 9443790180.
Contact Person: Guidelma

Small Vandi Available

Very new small vandi to carry materials for sale. Contact Guidelma in Probiotics House.



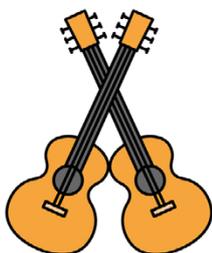
Contact Details:

- MGEcoduties -Probiotics House
- mgecoduties-orders@auroville.org.in

Guidelma 9443790180

Musical Instruments Available

- **Acoustic guitar** Yamaha F310
- **Fretless Bass guitar** Yamaha RBX 170 with DiMarzio DP 148BK Ultra Jazz Bridge Pickup
- **Travel guitar** Epiphone-express Les-Paul-model + box, as new
- **SoundCraft Signature 12 MTK** Multitrack, Mixing/recording Interface 12 I/O USB, as new
- Yamaha, **Active Studio Monitors HS 8** Pair, as new
- **Roland Acoustic Chorus Amp Ac 60**, 2 channel guitar/vocal amp
- **Boss ME-25**, Guitar Multiple Effect
- **Hardware for drums:** Drum Throne, Cymbal stand, Hi-Hat stand, Snare stand, Mic stand low.
- Ekantha
- **Saraswathi Veena Lite** Carving + stand + bag -Electrical Veena Radel



Phone 70941 36060, Ray

Bikes

- Royal Enfield Interceptor 650 bought in March 2022, approx. 2000 Km on the teller.
- Royal Enfield Bullet Deluxe '94, bought it in Shornur, Kerala in 2005 from the 1st owner.

Contact 7094136060, Ray

Bunk Bed

Bunk bed for kids up to 8-9 years old, made of work tree wood including mattresses available.

Contact: samata.meinhardt@gmail.com. Samata

Lost & Found

Lost Number Lock

Today my number lock fell off from my Kinsi cycle between Town Hall, Foundation Gate, and Madhuca. Cycle path.

If someone finds it please return it at the Matrimandir office gate for Divya. Can be given to the watchman

9414017963, thank you, Divya

Found Metal Plaque Featuring a Peacock

A small metal plaque in a transparent plastic 4x7cms cover, featuring a peacock, has been found lying on the ground in the Town Hall eastern car park.

Anyone claiming it can apply to Tim: phone 2622296 or 381, email timwrey@auroville.org.in). Tim

Looking For

Looking for Suitable Employment

Hemavati Subu from Kuilapalayam, who previously worked several years at the Auroville Gas service, is looking for suitable employment in Auroville.

Her qualification is *b.sc* computer science.

Felix, +91 89406 90158, Victory

Looking to House Sit



Blessings, I am a SAVI-long term volunteer from Canada starting my second year of volunteering with Auroville Village Action Group. I am searching for a house sitting opportunity or affordable long-term accommodation option. I have been housesitting Nilatangam, looking after the animals and managing the staff & guests the past four months. WA: +91 7289839464.

Kindly, Forest

Ste Looking for a Bike

Hi! I'm looking for a second hand bike (Splendor or off-road as X-treme/X-pulse) in good conditions. Please write to cizykaster@gmail.com

Thank you! Ste



Needed Ukulele Teacher

Needed Ukulele teacher to teach the basics. Contact Adi, 9443968876

Warm regards, Adi



Reliable Housekeeper Looking for Job

Laxmi is a reliable amma, she is looking for a full time job. She understands little English. You can reach her at +91 96294 80614

Uma Prajapati

Foods, Goods and Services

GOURMET SMOKED FISH AND CHICKEN FILET AVAILABLE !

After a year of perfecting our 'wood smoking' skills, our 'Smoke Masters' are proud to officially present 'Smoked Fish Fillet', 'Smoked Chicken Breast' (deep frozen), and our newest product 'Smoked Mackerels'. Presently you'll find 'Smoked Foods' products at PTPS, HERS, FarmFresh, Gastronomica, as well as in selected AV Restaurants (Sakura Sushi, Marc's Café, ...).



A method 'as old as fire', it not only preserves 'meats', it also enhances the taste with a delicate wood smoked flavour. Perfect to add to any salad, soup, pasta, vegetable dish, or to put on a fresh slice of good bread with butter. As well as just to be nibbled away as a tasty side dish.

We like to add that we are NOT using any chemicals, or Nitrite, in the process. That's why this distinctive pink color is missing in our products. We are looking forward to enriching your culinary experience !

The Smoked Foods Team,
Jürgen, Markus, Raphael, Satya
smokedfoods@auroville.org.in,
ph: +91 9362169798

VIRUNDHU CANTEEN RE-OPENS

8:30am to 3pm

Dear community, we are happy to announce that the canteen in the town hall is open again, this time under a new activity and a new name: Virundhu.

The opening times for now are from 8:30am to 3pm. Snacks and beverages are available during this time.

In due time light lunch will also be served. We thank all those who have supported and encouraged us.

Regards,
Virunghu Team

LATEST INFO FROM THE TRAVELSHOP

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



- **Ethihad Airways** offers flights from Chennai to London, Rome, Milan, Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam and New York 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.
- **Air Austral** weekly one flight from Chennai to Reunion direct flight and to Mauritius Via Reunion
- **Air Arabia** daily flights from Chennai to Istanbul via Sharjah.

Please note the below rule that is applicable for transit via Schengen countries:

- Travel which involves transit to non-Schengen countries in Europe, the passenger needs a valid Schengen VISA. (<https://www.axa-schengen.com/en/non-schengen-countries>)

Refer to the examples below for more clarity:

- IN-FRA-LON—Indian National traveling via FRA only with a UK visa will require a Schengen VISA.
- IN-MUC-LON—Indian National traveling via MUC only with a UK visa will require a Schengen VISA.
- IN-ZRH-LON—Indian National traveling via ZRH only with a UK visa will not require a Schengen VISA.

Please check the latest entry, transit rules, other country nationals, exemption categories with the respective embassies and the Government websites of the country concerned.

Submitted by Joster

*Taxi Share***To Chennai Airport, October 7, at 3pm**

Leaving for Chennai Airport on October 7 at 3pm from Center Guest House.

Contact Danielle, +91 598 18105

danielledediesbach@gmail.com

*Auroville Poetry***GOD GOT UP EARLY**

Tired of one-man's show
God got up early
And created everything.

No longer posing as familiar strangers
God grins at me from every face.

God laughs at my face again
Himself wearing another face.

Gratitude, Anandi Zhang

MIRRORS

Mirror, mirror on the wall
Who's an "other" after all?
When the blaming stops
Karma ends.

A new physics,
Or a symbol if you're poetic:
A New Dawn

Pops up in the horizon.
Then begins
The Life Divine.

Moonless
Twinkling stars
Light up the darkness.

What an infinite universe . . .
Limitless!

Like a sphere that is boundless.
How many then is this endlessness?

In a flash of intuition:
One.

Then the realisation:
Immersed in this Unknown,
This Infinity that is The One:

We are all therefore
Co-extensions of each other.
Another is just a mirror.
They them that those
Are none other than Us

Ever blended in all shapes and sorts.
A multi-dimensional hierarchy throughout
Fluctuating time and space.

What a marvel of an existence!
Possibilities are endless!
It's just a Matter of Consciousness

If you get my drift
Once identified with Self.

Well that's the hitch
The challenge that awaits
The tireless Quest.

An easy and joyful tip
From the Supramental Avatars a lovegift:
Take the Path that is Sunlit.

May the Divine Consciousness-Force
Be with you always.

Zech, 2022.09.27

MOHANAM

SOUL OF SOIL

**Auroville & Kazhuveli
Bio-Region Eco Experience
Program, October 2022**

Touch ◦ Ride ◦ Feel ◦ Taste ◦ Hear ◦
Discover ◦ Experience



Mohanam began as an effort of young people from the rural villages surrounding Auroville, an international city in Tamil Nadu, India. Mohanam seeks to showcase the rich cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu. It reflects the beauty, traditions, innovations and the continuing evolution of South Indian arts and culture through daily workshops, activities and events.

Daily—Make and Take Hands On Workshops at Auroville Bio region Art & Craft Centre, Cross Cultural, Auroville Experiences and Educational Tours available

Mohanam campus tour

Come and visit Mohanam Village Heritage centre to explore the taste of Tamil culture, bamboo experiential farm, sound healing, bio region art and craft centre, Lively one village boutique, saree library, local traditional lunch, herbal tea.

Cook Like a Local

Offering you the opportunity to delve into classical combinations of Indian cuisine. Join us for a morning of fun and flavour where you will be involved in hands on cooking experience and invited to indulge in your own lunch.

Sound Healing & Sound Bath

Bringing harmony and aligning through sound. Join us for this journey into sound and movement. From meditation to movement, from silence to sound. Inspired by nature, elements we dive into an inner exploration of embodiment, expression, healing and celebration.

- Sound healing therapy is available for 1-on-1 sessions (45 minutes)
- Sound bath is available for groups, minimum 5 people (45 minutes)

Register at least 2 hours before

Sound & Diya Meditation

- Every morning from 6:15am to 6:45am

Meditation for opening mind, body, soul through feeling natural made music instruments. Free session. Donations are welcome.

Bamboo Musical Instrument

We at Mohanam are happy to share our vast experience and knowledge gained over 15 years. Come and learn to make your own traditional / folk instruments at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre from professional crafts men and take home your own hand made instrument at the end of the workshop.

Bamboo Jewellery

Choose to craft, out of bamboo and learn to make your own Bamboo Jewellery at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre from professional craftsmen and take home your own handmade Jewellery at the end of the workshop.

Bamboo Toys making

Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre and take home your own hand made Toys at the end of the workshop.

Kolam Mandala Painting Workshop

Learn the art of painting Kolam in various mediums, starting from canvas from our experts. Book now and register to be a part of the workshop.

Candle Making

You can see how the handmade candles are made with scents and flowers but you will also have the opportunity to make one for yourself while engaging with experienced candle making artisan from the bio region.

Incense Making

Come, Learn the basics of making your own natural incense. Workshop will introduce an Indian style of incense making using traditional materials. The workshop draws from the history of incense and students will be introduced to a variety of aromatic herbs, spices and powders. Participants will leave the class with their own incense to burn and share.

Marbling

Paper marbling is a centuries-old art where paint is floated upon a bath of thickened water and drawn through with various tools to create striking, fluid patterns. In this marbling workshop, you will learn:

- how to make the thickened water
- how to prepare paper for marbling
- techniques for controlling the behaviour of the paints
- how to create all kinds of beautiful patterns.

SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Tour

SDG tour facilitates knowledge about what are sustainable development goals, how are they applicable to Auroville , tour of Mohanam campus with an explanation of how each project can be aligned with goals, extended support to work with goals

(45 minutes tour facilitated by Sahithi Divi – National Brand Ambassador SDGs by CIMSME / ICTMAE, Masters in social entrepreneurship – Hult International Business School , TEdx Speaker, Forbes India 30 under 30 special mention, certified design thinking practiser in social impact)

Saree & Vesthi Experience Tour

Let the magic of saree & vesthi adorn you!

Choose a saree and vesthi from a variety of beautiful saree and vesthi of our library, our women's group member will teach you to drape / wear the saree & vesthi. You can ask us for a photoshoot as an add on, south Indian style makeover – choose between kolam & cooking for an inclusive traditional experience.

- Days & Time: All working Days except Sunday
- Available on campus daily
- Pre-booking required (at least 2 hours in advance)
- For more information, special requirement, and pre-booking contact:
- Preferred through email at mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or telephone number: +91 8300949079, +91 04132622667, +91 04132190757

On Pre-Booking—Make and Take Hands On Workshops at Bio region Art & Craft Centre, Cross Cultural Experiences and Educational Tours located in Mohanam campus

Clay Modelling and Terracotta

Come, invent and create desired articles, which may include flower petals, figurines, jewellery and numerous other objects. The resulting product hardens without firing to form a sturdy article, which even if it includes thin surfaces will stand normal handling. Learn making and take your designed article.

Paper Mache Art

Come, invent and create desired articles, which may include flower petals, figurines, jewellery and numerous other objects. Learn making and take your designed article.

Lampshade

Want to make your own funky lampshade to use as a statement piece in your living room? Or just looking for unique things to do in Auroville? This DIY lampshade class will teach you how to design and create your very own lampshade to take home!

Palm leaf craft

Want to make your own art and craft using palmera leaf with our skilled artisans from the bio region ?The palm leaves are utilized in making variety of products such as presentation boxes, plain boxes, hats, trays, baskets and more.

Coconut shell craft

Want to make your own art and craft using coconut shells? Love cooking with fresh coconuts? Don't toss the shells! Next time, repurpose them with these decors through cocoon shell workshop by skilled bio region artisans

Local temple tour

Spiritual journey or one type of cultural tourism is facilitated for people who are looking for inner development for oneself. Includes visit to the local heritage sites with grand historical value for a scientific spiritual travel immersion.

- Days & Date: All working Days except Sunday
- Pre booking in advance is necessary (at least 2 hours in advance)
- For more information, special requirement, and pre-booking contact:
- Preferred through email at mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or telephone number: +91 8300949079, +91 04132622667, +91 04132190757

Weekly Events

Indo African Drum Circle with Food and Campfire

Enjoy the evening with blissful fusion of instrumental music, freestyle dancing and traditional drumming with campfire, accompanied by traditional Tamil dishes.

(With basic Contribution from each participant)

Day and Time: Every Thursday between 6.00 to 8:00 pm (Pre-booking is mandatory)

Venue: Mohanam Village Heritage Centre

Laughter Yoga

Are you stressed out, depressed and having health problems? Do you want to bring more laughter and joy into your life? Laughter Yoga is the right choice for you.

It combines laughter exercises with yoga breathing techniques (Pranayama) which brings more oxygen to our body and brain making us feel more energetic and healthier. (With basic Contribution from each participant)

- Day and Time: Every Saturday, starting on the 15 October, at 11am
- Venue: Mohanam Village Heritage Centre

Auro-Santhai—Auroville Saturday Market

Bridging Auroville, Bio region & Pondicherry (Music, Hands-on workshops, Food stalls, Cultural activities, Artisan stalls)

Mohanam started the Auro-Santhai—Auroville Saturday market by bridging—This is a regular marketplace intended to sell foods, handicraft products and local produce by the local creators and artisans directly to consumers. The Auro-Santhai Saturday market consists of stalls, kiosks, booths, tables or stands where artists, stage, artisans, creators, farmers and entrepreneurs sell their products.

- Day and Time: Every Saturday at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre, 11am onwards
- You can contact us to have your stall, cultural performance, to give workshops, have your food stall

Social Entrepreneurship tour and workshop

This is mainly for the aspiring social entrepreneurs, creators and leaders who want to discover the world of social impact through Auroville and its rich social impact scenario

- Introduction to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and social entrepreneurship
- Business consulting, branding, marketing strategy and network support
- Incubation support for aspiring social entrepreneurs

- Mentorship support
- LinkedIn profile or business portfolio building
- Design thinking for social impact- discussion
- Visit to two Auroville based social enterprises or rural enterprises (based on choice of participants to understand the business model, challenges and opportunities)

(Facilitator— Sahithi is a forbes India 30 under 30 special mention, 2021, Ted x speaker who has a master's degree in social entrepreneurship from, Hult international business school, California, San Francisco, a design thinking practitioner, national brand ambassador for SDGs by (CISMSE / ICTMAE) and founder of women leadership platform called Impact Scientist which is now a project of Mohanam.

- **Time duration:** 3 hours (minimum one and maximum 8 participants)
- **Lunch provided**—Kala akka traditional lunch in bamboo experiential farm
- **Day and Time:** Every Saturday from 10 am onwards – maximum 12 people
- **Pre booking in advance is necessary** (at least 2 hours in advance)

(We can facilitate for group booking, college students' group must apply 2 days in advance as per requirement)

For more information and registration on the above programs, **contact us:** mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, +91 8300949079, +91 04132622667, +91 04132190757

Here is an opportunity for our Aurovillian Community from Mohanam

Mohanam is calling out for Aurovillians and new comers who are passionate about Art, Craft, Heritage and Culture and related fields to join us in ADMIN Coordination. We are looking for enthusiasts to be part of our leadership and management team to innovate and scale our shared goal to be a bridge between global and local. Your participation is welcome on freelance, part-time, fulltime, volunteering basis and also for those who are interested in research programs in culture, local craft and language, connection between Asia and Works.

Please email us at mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in to meet and discuss with us over lunch or tea

Warm regards, Satheesh, for Mohanam

Voices and Notes

THE TRUE VIBRATION

"...the one that comes straight from the Supreme."

From The Mother... read and understand here to add to your learning and preparation:

[Her Agenda, July 31, 1963](#)

"5. The whole earth must prepare itself for the advent of the new species, and Auroville wants to work consciously to hasten this advent."

[To Be a True Aurovillian](#)

Zech, 2022.09.22

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

- [Savitri, B. I, C. IV, Part1](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Soul Tracks S4 Ep12 "The American Soul 1: 1930 to 1959"](#) (Music)
- [Kadhaj Ketpoma—Ep.1, Surge On Like a River](#) (Literature)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering—ep.64](#) (Literature)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—411](#) (Integral Yoga)

Last Youtube live videos

- [Kalabhumi Goes Live on 16 Sept 2022 excerpt | Featuring Mehr, Emergence and RoadkillPizza](#)

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

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

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

Peace and Love

Regards, Stefano

LAKSHAY DHARAN HAS SOME QUESTIONS

Dear ATDC, greetings! You know, I could have called any of you, ATDC members, and gotten answers to my questions. However, I come across many individuals who are equally puzzled about the same topics. The people who are against development are perhaps thanking you profusely, for they have a working example to showcase development as a disruption. They are using your current actions to further rally support for their selfish causes, packaged as common ecological concerns.

I am also volunteering to ask these basic questions, in the hope that you'll most likely feel safer and more comfortable answering, for you know I am not trying to pull you down. Your answers will alleviate some shared concerns, confusion, chaotic rumors, etc. Here we go:

Crown & Mobility

1. What's happening with the Crown?
2. Is it going to be a paver block, concrete slabs, or RCC?
3. If the execution plan was/is not ready, why undo the existing roads?
4. Wouldn't it have been prudent to have first finished the new roads in Mahakali, Maheshwari, Mahasaraswati before embarking on the expansion of the existing roads?
5. What are your exigency plans for possible heavy monsoons, and flooding of pathways? I hope you're aware that even the school buses are struggling to navigate through the construction sites, which appears to be forever now.
6. Why not involve the AV road service to render the same work? Expensive? Why not change the executives, as has been the trend, or absorb them as a sub-unit of ATDC, to keep the costs NIL? Don't you think the experience of building the crown would have helped in the radials and further maintenance of them?
7. If the stalling of work was a last-minute change, then suggested by whom? ATDC, AVF, CPWD? Why?

8. If you acknowledge your first plan was inadequate, what measures have you put in place to ensure your new plan is adequate?
9. How long will it take to deliberate, test, and finalize the right solution for Crown and Radials?
10. Will you share your findings with the community before implementing them? Few may perhaps oppose you tooth and nail, but a vast majority are willing to understand and contribute towards Auroville-building work. Why deprive the willing ones, in fear of the loud opposers?
11. If you're stuck in your ideas, could you be courageous enough to ask for help, given the circumstances?
12. What is the status of private lands and poramboke land that falls on the Crown?
13. Michael Bonke is kind enough to let us build the crown on the piece of land owned by him, however, is it possible to convert those lands in Auroville's name? I presume he's getting old and do we have assurance from his successors that they would let Auroville build on 'their' private land as per the Master Plan?
14. What is the status of the Radials? Why wait for the 11th hour? When do you plan to publish the plan of the 12 radials (named after Mother's given 12 qualities)? The list of Aurovilians who need to be given an alternative, and the private lands falling on the Radials.
15. What's the plan to implement the Mobility plan, lying around with Auroville TDC for 20 years now? The city center, in particular, was planned to be pollution-free (carbon & noise), how do you intend to make it practicable? in a phased manner? Are you seriously looking into this?
16. If you have a new mobility plan, do you need to start nudging residents to buy e-vehicles now, for it to come into effect over a period of time?
17. What about parking for existing and new vehicles?
18. Will the permanent parking for non-electric vehicles be on one of the service nodes?
19. How will the residents commute from the parking to the place of residence?
20. What are your plans for the public transport network within the City Area (5sq km.)?
21. Are you planning to automate public transport (as in Singapore) to use AI, manage Big Data, integrate IoT, Blockchain, etc?
22. What will be the safety measures for mobility solutions?
23. Altogether, will our mobility be forward-looking, or playing catch up?
24. Are you accounting for the fast-paced changes in the renewable energy sector, battery storage solutions, and most importantly drone technology?
25. China, Israel, and some European countries are already experimenting with prototype drones for family use, to replace cars. Recall how fast mobiles have penetrated the markets, what if new Drones do the same to the transport sector? If the roads become less important or redundant in the near future, how wise is it to invest in the longevity of the roads?
26. How about sharing some details about the finances? After all, this is a public work, and any discrepancy caused knowingly or unknowingly will have long-term implications on the well-being of Auroville.
27. How much is being spent on the Crown? How are you justifying the dismantling of previously constructed roads? Can we study the cost-benefit analysis?
28. Finally, if the Crown is not merely a solution for mobility, how do you intend to accommodate the socio-cultural potentials?

Continued in [Long Read on Page 28](#)

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

A Sunlit Path and Synthesis are delighted to host Niloy Ahsan for another Dhrupad workshop at a Sunlit Path, October 7—9!

We'll immerse ourselves in the meditative and healing vibrations of Dhrupad music under the guidance of Niloy Ahsan, an exceptional Dhrupad vocalist in the Dagar lineage. We'll have a morning group class and an evening group class everyday. Those interested in diving deeper have the option of taking a private class with Niloy in between the group classes.

For Niloy, music is a play of Prana, an exploration of the sound within, and the practice of Dhrupad is a path to self-awareness. We will be hosting regular Dhrupad retreats at A Sunlit Path to grow and support our community of dedicated Dhrupad enthusiasts and practitioners. We look forward to building a strong practice with this art form together, allowing us to connect deeper to ourselves and each other through the immense power of pure sound.

Read Niloy's full bio at: <https://www.asunlitpath.org/niloy>

- To register, WA 8870988843

Giacomo for Synthesis, an activity under ASSA

FAMILY AND SYSTEMIC CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, 8 October, 9am to 6pm

Creativity Hall of Light

Please register, moghan@auroville.org.in, 9751110486

Thanks, Moghan

SOUND CHAKRAS HEALING

Guided vibrational sound journey using (Bija mantras, Tibetan Bowls and Tuning forks therapy) to help to Reduce Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia, stimulating the natural cellular healing process, Rebalancing the emotions & Reconnecting with your true essence.



- Individual session
- Couple session
- Small group (max 4 people)

For an Appointment contact me at:

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Namaste, Lakshmi

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

Key Benefits

- Deep physical, emotional and mental relaxation;
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Thanks and Regards, Vera

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Aurokiya provides the following health-care services for the community:

- Eye screening and awareness programs for schools and workplace
- Home care support and specialized nursing care
- Support for hospital visits (Aravind, PIMS, JIPMER) and diagnostic services
- Laboratory services and home collection



Contact us

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PITANGA PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER 2022



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info@pitanga.in

Yoga with Rachel

Monday, Friday	5—6:30pm	Asanas: Hip opening, Asanas, Beginners
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	7—8:30am	Asanas, All levels

One-on-one lessons available on request

More Yoga

Yin Yoga, in French, Drop-In, on 1 st & 15 th only	Saturday, 5—6:15pm	Aurélié
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; Not during term-break: 1 & 8 October	Saturday 10—11am	Gala
Asanas for teenagers, 10—15yrs, Regular, Not during term-break: 1 to 8 October	Monday, Wednesday 4—5pm	Lisbeth

Body—Mind—Spirit

Taoist Qi Gong In French, Drop-In Starts: 11 October	Tuesday, 7:30—9am	Elisa T:
Taoist Qi Gong In English, Drop-In Starts: 13 October	Thursday, 3:15—4:45pm	Elisa T:
Dynamic Balance	Tuesday, 4:45—6:15pm	Osnat
Neurographic Drawing, For adults, Drop-In	Thursday, 3—4pm	Gala
Tuning to Peace, Drop-In, Not on 3 October	Monday, 7:15—8:15am	Rosa A:
Training our listening skills, through the body, Drop-In Not on 5 October	Wednesday, 8—9:30am	Rosa A:
Awareness and Joy, for seniors, Drop-In	Friday, 9 10am	Rosa A:
Feldenkrais, in English, Drop-In	Tuesday, 9—10:15am	Aurovici
Feldenkrais, in French, Drop-In	Tuesday, 10:30—11:45am	Aurovici
Feldenkrais, Drop-In, Restarts 21 October	Friday, 5:15—6:30pm	Shari
Aviva Exercise, For women, Drop-In	Thursday 4:30—5:30pm	Suriya-gandhi
Odissi Dance, Beginners, Drop-In	Monday, 4:45—5:15pm, Friday, 3:45—4:30pm	Rekha
Odissi Dance, Intermediate, Regular	Monday, 5:15—6:15pm, Friday, 4:30—5:15pm	Rekha

Homeopathic Clinic

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

Consultations for new cases are held by appointment only.

- Please contact her by phone, +919428429642, 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
Shamballa Reiki	Pierre
Self-Healing	Kirtan

About our healing spaces

Acupuncture regulates and harmonizes the flow of life energy, the “Qi”, of the whole organism. The “Qi” flows in a network of channels called Meridians. The acupuncture points are located along these channels. To regulate and tonify the “Qi”, acupuncture points are stimulated with needles or treated with mugwort (moxibustion). Acupuncture may help with all kinds of pain, fatigue, menstrual and menopausal disharmonies, anxiety as well as many other disorders of the body.

Essenian Healing: Essenian treatments are a therapeutic approach that uses the healing power of light and sound as well as the massage of energy points with the aim of maintaining or restoring a harmonious balance between body, soul and spirit. The healing acts by restoring the flow of energy that has been disrupted by stress, illness, negative thought forms and the difficulties of everyday life.

Shamballa Reiki: Pierre is offering treatments for those who are open to using the Universal Energy, we call Reiki, to keep us aligned during the immense shift we are all going through. In his observation “the cosmic clock is turning; the Universal Energy remains the same”.

Self-Healing based on Craniosacral therapy offered by Kirtan are a non-medical healing approach based on Craniosacral Therapy. It is a way for you to experience your True Self in a profoundly deep, practical, and lasting way, by attuning you to your own blueprint for health. It calls forth your natural re-alignment, resonance and healing forces.

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

Submitted by Andrea,
for Pitanga.

HEARTFULL® MEDITATION WITH AVANTIKA NIRUPAMA

“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

Tuesdays 9:30am to 10:30am
 Location : Arka Guest House, Auroville
 By Donation



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 Snacks™, unique meditation practices created by meditation master teacher, Savitri, a longtime devotee of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

- For questions or details: avantikalight@gmail.com

Avantika

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Heartfull® Meditation Workshop with Avantika Nirupama

- Sunday, 2 October, 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? Contact Avantika at avantikalight@gmail.com

OBA® Basic with Fred

- Saturday, 15 & Sunday, 16 October, 8:45am—6:30pm

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

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

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

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

Guy,
For Quiet Healing Center



VÉRITÉ PROGRAMS, OCTOBER 2022

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Yoga & Re-creation Programs

Social distancing practiced in all programs

Drop-in Sessions

Days	Drop-in Sessions	Timings	Presenters
Mondays	Meditation, Pranayama & Suryanamaskar (no class 24 October)	7:30 to 8:30am	Radhika
	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga (no class 24 October)	5 to 6:15pm	Andres
Tuesdays	Aligning The Body Through Anusara Yoga	9 to 10am	Radhika
	Physical & Spiritual Yoga	3:30 to 4:45pm	Shriya
	Holistic Yoga	5 to 6:30pm	Sabrina
Wednesdays	Holistic Yoga	9 to 10:30am	Sabrina
	Physical & Spiritual Yoga	3:30 to 4:45pm	Shriya
	Vinyasa Flow	5 to 6:30pm	Rebeca
	Ecstatic Dance— Conscious Movement (starts 19 October)	5 to 6:30pm	Tahir
Thursdays	Meditation, Pranayama & Suryanamaskar (no class 6 Oct)	7:30 to 8:30am	Radhika
	Chakra Breathing Meditation (starts 20 October)	9:30 to 11am	Nirmal
	Holistic Yoga	5 to 6:30pm	Sabrina
	Free Flow Dance & Movement	5 to 6:30pm	Vega
Fridays	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga (no class 21 October)	5 to 6:15pm	Andres
Saturdays	Nataraj Dance Meditation (no class 1 October)	5 to 6:30pm	Nirmal

Intensives (pre-registration required)

Day & Date	Intensives (pre-registration required)	Timings	Presenters
Saturday, 8 October	Explore Your Bodies (Koshas) Through The Practice of Yoga	9:30am to 12pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 15 October	Making Choices with Clarity & Ease: Non-Violent Communications	9:30am to 4:30pm	Vega
Saturday, 15 October	Saucha: Yoga to Purify Body, Energy and Mind	9:30am to 12pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 22 October	Balance Your Bodies Through the Practice of Yoga	9:30am to 12pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 22 October	Anatomy for Yoga practitioners: Study of movement	9:30am to 12pm	Rebeca

Therapies (by appointment only)

Therapies (by appointment only)	Therapist
Thai Yoga Therapy	Andres
Cranio-sacral Therapy	Mila
Grounding & Relaxation Massage—Emotional Healing Massage—Fertility Massage	Prem Shakti
Cranio-sacral and Foot Reflexology	Radhika
Private Yoga Session/ Therapy	Sabrina

Regular Events—October 2022

Hatha Vinyasa Yoga

- No class 21 & 24 October
- Andres at Vérité: Monday & Friday, 5 to 6:15pm

Participants are guided towards a tension-free state of well-being, through postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), activation of the energetic centers (chakras), and relaxation techniques (yoga nidra, savasana). As a result, balance is restored in the physical, mental, and emotional being. With consistent practice, contentment (santosha), equanimity (śamatha), health, connection and well-being are established in daily life!

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Aligning the Body through Anusara Yoga

- Radhika at Vérité: Tuesday, 9 to 10am

Anusara yoga is a physical practice that embraces the reality of life through attitude, alignment and action, helping us to feel more grounded and centered in our daily activities.

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Physical and Spiritual Yoga

- Shriya at Vérité:
Tuesday and Wednesday, 3:30 to 4:45pm

A yoga class for anyone who wants to understand and explore themselves through the body and breath. Sessions include 2 components: physical and spiritual; the physical asana practice is a medium to access the more subtle parts of the Self. Some days we sweat, some days we are balancing, and other days we are in a restorative space, but on all days the aim is to find the peace within!

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Holistic Yoga

- Sabrina at Vérité: Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 6:30pm & Wednesday, 9 to 10:30am

Come and experience a complete Hatha Yoga class, to balance the whole being! Each class includes pranayamas/pranavyayamas/ mantras/ mudras/ asanas/ meditation.

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Vinyasa Flow Yoga

- Rebeca at Vérité: Wednesday, 5 to 6:30pm

In these classes you will find fluently creative sequencing using traditional Yoga asana and analytical movements (inspired practices) to challenge the body in different ways, focusing on the development of coordination, focus, strength, flexibility and skill. There is a main focus on individual alignment with anatomical explanations for the safe performance, considering this practice as therapeutic exercise. We will focus on enhancing energy flow (prana) and stimulating the body's own natural healing processes.

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Ecstatic Dance Conscious Movement

- Starts 19 October
- Tahir at Vérité: Wednesday, 5 to 6:30pm

Ecstatic Dance is a Freeform Conscious Dance. As soon as you enter the space, you are invited to let go of judgments and expectations and allow yourself to feel your emotions, sensations, body, mind and spirit. A safe space for movement and expression.

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Chakra Breathing Meditation

- Starts 20 October
- Nirmal at Vérité: Thursday, 9:30 to 11am

This meditation session is based on the Osho Chakra Breathing technique, but is expanded with the use of different breathing techniques in combination with gentle body movements coming from the practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

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Free Flow Dance and Movement

- Vega at Vérité: Thursday 5 to 6:30pm

The body can be a great guide to the soul, enabling us to connect and reveal ourselves through movement. Join us and give your body an opportunity to flow in its rhythm and Express itself freely.

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Nataraj Dance Meditation

- No class 1 October
- Nirmal at Vérité: Saturday 5 to 6:30pm

Nataraj represents the energy of dance, Dance becomes meditation when mind dissolves and only the dance remains, when the 'doer' disappears and embodiment manifests. These 90 minute sessions follow Osho's Nataraj Meditation format with occasional enhancement of the soundtrack using live instrumental music.

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Thai Yoga Therapy

- Andres at Vérité

Sometimes referred to as assisted yoga, Thai Yoga Therapy (Nuad Boran) is an ancient technique used to improve the flow of energy throughout the body. The practitioner uses acupressure, stretching, pulling and rocking techniques to relieve tension, promote relaxation and improve flexibility and circulation.

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Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy

- Mila at Vérité

This therapy uses gentle touch to the head to help release tension in the skull, spine and sacrum, freeing energy that can help re-establish integral balance, and stimulating the healing capacity of the body.

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Private Yoga Sessions/ Yoga Therapy

- Sabrina at Vérité

Yoga is an amazing tool to relieve and strengthen the body and mind, bringing back energy and a sense of balance. Through yoga-therapy, pranayamas, mudras, mantras and asanas, Sabrina proposes to create and guide you through your own personalized sequence according to your needs.

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Grounding & Relaxation Massage—Emotional Healing Massage—Fertility Massage

- Prem Shakti

After an initial consulting phase, the needs of the client are assessed and deep tissue massage is applied to help release emotional tension. The client is coached via deep breathing through the massage process in order to help the body come back to its natural state of wellness. This massage helps to align the body, mind, heart and soul so people can improve their health and gain more clarity and integrity in their lives.

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Craniosacral Therapy & Foot Reflexology

- Radhika at Vérité

Craniosacral therapy is a safe and beneficial bodywork treatment that uses gentle pressure and movements to relieve stress and pain. It facilitates deep states of relaxation, hence enabling the body to heal and be brought back into balance and harmony. Foot reflexology involves applying pressure points and massage on different areas of the foot. Among many benefits, it reduces stress, improves digestion and promotes sound sleep. This integrated therapy provides the benefits of both craniosacral therapy and foot reflexology, easing one into a deep state of relaxation, strengthening the nervous system and accelerating the body's ability to heal and regenerate.

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Explore Your Bodies (Koshas) Through The Practice of Yoga

- With Sabrina, Saturday, 8 October, 9:30 to 12noon

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

Cancelled Workshop: Vinyasa Krama Yoga: Introduction

- With Joshna, Saturday & Sunday, 1 & 2 October, 9:30am—12:30pm

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Mindfulness Evening Circle

- Every Thursday 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

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

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

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

Bach Flowers Remedies with Stefania

- On appointment only (+91 9486363442) from October

These remedies are made out of watered-down extracts from the flowers of wild plants, containing its healing energy. They work not only with adults, as they are especially effective with children and even pets. It's a safe and natural method of healing that gently restores the balance between mind and body by casting out negative emotions which interfere with the equilibrium of the being as a whole.

Conscious Life Counseling with Stefania

- On appointment only (+91 9486363442) from October

This exploration offers a flexible and safe framework for introspection and self-discovery, which aims at personal and spiritual growth. Different techniques (like Awareness Through the Body, Psychosynthesis, Integral Psychology and Astroshamanism) will be used to develop consciousness-based attitudes and skills that help an individual to face particular moments of challenge or change in life.

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

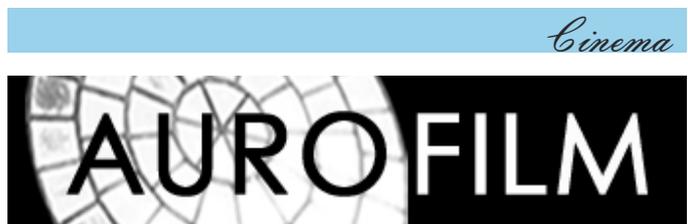
- On appointment only (+91 9443617308)

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.

Small Children (0-6) Chinese Massage with Lhamo

• On appointment only (+91 9565524237)
 A very interesting way of looking at small children's health and well being. It is a way to cure infants' daily problems (cold, digestive functions, fever, cough, etc.) and increase the immune system without medicine. It works through very soft massage using different acupressure points than adults. It is an empowering tool for parents to deal with their kids' daily ailments. It is very effective for newly born babies and suitable for children up to 6 years old.

Warmly, Sara, For Serendipity



At Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)

- **Reminder:** On Friday, 30 September, there will be no screening!
- **Friday 7 October, 8:00 pm:** "Kurmavantara" (The Tortoise, an Incarnation) directed by Girish Kasaravalli, Karnataka, India, 2011

Girish Kasavalli's film is based on a story written by one of the finest writers in Kannada, Kum Veerabhardappa and connects the motive of Lord Vishnu who takes the form of tortoise (kurma) in his second avatar according to Hindu puranas.

Synopsis: Anand Rao is an aged government employee leading a contented life which turns topsy-turvy when he is asked to play Gandhi-ji in a mega TV serial. The assignment brings him fame and riches but at the cost of his morality and mental peace. The film draws a parallel between the life of Mahatma Gandhi and that of the protagonist and its title is used as a metaphor for the immense stress that great responsibility brings...

Original Kannada version with English subtitles. Duration 2h05'

KIDS MATINEE MOVIE TIME



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BHUMIKA HALL, BHARAT NIVAS

TIME: 3.30 TO 4.30 PM

DURATION: 1 HOUR



Vani,
BN Cultural Team

ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest

Schedule of Events:

- 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
- 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
- 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
- 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with 'previews' of short Sadhana Forest films
- 20:00 Dinner is served
- 21:15 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen



Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

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

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

Friday 7 October: Eating our way to Extinction

- 2021/ 81 minutes/ Ludovic Brockway, Otto Brockway

Eating Our Way to Extinction is a cinematic feature documentary, taking audiences on a journey around the world and speaking about the major issues of our time. This powerful documentary sends a simple but impactful message by addressing, on the big screen, perhaps the most pressing issue of our generation—the ecological crisis.

DREAM WEAVING: THE AUROVILLE CROWN—2022

Documentary screening & panel discussion

Through this event, we will screen the premiere of a full video documentary on the overall Dreamweaving process. This will be followed by a panel discussion and Q & A session on the Dreamweaving experience, as well as current efforts, challenges and possible next steps.

1 October, Saturday, 4:30—7pm
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Submitted by Induja, on behalf of the Dreamweaving and Community gathering team



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 3 October to 9 October 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 3 October, 8pm:
SUPER DELUXE

India, 2019, Writer-Dir. Thiagarajan Kumararaja w/ Vijay Sethupathi, Fahadh Faasil, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, and others, Comedy-Crime, 175mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: A (R)

Four seemingly different but connected plots makes up the story. A boy gets shocked and triggered to a crime spree when he, while watching an adult film, realizes that his mother is one of the actors. A dissatisfied wife meets up with an ex-lover only to have him die unexpectedly, with she and her husband trying to dispose the body. In another story, the missing husband returns to his wife and child as a transgender. How these plots connect? Well, you will have to watch!

Potpourri—Tuesday 4 October, 8pm:
LE PAPILLION (The butterfly)

France, 2002, Dir. Writer-Dir Philippe Mui w/ Michel Serault, Claire Bouanich, Nade Dieu, and others, Adventure-Comedy, 85mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Elsa, an 8-year-old French girl, forges a close bond with Julien, an ageing widower, and a butterfly enthusiast. Elsa sneaks out on a trip as he attempts to find a rare butterfly. But her mother Isabelle fears that she has been abducted. *A wonderful, touching film about connections with nature and fellow human beings!*

Interesting—Wednesday 5 October, 8pm:
BETWEEN THE FOLDS

USA, 2008, Writer-Dir. Vanessa Gould w/ Erik D. Demaine, Martin L. Demaine, Vincent Floderer, and others, Documentary, 56mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

The film depicts a cast of fine artists and scientists (from MIT and NASA) who have devoted their lives to the unlikely medium of modern origami. Through their determination to reinterpret the world in paper, they arouse a fascinating mix of sensibilities towards art, science, form, expressiveness, creativity and meaning. Akira Yoshizawa the creator and originator of the Japanese art form origami, who never sold any of his creation can be briefly seen in this film. If you have seen this film before, see it again, if you have not, you must!

Selection—Thursday 6 October, 8pm:
BOTTLE SHOCK

USA, 2008, Dir. Randall Miller w/ Chris Pine, Alan Rickman, Bill Pullman, and others, Comedy-Drama, 150mins, English-French-German w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Based on true events in 1976, Steven Spurrier, comes to the Napa Valley to select wines for his "Judgement of Paris" event to compare against the French wine. He meets Jim, whose Chateau is mortgaged as he perfects his chardonnay with buttery notes and a Smithsonian finish. Jim's relations—with his son Bo, foreman Gustavo, a secret wine maker, are strained. Then there is Sam, a free-spirited graduate student. Jim doesn't want to participate in Spurrier's event but Bo definitely wants.

International—Saturday, 8 October, 8pm:
ALCARRÀS

Spain-Italy, 2022, Writer-Dir. Carla Simón w/Jordi Pujol Dolcet, Anna Otin, Xènia Roset, and others, Adventure-Drama, 120mins, Catalan-Spanish-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

A lucid portrait of a family on the brink of losing their peach farm and along with that their shared identity that has rooted them to its soil, in a small Catalan village Alcarràs, since before the Spanish Civil War. The buzzing and vibrant drama keeps reminding that the earth shifting under their feet, and in turn to the question of who they will become once they're forced away from the land. *A must watch!*

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 8 October, 4:30pm:
ASTERIX AND THE VIKINGS



France, 2006, Dir. Stefan Fjeldmark, Jesper Møller w/ Paul Giamatti, Brad Garrett, Evan Rachel Wood, and others, Animation-Adventure, 78 mins, English, Rated: G

The chief's nephew is sent from Parisium to the Gaulish village to become a man, and Asterix and Obelix are assigned to train the youngster; But the Vikings come to Gaul and kidnap him. The chief sends Asterix and Obelix up north to get him back.

Movies On Ancient Greece @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 9 October, 8:00 pm:
TO VLEMMMA TOU ODYSSEA (Ulysses' gaze)

Greece-France, 1995, Dir. Theodoros Angelopoulos w/ Harvey Keitel, Maia Morgenstern, and others, Drama-War, 176 mins, Greek w/ English subtitles, Rated: R.

A Greek-American director returns to his homeland of Greece to search for three undeveloped film reels made by pioneering Greek filmmakers. As he embarks on a long emotional journey from Athens to war-ravaged Sarajevo begins, unfolding the director's odyssey.

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LAKSHAY DHARAN HAS SOME QUESTIONS*(Continued from Page 20)***Housing**

1. What are the plans for new housing solutions?
2. how will you keep the costs low?
3. How do you plan to densify Sectors 1 & 2, where the infrastructure already exists?
4. Do you intend to extend the basic infrastructure to sectors 3, 4, and 5? to make further developments easier?
5. Do you have an updated list of existing housing assets and their stewards?
6. Some residents are stewarding more than one asset, how do you plan to redistribute those released assets?
7. Some residents are monetizing their extra assets, to benefit themselves, whereas many Aurovilians are living in dire situations. How do you plan to dismantle this Guest House nexus?
8. There is a huge mismatch of assets, individuals manning the mansions and families stuffed in studios. How do you plan to solve this puzzle?
9. How big is the waiting list for new houses?
10. If the old houses can be redistributed to solve the housing crisis, why invest in building new houses at this moment? Perhaps, we can use the resources to buy more urgently required lands.
11. How closely are you working with the Housing to look into the pressing issues?

Lake

1. Does ATDC have a role in the construction of the lake or not?
2. How big is the lake actually?
3. Who is funding it? and how sustainable is the source?
4. How much private land do we need to acquire to finish the lake?
5. What will be a sustainable source of water?
6. Can our water solution be a source of inspiration for water-stressed communities across India?
7. The Matrimandir is placed on a Ridge, how do you intend to direct water upwards and how do you plan to secure it from runoff, absorption, or evaporation?

Master Plan

1. What is the status of DDP?
2. Vastushilp Foundation was actively working on this project, last December. What are the reasons for cutting them loose?
3. I believe 6 months was the target given to VSF, why did we defer from our own target?
4. Was it because of finances? I think they asked for about 2 crores? Why didn't we pay them and get the crucial DDPs done?
5. If money was short, why didn't we use our collective pool—Unity Funds—to get the DDPs done?
6. Many were also hired in-house to work on various aspects of the DDPs, what has been the outcome of those processes?
7. Do we have to wait for the entire DDP to finish before seeing the document, or is it possible to release the DDPs in phases, for the community to digest and suggest?
8. If you are flushing out the details of each zone, are you involving key players pertaining to that zone? Cultural zone—Schools, sports, art, etc.
9. Are you accounting for 50000 residents, floating volunteer population, ever-growing tourists, dynamics of the bio-regions, etc. while making your detailed development plans for each zone?

Land

1. How do you plan to reorient the already built spaces to align with the Master Plan? For eg. the Aurodam needs to become Sector 5 of RZ.
2. What are your plans to acquire the remaining ~150 acres in the City area? Have you prioritized in a yearly or zone-wise manner?
3. How closely are working with the Land board to solve this important issue?
4. What is the plan to legitimize our occupation of the poramboku lands?
5. Private land prices are growing exponentially, any plans to arrest the price rise?
6. How do you intend to address the fast-advancing real estate developments to secure the Green Zones?
7. What are the plans for the outlying lands? Is it meant to be private fiefdoms, or will you also plan something for the outlying 1000+ acres?

Statutory Protection

1. The recent barrage of legal cases should be a matter of concern for Auroville. What are your plans to thwart such court cases by nearby villages?
2. Auroville is planned on agricultural land, and what if tomorrow the State govt becomes strict with the land use laws, and designates Auroville as an illegal occupation? UP, Karnataka is going through JCB drives to demolish 'illegal' structures.
3. Don't we need statutory protection as a safeguard against arbitrary governance models?
4. Without such special permission, how do you intend to build an 18-floor Line of Goodwill?
5. What argument do you have against private developers who are exploiting the green resources of the Green Zone?
6. Don't you think, we will be able to stipulate the construction patterns of Private lands also through statutory protection?

Four Parks

1. When do you plan to extend and complete the Mahalakshmi Park?
2. When do you plan to vacate Aurodam and liberate the Maheshwari Park for community use?
3. When do you plan to free the Mahasaraswati from encroachment?
4. When do you plan to officially designate the Bliss and YC as Mahakali Park?
5. Are you waiting for money to implement the parks? how much do you need?
6. Are you short of human resources to manage the Parks? hence the wait?
7. Or, is it true that you do not have a proper survey of these 4 parks and you do not know the way to demarcate them?

LoF

1. What are your plans for the 11 Line of Force in the Residential Zone?
2. What are your plans for the 6 Line of Force in the Industrial Zone?
3. Why don't you openly invite applications or run competitions to design these huge spaces?
4. Why can't we go about these 16 LoF in an incremental manner?
5. How much will it cost to merely demarcate the built and unbuilt areas?

Service Nodes

1. What are your plans for four primary service nodes?
2. What are your plans for four secondary service nodes?
3. If these 8 nodes are designated for community use and essential services? why are you entertaining applications for restaurants and commercial units?
4. Will ATDC build and maintain these nodes or divide and distribute them to individual residents to do as they like?
5. How will you relocate non-compliant entities out of the service nodes?

CIRHU & Stadium

1. What are your plans regarding the key prominent elements of the Galaxy Plan?
2. Do you have a specific plan related to CIRHU or the stadium? Why not make it a community conversation?
3. Who is leading it? How will it be implemented? What will be the features?
4. When do you see them built? Can we take some baby steps towards them?
5. Do we own the lands pertaining to these two projects?
6. Is it possible to run project-specific Fundraising activities to raise resources to implement CIRHU and the stadium?
7. I know the list has become too long. Please answer the ones that you think are important. If you don't want to openly answer, please feel free to reply to me and I will out the answers in an anonymous way. The important aspect is to avoid misconceptions, miscalculations, misinterpretations, mishandling, misunderstandings, mismanagements, misuses, and mistakes.

Love, Lakshay Dharan

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	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Svaram Musical Center	7:00	8:50	14:50
Veite Guest house—Junction	7:02	8:52	14:52
Town Hall—Main Parking	7:06	8:56	14:56
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:10	9:00	15:00
Certitude Enterance	7:12	9:02	15:02
New Creation Road	7:17	9:07	15:07
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	7:19	9:09	15:09
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	7:23	9:14	15:14
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	7:26	9:17	15:17
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	7:36	9:30	15:30
Ashram Road Junction	7:38	9:33	15:33
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	12:15	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	12:17	18:12
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	8:07	12:22	18:17
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	8:17	12:32	18:27
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	8:20	12:35	18:30
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	8:25	12:40	18:35
New Creation Road	8:27	12:42	18:37
Certitude	8:32	12:47	18:42
Solar Kitchen—Round about	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town hall Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Verite Guest House—Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

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