



# News & Notes

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Way to Auroville

By the Names of the Lord and hers they shaped and measured the force of the Mother of Light; wearing might after might of that Force as a robe the lords of Maya shaped out Form in this Being.

*Rig Veda*

Thrice Vishnu paced and set his step uplifted out of the primal dust; three steps he has paced, the Guardian, the Invincible, and from beyond he upholds their laws. Scan the workings of Vishnu and see from whence he has manifested their laws. That is his highest pace which is seen ever by the seers like an eye extended in heaven; that the illumined, the awakened kindle into a blaze, even Vishnu's step supreme...

*Rig Veda*

## Pondering

But this unity is in its nature indefinable. When we seek to envisage it by the mind we are compelled to proceed through an infinite series of conceptions and experiences. And yet in the end we are obliged to negate our largest conceptions, our most comprehensive experiences in order to affirm that the Reality exceeds all definitions.

Such is the teaching, calm, wise and clear, of our most ancient sages. They had the patience and the strength to find and to know; they had also the clarity and humility to admit the limitation of our knowledge. They perceived the borders where it has to pass into something beyond itself.

*The Destiny of the Individual, Life Divine, by Sri Aurobindo*



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# House of Mother's Agenda

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

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

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

**April 18, 1970**

*(Mother's voice sounds increasingly frail. This conversation perhaps contains the key of everything.)*

**Mother:** So, have you brought any questions today?

**Satprem:** Yes, Mother; there are also a few from her [pointing to Sujata].

**Mother:** Start with yours, then she will speak.

**Satprem:** I don't know if it's a "question," but...I don't very well understand the working of the subtle physical, or the relationship between the subtle physical and the material physical. For instance, you say that Sri Aurobindo is in the subtle physical, working to prepare the new world ...

**Mother:** Yes.

**Satprem:**... and that we too, at night, through a part of our being, often work there to prepare... what is to come. How?...

**Mother:** Listen, your question comes at the right moment. Last night, for the first time—really the first time—it wasn't a dream, I wasn't asleep, yet there was a whole story (which I am going to tell you), and I was absolutely convinced at the time that it was something going on here (maybe not in that form, but in a similar form). Then I realized that nothing had taken place here (outwardly at least, there was no sign of it)... Giving the names bothers me; I won't tell the names, it doesn't matter. But the names were there, the people, all of it PRECISE, as it is here.

I forget how it started, but I was very ill, seriously ill, and my body wasn't asleep, yet wasn't awake (that's a fairly normal state now: I'll be absorbed in a consciousness, which I think is the consciousness of the subtle physical; at least I was there last night). So then, I was very ill, but I knew it wasn't this body (but it was this body's consciousness), it was a family at the Ashram, and the father was seeking help, looking for a doctor (all the details with such precision!...). And while that was going on, the body said to itself, "So I am identified with this person, since he is treating this person (me, that is); and since I am identified, I must do in this person what needs to be done." Then I concentrated and called the forces of the Lord, and treated the person. All that down to the last detail. It lasted for two hours. At the same time, I saw people who were extraordinarily interested in the event, looking on; for instance, among them, not to name him, there was Nolini, bent over like that and looking (Mother opens her eyes wide) to try and understand what was going on. Which means it was taking place in a world that had the full appearance—full appearance—of the material world, but in which people were conscious.

I'm not recounting all the details, but my body FELT the battle of the illness. And at the same time it knew it wasn't its own body, you understand? It was like that, a very complex, very precise consciousness, with a great force. And all of it going on at the same time—I wasn't asleep.

This morning I expected to be told that something very serious had taken place in that family (there are three sick people in it, three women), that something had happened to one of them. And nothing has happened!... But that was a FACT, I mean it was lived in every detail, with an absolutely clear consciousness, and it was in the subtle physical. But... but I tell you, I felt, the body felt very, very ill. Yet at the same time, it knew it was someone else's illness. And it took the attitude, it said, "This is taking place so I take the necessary attitude for this person." And all of it fully conscious. It took the attitude and kept it like that for two hours.

There's only one possibility: it happened during the night, when those people were asleep, and they didn't realize.... You understand, this body's impression is that it has saved someone's life.

**Satprem:** Yes, you haven't been told about any mishap because you prevented the accident from taking place.

**Mother:** I don't know about the end. I "woke up," came back to the ordinary consciousness. At one point I had to get up, and... it rather was a relief for the body, because it was suffering. Afterwards, it didn't suffer anymore. But that was because the work was over.

**Satprem:** Yes, nothing took place in the physical because you stopped the thing in the subtle physical.

**Mother:** Quite possible. But it's...

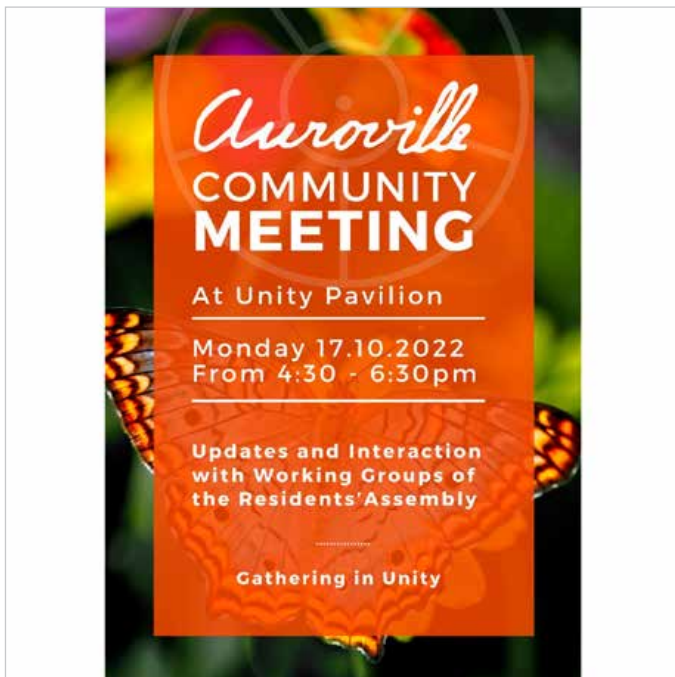
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# Townhall Speaks

## GENERAL MEETING ON 17 OCTOBER



All are warmly invited by the Working Groups of the Residents' Assembly to a General Meeting from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on Monday, 17 October at Unity Pavilion.

The meeting will provide updates on various topics of concern such as ongoing legal actions, RoR and the take-over of services by the Foundation Office, visas, land matters etc. There will also be a space for answering questions from the community.

We request units & services to encourage and support Aurovilians and Newcomers to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

*In Service, The Working Committee, Auroville Council, Town Development Council, and Funds & Assets Management Committee selected by the Residents' Assembly*

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION: THE EVERGREEN MATTER

The Evergreen matter has been followed up by the Landboard, Working Committee and Special Officers for Land, Auroville Foundation. Four trips were made to Villupuram to meet the Collector and the RDO. As stated before, this issue can only be resolved legally.

Based on the petition made by the Special Officer for Land, Auroville Foundation, the Thasildar, Villupuram, issued an order on Friday, 7 October. On Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> evening Rajavelu received a WhatsApp message from the Deputy Thasildar with the photo of the order. The official document was received by Rajavelu and Raja at 4pm at Villupuram.

As we had to wait for the formal order on Monday we sent out a word of caution not to aggravate a situation which is being worked out carefully. It is a tricky situation, we request all to be patient and hold up your prayers to the Mother, wherever you are, for the protection of Auroville's lands.

We want to thank all the members of Auroville Foundation, Landboard and Working Committee who have worked together and have been following up on the process. Several more steps are still needed, we request your patience and goodwill so that Auroville can arrive at a good conclusion on this issue.

*Kind Regards  
Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine  
The Working Committee*

## L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE/ ATDC APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC presents here a list of projects at various stages.

### A. The following project have received Building Approval

feedback requested before the 27 October 2022 to [application-avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto:application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

- **House extension—Equality—BA B 2555**
  - Applicant/s: Valli Bala
  - Architect/Designer: S. Kupuraj
  - Community/Area: Equality
  - Area for which final approval is sought: 47.26 sqm

**Project brief:** Applicant would like to add a room to the existing house of 81.92 sqm to gain an extra space for the growing family. Project is estimated at Rs. 5,16,325/- and it will be funded partially by private funds, partially by a loan.

- **House extension—Discipline—BA B 2534**
  - Applicant/s: Velumurugan Nithya
  - Architect/Designer: NA
  - Community/Area: Discipline/Greenbelt
  - Area for which final approval is sought: 27.25 sqm

**Project brief:** Applicant would like to extend the existing house of 103.28 sqm to enlarge the kitchen and dining area to fulfil the needs of the family. Earlier, applicant already extended the building without approval, violating the Auroville construction rules. After discussion, L'avenir d'Auroville approves the new extension sought and will regularise the old unauthorised extension once the extension is complete. The current extension project is estimated at Rs. 2,16,667/- and it will be funded by a housing loan.

### Constructive feedback guidelines

*So far, while giving permissions, we have asked the project team to include approval from the neighbours. This has no resonance with the ideals of Auroville where we are supposed to be headed towards a life guided by no desire, no preferences and no sense of ownership. We will no longer request this approval.*

*Similarly when we publish projects for approval, we will discard all personal feedback with respect to "neighbours choosing neighbours" or "neighbours choosing development guidelines".*

*All other feedback is welcome and will be part of the process.*

*Please note that no construction can begin before acquiring the final building approval certificate and before the stay on construction issued by National Green Tribunal is lifted.*

### B. The following projects have received Special Project Approval from L'avenir d'Auroville (information only):

- **AIAT—Auroville Institute of Applied Technology—expansion of campus for new courses**
  - Applicant/s: Lavkamad Chandra, Juergen Putz, Lakshay Dharan
  - Community/Area: Aurobrindavan
  - Area for which final approval is sought: 10 acres (only the site area is at present defined, the exact boundary will be defined later)

**Project brief:** This project aims to provide improved vocational training for the youth of Auroville and its bio-region. AIAT has its focus on entrepreneurs and start-ups.

Collaborator: Pondicherry University

**Degree program:** Bachelor of Vocational Education (B.Voc)

- **Tree planting project**
  - Applicant/s: Enea
  - Community/Area: Miracle / Green Belt



**Project brief:** Applicant would like to plant some 200-300 trees in an area adjacent to the Outer Ring Road (Green Belt). The area is crossed by a ravine and it is very important for our watershed to have an evergreen cover in that area. Since the final survey marking of the Outer Ring Road is not done in this area, an agreement has been signed with Enea that any trees that are inadvertently planted on the Right-of-Way will be removed when the marking is done, which is expected to be done in a few months.

*Please note that as was already announced several months ago, all tree planting or tree cutting requires permission from L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC in order to make sure the plantations are done in the proper locations according to the Master Plan.*

**C. The following projects are in violation of Auroville's approval processes and are being dealt with (information only):**

- **House—Outer Ring Road/ Svaram production campus/ Green Belt**
  - Name of violator: Karthik
  - Community/Area: Svaram

Type of violation of which Karthik has been made aware:

- Put foundation slab for almost triple the size of the approved application (several years ago)
- Agreed to remain within approved size, but still built double that size
- Recently started large extensions on the first floor without application or approval
- Location violates Green Belt activity rules
- Source of funding and channel of funds is unclear as no approval has been issued by L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC
- In violation of NGT verdict April 28th 2022

**Description:** Karthik applied in 2011 to build a 45 sqm house, for which the then L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC gave permission. He started foundation works for a 140 sqm plinth area. L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC informed him to stop this construction. After more than one year, Karthik agreed to build "almost the same" as the 45 sqm for which he had received the NOC, and that he would get the proper approvals if he wanted to extend in the future. In violation of this promise, he built a house of almost double the size.

In April 2022 he started to extend the house of 87 sqm with another 45 sqm, adding a first floor on top of the extended ground floor, adding another 85 sqm, making the total house 217 sqm. L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC has had multiple discussions with Karthik and Svaram executives, informing them that this construction is unauthorised, illegal, in the wrong place, and needs to be halted. In spite of all that, the construction is still continuing, and measures will be taken to deal with this violation of Auroville policies.

- **Utsav 1A**
  - Name of violator: Mona Doctor-Pingel (Naqshbandi studio)
  - Project Holder: Roberta Keeping (Bobby)
  - Project Manager: Thennavan M.
  - Architect/Designer: Mona Doctor-Pingel (Naqshbandi studio)
  - Contractor/Builder: Baskar (Nala Builders)
  - Community/Area: Industrial Zone / Udyogam—Radial corner

Type of violation of which Mona has been made aware:

- Added a new block in the compound that was not in the approved application, cutting off the fire access to UTSAV 1B.
- Made changes to the drawing after tender process was finalised and GFC drawings issued, with no approvals.
- Changed the function of part of the building after approval and the nature of allocation that was agreed.
- In violation of NGT verdict April 28th 2022

- Violates Industrial Zone guidelines as well as the conditions upon which NOC was given.

**Description:** Utsav project in the Industrial Zone was welcomed as a development of the Industrial Zone by adding more office space and workshop space. Some staff quarters and volunteer accommodation were approved to be included. However, while the construction was underway, it became clear that office spaces were turned into apartments, that an extra block was added to make a larger house on the ground floor, on what had been designated to be the fire access. In fact, a large part of the project has become residential instead of industrial. L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC has had mail exchanges with Mona about these issues, which were simply not acknowledged and in spite of the requests to halt construction until all issues are solved (including the NGT verdict restriction), construction is still ongoing. Measures will be taken to deal with this violation of Auroville policies.

- For more details, see our [Auronet post](#).

**BCC NARRATIVE REPORT: JULY '22—SEP '22**

Dear Community, the BCC would like to share with you a narrative report of issues addressed and decisions taken in July, August and September 2022 as a complement to our monthly report of income and expenses. We hope this can increase community-wide understanding of the economic issues affecting our community that fall within the BCC's scope of work. *This report exceptionally includes an opening section on the status of the BCC, which has been challenged throughout this period.*

**Community-at-large matters**

- **Update on the Status of the BCC:** The BCC has been challenged in its functioning since the creation of a second Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) by the Governing Board in June. This new FAMC (GB FAMC) demanded that the BCC meet with them as of the end of June, present the City Services budget, and provide detailed budgetary information. The BCC met with the GB FAMC a number of times despite requests to postpone until clarity on the status of the FAMC was reached, but did not share details of the City Services budget. By the end of July, we received an Office Order (no. 495) demanding that we "immediately stop all BCC disbursement of funds to all projects except maintenance with immediate effect". The GB FAMC made announcements to the community that they were managing the disbursements of all funds, including Maintenances, and that a new Budget Coordination Service had been formed to assist them. At the end of August our email accounts (including Drives) were taken over by the BCS, who started to order transfers and disburse new Maintenances. In late September, BCC members (followed by other community members working primarily in administrative groups) were informed that their Maintenances were being switched to Bridging Maintenances, for a period of 3 months. The BCC are continuing to operate to the best of our capacity.

- **Budget update:** The new City Services Budget (FY 22-23) has been finalised. This process was delayed due to the creation of a second Funds and Assets Management Committee, whose responsibility it is to review and approve the City Services budget. The BCC obtained, and decided to move ahead with the approval of the FAMC selected by the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation. The GB FAMC ignored our offer to present the new budget. The new budget took into account inputs from the community budgeting process, and a presentation is being prepared for the community. The new budget has not been disbursed due to the interference of the GB FAMC and BCS.

- **Systems Audit:** The BCC was requested to share City Services data (such as the list of services that received a CS budget, the list of individuals that received a CS Maintenance, contributions received, the BCC Mandate and BCC meeting minutes) for the past three financial years (FY 2018-2019, FY 2019-2020, FY 2020-2021) as part of the Auroville-wide systems audit. BCC members met with the audit team who had questions about how our systems operate, and shared requested data.

- **Newborn health costs:** The BCC has received a few requests from parents of newborn children requiring hospitalisation. Financial support was not provided by the Health Fund because these newborns were not yet registered into the fund. They are now working on updating the Health Fund scheme to include such costs.

- **Newcomer Fee:** The Newcomer fee of Rs. 10,000 has been reduced to Rs. 2,500 following the request of the Entry Board.

### Maintenances

- **Increase in Maintenances:** The RA FAMC has approved a 10% increase in City Services Maintenances. This change was intended to be effectuated on Oct 1, but has been delayed due to operational issues and the interference of the GB FAMC.

### Management of Services

- **Dental Service:** The Dental Service makes monthly budget requests to City Services for necessary dental work undertaken for Aurovilians. As per the Maintenance, Work and Individual Contribution guidelines, Aurovilians on a City Services Maintenance are eligible for such refunds. In the last couple of months the monthly refund amounts have sharply increased, and the BCC team met with the Dental Service to assess this expenditure. Together, we decided to set up a new model whereby Aurovilians on a CS Maintenance would cover 20% of the cost of the treatment.

- **Road Service:** Members of the BCC met with Road Service executives and accountant as a follow-up to the budget increase awarded in December 2021 to expand the scope of road repairs (see our previous narrative report for details), specifically to check in on reports of works undertaken with this increase.

- **Solar Kitchen:** The Solar Kitchen is presently supported by the City Services budget with Maintenances, and income is being channelled into a collection account dedicated to Solar Kitchen expenses, which are managed with a support group of BCC members. In the new budget, Solar Kitchen will transition to becoming a fully supported service, and its full income will be transferred to City Services. The support group and Solar Kitchen team are preparing for this transition.

### Meetings with other groups/services

- **RA FAMC:** The BCC team had several meetings with the FAMC selected by the Residents' Assembly of the Auroville Foundation to present and finalise the City Services budget for 22-23.

- **GB FAMC:** The BCC team met with the FAMC selected by the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation on their request (see "Update on Status of BCC" above).

- **Auroville Council:** The BCC team met with the Auroville Council to share the challenges our team is facing in this uncertain period.

- **Financial Service and Unity Fund:** BCC members have met with executives of the Financial Service and Unity Fund to discuss continued budgetary transfers.

- **RA Working Groups:** BCC members attended meetings of the RA Working Groups to address the challenges of the current situation.

### Service Budgets

- **Budgetary impact of 'Double' Working Groups:** We are in an unprecedented situation in Auroville since a few months, in which there are, in some cases, two sets of Working Groups: RA Working Groups, and GB Working Groups appointed by the Office of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation and/or the Governing Board. This has had an impact on the access and allocation of City Services budgets and Maintenances for these groups.

None of the RA Working Groups have access to the accounts regularly receiving the City Services budget for these groups (nor do the GB Working Groups, with the exception of the ATDC). The BCC had no part in denying or enabling access to these Financial Service accounts.

Maintenance support was cut to members of the RA WCom

and RA FAMC as this support was allocated from a Government of India grant (without the involvement of the BCC). In the interim, RA Working Group members were allocated Temporary Emergency Maintenances by the BCC.

In some cases, Maintenances have been allocated from City Services funds to GB Working Groups, without the involvement of the BCC. The BCC had considered all Maintenance requests made by both RA and GB Working Groups in accordance with the existing Maintenance guidelines.

Overall, the situation has resulted in a financial burden to the community.

### Extra (non-recurring) budget requests

- **ACUR (Town Hall)** sent estimates ranging from Rs. 1.5 Lakhs and Rs. 3.6 Lakhs for repainting the building. This was not approved, because BCC is prioritising significant repairs for roof leaks of public buildings (following the heavy monsoon).

- **Aranya Forest** requested a Rs. 50,000 grant or loan for the deepening of a water body. This was referred to Water Link, a new service supporting such needs, for a recommendation.

- **Aspiration Sports Ground** requested Rs. 20,000 for a basketball board, this was approved.

- **Town Development Council** requested a budget of Rs. 8,385 to refund a road block testing study by the Auroville Earth Institute. This was approved, although the RA TDC were notified that any such requests should be made and approved in advance.

- **Auroville Electrical Service** sent a revised estimate (see previous report) of urgent work to be done before the visit of the electrical inspector, totaling Rs. 10,15,000. To approve this, we would need more information, such as the report of the Electrical inspector's last visit and the works requested, and information about the financial situation of AVES as it is a self-supporting service.

- **Auroville Electrical Service** requested to change the use of Rs. 2 lakhs allocated for street light repair for emergency HT repair work. This was not approved, and a report of the Rs. 4 lakhs budget allocated for street light repair was requested.

- **Auroville Road Service** requested Rs. 19,800 to finance 4 CCTV cameras due to concerns regarding recent nighttime intrusion. Given that the Auroville Road Service budget had recently been increased, that the Auroville Road Service has a caretaker living on site and secure storage space for materials, and that 24/7 Security Service guards are stationed nearby, this request was not approved. It was recommended to ask the Security Service for increased attention in the upcoming days to discourage thieves from returning.

- **Matrimandir** requested Rs. 63,394 for the August 15<sup>th</sup> celebration at Matrimandir. The BCC approved Rs. 27,500, corresponding to a 10% increase on the support given the previous year.

- **Pitanga** requested support for covering their wages, during the summer months (June and July) in which they were closed for major repairs. Rs. 40,000/month was approved. This support was extended into August and September as it is included in the proposed new budget for Pitanga on a temporary basis.

- **Pour Tous Water:** Rs. 34,621 were approved for the repair expenses of the PTW tractor.

- **Pre-Creche** requested Rs. 8,083 for a water filter repair, this was approved.

- **Siddhartha Farm** requested Rs. 21,000 for fencing work. This was not approved, as BCC allocates funds only for fencing in encroachment situations.

- **SAILER Transport Service** (operating our school buses) requested Rs. 1,60,208 to cover insurance costs of their vehicles, this was approved.

- **Social Research Centre** requested Rs. 34,000 for Auroville financial data automation work and reconciliation. This was approved.

- **TLC** requested Rs. 9,642 for pending GST and stationery expenses, this was approved.

### **BCC Finance**

- **Pending Contributions:** The BCC Finance team is currently in the process of collecting pending contributions due as of the financial year 20-21.

### **Internal BCC team updates**

- **Reappointment of BCC members:** Four members of the BCC (Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Rathinam), first appointed to the BCC in September 2019, were appointed for a second 3-year term as BCC members, which they are eligible for as per the BCC Mandate (May 2018).

- **Secretary Resignation:** The BCC would like to warmly thank Chloe, who has been working as our secretary and resigned as of Sep 1, 2022.

- **Bridging Maintenances:** In late September, BCC members were informed by BCS that their Maintenances have been shifted to Bridging for a period of 3 months.

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

## **CLARIFICATIONS RE AMI/ABRI/EVERGREEN LAND ISSUE AND 'SHADOW GROUPS'**

Dear community, we would like to update you about the unfolding of events at Evergreen, and inform you about the efforts that have taken place so far to safeguard this important plot of Auroville land. We, as the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly, are doing our best to protect our home and the physical body of Auroville—and this is only possible thanks to the support of many residents.

### **Update on recent events at Evergreen**

**On 7 October 2022** in the evening, residents of Evergreen informed us that a JCB had entered into the disputed plot to deliver a large number of cement pillars. The Working Committee of the RA immediately contacted the relevant authorities, including the District Collector and the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), to inform them of the same. The RDO had, in an earlier communication, verbally instructed PKS (who claims to own the land) and Auroville residents to keep status quo until the court had reached a conclusion.

**On Saturday, 8 October 2022** in the morning, hired workers were brought onto Evergreen land to clear trees and undergrowth and to install the new cement pillars. Residents were called to the spot and attempted to stop the work, which was being done unlawfully since the courts have not yet given their judgment. Your Working Committee and its resource persons immediately called the Collector, the RDO, and other relevant authorities to intervene. The work carried out by PKS' hired workforce was paused thanks to the joint efforts of Auroville residents, your Working Committee, and other important stakeholders. After more than 10 hours of waiting at the RDO's office, one of our resource persons managed to get a written statement signed by the RDO ordering that no party should carry out any activity in the disputed area until the courts have given their verdict. We hope this will bring some relief to the residents of Evergreen.

### **Efforts to safeguard the land**

**In June 2022**, the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation was informed of the encroachment that was taking place at the Abri / Ami / Evergreen corner. This communication, and subsequent communications to the Secretary, were left unreplied. It is important to understand that the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation has an additional function as an "Estate Officer", which has the potential to safeguard Auroville lands. So far, Dr. Jayanti Ravi has used this power to threaten Aurovilians living on the Crown Right-of-Way; but to the best of our knowledge she has not used her

authority as Estate Officer to protect Auroville lands from external encroachers, except shortly after her arrival in the case of AuroOrchard.

At the time when the matter of the encroachment at the Abri/Ami corner was brought to the attention of the Secretary, it should have been a priority to undertake the appropriate administrative steps to prevent further problems and complications. Instead three months passed without any effective actions, until the matter further escalated.

**In September 2022**, when PKS started to forcefully grab the land we, as your Working Committee, wrote to the Chairman of the Governing Board on five occasions. Our appeal to the Chairman was to instruct the Secretary to take action on the case of Abri / Ami / Evergreen, and on land-grabbing matters in general. In the following days, the Secretary—after various requests—finally instructed one of her officers to file a court case against PKS. **We are concerned that this happened more than three months after the land grabbing situation was reported to her, and we wonder why there was not a greater effort made to ensure that a stay order was given by the courts, knowing the extent and aggressive nature of the encroachment that is taking place.**

In the following weeks, the situation has continued to escalate further and your Working Committee has continuously had at least one of its members present on site. With the help of resource persons, we have repeatedly been in contact with relevant authorities including the DSP, the Collector, the RDO and the DRO.

**All of this has been possible because Aurovilians were present on site and have managed to peacefully resist or slow down the forceful laying of fences around the contested areas, making sure that stewards are not left on their own facing threats and intimidation.** It is important for the court proceedings that the contested areas of land are kept under the possession of the Auroville Foundation. We once again appeal to all those who are present on site to document the situation from uncontested areas of land with photo and video evidence, and to remain calm and respectful in all circumstances.

### **On 'shadow groups'**

**In a communication dated 8 October 2022 ([link](#))**, seven residents of Auroville usurping the identity of the Working Committee of the RA have requested what they call the 'shadow groups' "not to issue unnecessary directives which confuse people", and urging residents not to come to Evergreen "as this has only led to an escalation". These statements are surprising as they come from residents who do not hold the legitimacy to sign as the Working Committee, and who have not been present on site a single time in the last months. Stewards of the land are also not informed of any recent action taken by them. By asking Aurovilians not to go on site, these seven residents allow PKS to illegally take possession of the plot.

We would like to remind everyone that these residents impersonating the Working Committee have been removed from office in May 2022 by an overwhelming majority, through a vote in which 864 residents participated. In August 2022, a historical record of 1161 voters nearly unanimously affirmed the legitimacy of the Working Groups selected by the Residents' Assembly, including the undersigned members of the Working Committee.

It is important to remind all that as per the Auroville Foundation Act, only the Residents' Assembly can decide on the membership of the Working Committee, and decide on the term of office.

As the Working Committee duly selected by the Residents' Assembly, we will continue to do our duty, uphold our mandated responsibilities, and to serve Auroville and the Mother to the best of our capacities.

*Sincerely,*

*Your Working Committee*

*Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Maël, Sauro, Valli*



**FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 151**

Dated: 13-10-2022

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

**NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:**

- Karan NAGAPPAN (Indian) staying in Siddhartha Forest Volunteer House and working at Siddhartha Forest
- Siva RAJARAM (Indian) staying in Kriya and working at Tree Care



Karan



Siva

**NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**

- Ellyn Tia PLEIMAN (USA)
- Kaia NIGHTINGALE (Canadian)
- Srinivasan ARUMUGHAM (Indian)

**AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:**

- Aurore GALARZA (French) staying in Kriya and working at Youth Link
- Roberto PANICHI (Italian) staying in New Creation (Loretta's House) and working at Gastronomia, Quiet & Stilelibero



Aurore



Roberto

**AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:**

- Alexander PEREVERZEV (Russian)

**YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:**

- Anusha VINAYAGAM (Indian) staying in Celebration and working at ATDC (L'avenir d'Auroville)
- Devselyan THAMBIDURAI (Indian) staying in Auromodele and working at Future School



Anusha



Devselyan

**RELATIVE OF AN AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:**

- Mykola BONDAR (Ukrainian)

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Yours, The Entry Board*  
 (Alain, Aurore, Dheena, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan, Matilde, Matriprasad, Ramanarayana and Swadha)

**HAS YOUR ACCESS TO YOUR EMAIL BEEN TAKEN OVER OR BLOCKED?**

Dear Community, since the takeover of the [@auroville.org.in](mailto:@auroville.org.in) email server, many of us have lost access to our emails or they have been blocked from communicating with certain other email addresses.

In order to keep a record of the extent of the email addresses that have been compromised we would very much appreciate it if you let us know whether your email address has also been affected and in which way.

To inform us please write to [avcouncil@auroville.services](mailto:avcouncil@auroville.services) or call/send a message to 9047240618.

*Warmly, Auroville Council*

**CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR AUROVILIANS ON BRIDGING MAINTENANCES**

Dear Community, as announced last week, members of our community have been put on Bridging Maintenances, even though they continue to work for Auroville. This support is assured only till December. After this, the BCC would like to be able to continue to support those working and in need, even if we are not able to do so using City Services funds.

This is a call to anyone who would be able to offer Maintenance support from December onwards, if needed.

Please write to us at [bccoffice@auroville.services](mailto:bccoffice@auroville.services) or [bccauvillage@gmail.com](mailto:bccauvillage@gmail.com) and let us know how much you would be able to contribute.

*Thank you, your BCC members (Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Rathinam, Sacha, Suryamayi, Verena) and FAMC selected by the Residents' Assembly members (Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Elodie, Mita R., Palani, Ranjith (TOS))*

*Community News*

*Auroville Matters*

**PASSING ON: FRANCIS MALAN**

Francis Malan of Citadines peacefully left his body in the morning of Wednesday, 5 October while listening to 'A New Birth', told by the Mother. He was sitting outside on the terrace looking out over the garden of Marika's Home where he had been taken several days ago after suffering a stroke. He was 81.



From France, Francis has been visiting Auroville since 2006 and made it his home in 2009, officially joining in 2011. He was always happy to help in many ways: teaching French and mathematics, supporting educational projects and his many friends. He particularly loved the Matrimandir where he spent many hours on duty, meditating or walking. Until very recently, he would go every morning to watch the sunrise at the Amphitheater and in the evening see the sunset there as well.

We will remember his big gentle smile, his kindness and sense of humor, his generosity and his love for Sri Aurobindo, the Mother and Satprem.

Francis's body remained in Farewell during the week and was cremated at the Auroville mandapam in the afternoon of Monday, October 10.

Our warmest condolences go out to his niece Claire of Darkali and her partner Michel, as well as his friends Kalou, Sophie, Padma and family, Namah, Patrice, Turiya and others.

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**HAPPY EVENT: BABY BORN**

Dear Community Members, we are very glad to inform you that we are blessed with a baby boy named Nilan Rajan on September 12.

Regards, M.Gopi and G.Shanthi, M.Saravanan (Periyappa), Grandparents M.Mahalingam and M.Mayavathi (La Ferme).

**YOUTHLINK ARE OFFERING HOUSE TECHNOLOGY VISITS**

Mondays and Thursdays, 2pm-4pm

Dear Community, we are aware of how difficult it can be to keep up with the ever-growing world of technology. This is why we at YouthLink, are offering house visits for the elderly to solve your tech issues to the best of our ability. Call us for any problem you may be experiencing regarding your phone, computer, or tablet. We will solve it or refer you to the necessary experts!



For the first trial month we will be offering the service on Mondays and Thursdays, 2pm-4pm.

- You can email us at [youthlink@auroville.org.in](mailto:youthlink@auroville.org.in) or call us at 8489917215 (Monday to Friday, 10am—4pm)

Sincerely yours, YouthLink Tech Elves  
Ankita, Aurore, Krishna, Lucrezia, Medha, Namu, Sanata, Tenzin

**YOUTHLINK OFFERING**

**“MATCHMAKING” PARTICIPATION**



Dear Community, during the past months we at YouthLink have been approached by multiple units and activities for a variety of job opportunities, seeking young fresh energy to join their team. We are now offering “matchmaking” for youth looking to participate actively in Auroville and contribute to the community.

- If you are interested, pass by our office at Townhall Monday to Friday between 10am—12pm and we can sit together to find something that you will enjoy.

Hoping to see you soon!  
YouthLink Team

*Awakening Spirit*

**INNER CHAMBER OPEN**

6am to 12pm every Sunday morning



From October 10 the Inner Chamber of Matrimandir will be open for Aurovilians and Newcomers from 6 am to 12pm every Sunday morning.

**FRIDAY MANTRA CHANTING POSTPONED**

This is to inform everyone that we are postponing Friday Mantra chanting at 5:30pm, onwards until further notice. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused by this.

Best regards, Kalsang

**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!

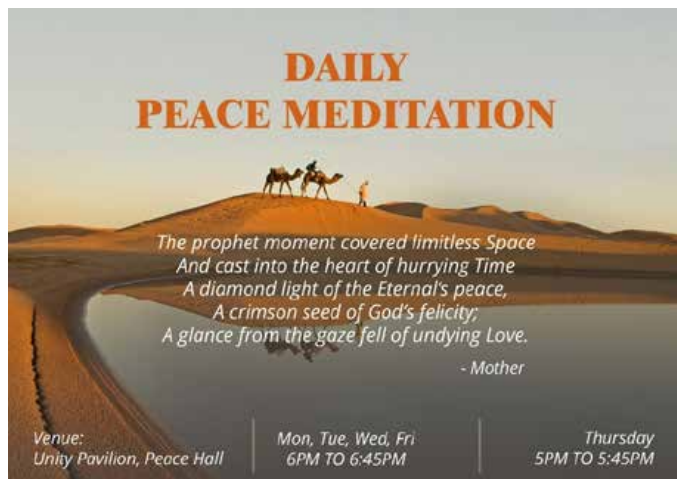
- Reminder to all:** the Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- We request everyone:** please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- Dear Guests,** please carry your Guest Card with you
- Access only for the Amphitheater from 5:15pm.**

Thank you, Surya & Velmurugan (Amphitheater team)

**DAILY PEACE MEDITATION**

Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6 to 6:45pm  
Thursday 5 to 5:45pm



**WHY THE COEXISTENCE OF ALL OPPOSITES**

“...the consciousness awakens under the impulse of difficulties.”

Here to understand integrally:

- The Mother’s Agenda, September 16, 1964
- [https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda\\_05/1964-09-16-01\\_e.htm](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_05/1964-09-16-01_e.htm)

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**A LIGHT ALONG THE WAY**

6:45—7:30 am Thursday mornings

We welcome all for reading Savitri 6:45am Thursday mornings. We choose a theme for a series of sessions, and each Thursday we read a few passage(s) related to the chosen topic (such as ‘The destiny for life on earth’). After perhaps 4 to 6 weeks we choose to take a break or continue with a new theme.



These uplifting and quietly interactive sessions also offer help, if needed, with the poetic language, honoring each one’s inner connection with Savitri’s message.

There is an open walkway between Savitri Bhavan’s main building and the Hostel. Follow it to the covered pavilion. Chairs, cushions, books and a few mosquitoes are provided. Prompt timings: 6:45 to 7:30am.

Note: Canceled if there is heavy, heavy rain at 6:30am.

Facilitated by Patricia.

Patricia Henry



**MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 8 AND 9****The Book of Death and The Book of Eternal Night***Death in the Forest, Towards the Black Void and The Journey in Eternal Night and the Voice of the Darkness*


Savitri  
B H A V A N

Monday, 17 October 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.  
Duration: 42min.

Awaking at dawn on the fateful day when Satyavan must die, Savitri looks back into her past and relives all that she has been and done in her life. After completing her usual daily tasks, she bows down and prays silently to the Goddess Durga. Then she accompanies Satyavan into the forest for the first time since she came to the hermitage. He happily shows her all the things he loves and calls out to the birds. Satyavan starts his work, hewing wood for the altar and kitchen fires in the hermitage, happily singing the snatches of a sage's chant.

But as he worked, his doom upon him came.... / And he cried to her, "Savitri, a pang / Cleaves through my head and breast as if the axe / Were piercing it and not the living branch. (p.564)

She takes him in her lap and tries to relieve his pain. But he cries out in despair:

"Savitri, Savitri, O Savitri, / Lean down, my soul, and kiss me while I die." (p.565)

She presses her lips upon his, but he does not respond. She grows aware that they are no longer alone. An awful hush has fallen on the place; even birds do not call anymore.

She knew that visible Death was standing there / And Satyavan had passed from her embrace. (p.566)

She does not yet stand up to face the dreadful god and limitless denial of all being. Her soul leans out over the body she loved. Then suddenly a great change comes over Savitri: she becomes aware of her high source, and a great Force descends from there into her. She is filled with heavenly strength. Calmly she lays the dead body on the ground and stands up to meet the god. The two opposed each other with their eyes, / Woman and universal god: (p.574)

When Death touches the dead body, the luminous Satyavan rises from it and stands between Savitri and the God. Luminous, he slowly moves away. Death follows him and Savitri moves behind the dark god into the perilous spaces beyond. At first, she follows them in her body, but then she flames out of her body, leaving it on the ground. The three of them are moving forward to the gateway of dark rocks, Towards the Black Void. Reaching that borderline Satyavan looks back ...with his wonderful eyes at Savitri. (p.580) And Death commands Savitri to turn back and return to earth. But instead, her soul stands up like a shaft of fire and light against the midnight blackness piled in front of them.

Savitri first steps into the abyss and undertakes The Journey in the Eternal Night. The immense refusal of the eternal "No" falls on Love and Knowledge and the heart's delight. Savitri moves blindly through the all-negating immensity. She can no longer see the figure of Death nor her luminous Satyavan. For many long hours she endures, alone in the anguish of the void and Nothingness, until she becomes aware of the faint light of her own soul. Then once more she hears the footsteps of the god and Satyavan's form grows into a luminous shadow. Death tells Savitri that only he, Death, lasts and the inconscient Void, and even: I am the Illimitable, the mute Alone. / I, Death, am He; there is no other God. (p.593) He orders Savitri to return to earth and abandon all hope to win Satyavan back.

But Savitri answers him: "I bow not to thee, O huge mask of Death.../ First I demand whatever Satyavan.../ Desired and had not for his beautiful life / Give if thou must, or, if thou canst, refuse." (p.588)

Death bows his head in scornful agreement and promises to restore Dyumatsena's eyesight and his kingdom. And once more Death argues and urges Savitri to return to earth.

Conscious of her immortality, Savitri replies: "World-spirit, I was thy equal spirit born. / My will too is a law, my strength a god. / I am immortal in my mortality. / I tremble not before the immobile gaze / Of the unchanging marble hierarchies / That look with the stone eyes of Law and Fate. / My soul can meet them with its living fire... / Wherever thou leadst his soul I shall pursue." (p.589, 590)

And: "O Death, who reasonest, I reason not, ... / I am, I love, I see, I act, I will." And yet, Death threatens Savitri that she will cease to love.

But Savitri replies for man to Death: "When I have loved forever, I shall know. / Love in me knows the truth all changings mask..." (p.594)

Savitri remains steadfast and turns not back. The three figures move on through the darkness.

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, can fill us with the Divine Mother's Love and Light by listening to her voice and lead us towards 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

**KIRTAN & SACRED SONGS**

**KIRTAN &  
SACRED SONGS**  
with Matthew Andrews  
Accompanied by Raquel & Rolf

Join us for an evening of meditative music and chanting:

**Thursday, Oct 27 - 5:30pm**  
Anitya community (after center field)



- For more info, write to [joianitya@gmail.com](mailto:joianitya@gmail.com).
- To know more about Matthew visit [matthewandrews-music.com](http://matthewandrews-music.com)
- To know more about Anitya, visit [joyofimpermanence.in](http://joyofimpermanence.in)

This is a free event, donations to support our project are welcome.

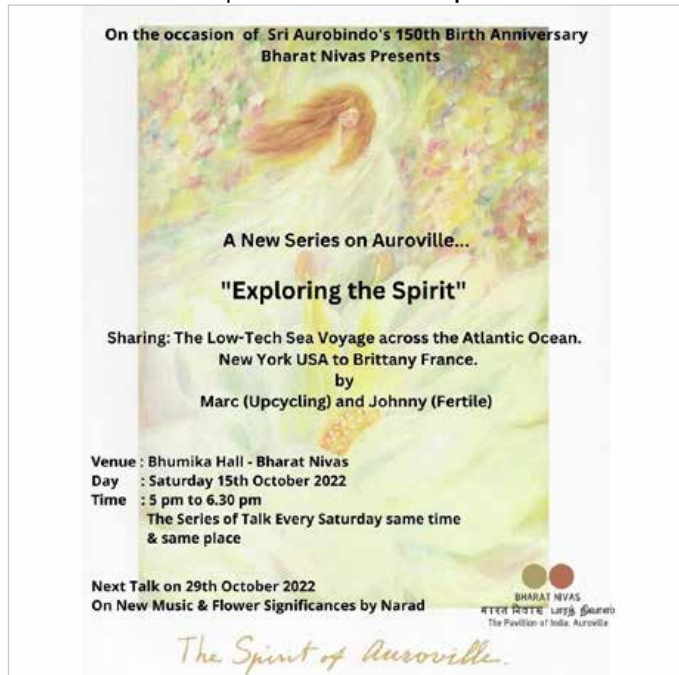


## THE SPIRIT OF AUROVILLE

Saturday, 15 October, 5—6:30pm

Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

A New Series of Explorations on The Spirit of Auroville



- **Sharing:** The Low-Tech Sea Voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. New York USA to Brittany France. By Marc (Upcycling) and Johnny (Fertile)

The Series of Talk Every Saturday at the same time & same place.

- **Next Talk on 29 October**, on New Music & Flower Significances by Narad

Regards, Vani

## In Commemoration

### ESSAY AND SHORT FILM COMPETITIONS

In commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence & the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo



The Auroville Foundation, in commemoration of 75 years of India's Independence & the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, Announces an Essay and Short Film Competitions nationally and internationally for School and College Students, creating greater awareness of Sri Aurobindo's contribution to India's reawakening and Her role in the New Age "opening for the whole world, for the political, social, cultural and spiritual future of humanity,...

forming the outer basis of a fairer, brighter and nobler life for all mankind." Sri Aurobindo, "The Five Dreams".

#### Submission date

- on or before 30 October, 2022, 6pm (IST).

#### Awards

- **College students:** I, II and III place winners will be felicitated with Rs.1.00 Lakh, Rs.75,000 and Rs.50,000.
- **School students:** I, II and III place winners will be felicitated with Rs.75,000, Rs.50,000 and Rs.25,000.

#### Information

- <https://aurovillefoundation.org.in>

Short films upload

- <https://www.aurobindo150shortfilm.com/>

## For Your Information

### VARUNA TO ADJUST ELECTRICITY SCHEME



Dear residents, with effect from September 2022, TNEB has increased rates for almost all services provided to the various subscribers. The increase ranges from a few percent to over 50% for certain categories.

- [More information can be found here.](#)

As the income of Varuna remains unchanged, it has become unavoidable to make adjustments to the Varuna electricity scheme.

Up to now, subscribers located in the City Center, which is supplied via our HT service connection, were entitled to 250 units of free electricity per month. Units consumed beyond this level were charged at Rs 6.93 for residential connections and Rs 7.14 for commercial and service connections.

Subscribers located in the Low Tension supply area were provided with 500 units free of charge for a two-month billing cycle. Users exceeding the 500 units limit were provided with a cash support of Rs 1000 per billing cycle.

Due to the substantial increase as notified by TNEB the following changes will become effective from the next billing period:

- **City Center HT supply:** The monthly free allowance stands reduced by 10% to 225 units per month. Units consumed beyond this level will be charged at Rs 7.5 for residential service connections and 7.70 for commercial and service connections. Varuna will continue to cover various fixed charges connected to our HT service connection, which have also been drastically increased by TNEB.
- **LT supply:** The supply of 500 units stands reduced by 10% to 450 units every two months. Users exceeding 450 units per two-month billing cycle will continue to receive a Rs 1000 cash support against the bills as raised by TNEB/AVES.

Kind regards, Slava for Varuna team

### AVSST HAS RECEIVED REPORTS OF THEFTS

Dear community, over the last few weeks AVSST has received reports of thefts which took place in various communities in Auroville.



In the majority of cases the doors or windows of houses were left unlocked or easy to open.

In view of upcoming festive occasions, please remember to take the following basic precautions:

- Lock doors and windows at night or whenever away from a room or the house.
- Keep valuable items out of reach and view (wallet, money, bag, laptop, cell phone etc...), and preferably locked away
- Make sure doors and windows cannot be opened via a cut in the mesh
- Make sure you have saved AVSST's emergency phone number (9443090107) and immediately report any suspicious activity / theft / attempted theft
- Inform your neighbours of any incident or suspicious activity

AVSST is regularly patrolling public spaces of Auroville but basic precautions need to be taken by all in order to prevent thefts.

**Auroville Safety & Security Team (AVSST)**  
**Emergency (24/7): +91 9443090107**  
**Vehicle Access: +91 9488752435**  
**Office: +91 4132623400**

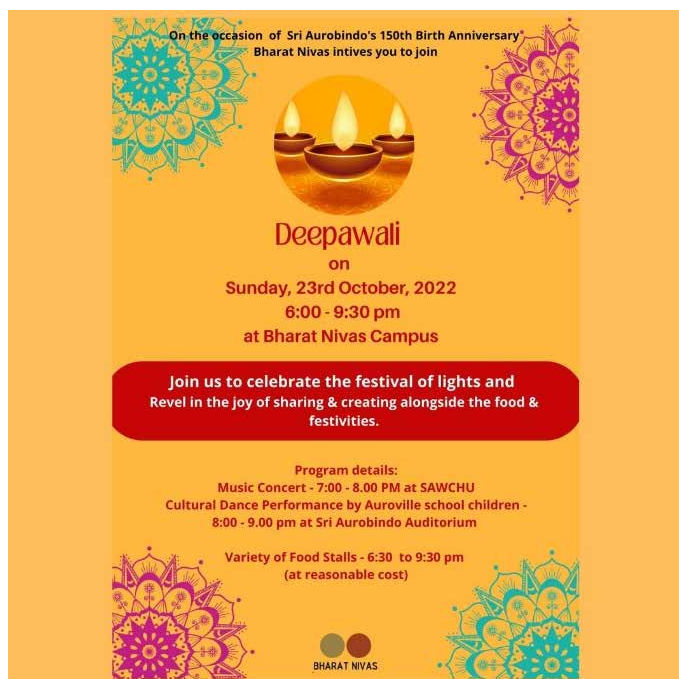
*Gatherings*

**BHARAT NIVAS: DEEPAWALI**

Sunday, 23 October, 6—9:30pm, Bharat Nivas Campu

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Bharat Nivas invites you to join Deepawali

**Program details:**



- Music Concert: 7—8pm at SAWCHU
- Cultural Dance Performance by Auroville school children: 8—9pm at Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
- Variety of Food Stalls: 6:30 to 9:30pm (at reasonable cost)

**POTLUCK AT LE MORGAN**

Next Saturday, 15 October, at Le Morgan at 7pm



Join us Join us for our upcoming vegan potluck! Bring your favorite vegan dishes and an empty stomach  
**Sanata Prakash, Communications Manager**  
[sanata@youthlink.org.in](mailto:sanata@youthlink.org.in),  
 Youthlink, Town Hall, [www.youthlink.org.in](http://www.youthlink.org.in)

**WELCOME TO DIWALI: 24 OCTOBER, MONDAY,**



Upasana celebrates Diwali this year 24 October, Monday, 2022. Upasana has been celebrating Diwali as a community event since 1999. Over the years it has grown into a beautiful event.

All are welcome!

**Music—Lights—Flowers—Food**

Upasana & AV community

*Health Care*

**SANTÉ SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2022**

Crown Road, Phone: (413) 2622803

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

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



**Working Hours**

Monday—Saturday: 9—12:30pm & 2—4:30pm

**Tests and Sample collection**

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

**For emergencies,**

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

**Appointment**

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

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

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

*In case of cancellation or to reschedule, it is necessary to inform us in advance.*



**AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC**



Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

**For Appointment please contact us**

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

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

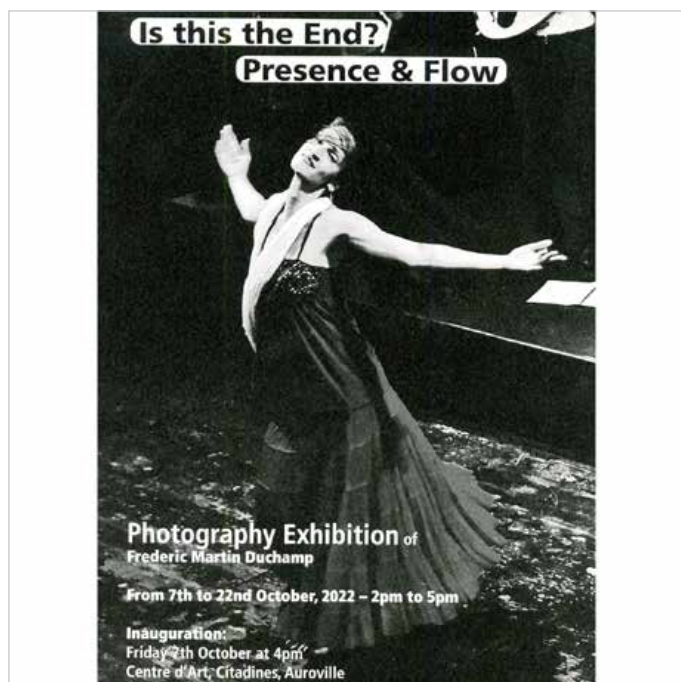
**Working hours**

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

*The Arts*

**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 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 experi-

ence—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.

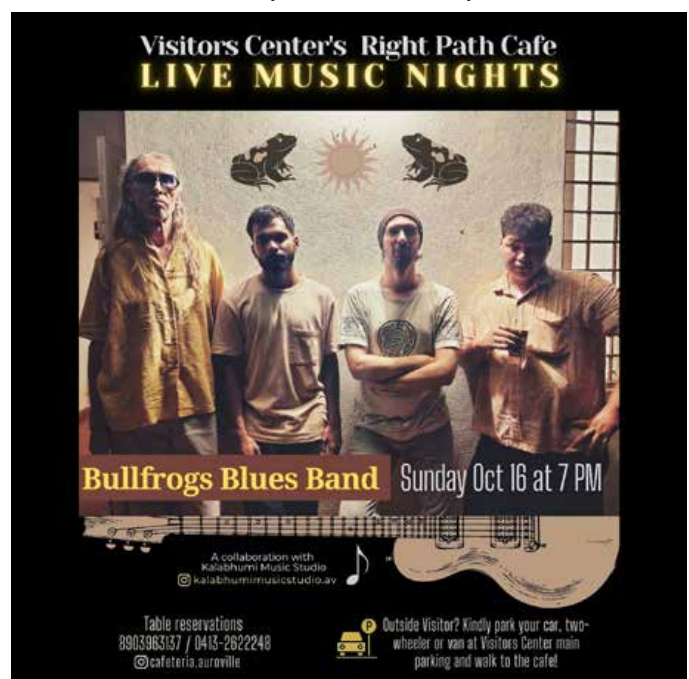
Still a beginner in photography, I've been sharing my encounters in different countries, France, Portugal, Morocco, India; with different people, ages, sensibilities; in different spaces, galleries, cafés, streets, gardens, festivals; with the intention to create new connections for new discoveries.

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.

*Submitted by Sri  
Centre d'Art  
Love & Light, AnC team Activities*

**LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS**

Sunday, 16 October, 7pm





*Activities*

**PHOTO CIRCLE MEETS AGAIN**

Friday, 14 October, at 5pm

Dear photographers, Photo Circle meets again in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines.

The Photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers. We share our own work, we show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques.

Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images.

Everybody's welcome.



**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. The courses of these sessions are usually decided by participants. (Free entry, Donations are welcome)

- This event is for 18+yrs, RSVP to Snehal 9529673687
- Date: Saturday, October 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](#)

**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 21, 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](mailto: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

**WRITER'S CIRCLE**

Monday, 24 October, 5:30pm



Do you feel compelled to write or would like to? Prose? Poetry? Short stories? All words are welcome. Come join our writer's circle to write, listen, and share what wants to be heard. A

supportive non-judgemental space, come be inspired to take your writing journey where it wants to go. Please bring a favorite poem of yours from any author, any work you would like to share and a notebook and pen.

At the Maloka hut in Anitya Community ('Joy of Impermanence' on google maps), Center field.

Warmly, Nikethana

**AURO HAMSADHWANI ART CENTER**

Welcomes students to learn Veena (2 to 4pm) and keyboard (11am to 12noon) every Sunday.

The classes will happen at Auro Hamsadhwani art center.

Please call and confirm before joining the class.

- Suriyagandhi 9489325775
- Meera 9443536547
- Gunasundari 9943394901
- Palani.K 9443535172

K. Palani

**TLC OPEN SPACES STARTS AGAIN**

Every Friday Afternoon, 1:30—3pm

TLC Base Camp



TLC would like to invite all Auroville children aged 6-14 years to join us for our Open Spaces activities every Friday afternoon from 1:30-3:00pm in TLC Base Camp, starting from Friday, 21 October.

Many different activities will be offered, ranging from crafts/handicraft, outdoor activities, music, drama etc.

All are welcome to join on a drop-in basis, from week to week. We look forward to seeing you there.

With much care and gratitude,

TLC Aspiration team and Open Spaces coordinators

Sara, Mira, Mirna, Tamar, Sashka and Nassim

*Honorary Voluntary*

**GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!**



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

If you would like to contact us:

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

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

The Sadhana Forest team, warmly, Shek

**BLUE LIGHT WORK OPPORTUNITY**



Dear All, Blue light is looking for Volunteers (part-time/ full-time) who have good knowledge in computer hardware, software and linux operating systems. Lunch stipend and travel conveyance may be provided. If you are interested kindly contact us by email: [bluelight@auroville.org.in](mailto:bluelight@auroville.org.in).

**Bharathy, for Blue Light Open Source Service and Research Centre,**

Town Hall, +91 4132622500

Monday—Friday: 9—16:30, Saturday 9—12:30

*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

**Co-Managerial position (Full Time):**

The candidate will need to be in contact with the women artisans to make orders, purchase from them the handicrafts and check the quality. Follow up with emails for orders. The executive will respond to most of the emails. Update website and sometimes the social network. Prepare deliveries and supply raw materials for the products. To be in contact with our outlets. Required skills—Communication, computer work. English and Tamil language skills. Good computer Skills. Training for the position is available; trial period required of 2 months. Maintenance Available.

**Secretarial Work (Half Time):**

looking for a newcomer/Aurovilian for updating financial records and handling email communication. Support is available for this role.

**Hemplanet—Business/commerce lead (Full Time)**

We are passionate about the role hemp can play in creating a sustainable future. Over the past few years we have developed a number of products to showcase the benefits of hemp. We are looking for someone (Aurovilian or Newcomer) to join our team who can help us to realise the potential of our products—and bring them to people across India!

Specifically we would like someone who can help us with:

- Identifying potential opportunities—with both retailers/distributors and other businesses for b2b linkages
- Turning opportunities into income—following up potential leads and creating and closing deals which generate income to support Hemplanet’s current work and future growth.
- Improving our effectiveness—this could be offering ideas and advice on ways to reduce our operating costs, increase revenue or work smarter.
- Ensuring we get paid—we love our work but we also need to make sure we get paid for doing it—so we need someone to send and chase up invoices on our behalf
- The essential things we are looking for are:
- Good communication skills (written and verbal)
- Someone who is passionate about the work we do and wants to help us grow our impact in a way that is aligned to Auroville values.
- A team player who can contribute their own ideas and use their initiative and commit time and energy to help us grow.

**It would be great to have (but not essential):** Sales experience/ business development experience—especially in the B2B field; Someone with existing networks for one of our main product ranges (healthcare, food, cosmetics etc); Someone who is fluent in Hindi

**What we can offer:** Joining our management team; Potential for regular maintenance

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

Sara, HR Initiative

*Looking For*

**Looking for furniture**

- single bed
- single mattress
- wooden pallets
- metal almirah/cupboard

Thanks, Daniel, 9787248198 WA

or [danielrabin@yahoo.com](mailto:danielrabin@yahoo.com)



**Looking for some Furniture**

Good day, we are looking for some furniture for our new place: bed (double or queen), dining table and chairs, dresser/drawers, bookshelf, mirror, storage cabinet, etc. Offering contribution. Please contact Kristen at 9443649360 or [kristen.gravelle@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.gravelle@gmail.com). **Kristen**

**Seeking Wheels**



Looking for a two wheeler during the months of October, November & December. Ideally a model that can comfortably go over the bumpy roads in Auroville.

Hero Xpulse/Impulse, Royal Enfield Himalayan etc. Open for other models as well.

Are you leaving Auroville during this period and looking to rent out yours?

Send me a WA on +31657770922 or e-mail [marnixbosscher@hotmail.com](mailto:marnixbosscher@hotmail.com) **Kind regards, Marnix**

**Family Needs a Home**

We are family of three people—father, mother and 4 years daughter. We came from Ukraine. Here in Auroville we are volunteers for Sanskrit Research Institute.

We are looking for a housesitting for the long term—one year and longer. Reliable, calm and clean, without bad habits.

Please contact us, Oleg & Kateryna

◦ Ph. +91 91768 94558, WA +380505704937

◦ [o.tsiparinda@gmail.com](mailto:o.tsiparinda@gmail.com)

**Kindly thank you, have a nice day, Oleg**

**House Sitting Needed**

Hi, my name is Shilpi. I am an Aurovillian. My son (8 years) and I are looking for a rental/ house sitting place where we can move into starting November.

- Please contact me at 8368927477 for call/ WA.

**Thank you, Shilpi**

*Lost & Found*

**Lost Wallet Found**

Good news, Jasmine Jones has recovered her lost wallet

**Jasmine Jones**

*Available*

**Books to give away at Auroville Library**

We have many books from Mother, Sri Aurobindo and their Disciples to give away in several languages. Visit the library during our opening times to take a look.



**Auroville Library**

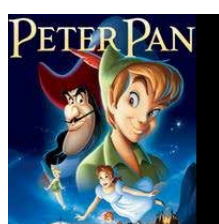
- Phone: 0413 2622 894
- Email: [avlib@auroville.org.in](mailto:avlib@auroville.org.in)
- Website: [library.auroville.org.in/](http://library.auroville.org.in/)

**Opening timings:**

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

*Help Needed*

**PETER PAN: LOST AND FOUND**



Dear Friends, we are excited to announce **The Auroville Theatre Group's** next play is a Rock Musical called **Peter Pan: Lost And Found**. It's an original story, a comedy with music and dance. The book and lyrics are by **Jill Navarre** and the music is composed by **Martin Gluckman**. This story is an adaptation of the classic J.M. Barrie story of Peter

Pan, but in this case, we are using the story to highlight some social problems and create awareness about child abuse.

So Peter Pan and the Lost Boys are a rock group, the Pirates are Policemen, the Mermaids are Peter's Fan club and the Darlings: Wendy, John, Michael and Mr. and Mrs. Darling are a family, but slightly dysfunctional.

The cast is a wonderful group of actors/singers from Auroville and around India. We hope to perform in mid-December at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium.

Please join us and support our show with a donation to our **PT account no. 251067**. We have not received any funding from either SAIER or PCG and time is running out. We have launched a Ketto crowdfunding scheme and have received some donations, (Rs8,300 so far), but the site doesn't allow foreigners to donate. Our goal is Rs 5,00,100 to cover living expenses of our actors coming from outside Auroville, cover our Auroville musicians, food, transport, set design, costumes, rental of the Auditorium.

- It's easy! **PT #251067** and say it's for **PETER PAN!**

We know you understand the need and will help us to bring you **Peter Pan: Lost And Found** in December!

*Thanks a lot, much love,  
Jill for the Peter Pan Team, 9486416173*

*Foods, Goods and Services*

**SPROUTED SOURDOUGH BREAD TWICE A WEEK**



Hello everyone, we are delighted to announce that we have started baking sprouted sourdough bread twice a week again, Tuesdays and Fridays. If you would like to place an order with us, please send an email to [siddhartha.farm@auroville.org.in](mailto:siddhartha.farm@auroville.org.in)

We will deliver it to PTDC with your name on it (more details will be shared

when you place the order).

Our bread is also available in PourTous (Aspiration) and Hers every Tuesday and Friday.

*Thank you! Siddhartha Farm team*

**RESOURCE**

Offer our skills via my service Uni-T voluntarily in gratis for the below areas specifically to individuals/activities who/which do not have a qualified and experienced in-house resource.

**Focus**

- Social and Service Startups: Both Products and Services
- Project and Funding Proposal Preparation—Guidance only
- Email Marketing, Instagram, Business Communication, Website content

**Contact Details**

- Name: Surajkiran
- Mobile: 988420 4918 (Voice and Whatsapp)
- Email: [surajkiranv@gmail.com](mailto:surajkiranv@gmail.com)
- Location: Auroville

*Regards, Surajkiran*

**PTPS OPENING COMMUNITY MARKET**

Saturday, 29 October, 9am—4pm



We invite you to participate in the festive re-opening of your PourTous in Kulapalayam. For the last year we have worked hard to make Pour Tous the service you all deserve.

Now let's celebrate!

Would you like to promote your Auroville products to our community? Maybe introduce us to some of your new innovations? Would you like to fund your school trip or project? Would you like to share your art and talents? Would you like to try new products from Auroville units? Taste homemade delicacies? Enjoy great music and performances? Here's your opportunity! Participate!

All AV'rs, new-comers, volunteers, guests and their guests are most welcome to this community event! Let's make it a festive day

AV Producers: This first festive community market connects you to your customers, our community members. Use this opportunity to promote your products and try new ones! Artists: please come and celebrate with us! Kids: cake, cookies & lemonade for your fundraising project? Now's the time!

**Practical details:**

- **Deadline To Send The Form** (link: <https://forms.gle/vnTfRqfb5fogdZh19>): Friday, 21 October 3pm at PTPS (the meeting of the participants)
- **Opening Time:** from 9 till 4pm.
- Please come in time, we'll don't keep your place. The first arrived, first served;-)
- **Installation:** Before 9 and pack up before 4:30
- If impossible, communicate... [ptps@auroville.org.in](mailto:ptps@auroville.org.in)
- **You need to bring your material (table, chair...)**
- We can provide power and water but bring your own extension cords where necessary.
- **The deposit will be requested at confirmation and will fully be refunded to the people who'll be present at the market and leave their space better than they found it :-)**
- At proper delivery of your spot, your deposit is returned immediately.
- **Only blue sheet will be accepted, no cash or thalam**
- No cash—strictly blue sheet because it's our community only... Card readers will be present

*With love for our unity,  
your Pour Tous team—Joel*



## LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA—TRAVEL SHOP

Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant can only be contacted directly for discussing Travel itineraries, issuing, rescheduling etc. for all kind of ticketing:

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



Before making a flight booking please inform yourself of all compulsory Covid requirements and the new strict rules and regulation regarding travel date changes.

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

*All the best Joster*

## ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am

Dear friends, join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every Thursday morning from 10:30am. Come and learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not-for-profit programs and pick up discounted cloth pads, cups and cloth nappies.



See you soon!

*The Eco Femme Team'*

## *Auroville Poetry*

### WALK THE TALK

Well...

*That's just it.*

*Otherwise don't speak  
When the clean-up crew  
Comes to do their work.*

*The process of transformation  
From the Mind's millennial distortions  
Is not a quick and easy job.*

*First you have to ask yourself  
"Why am I doing the same old thing?"*

*This to admit your incompetence  
In dealing with the dark cosmic forces  
Intent on keeping you their slave.*

*It's now obvious their immense power,  
These so called energy vampires*

*Using any unawakened human as prey,  
Well, part and parcel of The Play*

*We can't deny they're there,  
Pairing humans like dancing mirrors*

*Until an awakening player  
Has had too much and shouts*

*"Enough is enough!"*

*And aspires for a diviner life.*

*Here is when the forces of Light  
Come to pull you from the abysmal pit.  
For this you need to continually consent*

*Even if the Resistance is bent to resist  
Otherwise what is the point  
In asking for this sacred help.  
The Light will act as a beacon  
Guiding you towards a commune  
Founded by the Authentic and Genuine  
For a chance towards a Life Divine.  
Well here you are in Auroville  
So don't expect the same old crap  
To continue forever unchecked.  
Just review our three core documents <sup>1</sup>  
For you to constantly remember  
Why your soul has brought you here.*

*Here*

*Where you will be intensely hammered  
Until you become a fine sculpture  
Surrendered to The Divine Force  
As willing and able servitors,  
Harmonised psychophysical bridges  
Ready and prepared for the next stages  
Towards the transitional species  
Prior to the Divine Manifestation  
Of the Supramental beings.  
Why? Cause in the evolution of things,  
Infinite forms of "Matter" as we call it,  
Vessels of the Self-graded Spirit,  
Impermanent instruments  
In stages become obsolete,  
Necessitating continuous upgrades.  
And so the transitional animal-human  
Born from the limitation of Mind  
Is definitely not an exception.  
Of course you can give in to Doubt  
But beware and watch out  
As those in cahoots with Faith,  
Awakened instruments of the Supreme,  
Will not just forever sit and wait.  
This is just how the cosmos works  
An equitable karmic tit for tat  
Until you see the varied mirrors  
For what they're truly meant for.  
When it's time for them to shatter  
Like the blossoming of a flower  
Or a cocooning of a caterpillar  
Or a spontaneous blooming of crystal  
Unveiling That which was hidden within,  
Then it's time.  
Just like That...  
It's time  
For a Life Divine.*

<sup>1</sup> <https://auroville.org/page/core-documents>

Zech, 2022.10.09



## A GROUP OF THREE-YEAR-OLDS

A group of three-year-olds  
Clap hands and declare  
"We are the monsters..."

Kids grow and group up  
Point fingers and denounce  
"They are the monsters..."

∞

He told a vivid story of the fight  
Between Divine and Devil  
As if vivifying an ancient tale  
That stays alive by tell-tale.

The tale went viral  
Infecting numerous  
Affecting numberless

∞

Escape not.  
Scapegoat not.  
You are the scribe  
That writes the script.  
Be aware of the original software  
That runs the show in the system.  
Is it obsolete?  
Will you delete it?  
Script the story anew.  
Will you? Shall we?

Gratitude, Anandi Zhang

Green Column

## LAND DEGRADATION IN INDIA

Soil degradation is defined as a reduction of the current and/or future capacity of soils to produce goods or services such as food, fibre, fuel, carbon fixing and water holding. In 2013, India's degraded area totaled roughly 100 million hectares (mha), or ONE THIRD of India's total land area. This was an increase of almost 2 mha compared with 2003 —an area larger than the state of Nagaland. Although in the same period 1.95 mha of land was reclaimed or restored, we lost 3.63 mha of productive land in that decade. India's lands are getting worse, while human demands are getting higher because of our consumer lifestyles.

A study in 2018 by Delhi-based [The Energy and Resources Institute \(TERI\)](#) estimated the economic losses from land degradation in 2015 at 2.54 percent of India's GDP or Rs. 317,739 crore (US\$ 46.9 billion). This calculation did not include aspects such as loss of sacred sites and extinction of species. It is sad that we need to express the value of land in money in order to care for it, but even if we do it does not seem convincing enough to turn the tide...

In Tamil Nadu 23% of the lands are degraded or wasteland, with Viluppuram ranking 3rd in the [list of districts with worst land degradation](#) (with 230,000 hectares affected, largely due to heavy leaching). So this is not a far-from-home concern.

Why is this happening and what can we do about it?

- Around 85 mha of is subjected to water and wind erosion, which happens when soils are left uncovered and upstream areas are deforested.
- Climate change leads to extreme rainfall and drought, exposing soils to unprecedented stress. This is a vicious cycle, as unhealthy soil emits more carbon and sequesters less.

- Over 5000 tonnes of top soil is being eroded every year, of which 1600 m tonnes is permanently getting lost to the sea. Remember the stories of Auroville soils bleeding into the ocean before the mass bunding, blocking of canyons and reforestation? That's still happening across the country.
- 3.7 mha is deteriorated due to depletion of organic matter, which is largely due to excessive use of chemical fertilizers, monocropping and burning of crop residue.

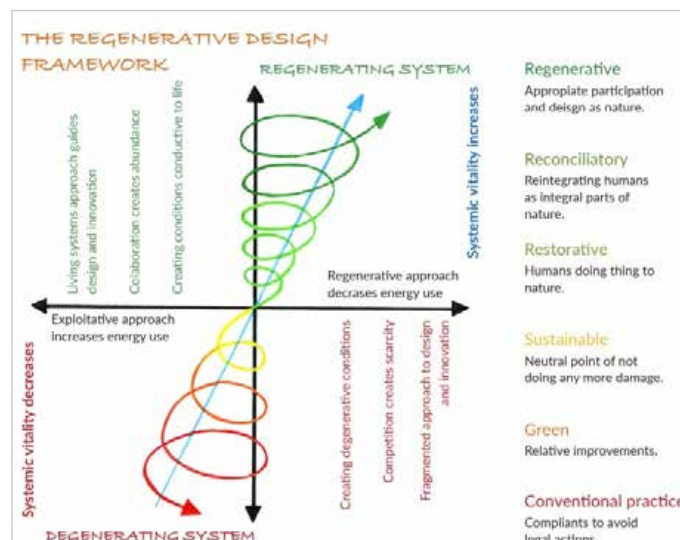
The causes of degradation due to human interventions are (a) deforestation and removal of natural vegetation, (b) overgrazing, (c) unsustainable agriculture, and (e) over exploitation the vegetation for domestic purposes. These factors are all interconnected and often those most marginalised and least recognised by mainstream development (adivasis, dalits) are pushed into practices that lead to yet more degradation.

India is facing a stiff challenge to achieve its target of becoming land degradation neutral by 2030, as announced by the Prime Minister in September 2019 at the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. When addressing degeneration we tend to end up talking about "natural resource management" but this ignores root causes such as power inequality and separation of humans from non-humans. Enter the age of "Regeneration".

### Regeneration requires a Culture shift

Creating regenerative systems is not simply a technical, economic, ecological or social shift: it has to go hand-in-hand with an underlying shift in the way we think about ourselves, our relationships with each other and with life as a whole.

Daniel C. Wahl has [presented a helpful diagram](#) to guide this process. He explains: "The aim of creating regenerative cultures transcends and includes sustainability. Restorative design aims to restore healthy self-regulation to local ecosystems, and reconciliatory design takes the additional step of making explicit humanity's participatory involvement in life's processes and the unity of nature and culture. Regenerative design creates regenerative cultures capable of continuous learning and transformation in response to, and anticipation of, inevitable change."



Such a framework sits very nicely with an *Integral Design* approach that Auroville could champion once it wakes up from its authoritarian nightmare. What is more, Daniel lives in Mallorca, a region also suffering from its own success as a tourism destination. Soaring land prices luring black money and corruption. Sounds familiar?

When asked about land regeneration and the role of tourism, he refers to the potential of Bioregionalism and cross-sector partnerships. Place based cultures where indigenous species are celebrated and used in people's daily lives. Where school kids learn about science and art through interacting with water flows, animal trails and fantastic fungi. Where hotels are anchor institutions driving local entrepreneurship and stewardship through their procurement and recruitment policies.

Auroville has a choice to make: become a role model for bioregional regenerative development based on a culture of genuine collaboration and curiosity, including in the more-than-human world, OR build yet another pizza joint or overpriced exotic eatery, playing the game of profit maximization and competition.

With the current Secretary caught in a vendetta against greenbelt stewards and a campaign of institutional take over it is unlikely that our bureaucratic bodies will understand the potential, but here is a chance for the Residents Assembly to regain relevance in the wider world. Could Auroville become a driver for Regeneration? In the Bioregion? In Tamil Nadu? In India?

To end with another quote from Daniel's blog: "Our impatience and urgency to jump to answers, solutions and conclusions too quickly is understandable in the face of increasing individual, collective, social, cultural and ecological suffering, but this tendency to favor answers rather than to deepen into the questions is in itself part of the old story of separation.

The art of transformative cultural innovation is to a large extent about making our peace with 'not knowing' and living into the questions more deeply, making sure we are asking the right questions, paying attention to our relationships and how we all bring forth a world not just through what we are doing, but through the quality of our being. A regenerative culture will emerge out of finding and living new ways of relating to self, community and to life as a whole. At the core of creating regenerative cultures is an invitation to [live the questions together.](#)"

**Lisbeth & Gijs**

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

## THE EGO AND THE DUALITY

*The soul seated on the same tree of Nature is absorbed and deluded and has sorrow because it is not the Lord, but when it sees and is in union with that other self and greatness of it which is the Lord, then sorrow passes away from it.*

**Swetaswata Upanishad**



If all is in truth Sachchidananda, death, suffering, evil, limitation can only be the creations, positive in practical effect, negative in essence, of a distorting consciousness which has fallen from the total and unifying knowledge of itself into some error of division and partial experience.. That fall is his deviation from the full and pure acceptance of God and himself, or rather of God in himself, into a dividing consciousness which brings with it all the train of dualities, life and death, good

and evil, joy and pain, completeness and want, the fruit of a divided being. This is the fruit which Adam and Eve, Purusha and Prakriti, the soul tempted by Nature, have eaten. The redemption comes by the recovery of the universal in the individual and of the spiritual term in the physical consciousness. Then alone the soul in Nature can be allowed to partake of the fruit of the tree of life and be as the Divine and live forever. For then only can the purpose of its descent into material consciousness be accomplished, when the knowledge of good and evil, joy and suffering, life and death has been accomplished through the recovery by the human soul of a higher knowledge which reconciles and identifies these opposites in the universal and transforms their divisions into the image of the divine Unity.

To Sachchidananda extended in all things in widest commonality and impartial universality, death, suffering, evil and limitation can only be at the most reverse terms, shadow-forms of their luminous opposites. As these things are felt by us, they are notes of a discord. They formulate separation where there should be a unity, miscomprehension where there should be an understanding, an attempt to arrive at independent harmonies where there should be a self-adaptation to the orchestral whole. All totality, even if it be only in one scheme of the universal vibrations, even if it be only a totality of the physical consciousness without possession of all that is in movement beyond and behind, must be to that extent a reversion to harmony and a reconciliation of jarring opposites. On the other hand, to Sachchidananda transcendent of the forms of the universe the dual terms themselves, even so understood, can no longer be justly applicable. Transcendence transfigures; it does not reconcile, but rather transmutes opposites into something surpassing them that effaces their oppositions.

**Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo**  
Submitted by Soham

*P.S.: It's not because they are many to be wrong that they are right.*



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## IDEAL TOWN AND SOCIETY? NEW BEINGS!

In 1968, with Mother's blessings, Suresh Hindocha contacted Sidney Firstman for the Planning Research Corporation, California; after completing a feasibility study taking one and half years, Auroville would be built in five years thanks to the newly applied systems engineering. The circular city, divided into four zones with the Matrimandir and Unity Park at the centre, was encircled by the buffer zone greenbelt; cars and polluting vehicles halted outside. The residents did all the work, without servants or paid workers. The album the Mother forwarded to the Ford Foundation specified that;

*"The cell has 30m<sup>2</sup> for private use and 10m<sup>2</sup> for collective use. Five cells can shelter six persons. The flat has 75m<sup>2</sup> for private house, and 25m<sup>2</sup> for collective use. On the average a flat can shelter 2 adults and 2 children (4 inhabitants per flat)."*

This is Mother's Galaxy, a model city dedicated to unending research in all fields, self-sufficient in terms of economy and production; everything belongs to all and the citizens live by the minimum material needs. The Galaxy's are not mere material guidelines, they lead straight to the utmost being: Utopia comes true by the power of consciousness. But if the Galaxy's cardinal elements are missing there is no ideal society, no ideal city.

Counteracting a comment I received, Mother's/Roger's Auroville is not Le Corbusier's Ville Contemporaine (1920), Plan Voisin (1925), Ville Radieuse (1930). This is immediately obvious just considering the banning of cars, in Auroville, by Mother-Roger (1965 report: "the tyranny of the car"), versus Le Corbusier exalting the speed of automobiles in "City of Tomorrow and Its Planning":

*"Speed lies on this side of mere dreams: it is a brutal necessity. The conquest of speed has always been the dream of mankind, yet it has only taken shape in the last one hundred years."*

Nor can the Galaxy be linked to Modernism (also known as Functionalism or the International Style), glories of a vanishing age; along with the Dutch de Stijl, Constructivism (streaming from the Russian revolution), Bauhaus and Expressionism, born out of the ruins and turmoil brought about by WWI, these movements mark the transition to contemporary architecture. However, the insurrectional movements in the rest of Europe and the peace interlude were short-lived; Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany, largely admired in the West until WWII erupted, put the world on fire. The cataclysmic destruction of WWII called for new planetary orders; the desperate need for reconstruction and new identities triggered explosive architectural forms, new trends emerged: Brutalism, Postmodernism, Organicism, Minimalism, Deconstruction, futuristic creations succeeded one another; heralding limitless possibilities, there is no end to what contemporary architecture and engineering, landscape architecture and design can achieve.



Mother's Galaxy, to be materialised via the same system the NASA used to reach the moon, springs from this post WWII caldron, but simultaneously challenges a reborn civilisation fast exhausting itself by greed and solipsism. The answer to a dying planet are those minimum material needs that evolution of consciousness makes effortlessly true; this is the Galaxy's inner dimension, a city with a soul. Nothing less will do. Mother/Roger trespass "the modernist view that an ideal city would produce an ideal society". True to itself the Galaxy is both: the ideal city, materially, and the ideal society, ethically—but also infinitely more.

For Mother and Roger nothing was too daring, which is one hallmark of the summits of contemporary architecture/engineering/planning/design. But the Impossible made Real, in Mother's true town, is the manifestation of Supermind descending into Matter. This implies the revolution of

all that human societies have been so far; body and soul, matter and spirit made one, "the Avatar's model town" will manifest only when the collective consciousness calls for it, making it unavoidable.

Submitted by Paulette

## REJOINER TO THE GB-FAMC'S REPORT

Dear friends, for your information please find below and email I sent to the Governing Board's "FAMC" after their report was published in last week's News&Notes. I felt it was needed to offer another perspective.

Dear group, in your 'FAMC' report, published in N&N issue 943 dated 6 October, one can read the following paragraph:

*"Currently the number of maintenance allocated for forest work is 37.5 (32 full time and 11 part time.) The number of maintenance allocated to the farm sector is 30 (27 full time and 6 part time.) Farms are producing approximately 15% of the needs of Auroville's current population. The number of maintenance for L'Avenir, ATDC are 11 (9 full time and 4 part time.) There is a systemic fault and an imbalance towards the building of the City the Earth Needs.*

*The current imbalance is heavily loaded against development in general in the city center of the Master Plan. We at FAMC are ready to meet the foresters and the farmers to understand how to bring a strategic balance to these three important activities of Auroville before we embark on changes. Please reach out to us at the earliest."*

I am no forester or farmer, but I am heavily concerned by your attempts to depict an imbalance between 'city' and 'farm/forest' by comparing the number of maintenances allocated to the Farm & Forest groups as compared to the number of maintenances allocated to the ATDC alone. The TDC's role is to look at planning features & building permissions on behalf of the Residents' Assembly, but many more people (which you conveniently avoid mentioning) are involved in "the building of the City the Earth Needs" as you say. In half a minute, I could already think of:

- Architects working on housing projects, common facilities, etc.
- Hired labour to build such assets (either local or, as we have recently seen, external people from the CPWD)
- Hired labour & residents to maintain already existing assets (buildings, roads, etc.)
- Hired labour & residents taking care of infrastructure (water, electricity, etc.)
- And I am sure there are many more which I did not mention, as I am far from being an expert.

Once you add all these elements in the picture, including the MoU that was signed with the CPWD which is worth several crores, I wonder—where does the imbalance truly lie?

I'd like to add that your interpretation of what it means to "develop" Auroville, and what the "City the Earth Needs" should look like, sounds rather old-fashioned and narrow-minded. The 'City' is not opposed to 'Farm/Forest'. Taking care of Auroville's green areas & growing food for the community are very much part of what is needed to foster "the building of the City the Earth Needs". I am personally amazed to see the fairly small amount of maintenances allocated for taking care of our Forests & Farms, given how lush and vast Auroville is. I admire those who work on the ground so diligently under difficult conditions, in order to grow, maintain and nurture our unique biodiversity.

Where there is for sure an imbalance is between the amount of work that these red-footed residents humbly produce, as compared to those who wield 'Mother's City' as a weapon but have only managed to tear apart huge portions of fully functional roads since their authoritarian takeover of the 'ATDC'.

Yes, you are right: one can wonder where the waste of money really is.

Sincerely, Maël, Grace community.

## LAO TZU AND HIGHWAYS

The word "road" has not one meaning. For example, Masanobu Fukuoka uses this one in connection with conceptions "nature", "paradise": "The Road Back to Nature Regaining the Paradise Lost". It is the famous book of the great Japanese farmer, philosopher, writer, traveler, and sage.



The German Aurovilian Njal passed away some years ago, he was devoted to Fukuoka. He had the Japanese sage's big portrait.

If you want detailed information about Fukuoka, ask Krishna in Solitude.

But more often we meet the word "road" together with conceptions "accident", "highway", for example in the Hindu 11.9.22 page 6: "Tamil Nadu topped the list of states with most road accidents last year. About 64% of them occurred on the National and State highways". The traffic on highways, especially in the cities, is crazy, like Bedlam—place for the insane.

Lao Tzu lived in 6 century BC. He created a teaching about Wu Wei. If somebody acts together with nature, it is Wu Wei—for example natural farming. Highways are not Wu Wei. Activity for green India is of course Wu Wei. Mankind is part of nature. Now in China poverty has almost disappeared. That is a positive natural way. In Cuba they refused to use chemical pesticides and manure. This step is good for Wu Wei, for the biosphere.

Why China, why Cuba? They are not democratic countries! But first democratic country was Greece; it was democracy with slavery. Now in democratic countries the rich people become more rich, poor ones, more and more poor. One American proposed to Sri Aurobindo: he can make Ashram more effective.

Sri Aurobindo refused the American proposal: let Ashram grow naturally like a forest.

The Mother liked very much the system of education in Japan: children can grow without violence, free. This system is really Wu Wei. Njal had a funny case in his life: he sent to Japan organic cashew nuts from Auroville. Fukuoka tasted them and wrote: These cashew nuts were the best of all!

Boris

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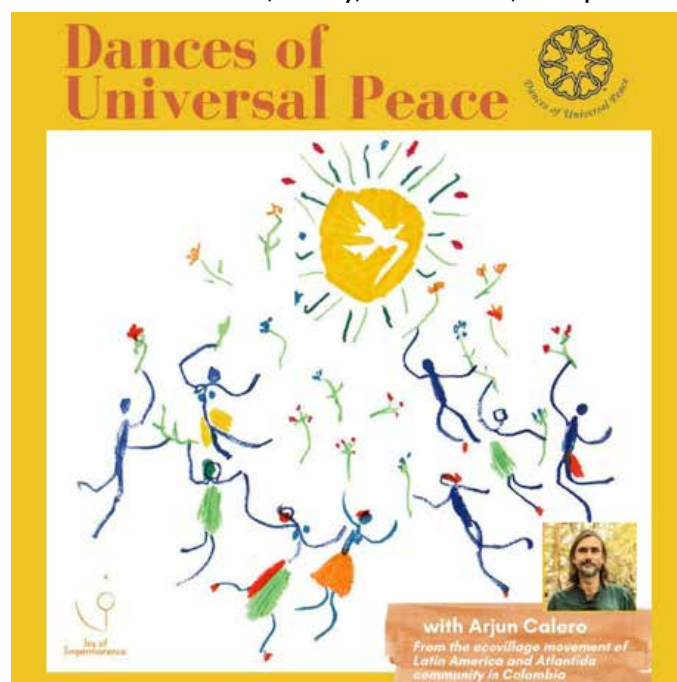
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## DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Tibetan Pavillon, Friday, October 21, 5:30pm



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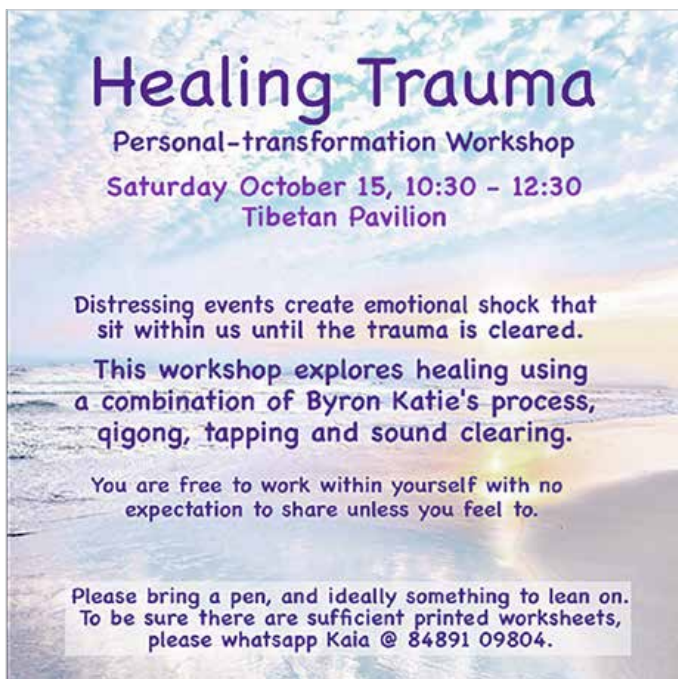
- We will first meet in the Tibetan Pavillon on Friday, October 21, at 5:30pm for a 2-hour introduction workshop (based on donation for TP).
- You can then join us for a 1.5-day workshop in Anitya on Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23 (contribution required for the development of our project).

To know more about DUP, visit [danceofuniversalpeace.org](http://danceofuniversalpeace.org)

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Thank you! Mathilde and Andrés,  
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- Tuesday 7:30—9am in French
- Thursday 3:15—4:45pm in English

The Taoist Masters developed from their observation of all natural phenomena and its relation to us human beings the theory of the Five Elements: Metal, Water, Wood, Fire and Earth. These elements accompany us at every moment of the year and their cycles invite us to come back to ourselves, to our vital sources to untie and free the meridians, the organs and the breath.



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Elisa is trained in Traditional Chinese Medicine, Psycho Bio Acupressure, Chi Nei Tsang (belly massage) and other healing techniques. She studied for 7 years Taoist Qi Gong with Gérard Edde, author of 22 books and Qi Gong teacher for over 30 years. Elisa studied further Chi Nei Tsang and Taoist Qi Gong with Aisha Sieburth, a student of Master Mantak Chia. Then followed Qi Gong teachings of Alain Baudet in France.

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Savitri, whom Sri Aurobindo taught initial Heartfull meditation techniques, lost both her parents in a plane crash near Mumbai, India in 1978 when she was seventeen. Her sister was murdered in California four years later.

Her father was an Indian Muslim and mother an American Italian Catholic. The Muslims said that her mother couldn't go to heaven as only Muslims went there upon death and vice versa. It confused and pained her and she became an atheist.

Later, she heard a voice within that said it had come to teach her how to love herself. This teacher taught her how to cocoon herself with the Light from her own heart centre for love and protection. Later it taught her mental centering to surrender her mind energy to her Heart chakra for transformation.

Four years later, the voice revealed that it was Sri Aurobindo who had taught her these techniques. Savitri has brought down many more techniques since then through her devotion to Truth to help the human form move towards Light.

Sri Aurobindo has also trained her to bring down different Lights.

Avantika has been Savitri's student since 1996. She home-schooled her daughter in Seattle after reading Sri Aurobindo's understanding of human existence. She had felt hollow despite having studying MSc in India, MS in US, having a lucrative job, the tick marks of success. Savitri and Sri Aurobindo helped her understand the complexity of human riddle and clarify foundational questions, "Who are we and what are we doing on planet earth?"

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Please contact Avantika at [avantikaLight@gmail.com](mailto:avantikaLight@gmail.com) for any questions. She is a Purna Yoga teacher at 500 hour level. She has translated some parts of Savitri in Marathi and Hindi. She has studied Rigveda in Sri Aurobindo's Light with Nishtha, an Aurovillian who teaches Rigveda like an alive poetry rather than some fixed dogma.

Avantika

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#### Balance Your Bodies Through The Practice Of Yoga

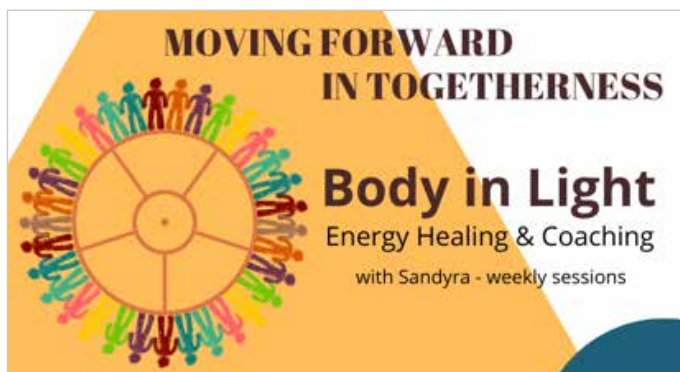
- With Sabrina
- Saturday, 22 October, from 9:30am to 12pm

According to the Taittiriya Upanishad, the human being is composed of 5 bodies (physical, mental, vital, intuitive & bliss) called koshas. In this workshop, Sabrina will guide you to balance each of these koshas through a specific yoga practice: 1 asana, 1 pranayama, 1 japa, 1 pratyahara, and 1 meditation practice. This workshop will teach you how to connect with and harmonize each of your koshas, enhancing your autonomy and awareness. A beautiful session open to all levels, can be done independently from the workshop "explore your bodies".

*Warm welcome to all,  
 Joshy*

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The workshop offers a beautiful combination of receiving energy healing, learning personal

and collective evolution and self empowerment.

Deep insights and the remembering of who you really are will come back to the surface of your consciousness and enable you to live your life in alignment with your Divine essence.

The workshop will be designed that you can come at any session and you will benefit.

### AUTHENTIC RELATING GAMES

Tuesday October 18, 5:30—7:30pm  
 With Prem Shakti @ Auromode Yoga Space.

### AUTHENTIC RELATING GAMES



Do you desire to go beyond the surface & connect deeply & authentically with others in a safe, playful environment?

**COME JOIN US AT AUROMODE YOGA SPACE  
 TUESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 5:30-7:30PM**

open to all



bring a friend or partner

919489244823

suggested donation ₹250

The intention of this offering is to create a safe container for heart centered, authentic expression that leaves us more alive and resourced, so we carry the light into the world.

Authentic Relating is a practice using exercises, or games, to teach the skills necessary to quickly create deep, meaningful human connection. It steers people towards a greater sense of wholeness—a defragmentation of the self into a more cohesive whole—through freely expressing our true experience in the company of others. It is an approach to cultivating more genuine, fulfilling, and mutually rewarding relationships.

Please bring comfortable clothes and your presence.

- Register in advance via WA: 9489244823

*With love & authenticity,  
 Prem Shakti*

### Languages

### NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

#### Tomatis

We are fully booked for Tomatis programs for the next three weeks. We will be open for new bookings from the last week of October.

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMly-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>



## 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	
German	A1 Beginner, To start 3 November 2022	TBA	TBA
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 Started 3 October 2022	02:30pm—03:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate To start soon	03:45pm—04:45pm	
Japanese	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA

- **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 November 5. Classes will take place Saturdays, 2:30pm to 4:30pm.**
- **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.**

## Summer Language Courses at ALL

### New: German with Verena

Great news for German Learners!

Verena will soon start a new A1 Beginner German Course! Verena has been trained through the Max Mueller Bhavan, Chennai/ Goethe Institute, and she brings a variety of interactive tools and offbeat approaches to her classes. We have always got fabulous feedback on her course! By the end of this three-month course, you would be able to carry out simple conversations in German like introducing yourself, talking about your work, your family, your hobbies, and ask & answer questions about everyday things like shopping, restaurants, holidays, etc. No previous knowledge of German is needed for this course!

- **Classes will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, mornings (timings to be fixed soon). From 3 November to 2 February.** Register soon! Limited spaces.

### New: Spanish with Mila

Our long-time Spanish teacher, Mila, is currently offering two courses:

- **Beginner Spanish:** We have reopened registrations for one more week to fill a few more spots. **The last day to register is October 17.**

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, 2:30 to 3:30pm**



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](mailto:info@aurovillelanguage.org), or call us at 2623661

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

**The Language Lab's Opening Hours**

**Monday—Friday:**

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

**Saturday:**

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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

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

Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab

Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

*Cinema*

**THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS**

**Auroville, Story of an Utopia and interview with Roger Anger**

Exceptional Documentary from Nicole Avril and J.P. Elkabbach in 1973



- Saturday, 15 October, 5pm
- Cinéma Paradiso, Town Hall
- in French, subtitled in English, 90min

Mother was still in her body when the documentary was made. Few western journalists were interested in the project of Auroville in the seventies; but one of them, Jean-Pierre Elkabbach, came to investigate for "Antenne 2" in 1972. His documentary of 118 minutes reveal Auroville as it was at this time: several houses rising from the red desert, schools like Last School, the Pyramid or so called "yogurt pots" and of course the Matrimandir under construction.

The documentary also includes precious interviews, and among them Roger Anger and Kireet Joshi but also those from Aurovilians like Riid, Jean P., Vincenzo, Rod H., and many others. An exceptional documentary to discover or rediscover Auroville...

Michael, French Pavilion team



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

- **Reminder:** Friday 14 October, "Breathless" by Jean Luc Godart, France, 1960
- **Friday 21 October, 8pm, "The Father"**

Directed by Florian Zeller, UK, 2020

With: Anthony Hopkins, Olivia Colman, Mark Gatiss

The film co-written and directed by Florian Zeller, is an adaptation of his own play, *Le Père*, which is part of a trilogy that also includes *Le Fils* and *The Mother*.

**Synopsis:** Having just scared off his recent caregiver, Anthony, an ailing, octogenarian Londoner gradually succumbing to dementia, feels abandoned when concerned Anne, his daughter, tells him she's moving to Paris. Confused and upset, against the backdrop of a warped perspective and his rapid, heart-rending mental decline, Anthony is starting to lose his grip on reality, struggling to navigate the opaque landscape of present and past. Now, as faded memories and glimpses of lucidity trigger sudden mood swings, dear ones, Anthony's surroundings, and even time itself become distorted... The film received six Academy Award nominations: Hopkins won Best Actor and Zeller and Hampton won Best Adapted Screenplay.

Original English version with English subtitles.

Duration: 1h37'

**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 21 October:**

**Biodiverse Wildlife in the Wupper**

2021/ 52 minutes/ Sigurd Tesche

The Wupper—a popular river in Germany and one of the greatest anomalies of all time.

As one of Germany's beauties, the river was the gem of German landscape. But with industrialization it became the country's hardest working river and like everything that has been overworked, it lost its magnificence and charm. Due to tender love and care, the river is now a reigning example of one of the most successful and outstanding renaturation projects in the country.



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**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
 Film Program  
 17 October 2022 to 23 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 17 October, 8:00 pm:**  
**BOMBAY ROSE**

India-UK-France-Qatar, 2019, Writer-Dir. Gitanjali Rao w/ Cyli Khare, Amit Deondi, Gargi Shitole, Animation-Drama, 97mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

The uniqueness about this film is its genre. An adult, hand-painted animation that involved 60 artists for 18 months to do draw out the film frame by frame. It is a love story set in the cosmopolitan maximum city of Mumbai. An orphan boy Salim lost his parents in the war and is now struggling through life alone. One day he meets the young flower seller Kamala at a market in the exciting city of Bombay and she falls for him, but, the budding love between two dreamers is tested by duty and religions they belong to. *It is a work of art and love!*

**Potpourri—Tuesday 18 October, 8:00 pm:**  
**IRONWEED**

USA, 1987, Dir. Hector Babenco w/ Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep, Carroll Baker and others, Drama, 143mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Albany, New York, Halloween 1938. Francis Phelan and Helen Archer are bums with illustrious past. He was a Major League pitcher; and she a singer. Death surrounds them, their own and others sickness, death, visions of past including ghosts of two men he killed. Halloween night, out drinking Helen tries to sing at a bar. The next day, Fran visits his wife and children. He could stay but decides it's not for him. Amidst their mistakes and dereliction, the film explores their code of fairness and loyalty.

**Interesting—Wednesday 19 October, 8:00 pm:**  
**THE NEED TO GROW**

USA, 2019, Dir. Rob Herring & Ryan Wirick w/ Erik Cutter, Rosario Dawson, Douglas Gayeton, and others, Documentary, 96mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

With only 60yrs of farmable soil left on Earth, and the increased threats of climate change, the need to rethink how we use earth's natural resources has never been more important. The film takes an intimate look into the hearts of people in the food movement who are redesigning our future. *A film to watch!*

**Selection—Thursday 20 October, 8:00 pm:**  
**APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

UK-USA, 2014, Dir. Desiree Akhavan w/ herself, Rebecca Henderson,, Halley Feiffer, and others, Comedy-Drama, 86 mins, English-Persian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Shirin is struggling to become an ideal Persian daughter, as well as a hip young Brooklynite. Her family doesn't know she's bisexual, and her ex-girlfriend can't understand why she doesn't tell them. Following the announcement of her brother's parentally approved engagement, Shirin embarks on a private rebellion while trying to decipher what went wrong with her ex.

**International—Saturday, 22 October, 8:00 pm:**  
**THE GREEN KNIGHT**

USA-Canada-Ireland, 2021, Writer-Dir. David Lowery w/ Dev Patel, Alicia Vikander, Joel Edgerton, and others, Adventure-Fantasy, 130mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on the timeless Arthurian legend, this film tells about Sir Gawain, King Arthur's reckless and headstrong nephew, who embarks on a daring quest to confront the eponymous Green Knight, a gigantic emerald-skinned stranger and tester of men. Gawain contends with ghosts, giants, thieves, and schemers in what becomes a deeper journey to define his character and prove his worth in the eyes of his family and kingdom by facing the ultimate challenger.

**Children's Matinee—Sunday, 23 October, 4:30 pm:**  
**RIO**

USA, 2011, Dir. Carlos Saldanha w/ Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway, George Lopez, and others, Adventure-Musical, 96 mins, English, Rated: PG

Captured by animal smugglers when he was just a hatchling, a macaw named Blu never learned to fly and lives in the USA with his human friend Linda. Blu is thought to be the last of his kind, but when word comes that a lone female macaw lives in Rio de Janeiro, Blu and Linda go to Brazil to meet her.

*Howard Hawks Film Festival @ Ciné-Club*

**Sunday 23 October, 8:00 pm:**  
**HIS GIRL FRIDAY**

USA, 1940, Dir. Howard Hawks w/ Cary Grant, Rosalind Russell, and others, Comedy—Romance, 92 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G.

Walter Burns, editor of a major Chicago newspaper, is about to lose his ace reporter and former wife, Hildy Johnson. The crafty editor uses every trick in his fedora to get Hildy to write one last big story, about murderer Earl Williams and the inept Sheriff Hartwell. The comedy snowballs as William's friend, Molly Malloy, the crooked Mayor, and Bruce's mother all get tied up in Walter's web.

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

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

*Thanking You,*  
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## *Emergency Services*

**Ambulance (24/7):** Auroville—9442224680

- PIMS—0413 2656271

**Security (24/7):**

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

**Health: Health Center**—0413 2622123

- Santé—0413 2622803
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**Mental health 24/7 support:**

- Matram—9487746051

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

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## *Accessible Auroville Public Bus*

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### Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

	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

- Monthly Rs.800 (Aurovilians & Newcomers/ No validity)
- Student Pass Rs.1200 per month / 24 days round trip.
- Rs.150 Round trip for Aurovilians & New comers
- Rs.200 Round trip for guests.

Bus passes are available at Auroville Vehicle Service, Town Hall, Auroville, ph. 0413 2623302

*Raju,*  
for AV Accessible Public Bus

## *Important Information About N&Notes*



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

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

**How to submit material:**

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

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

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