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Happy Deepavali

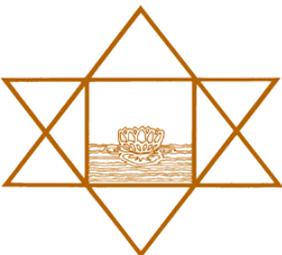
If one knows Him as Brahman the Non-Being, he becomes merely the non-existent.
If one knows that Brahman Is, then is he known as the real in existence.

Taittiriya Upanishad

Beyond relation, featureless, unthinkable, in which all is still.

Mandukya Upanishad

Pondering



For wherever there is an extreme statement that makes such a powerful appeal to the human mind, we may be sure that we are standing in the presence of no mere error, superstition or hallucination, but of some sovereign fact disguised which demands our fealty and will avenge itself if denied or excluded.

Reality Omnipresent, Life Divine, 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

(continued from last week)



Mother: Never, never have I lived so totally in the subtle physical, fully conscious, **WITHOUT SLEEPING** (I was lying on my bed), and it lasted for two hours. Things were as real, as precise as they are here.... And the same will: it's not another will, it's the same; it's the divine Will through the psychic working in this body. So it acts there or here without difference. In other words, whether I am in this subtle physical or in the material physical, it's the same will, the same psychic will that acts—the **SAME**, exactly in the same way. Which means that... I don't know what the difference is. There's a difference... it's thin, you don't feel it's something thick or heavy: it's thin. That union between the two, between the subtle physical and the material physical, is taking place all the time—day and night and day and night. The work is... You might almost say that there is an attempt to substitute one for the other.

And, you know, the faces, expressions, gestures, movements, words—as precise, as precise as they are here. It seems to be a response... because I asked (it was yesterday, I think, sometime yesterday; in fact when I sit like that, as I was with you the other day, the two worlds are fused [*Mother holds the fingers of her right hand between those of her left hand*], you can't feel the difference), I asked Sri Aurobindo whether things are as precise and exact; so he told me yes, he answered yes, but said I had to experience it. And I had that experience last night, quite unexpectedly. It was around three in the morning (between two and three).

So then, I saw this morning one person from the family in question, who could have been one of those seriously ill—she didn't mention anything, didn't say anything.... So maybe it began in sleep for her and the action [of Mother] was enough to cure her without her realizing it. It's possible.

You understand, it's the kind of consciousness that says, "My body is suffering," but it wasn't my body, it was someone else's body. It said, "I am suffering, but I know it's not me, it's the suffering of one member of this family" (I didn't try to find out which), "and that's why—it's because I must do what I would do in my own case." And I did it, it lasted for two hours.

It's the first time. It's like that every night, but fleeting, it comes for one detail, for a moment; the rest of the time I am in perfect Peace. It's the first time I've had an action of this sort. And I was so ill (!) that I wondered (while it lasted), I wondered if I wouldn't be left with something physically. That's why, when I felt I had to get up, I thought it was also deliberate; I got up and I realized—nothing!

But it gives indications (more and more often, day after day, experience after experience), indications of the extent to which the intervention of this Will (which we call divine

Will) through the psychic (or even direct, it depends on the case), to what extent it's... all-powerful. And it exclusively depends on... This Will is always active for perfect Harmony—yes, perfect Harmony as we can conceive it. There also, in this conception, there is the knowledge that that too will progress, that once that harmony is manifested, then the work will begin for another perfection, which for the moment eludes us. That, too, knows.

More and more, there's a sort of... not exactly fusion [between the subtle physical and the material physical], but... how should I put it?... For everything to hold together, this way of being of the material consciousness continues (the material, physical consciousness), but in it a permeation takes place (it really is a permeation), which doesn't drive away the other, but... at length, it will probably transform it. It doesn't drive it [the material consciousness] away, but it's there and it dominates—at times it doesn't dominate, it's the other one that does; and so, depending on the case... it changes external circumstances (its hard to explain).

Satprem: *It changes external circumstances?*

Mother: External.

Satprem: *Ohh!...*

Mother: External. That permeation certainly intends (but this is probably a long way off) to effect a substitution, you understand? This subtle physical is working... (Mother gestures as if wearing away a dividing wall) to take the place of the other one, but not through elimination—through transformation. But I can see (as I perceive the two at the same time, I can see very clearly) that it's a tremendous work.

And it takes away some of the fixity: our physical is not only fixed, it's crumbly, and the subtle physical takes away that crumbly character: wherever it would break, now it bends, you understand? Wherever it would crumble, it's fluid, it becomes... (Mother makes a fluid gesture). It's very strange. It's hard to explain.

I asked myself that question, I wondered, "But how? How is it going to...?"¹ So, with these experiences, I see. But, of course, it's a colossal work....

¹ Mother probably means, How is the transition going to be made?

(to be continued next week)

Volume 11, 1970: *The Mother's Agenda*

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_11/1970-04-18-01_e.htm

Townhall Speaks

L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE Last 4 Months Work Report



Dear friends, we are happy to share with you a report of our work of the last 4 months as well as ongoing and upcoming work.

I. Planning, urban design and DDPs

L'avenir d'Auroville's technical team of Planning & Urban Design has been working towards gathering all the studies and information of the past years, especially the ones done directly by or under the guidance of Roger Anger, to come up with the final Urban Design Guidelines and Framework for each of the zones and sectors.

We have completed the base draft guidelines for the following areas, and are working on DDPs with the help of CPWD's architecture and engineering team:

- Crown and Crown buildings
- City Centre
- Line of Goodwill in Sector 5 of the Residential Zone
- Campus planning and guidelines for the Industrial Zone including Lines of Force
- Overall mobility plan for Auroville with phased migration towards a motor-vehicle free City Centre by 2023, with parking nodes at the Radial-Crown junctions and gated entry points into the Crown. Development of collective transport, cycle and walking paths in the parks and within the City Centre are a requisite to make this mobility plan a success. (Sectors in the city outside the Crown will have motor-vehicle access until the Secondary Service Nodes are developed.)
- Southern Secondary Service Node

Apart from this, the DDPs as proposed by Luis Feduchi in Sector 1 & 2 in 2014 have been adapted in 2020 by L'avenir d'Auroville, and the final report with density and height guidelines for each plot already exists. We are currently working on completing the design and guidelines for the 4 City Parks and the International Zone, with the Cultural Zone to follow soon afterward. The Northern Secondary Service Node is also being detailed currently, in order to shift the mobility pattern of the Industrial Zone.

For infrastructure planning, the following are being worked on at a city level, with the help of CPWD's architecture and engineering team:

- Surface water management including water sourcing and conservation strategies
- Water supply plan and strategies
- Waste water management for the whole city
- Updating and adapting of Auroville's electrical master plan
- Updating and adapting of Auroville's optical fibre master plan

L'avenir d'Auroville is also setting up a "Board of Experts", made up of specialists and designers, world-renowned, from different fields, to have feedback of the work done by us in-house & with the help of Auroville architects and engineers & CPWD.

II. Projects in the pipeline

The typologies of projects which we are working on and proposing to develop from 2022-25 are infrastructure (roads / paths / cables / pipes), housing, schools, the vocational training belt for the youth, one or more campuses in the Industrial Zone, administration, community kitchens/food courts, mar-

ket and shopping (such as PTDC), a sports complex, health services and such. The other projects being presently developed are key master plan projects such as CIRHU, Town Hall and a few Lines of Force. As more clarity emerges we will make announcements separately on each of these projects.

For housing, the aim is to develop pockets of Sector 1 & 2 of the Residential Zone, a part of the Line of Goodwill and the Habitat Belt in the City Centre. We have developed detailed guidelines for the Gaia project area to immediately open up the site for new housing clusters, and a collective funding model is being developed. We aim to be able to start construction of this project within 6 months.

For the architecture and design aspect of all projects, we have invited architects who had expressed interest to work with us to develop the design. We take this opportunity to invite architects, within and outside Auroville, to contact us if you would like to collaborate in this.

It must be noted that we are aspiring to move away from architects "owning" projects but rather wish to create a collaborative work space where architects and designers of goodwill can come and commit to guiding and being part of the design process. The responsibility will finally rest with L'avenir d'Auroville, to ensure that building standards are maintained in the design and construction. There is also scope for monetary compensation for those who need it.

In addition to this, we are preparing to set up a "co-design" workshop model for public projects, where many ideas can be harvested in an atmosphere of aspiring for the Mother's Auroville, to work together to bring down the best from the highest planes of creativity. We will announce the first of these sessions shortly and will invite architects to participate.

III. Implementation of the Crown

The Crown work continues under the supervision of CPWD and L'avenir d'Auroville, and is planned to be finished as per schedule.

The reason it appeared as though the Crown work began and was then stopped, is that when the pavers were first removed and the first sample stretch was done with the new pavers, an assessment was made by the CPWD and L'avenir d'Auroville on the technical and the aesthetic aspects. Two points were raised:

- paver blocks only last 20-30 years, at best, and need regular maintenance
- from the aesthetic point of view, the pavers were not efficiently serving the curvature of the Crown, as all along the edge where the pavers met the kerbstone, the pavers had to be unevenly cut, to match the arc

For both these reasons, L'avenir d'Auroville and CPWD have co-opted for a precast concrete road (paver blocks are also cement blocks), whereby the road will last much longer, with almost zero maintenance. The question of aesthetics is also addressed by a pattern designed specifically to respond to the Galaxy movement and the curvature of the Crown. During this process, compact concrete service trenches have been proposed to carry the infrastructure lines, and more space for a tree corridor shading the Crown mobility corridor.

The precast panels are being produced and the first of them will be delivered in a few days. The installation of these much larger panels will go faster than the laying of pavers, thus making up for any lost time. The work has continued in the background continuously and has resulted in a better design than before, both technically and aesthetically.

The old removed pavers are being reused wherever possible; the first places where they are installed include Food Link (near PTDC) and Bharat Nivas. Please write to us at avenir@auroville.org.in if you are in need of paver blocks; public spaces get priority.

Transition school had written to us about the bypass school access being very muddy, and we have temporarily fixed the problem areas with the help of CPWD and the Crown contractor. If you face any issues of access or have suggestions to improve the temporary situation, kindly write to us at the above email address.

IV. Policies and shifts

As already explained in a previous announcement, we are working, together with the Working Committee and the FAMC, to make big systemic shifts wherever needed, for Auroville to move to its next stage in its collective life. Stewardship models are being revisited, feedback processes are being redefined and building violations are no longer just accepted as an unavoidable part of a city with no enforcement power, but are being dealt with systematically. "Red assets", aka assets built with or without permission on master plan right-of-ways, parks, or lines of force, are now being addressed case by case, and for each case we will look for appropriate solutions.

On this account we would like to inform the community that along with announcing new applications, we are also informing the community in detail about ongoing violations. If the said resident is still unwilling to shift or make corrective measures, the issue will be handed over to the Auroville Foundation and the Land Estate Officer.

In situations of direct nonconformity with building applications, the architect and builder who are responsible for this, if not willing to correct the violation, will not be able to take up further construction projects in Auroville until the corrections are seen to. If this is refused, ATDC will assume the task.

V. General administration, communication and aspiration towards efficiency

This is not an easy time to take on this responsibility, where attempts to sabotage development, block and bring to a standstill or even undo, is not just subtle but quite overt. With this, and with the vast program that we have in front of us, we are well aware that functional and effective technical teams are a must for the smooth running of the various facets of the work.

We are setting up a communication team that will aim to publish monthly reports, to collaborate with Auroville Media Interface to produce short videos on the various questions people may have on the work, and in general to communicate efficiently to the residents of Auroville when they come with a request.

While this announcement is painting an update on our work with broad brush strokes, we are happy to receive you in our office to share more with you over a tea. Please write to; communication-avenir@auroville.org.in to make an appointment with one of us.

Let's build Her Auroville, together.

*With best regards, Dr. G. Seetharaman, Govind Ranjan,
Hemant Sekhar, Jaya Berggreen-Clausen,
M. Ponnusamy, Jothi Prasad Rajan,
Sindhuja Jagadeesh, Toby Neuman: L'avenir d'Auroville*

WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT

August to October 2022

Dear Community, here is the Working Committee report for August to October 2022 in addition to the updates and mass bulletins that have been shared since May 2022.

Land

In the wake of the land crisis the Working Committee issued massbulletins advising Aurovilians to stay calm and not aggravate the situation which had to be handled legally. Following that, Working Committee members have followed the situation with the Landboard and the Auroville Foundation and accompanied the Landboard members several times to Villupuram. Landboard is currently under the FAMC.

Auroville Foundation has filed a case: the first hearing was scheduled on 22 September, then postponed (due to Caveat filed by opposing party) to 14 October and again postponed to 20 October 2022 (due to the judge being on leave). The Auroville Foundation is regularly in touch with the Collector, SP, DSP on the above issues and are following up the matter.

We attach here a chronological report submitted by the Landboard.

Police Liaison

Our police liaison person had been coordinating with the police on various issues on a day to day basis, such as overstay issues, OCI verifications, land issues, accident issues, money borrowing issues, etc.

UNESCO Conference for Sri Aurobindo's 150th

The conference scheduled for 30th September 2022 was the main event planned for Sri Aurobindo's 150th. Preparations for this started barely 3 weeks prior to the departure date of the delegations from Auroville and elsewhere, to join in Paris which meant a lot of hard work to pull things together. This was not an Auroville centered event but one dedicated to Sri Aurobindo, involving all who are his devotees or inspired by him in some way. As announced on Auroville: auroville.org.in/article/92760 a team was formed which included Aurovilians, members of the Pondicherry and Delhi ashrams and centres in France. The conference would also feature the city named after Sri Aurobindo, Auroville, the city of dawn, in line with his vision of unity, the 'model town'—an extraordinary legacy for humanity to be celebrated on this international forum where Auroville had first been presented to the world in 1966.

Unfortunately, misleading and negative messaging, first to the community by a certain group, who then wrote to the UNESCO board, followed by some members of AVI, who together, continued to make unfounded accusations against the general organization and the Secretary backed by insidious videos which were all reaching them, and finally, the attack on the event and the Secretary by Satprem Maini, who happens to hold a chair at UNESCO. All this and the possibility of a planned agitation to disrupt the event in order to shame the Secretary specifically was a matter of concern at Unesco. The MoC postponed the event. This was not a forum for protest but for celebrating Sri Aurobindo.

The Conference was planned in 2 parts: One session for panel discussions on Sri Aurobindo and another on Auroville carrying his vision into the future. This would have speakers from Auroville, the Pondy and Delhi Ashrams, present and ex-IAC members, associates from Europe. The second part was a formal session managed by UNESCO presenting Sri Aurobindo more formally on the world stage. This would include a live message by PM Modi, delegates of the Ministry of Culture India and the French counterpart, UNESCO Director Generals, Ambassadors etc. The Secretary would have had a role in introducing one of the panels in the first part and to offer a note of thanks at the end of the programme on behalf of Auroville Foundation as the coordinating body.

Ever since the Mother initiated the association with UNESCO, in 1968, Auroville has carried an unblemished record. This has certainly suffered now. The Working Committee wrote to the Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO, The Indian Ambassador in France, the French Ambassador in India, the UNESCO Director in Delhi, the Ministry of Culture hosting the event, the Ministry of Education and its Unesco desk, to convey our deepest regrets regarding what had happened. A more balanced and factual narrative of the accusations leveled against Auroville and the Secretary was sent with the assurance that Auroville remained dedicated to Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's vision and would collaborate to help the city and its Dream manifest.

There is a silver lining to the fiasco however: The 2022 Global Award for Sustainable Architecture that is held under the patronage of UNESCO has just been awarded to Anupama Kundoo, the Urban Design Head at ATDC.

The Minister of Education

The Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, visited Auroville on 2 October 2022 He was welcomed at Matrimandir following which he attended presentations by the three main working groups (Working Committee, ATDC & FAMC) on various aspects of work, challenges faced and help requested and on the development of the city.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan was accompanied by Governing Board member, Nirima Oza and Auroville Foundation Secretary Dr Ravi who also addressed the Minister. He visited the exhibition "A Vision Takes Shape" in Bharat Nivas before leaving and assured us that he would return for a longer stay in Auroville.

Deep Dialogue

The Working Committee accepted the invitation to meet with IAC members Ms Dena Merriam and Mr Raghu as part of the initiative for a deeper dialogue. It was a good sharing, we also responded to some of their questions.

Visa

We continue to work on the visa issues. A special meeting was held with the Secretary and Chinese Aurovilians facing difficulties with the duration of their Entry visa issued in China.

RoR validation

RoR validation and verification has kept us busy since September. Several teams have come forward to help verify the data which was filled in by residents. At the same time, housing is also being verified for the usage and occupancy of Auroville housing assets and to keep correct records in view of house tax and other demands made on Auroville. This is a complex operation as different categories emerge such as: people who have passed on, people who left Auroville for over 5 to 10 years and have lives and work elsewhere, yet hold assets in some cases or, people out for over 3 to 5 years without any information. Each of these need to be detailed and entered correctly in the RoR records.

Joint Meetings

The Working Committee continues to have joint meetings with FAMC and ATDC and others groups when needed, such as Landboard, to address joint concerns and share information so that work can proceed in a collaborative way.

1000-Welcome project preparation

This is an example of a joint endeavor initiated by Working Committee with the inputs and participation of ATDC, FAMC, SAVI and will soon include Entry. Auroville is currently very short of human resources, people who are the willing servitors of this dream project for humanity and ready to be part and help experiment to grow. To welcome new people to live, work and experience Auroville, we are making a special effort to create additional housing options for volunteers and newcomers for the next 1 to 2 years, together with ATDC, FAMC, Housing, SAVI and resource persons to work on the different aspects that need to be prepared. Regular meetings are conducted. Details will be shared regularly and the project advances.

Entry Board

We had a meeting with the Entry Board on 12.9.2022 regarding the use of their auroville.org.in email ID and other topics. The Entry Board has illegally migrated the data of newcomers and Friends of Auroville to an outside server. In response the usage of their auroville.org.in email ID was discontinued because it needs to be investigated. The Entry Board denies these charges. Several complaints have been received that some mentors are manipulating the information given to Newcomers in preparation to become Aurovilians. In the meantime they decided to accept new applications from their gmail ID.

Volunteers

For the past one year, we have seen increasing number volunteers engaged politically in the issue of Auroville without real knowledge about Auroville. Volunteers are requested stay away from any decision making or publicity events regarding the current situation.

Auroville Security

We have not received any report from Auroville Security since a few months.

Grievance Cell

We are starting to look at some of the valid complaints received. This includes deliberate public misbehavior against other Aurovilians, the Cockroach phenomenon which does not do Auroville any good in a place dedicated to Unity and harmony.

Other visits

Working Committee members, when required, and our VIP reception team continue to receive a number of visits, formal and informal, ranging from ministerial levels, state official, academia and other professionals.

Next Governing Board meeting

Will take place on 8 November, 2022 in Auroville.

Best Wishes,

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

DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIRED

Dear Community, we strongly request that all Aurovilians and Auroville Youth above 18 years have to be in possession of a driver's license when they drive a motorbike, car, or a scooter. These are basic Government rules. Those who do not have a license and meet with an accident, be aware that it is not possible to claim a refund from the Health Fund for medical bills or hospital stay.

The Auroville Vehicle Service located in the Town Hall building will help you to get your driver's license.

Thank you for the cooperation.

Best Regards, The Working Committee

YEARLY BONUS FOR WORKERS

The festival of lights is just around the corner and all the workers look forward to a Diwali bonus. Here is our recommendation for a yearly bonus, which can be paid in two installments—one for Diwali and the other for Pongal.

Worker getting a monthly wage

- Yearly bonus = one month's salary

If a worker earns a salary of Rs. 10,000 per month as salary and has completed 12 months of continuous service, then s/he gets a bonus of Rs. 10,000. You may pay all of it a week before Diwali or Pongal. Or, you may pay Rs. 5,000 for Diwali and Rs. 5,000 for Pongal.

Worker getting a daily wage

- Yearly bonus = 26 days wages

If a worker earns a daily wage of Rs. 300 and has completed 12 months of continuous service, you can pay 26 days wages as the yearly bonus, which amounts to Rs. 7,800. You may pay all of it a week before Diwali or Pongal. Or, you may pay Rs. 3,900 for Diwali and Rs. 3,900 for Pongal.

Part-time worker

- Bonus = wage per week multiplied by 52 (weeks) and divided by 12 (months)

If a worker works only part time for you, e.g., she works only 2 days a week and you pay her Rs. 250 in a week, then her yearly bonus would be 250 times 52 divided by 12 which equals Rs. 1,080. You may pay all of it a week before Diwali or Pongal. Or, you may pay Rs. 540 for Diwali and Rs. 540 for Pongal.

Likewise, if she works 3 half days in a week and gets Rs. 1,000 per week, then her yearly bonus would be 1,000 times 52 divided by 12 which equals Rs. 4,300. You may pay all of it a week before Diwali or Pongal. Or, you may pay Rs. 2,150 for Diwali and Rs. 2,150 for Pongal.

*With Warm Regards, Shanthini
for S.E.W.A (Small Employers & Employees
Welfare Administration)*

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AUROVILLE COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

September 2022

Council Communications to the Community

- 02/09/2022 Announcement [Conflict Resolution Council](#)
- 02/09/2022 Call for proposals on [internal organisation](#)
- 06/09/2022 [AVC weekly Open House](#) (second announcement with revised hours)
- 19/09/2022 [AV Council Monthly report: August 2022](#)
- 20/09/2022 [Standing true to our values and ideals](#)
- 20/09/2022 [Disconnection of power supply](#)
- Joint Communications with other Working Groups
- 08/09/2022 Regarding [dialogue](#) with Mr. Raghu Anantharayanan (jointly with Working Committee, FAMC, TDC, of the Resident Assembly)

Challenges

- Electricity disconnection of the Council room—On Tuesday, 13th September 2022 at 5pm, the AVFO-appointed ACUR management decided to cut all electricity supply for the Town Hall building by switching off the breakers in the fuse boxes on the first floor of the building. The Aurovilians guarding the Council room in the evening and during the night were left without light and fans/AC, creating difficult conditions for the 24/7 watch of the room. The Council decided thus to send an official complaint mail to AV Electric Services about the situation, but never received any reply.

- Yet another month of keeping the Council meeting room in Town Hall, available for the general use of the RA Working Group meetings, has passed with a 24/7 surveillance, managed by Auroville residents. And, once again we wish to extend our extreme gratitude to all those who show their dedication and perseverance to upkeep this needed presence on a daily basis. Thank you all!

Council Open House

• Thursdays, 10—11 am at the Council room, Town Hall

- The Council was questioned by a resident about the Entry Board selection process and the applied staggering of their members, back in June 2022. We reiterated the joint decision of the Working Committee and the Council at the time, to replace only 1 member instead of 4, until the next upcoming selection process in 2023. This means that the 3 members remaining from the 2019 selection process will be replaced in the upcoming 2023 selection process. This decision was based on the interpretation of the Entry Policy of 2017 and the AVFoundation Regulations 2020.

- A resident wished to obtain clarity about current Council Subgroups and a Mind Mapping exercise was held for this purpose of our team. The work is in the process and will be shared in future.

- Other individual conflict related issues; not detailed here for confidentiality reasons.

Various Council topics and announcements

1. **Open call to the Community** On September 8, the Council made a call to the community to encourage committed Aurovilians to step forward to form a new study group on Auroville's future structure and organisation. Around 20 individuals wrote to us, some already with concrete proposals, others just eager and available to be part of this exploratory adventure. The given deadline has now passed and we will be inviting all those that have written to us, as well as those that have participated in previous initiatives such as the RAPP (more directed towards increasing the RA's participation), to a facilitated meeting to further define together how to move forward. The Council feels that it is crucial to the success of this group that Community input is incorporated on a regular basis into the work of this study group.

2. **Decision on postponing/not having the Citizens' Assembly process on the RAD policy review:** in order to update the RAD policy the Council had chosen to invite the Citizens Assembly team (CA) to help us develop a process that was truly inclusive of the entire community. The process was

developed at length and soon to be presented to the community. But, under the current circumstances in Auroville wherein as per the current court directive that policy changes cannot be made and with the services of the CA being requested by the TDC of the RA for another potential community process, it was felt best to pause the RAD policy development process for the time being. Meanwhile, those who want to propose ideas for updating the RAD are invited to join the "Open Call to the Community on a review of the AV organisation".

3. **AVC Team building in Quiet on September, 9:** Our new team has spent a full day in Quiet for a team building workshop. Two facilitators guided us through questions around the purpose and functioning of the Council as well as building a solid base for our cooperation by learning more about each other. We clarified many open points and also reached a higher level of connection and alignment within the team which will help us in moments of tension and disagreement. This also enables us to support each other more in being our best selves and manifesting the richness of qualities that the team holds. It is an ongoing commitment of the team to engage in regular sessions to review and improve our functioning on a practical as well as on a personal level. Trust is needed in these challenging times and we want to make an effort to build trust not only amongst ourselves but also between us and others.

4. **Review of the PWG doc:** during the RAMs preceding the RAD on "A vote of no confidence in and a new selection of the current Working Committee" in April '22, it became apparent that a clear clause and process for deselecting WG members should be outlined and added to the PWG. A subgroup has shared the outcome of their study on the topic. As a consequence of 4 ex-Working Committee members who are still pretending to be members (even after Council explained to them that they had misinterpreted our administrative policies and documents, which was then asserted further by the August 12 court ruling), while also appointing several new members to their illegitimate group which further contravenes and has no reference in our internal RA policies, it has been suggested to formulate the PWG document in such a way that it might hold up to legal scrutiny. So far this kind of consideration has not been integrated in internal policies of the RA, largely because it was assumed that all Aurovilians would willingly accept the authority of the RA of which we are all part.

5. **RAS resignation:** The Council received the resignation of the RAS member, Dan, effective as of 30/09/2022. We are thanking Dan for his valuable service rendered during the past year. Remaining members are: Giovanni, Satish and Tatiana.

This months joint meetings

1. **All Working Groups:** the Working Groups of the RA are meeting once a week and

2. **FAMC:** the FAMC of the RA requested the Council to hold a selection process of 2 additional members, as since the recent selection process the group only functions with 7 members, instead of 9 members, with a quorum of 6. The Council is looking into the possibility to hold a new selection process as soon as possible.

3. **Tibetan Pavilion, "Wednesdays for AV":** for more than 3 months, at least 1 Council member attends the weekly meetings.

Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) Subgroup

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

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

- A mediation was organized through the Mediation Coordination Team for an AV road accident involving 2 residents. The incident was settled in an amicable way.

Please note that for obvious confidentiality reasons, we are not reporting individual or community conflicts in our monthly reports. Only finalised mediations will be mentioned anonymously.

Arbitration and appeal processes however, will be announced upon start and completion (in a general manner only).

Email address to reach out to

- CRC subgroup: avc.conflicts@gmail.com
- Facilitation & Mediation Coordination team: facilitators.coordination@auroville.org.in
- Mattram: mattram@auroville.org.in
- AV Safety & Security team: aurovillesafety@gmail.com

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

UPDATE FROM THE CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY EXPLORATION TEAM

Dear Community, we would like to share with you an update of what we have been engaged with in these past several months, following the conclusion of the Dreamweaving the Auroville Crown 2022 process in March this year.

Exploring Potential Topics

Our team were approached to explore the potential of leading community processes on several topics, by various stakeholders:

Reviewing the RAD policy

In July 2021, we were approached by Auroville Council to explore whether the Citizens Assembly model could be used to support the review of the RAD policy, enabling a wider range of inputs from across the community. However it was not until the Dreamweaving experience that we felt we were able to design a process that would meet the community's needs. It was also at this time (March 2022) that this topic was prioritised by the community in a poll.

We had several meetings with members of the Auroville Council, and designed a process to review this policy, which we originally planned to share with the community for feedback in July, with the initial call for ideas happening in August. However, this was delayed for several reasons. These included the pause on RAD decisions and the fact many Aurovilians were likely to be unavailable during this period due to the Sri Aurobindo 150th Anniversary celebrations or summer travel.

In September, the newly selected Council team informed us that the process was on pause for an undetermined period, given the Madras High Court's order to halt policy decisions. The Council has, however, put out calls to the community-at-large to look into various topics of our internal organisation. Our team remains willing to facilitate an RAD review process when the Council or the RA calls for it.

Reviewing the governance of Auroville

In February 2022, the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation approached us to lead a community process on reviewing the governance of Auroville. Our team met with the Secretary twice in March, but found the proposed time frame (1 month) to be too short. To enable maximum engagement a community process needs time to research and prepare the educational aspect (on current ways of functioning, previous experiments and lessons learnt etc) in a format that is accessible to all community members.

In addition we felt that the community would be unwilling to commit substantial time and energy to a new process until some of the recommendations from either the Dreamweaving process or the earlier Citizens' Assembly (on a Water vision for Auroville) were implemented. We also shared that we felt the topic was too broad and that we were already working on one aspect of our internal organisation, the RAD review process, with the Auroville Council.

Supporting Collaborative Township Development

In April 2022, the Citizens' Assembly and Dreamweaving team received a request from a community member to take up a dreamweaving process to formulate an Auroville township development programme based on the collaboration of Auroville experts working in economy, environment, education & culture, outreach, water & sanitation, health, waste

management, gender issues, livelihood and skill development etc. The Dreamweaving team has taken the lead on following up with a Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration platform, see their latest update to the community for more information.

Reviewing the Contribution Guidelines

In May, the FAMC met with us to explore the possibility of using a Citizens' Assembly model to review the Contribution Guidelines. Our team was willing to engage in initial research and then subsequently design and deliver this process, but the timeline required was felt to be too long by the FAMC, who expressed that they would take a different approach.

Designing participatory town planning processes

In September, L'avenir d'Auroville (RA TDC) approached us to assist them in designing processes for community participation in town planning. We are currently exploring this potential with them.

Engaging in Training & Capacity Building

Given the number of major topics being brought to the Citizens' Assembly team, we have sought to expand our core team, and engage in broader capacity building.

New team members: we are delighted to have welcomed Savitri, Henrike and Leo to join the Citizens' Assembly Exploration team. Savitri was a randomly selected member of the first CA and brings her experience as a participant to the team. Henrike is the coordinator of the pool of facilitators, and brings her facilitation experience to the team. Leo brings strong organisational skills, which are a crucial requirement for any process.

Facilitation Training: with the support of the pool of facilitators, we are preparing a facilitation training tailored to the facilitation requirements of Citizens' Assembly processes. If anyone is interested to be trained now—or in future—feel free to reach out to us.

Capacity Building: our team designed and delivered the capacity building aspect of the Selection Process, which included modules on consensus building and recognising bias (as outlined in the Selection Process proposal ratified by the Residents' Assembly in April 2022)

What Next

Our team remains open to receiving other proposals for community topics with broad community support. We take this opportunity to remind you that we do not come up with topics to take forward, but are available to assist the community in topics proposed and considered to be of collective importance. We are also open to designing unique, tailored processes, evolving beyond the 'standard' Citizens' Assembly model (as we did for the Dreamweaving process).

However, the current climate of governance in Auroville is not conducive to delivering community processes, given that the legitimacy of Working Groups and the authority and functioning of the Residents' Assembly are in question. We hope this situation will alleviate soon, empowering us to support the community in its collective decision-making.

In the meantime, we are available for providing our training on key skills for collective decision-making which includes modules on listening skills, recognising bias, and building consensus.

You can reach us

- caexploration@auroville.org.in
- caexplorationauroville@gmail.com

If you would like to learn more about the Citizens' Assembly exploration initiative, please visit our website: caexplorationauroville.wordpress.com

*With our highest hopes
and continued dedication,
The Citizens' Assembly Exploration Team
(Aditi, Alan, Anshul, David, Helen, Henrike, Kathy, Leo,
Martin, Nikethana, Savithri, Sophie and Suryamayi)*

WHAT IS THE NEW CITY SERVICES BUDGET AND WILL IT BE IMPLEMENTED?

Dear Community, the BCC had been engaged for months in preparing a new “City Services” budget, after 2 years dedicated to financially surviving the Covid lockdown.

What was our budgeting process this year?

We felt it was a good time to raise awareness in the community about the City Services budget: what services it supports, in which areas of community activity (such as health, education, farms etc.), and who do these serve. We held a community budgeting process earlier this year to share this information and harvest inputs on our collective needs and priorities. The process and its outcomes were shared with the community via the AuroNet and in the N&N.

We kept the outcomes of the community budgeting process in mind as we reviewed all budget requests. We also opened the City Services budgeting process to new requests. We prioritised new service or increased support requests that aligned with the collective needs and priorities that emerged from the process. In sectors where budgetary reductions were suggested, we reached out and met with relevant services to see how their activities could be redirected to meet community needs in the coming year, or how they could use the upcoming year to reorganise themselves and reduce their budgetary requirements / transition to other sources of support.

We thank the resource persons that helped us review these budgets: former BCC members we reached out to for support, as well as community members enthusiastic to learn about this work.

Why hasn't the new budget started yet?

As per the BCC mandate, the budget is to be approved by the FAMC. We first reached out to the FAMC of the Residents' Assembly in June to begin this process. However, this coincided with the forming of a second FAMC by the Governing Board of the Auroville Foundation, and approval of the budget was delayed as a result. By September, we had secured the approval of the RA FAMC, but meanwhile the BCC had been replaced by a Budget Coordination Service (BCS), challenging our capacity to operate, and implement the new budget.

What is the new budget and will it be implemented?

The RA FAMC-approved City Services budget is available online on the ForAll forum (unfortunately, we no longer have access to our AuroNet account). A hard copy can be viewed during BCC office hours. We do not know if disbursements made by the Budget Coordination Service under the purview of the GB FAMC will follow these allocations.

Any services who are receiving less than the amounts approved by the RA BCC and FAMC are welcome to reach out to the RA BCC, who will attempt to fundraise in order to cover the shortfall.

Any services who have questions about the amounts allocated to them are welcome to meet us during our office hours, held on Tuesdays from 10:30am—12pm & 2:30—3:30pm at the Council meeting room in the Town Hall.

A few things we would like to point out about the new budget

1. Increased support in the 3 highest priority sectors identified by the community budgeting process: Farms & Food, Social Support, Housing

- **Farms & Food:** We included 3 new budgeted services in the Farms & Food sector—Aruvadai, FoodLink and the Solar Kitchen. Aruvadai is a new service to support the planning, distribution and consumption of Auroville farm produce; while FoodLink and the Solar Kitchen were previously self-supporting services. We have also included partial support for Saragam, given their work in assisting the distribution of Auroville farm produce. We regret that we were unable to budget for a much

needed grant for farm infrastructure due to lack of funds and unclarity regarding the future of existing farms, following an announced restructure to small plots.

- **Housing:** We increased the Housing Repair grant allocation to above pre-Covid levels.
- **Social Support:** We increased the availability of both Childrens' Maintenances and Adult Maintenances, and planned for a 10% increase in the Adult Maintenances, from Rs. 17,000 to Rs. 18,700 (Full Time amounts).

2. The inclusion of new services engaged in priority areas identified as missing during the community budgeting process: Day Care/Maternity Support & Food Processing

- **Day Care / Maternity Support:** We newly included support for Morning Star (a service providing midwifery, gynaecology, lactation consulting, doula service, childbirth education, and family counselling and education) as part of the City Services budget.
- **Food Processing:** The three new services mentioned in the Farms & Food sector above each engage in / support food processing.

3. Increased support in mid-priority sectors identified by the community budgeting process: Municipal Services, Health and Forest

- **Municipal Services:** We increased budgetary support to EcoService and Pour Tous Water to support their general functioning, Puncture Service for the addition of free mechanical services, Road Service to carry out free road repairs beyond the city centre. We also included new services in this sector:
 - **WaterLink**, a new service that would support Auroville in becoming a water-conscious society, by monitoring water levels, assisting water-related projects and organisation, and providing an educational interface related to water in Auroville.
 - **PTPS**, which is in the process of transitioning towards a non-profit service.
 - **Solar & UPS Service**, which services solar and UPS systems.
- **Forest:** We increased budgetary support to the Forest Group for wages of forest employees, most of which is currently paid for by forest stewards from private funds.
- **Health:** The inclusion of three new services in the Health Sector:
 - **Mattram**, providing mental health support.
 - **Morning Star**, providing maternity support and more (see above).
 - **Aurokiya**, providing eye care. (Aurokiya requested and is being allocated only temporary support of 1—2 years to establish itself).

Overall, we would like to observe that income to City Services does not enable us to cover the basic needs of Aurovilians. For this reason, we have urged the RA FAMC to look into ways of increasing City Services income. However, we understand that the present uncertainty regarding the management of these City Services funds is not encouraging. The City Services budget is currently deficient, income lower than disbursements.

As a team, we are committed to continuing to explore possible developments and improvements related to the guidelines, management and review of the use of City Services funds towards supporting the realisation of Auroville's ideals.

Sincerely,

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

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bccauroville@gmail.com / bccoffice@auroville.services
- **Office Hours @ Council meeting room, Town Hall:**
Tuesdays 10:30am—12pm & 2:30—3:30pm

ENTRY GROUP EMAIL CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dear community, this is to inform you that since we were disconnected from our email address from auroville.org.in domain on 5th August we still did not receive any information or clarification about it.

So since 8 August we are using both entryservice@auroville.services and auroville.entryservice@gmail.com for the Entry Secretariat.

We have already provided these updates to the Auroville website and Yucca team so they can make the necessary changes.

We also had to redo the application form because it was linked to the auroville.org.in domain. From this coming week we will start sending it again to applicants, newcomers, FOA and Associates. Please don't hesitate to write to us or pass by our office if you have any questions.

The Entry Board

(Alain, Aurore, Dheena, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan, Matilde, Matriprasada, Ramanarayana and Swadha)

STATEMENT FROM HOUSING BOARD

Further to our communication last month regarding our supposed removal from our positions as Housing Board members, we would like to let the community know that we are still functioning, although only in a very limited sense due to being locked out from all of the Housing Google accounts and being unable to access the Housing Service offices. We recognise the actions carried out by the 'GB FAMC' and the new team that they have installed have caused confusion in the community which is regrettable.

It is to be noted that the Office Order No 436 issued and signed by the representative of the Auroville Foundation only mentioned the reconstitution of the Housing Service, which "is responsible for the daily administration and attendance to Auroville's housing issues"(Housing Mandate, 2021, p. 3)

What has become very obvious is that the new team installed in Housing Service are acting outside of their mandate.

The Housing Group in its present form, Housing Service and Housing Board, was approved through a community process in 2017.

Housing Board has been defined as the decision-making arm of the Housing Group, with Housing Service meant only to refer to & act upon the decisions of the Housing Board.

Certain matters—particularly regarding the approval of the allocation of residential assets which should as per the Housing Mandate reside solely with the Housing Board—have been brought to our attention which show that the new team are overstepping their mandate and are making unilateral decisions.

Already, some of these decisions have led to Auroville assets being allocated without following the guidelines of the Housing Policy. The fact that this team is acting in this way is particularly concerning, as all but one person in the housing team are very new to the work of the Housing Service. It is our concern that this may be leading to a situation where the only senior member of the Service with most of the history and background information on the different matters, could influence the decisions and actions taken. We strongly feel that it is not acceptable for one person to have the ability to shape very important decisions in this way.

We understand that it is not possible to ask the community not to approach the new team as many day-to-day issues are urgent and have to be dealt with. However, we advise the community to approach them with care and ask for all decisions to be given in writing.

Please feel free to contact us at housingboard@auroville.services if you have any concerns you would like to raise with us.

The Housing Board

Amy L. (Housing Service), Angela (Community), Aravindh (Housing Service), Bharathy (Community), Iyyappan (Community), Rima (Community), Venkat (Community). housingboard@auroville.services

BCC CAN NO LONGER OPERATE AS BEFORE

but remain committed to serve Auroville

Dear Community, we regret to inform you that the BCC (Budget Coordination Committee) can no longer operate as before. We no longer have any control or oversight over Auroville's City Services budget.

As of October 13, 2022, BCC team members no longer have access to the Financial Service system. This means that we have completely lost control over the setting up or changing of City Services Maintenances (adult and children), and are no longer able to access Auroville Service accounts or execute transfers for both services or individuals (for visa and passport refunds, for example).

We are deeply concerned about the future of Maintenance and budgetary support for Auroville individuals, services and employees. And we are also deeply concerned about the financial management and stability of Auroville as a community.

We have informed the RA WCom and RA FAMC of the situation. In the meantime, we remain available to the community. We will maintain office hours in the Council Meeting room in Town Hall on Tuesdays: 10:30am—12:00pm and 2:30pm—3:30pm to answer any questions, hear your suggestions and concerns.

As a team, we are committed to continuing to explore possible developments and improvements related to the guidelines, management and review of the use of City Services funds towards supporting the realization of Auroville's ideals.

Your BCC members

(Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Rathinam, Sacha, Suryamayi, Verena)

PTPS MANAGEMENT BOARD

A Report 2022

Dear community, this Friday, 7 October completed a year of transitioning PTPS to a complete service point in Auroville. We, the members of PTPS Management Board would like to bring you all up to date with the following report.

After years of several FAMC teams trying to reorganize PTPS

Pour Tous புர்தூஸ் For All

to function with transparency, the 2019 FAMC set the reorganization in motion (<https://auroville.org.in/article/77612>) through an RAD deciding that "PTPS will be a Service managed by a management board and new executives".

Refer: RAD August 22, 2020, *Future Of Pour Tous Purchasing Service*. RAD result, September 7, 2020:

- 67% voted YES to it being a Service and
- 7% asked to add their votes to the majority.
- 18% voted for PTPS to become a commercial unit.
- 8% Residents did not support either of these options.

The FAMC instructed the Service Trust to implement the RAD and from the beginning the Service Trust seemed reluctant. (<https://auroville.org.in/article/82041> and <https://auroville.org.in/article/82350>)

Firstly, there was a conflict of interest with choosing the executives before the formation of a Management Board of the Prosperity project. The handing over had not been carried out effectively enough, as per the process advised by the FAMC, for the new executives to take up their roles.

Out of the 2 former executives, the Service Trust enabled one to keep handling all the limbs of the business as a commercial unit and continue till the end of the financial year and more. And they made the other former one, an executive again by only one of their own vote. This candidate had secured no votes from the residents in the selection process.

This made the situation extremely challenging for everyone at PTPS because while the new executives were to assume

their role at PTPS, the purchase, the accounts, the finances, the suppliers were still being handled only by the former executive who transferred the functions only to her husband who was also the former executive.

On repeated requests from the Board members and from the new Executives to the Service trust to handover the executional tools, no action was taken. The Service Trust also kept disregarding the role of the Management Board, calling them advisory board, and denying them their role of managing the transition as per the RAD. (<https://auroville.org.in/file-download/82350/30438>) also

Refer: RAD August 2020, Result September 7, 2020:

- PTPS shall remain a Service unit and be managed by a Management Board and new Executives. Anybody can apply.

The Management Board objected to a member of the Service Trust being on the Management Board who was undermining its original role and also disregarding the RAD and imposing the placement of Kumar as an executive rendering the process of transition extremely challenging.

Four months after the appointment of the executives, the Service Trust asked the Board members to evaluate their performance, while supporting the continuance of the former executive. The Board declined because the executives still had not been handed over any of the roles that the executives were to assume.

This approach of Service Trust has been a baffling situation for the Management Board to handle.

The Board made several requests for a full audit to be held, instead, the Trust kept insisting that their accountant, who had been the accountant for PTPS also, had audited PTPS and found nothing wrong! A request for an inventory was never facilitated by the Service Trust either. The service trust imposed on the executives and the management Board that no employee could be hired or fired without their consent.

The Service Trust member who was also a Board member stopped attending or participating in any of the PTPS related matters without an email or any kind of communication. One other Board member similarly stopped attending meetings and eventually joined Service Trust as their note taker and then resigned from the Board. In the meanwhile the 3 RA selected executives have been working hard and have brought several positive changes in PTPS in its functioning, pricing and appearance.

The prices have been significantly reduced and the share of AV and bioregion products promoted. Focus is on improving the internal economy and keeping the money flow inside Auroville. Conscious usage of packaging is a constant priority rather than margin or profit.

Joel, Kumaran and Naren proved to be a commendable team with diverse backgrounds and expertise. While the 4th executive failed to be a good team player and disrespected most decisions that were made by the team and Board.

The Service Trust did not allow anything to move forward and would not let the 3 executives become effective. Instead, they kept trying to negotiate to terminate an executive to keep their candidate on the team, despite his failure to be a team player and repeated reports of professional discrepancies.

Naren finally resigned when BCS offered him a role at their office.

The Board is appreciative of the executives having achieved these improvement even though the executives were suffering the following handicaps:

- No Passwords were shared to the PTPS emails until very late.
- No keys to anywhere or anything in PTPS were given.
- No access to login to Master Server
- No Asset Register was available.
- No access to PTPS AuroNet account.
- No information was shared on how to work with POS— Classification of articles, article codes, article units, re-arranging supplier list.

- No access was given to any of the credit cards belonging to PTPS accounts. List of suppliers/ vendors was not shared and connection with them was discouraged. Agreements with Suppliers were not shared.
- No information was shared on the Supermarket and FS-SAI certificate.
- No information was shared on the list of agreements that existed or needed to be renewed.
- No access to FS accounts was given to SBI and other outside bank accounts—all cards, statements, logins & passwords, PIN.
- No SIM card that were registered with any of the PTPS bank accounts were handed over.
- No access to Tally was given.
- No access to ESI, EPF log-in / passwords and system.
- No information relating to GST system was shared.
- No information was given on Salary Payment Balance sheet and asset register as per April was never submitted. No clear information was ever given on vehicles owned by PTPS.
- No credit lines were provided

We approached the FAMC this September and requested them to implement the RAD and reinstate Kumaran and Joel as executives with immediate effect. We have also requested the FAMC to remove the PTPS from under the Service Trust and put it under the Prosperity project.

We await their decision with the hope that it will be given soon. We trust that PTPS will run as a Service like it was envisioned and needed in Auroville with transparency and as a non profit oriented store. We also look forward to being able to serve into expanding and manifesting a Centralized purchasing point for a wider range of commodities.

*With Joy and light in the spirit of service,
The PTPS Management Board
(Daniele, Jaya, Olivier, Riju)*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 152

Dated: 20-10-2022

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. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Heinz BAUER aka Arthur (Austrian)
- Yolane KOCHER (French)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Celia DEMENGIN (French)
- Senthil PASUPATHY (Indian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 ANNOUNCED:

- Jagdishan LOGANATHAN (Indian) staying in La Ferme and working at Unity Pavilion



Jagdishan

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)

FOREST GROUP MEETING

Udumbu, Friday, 7 October, 2022

Present: Archana Boobalan (Siddhartha Forest), Rita (Centre Field), Ambre (Nilatangam), Ananda (Nine Palms), Arun (Revelation), Giri Thirumal (Fertile East), Segar, Yuval (Eternity), Cristo (Revelation), G. Vengatesh (Abri Forest), Natasha (Evergreen), Island (Espace), Christoph (Bliss/Anusuya), Manolo (Bliss/YC/Espace), Siva (Kriya), Jana (Fertile Field), Vikram CS (Infinity), Gijs (Udumbu), Andreanne (Hermitage), Matthieu (Hermitage), Jessamijn (Udumbu), Hans (Chairperson), Ancolie (Notes): **25 members present including one volunteer and one AVI USA member**

Topics discussed

- **Thoroughfare through Existence, Bliss and Revelation:** Without prior communication or notification to the concerned stewards, out of nowhere and seemingly going nowhere, on Friday the 30th of September at 5 pm a JCB was spotted clearing a 2.5 metres thoroughfare through Existence. That evening it was signalled that the CPWD (Central Public Works Department) would be coming back the next day to clear through Bliss. As this so-called cycle path is not part of the Master Plan and is presently a violation of the NGT order, a group of concerned residents and the RA TDC asked for environmental clearance documents which is a standard procedure. The GB TDC nor the CPWD had the proper documents.

- **Revelation Forest:** As Revelation Forest is the next forest that the CPWD/GB ATDC/AVFO want to clear for the proposed cycle track, here's a short summary of this concerned forest and park. Revelation Forest is part of the Mahakali Park Area; it is one of the most beautiful and oldest forests and seed banks of Auroville. Patrick & Arun have extensively worked on mapping and zoning the area. Patrick has put a lot of thought, work and care in creating paths that can be used for the Mahakali park. This environment is home to a plenitude of flora (of which 95% are native) and fauna (deer, eagles, lots of birds, porcupine, wild cats etc) species. As part of the Revelation Forest educational project, various Auroville schools take their children there to attend courses to learn about conservation, afforestation, geology, landscape reading, ecology, nursery care etc. The proposed cycle path not only goes through the forest and live fences but also through Patrick's house (Patrick who has dedicated his whole life to the Dream and donated extensively to buy the lands for Mahakali Park and build infrastructure for educational purposes) and ends inside the Revelation Forest sanctuary which has been preserved and protected since 1978. At this stage of the evolution of the Mahakali Park, it is imprudent to clear live fences, and forest sanctuaries. (A more detailed summary of Revelation will follow.)

- **Uniqueness of our forests:** Our forests are very unique and we remain shocked at all the destruction and environmental damage that is being done to our forests as it seems that bulldozing forests has become a common practice in our spiritual community today. Most of the evergreen trees that are planted under the work tree and other pioneer tree canopies are very unique to this area, as those only grow along a small belt on the Coromandel coast and are perfectly adapted to our environment in terms of being able to withstand cyclones without too much damage. They also have a good diversity which attracts a myriad of other species and are extremely resistant to drought and water surplus and lower the temperature creating a cooler climate for everyone. If you haven't yet, please enjoy the movie *The Ever Slow Green* by Christoph Pohl.

- [Here's the link.](#)

- **Farm and forest budget:** The GB FAMC wrote in the News & Notes # 943 dated October 6th, 2022, that the farms and forests of Auroville are receiving too many maintenances relative to 'development'. The idea to place forestry and farming against development is something that the Forest Group rejects, because well managed forests and green spaces are an integral part of the city that Auroville wants to be. We believe that growing food, planting trees, creating parks, fitness tracks, cycle paths (cleared by hand with love), urban wild spaces, landscaping, creating water catchments, dams for water conservation etc. are all integral parts of development. Instead of redistributing maintenance along false parameters, the FAMC should manage Auroville's assets in such a way that more and higher maintenance can be allotted to hard working Aurovilians, no matter the sector they have chosen to work in. Nobody in the Forest Group is against development and the persistent narrative that greenwork is by its nature anti-development is incorrect and misleading.

- The next forest meeting will be in Revelation on November 4, 2022. Unless it is raining, then it will be at the Aurodam Kitchen.

Submitted by Ancolie

Community News

Auroville Matters

SHOULD NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY

Q: Who or what "shouldn't interfere in any way...?"

A: The Mind

Oho...

Here's The Mother's Agenda, February 19, 1965 for anyone who has a glimpse of this stage of Integral Yoga:

- https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_06/1965-02-19-01_e.htm

Om Namoh Bhagavate

The commentary, for mental understanding:

Conscious evolution means that one can see the inherent Oneness which includes all contradictions. The contradictory agents are all, that means everyone and everything without exception, complementary to The Play.

Remember, there are no separate "others".

We are The Play.

At this stage the seer of the 'Two Who are One' goes beyond limited Mind that has been falsely perceiving its existence as separate from the rest.

The hierarchical play of the many is seen as is, acknowledged and let be, as each archetype needs to sort itself out with its mirror, its contradiction, individual and collective, stage after evolutionary stage. Of course you have to play your particular but transitional role in whatever stage you find yourself in, consciously or otherwise.

As for the conscious, consenting, willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness who are in the more advanced stages of Integral Yoga: "The mind shouldn't interfere in any way..."

Thus the awaking individuals who are in the third poise, somewhere in the middle ground, who observe and let be the play of polarities, act their swabhava and swadharm¹ in progressing equality and continue on with The Triple Transformation².

¹ <https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/19/swabhava-and-swadharm>

² <https://www.saccs.org.in/texts/sriurobindo/-sa-triple-trans.php>

Awakening Spirit

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI

Book 10—The Book of The Double Twilight, Canto 1-4:



Monday, 24 October, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan

Duration: 41min

The Dream Twilight of the Ideal, The Gospel of Death and Vanity of the Ideal, The Debate of Love and Death and The Dream Twilight of the Earthly Real.

The three figures—Savitri, Death and Satyavan—slowly move through the realms of despairing darkness and deepening gloom. Eventually, light oozes through the dark dead mass and golden fire bursts in and burns the heart of the Night. Savitri finds herself in a happy, misty and illuminated world of Dreaming Twilight Ideals filled with exquisite and vague scenes, melodies and elusive forms where nothing remains fixed and where everything has unearthly appeal and sweetness. Satyavan moves before her, and it seems that he is the centre of all this magical charm. Savitri enjoys the happiness of all this but remains in possession of her soul.

Then the voice of Death thunders shattering hope and making the ideal world no longer appear like a morning twilight full of aspiration and promise. He tries to convince Savitri that all ideals are nothing but wishful thinking and bright deliriums of human hope. They can never be realised and love is but a yearning of the body and the burning of the nerves. Savitri resists proclaiming that she will not allow Death's falsehoods to slay her soul:

"Thy falsehoods mingled with sad strains of truth. / But I forbid thy voice to slay my soul. / My love is not a hunger of the heart, / My love is not a craving of the flesh; / It came to me from God, to God returns... / I cherish God the Fire, not God the Dream." (p.612-614) But Death replies that Savitri is a creature of earth and must obey the earthly law.

Savitri again confronts Death rejecting all his misleading and destructive half-truths in a longer Debate of Love and Death: *"O Death, thou speakest truth but truth that slays, / I answer to thee with the Truth that saves..." / (p.621)* She claims that this world of Matter has been made by the One, starting from Nothingness and Night. Souls were born to house God's joy and delight and there is a joy to be despite death and evil circumstances. The work of God on Earth is going on and that there is a sacred destiny for Satyavan and her:

"Our lives are God's messengers beneath the stars... / Tempting God's light to earth for the ignorant race, / His love to fill the hollow in men's hearts, / His bliss to heal the unhappiness of the world. / For I, the woman, am the force of God, / He the Eternal's delegate soul in man... / Our love is the heavenly seal of the Supreme." (p.633)

Nevertheless Death claims once more that Savitri is human and that she has to remain the animal that Nature made her. Defying Death's command, Savitri says: *"Yes, my humanity is a mask of God: / He dwells in me, the mover of my acts, / Turning the great wheel of his cosmic work..."* She insists that Death needs to return Satyavan because Earth cannot flower if she alone returns to her. Such was the dialogue of the great opponents: Love and Death. The three figures move on: Satyavan, Death, and Savitri—in this order.

The scene changes as they move into another symbolic world, into The Dream Twilight of the Earthly Real, which reflects the realities of life on earth. Death's voice again pursues the ignorant march of suffering Time: *"Hope not to call God down into his life. / How shalt thou bring the Everlasting here? / There is no house for him in hurrying Time." (p.644)*

But Savitri clings to her truth: *"If the chamber's door is even a little ajar, / What then can hinder God from stealing in /*

Or who forbid his kiss on the sleeping soul? / Already God is near, the Truth is close... / I am a deputy of the aspiring world, / My spirit's liberty I ask for all." (p. 649) And further: "O Death, if thou couldst touch the Truth supreme / Thou wouldst grow suddenly wise and cease to be." (p.663)

For the last time Death answers to Savitri: *"O human claimant to immortality, / Reveal thy power, lay bare thy spirit's force, / Then will I give back to thee Satyavan. / Or if the Mighty Mother is with thee, / Show me her face that I may worship her..." (p.664)* Savitri does not reply. A mighty transformation comes over her. Eternity looks into the eyes of Death. Then the Voice speaks that seems the stillness' own self: *"I hail thee, almighty and victorious Death, / Thou grandiose Darkness of the Infinite... / Thou art my shadow and my instrument... / Release the soul of the world called Satyavan..." (p. 666)* Unconvinced, Death continues to resist.

Consequently, the Divine Mother's indomitable Force weighs heavily on him: *"Light like a burning tongue licked up his thoughts, / Light was a luminous torture in his heart... / His body was eaten by light, his spirit devoured." (p.667)* Recognising that defeat is inevitable, Death flees from the Divine Mother's dreaded touch of light. And with that the twilight realm vanishes: *"As if deprived of its original cause, / The twilight realm passed fading from their souls, / And Satyavan and Savitri were alone... / All waited on the unknown inscrutable Will." (p.668)*

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 with Huta from 1972 speaking about her work with the Mother. Duration: 5min.

Submitted by Margrit

KABIR

Fifteenth-century Poet-Sage & a Rebel

Singing of Divine Love in the Words and Light of Sri Aurobindo by Sehdev Kumar

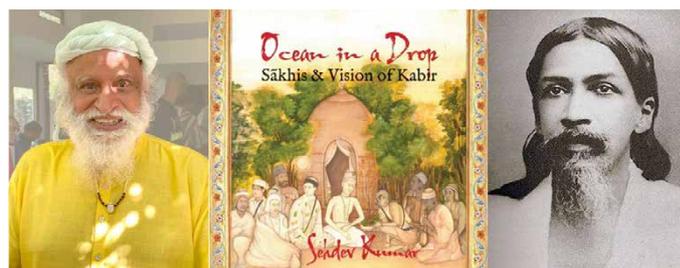


November 3, 2022, Wednesday, 5:15—6:30pm

Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan, Auroville

There is nothing, which is beyond the reach of a God-Lover, 'A Lover of God', or is denied to him. For he is the favourite of the Divine Lover and the Self of the Beloved.

Sri Aurobindo, Mystery of Mysteries



Professor Emeritus Sehdev Kumar is author of The Vision of Kabir and Ocean in a Drop; he has presented his trans-creations of Kabir in English all over the world, most recently in Russia. Currently, in Auroville, with his collaboration, Kabir is being trans-created in 10 European and Asian languages.

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.**

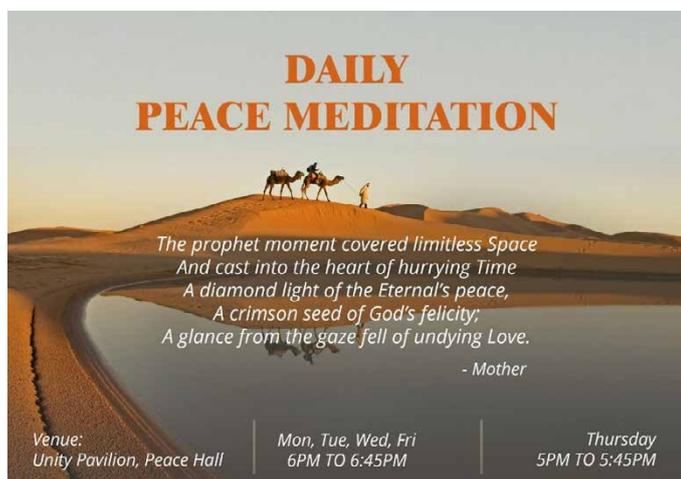
Thank you,
Surya & Velmurugan
(Amphitheater team)

DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

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

Thursday 5 to 5:45pm



Submitted by Arun

For Your Information

EDITORS NOTE



Regretfully we failed to give credit to the Photograph on the Cover of N&N 944 titled 'Way to Auroville', which is Nadia Loury.

This photo appeared in a recent exhibition in Citadines.

Apologies, Roy and Agnijata

TOUR DELAYED

Dear friends and well-wishers! Our group of singers and dancers are supposed to go to Delhi ashram and other venues to perform "Harmonies inspired by Sri Aurobindo poetry". We asked for donations, we did concerts and collected some amount of money, thank you all!

We bought tickets and were ready to go. But unfortunately four days before leaving I (Shakti) got sick with high fever and cough. I can not travel in such conditions, so the tour was canceled. We returned our train tickets and definitely we will lose some money on it.

Just informing all of you who donated for the project that I will use your donation for a later tour or for the recording of the pieces in the studio. Thank you all for your support!

Love, Shakti

THE SPANISH PAVILION

Dear community, the Spanish Pavilion, created in 2007, has recently changed representatives and it is in the process to consolidate itself.



Our aspirations are to share the richness and diversity of Spanish culture with all the Auroville community through cultural events such as lectures, concerts, cinema, gastronomy, dance and artistic exhibitions.

To promote and spread the spirit of fraternity and solidarity amongst spanish and spanish speakers in the community.

We would also like to become a welcome center for Spanish speakers who are coming for the first time to Auroville, helping them to adapt to the auroville life.

"A cultural pavilion will help individuals become aware of the fundamental genius of the nation to which we belong, at the same time bringing them into contact with the ways of life and genius of other nations, so that they can learn to know and respect equally the true spirit of all the countries of the world."

Warm regards, Monica, Rachel and Stella,
Representatives of the Spanish Pavilion

Health Care

MONSOON WITH AYURVEDA AND LOCAL PLANTS



During monsoon, the climate is cold and humid, rains and little sunlight increase drastically the moisture in the air and on the ground leading to a more acidic environment. The body struggles to keep warm and dry, the digestive power is less and all the Doshas get out of balance: VATA gets cold, PITTA ferments, KAPHA retains water. This is the season to look after Vata especially.

- **Effects of the season on the body:** the pH becomes more acidic/sour—stiffness, acidity, bloating, coldness, symptoms of pain and inflammation in the joints are felt
- **Effects on the mind:** positive- time for a rest, will to turn inward for warmth and cosiness; negative- anxiety, dismay, confusion, doubt
- **This is a period for moderation in everything and STIMULATE AGNI!**—digestive fire

In The Food

- Eat warm, cooked in a sauce-pan, easy to digest, light, spicy
- Keep dinner light

- **Proteins:** Mungdal, beans, chickpeas, lentils (all of these cooked with asefetida to prevent bloating), white meat, egg
- **Vegetables:** amaranth, green leaves, carrot, beetroot, cauliflower, bitter-snake-bottleghourd, moringa (drum-stick), chow-chow, radish, pumpkin, lettuce—all should be well washed to avoid contamination
- Sweet taste with old grains—barley, rice, millet, oat, wheat
- **Fruits:** pomegranate, banana, papaya, grape, guava, pear, peanut
- **Spices:** ginger, pepper, turmeric, cumin, clove, asa-foetida, mustard seed, ajwain, cinnamon, fennel seed, fenugreek seed, onion, garlic
- Ghee or sesame/olive/sunflower oil
- **Drinks:** herbal teas, warm or boiled water, with honey or jaggery
- Ayurvedic mix to take after meals: Panchakola, Trikatu, Hingwashtak churna... with honey

All the recommendations of every season are available on Sante’s website: <https://sante.auroville.org.in/additional-resources/>

Enjoy the rain and stay warm and dry

Be @ Sante Clinic

AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.
For Appointment please contact us
Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in
Phone: 0413-2622063 What’s up: 9629199328
Working hours
Monday – Friday (9am – 1 pm & 2pm – 6 pm) Saturday (9am – 1pm)

Avoid

- All food with yeast/baking powder, cheese, yoghurt, curd, lassi, vinegar, wine, beer
- Drinking too much liquid during or straight after meals
- Uncooked vegetables and salads
- Heavy and difficult to digest (fried food, pasta, etc)
- Coffee, chocolate, ice cream
- Carbonated soft drinks

In Activities

- Keep a regular rhythm (in taking meals and going to bed)
- Massage with sesame oil + apply heat (warm shower, steam bath)
- Foot bath with warm salty water
- Wash with warm water (shower or bath)
- Keep the body warm: neck and feet especially
- Soft physical exercise: 30 minutes a day
- Yoga, Pranayama, Meditation-concentration, Qi-Gong...
- Fumigation with eucalyptus, neem, sage
- Nasya (oil drops in the nose) with Anu Tailam at bed-time or in the morning to clear the sinuses
- Time to detox and rebalance the Doshas with Abhyanga (oil massage + steam bath), Shirodhara (warm oil on forehead), Basti (warm oil enema)

Avoid

- Siestas and day naps
- Intense physical sport or work
- Moist and cold air, wind, fan
- Staying humid after being in the rain
- Long hours in front of the computer
- Skipping meals
- Staying awake late at night
- Too many travels

Most of the above aggravate Vata, which is highly sensitive during this season.

Herbs And Medicinal Plants For The Rainy Season

- Moringa—Moringa Oleifera: to balance Vata and Kapha by increasing the digestive power
- Bhunimba (Nilavembu)—Andrographis paniculate: in feverish condition
- Guduchi (Giloy)—Tinospora cordifolia: natural immunoregulator
- Haritaki—Terminalia chebula with a little of rock salt: to balance Vata
- Dashamoolarishtam—for joint pain and inflammation, to balance Vata

AUROKIYA—EYE CHECKUP AND SCREENING PROGRAMS



Aurokiya provides the following services for the community.

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

Contact us

- aurokiya@auroville.org.in
- WA 8012305151, call 8012305151

Thanks, Aurosugan,
Manager Aurokiya

AV Security

AWARENESS OF SEXUAL HARRASMENT.

Friday, 28 October at Solar kitchen



Dear community, the Youth-Link team is preparing to host the next awareness campaign on the topic of sexual harrasment. It’s a difficult topic around the world and in Auroville as well. We feel it’s important for us to bring awareness in our community and educate each other to create a safer environment.

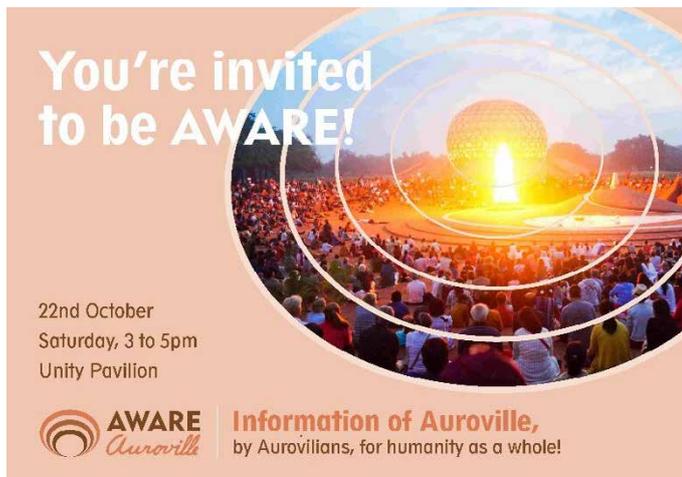
We would like to open a call for all the artists interested in creating illustrations around the theme of sexual harrasment to print and display on the day.

If you are interested, you can send your art to Youthlink@auroville.org.in, preferably one week before the 28th.

Warmly,
Sanata for YouthLink Team

Gatherings

A NEW AWARE BEGINNING
22 October, Saturday, 3—5pm,
Unity Pavilion



22nd October
Saturday, 3 to 5pm
Unity Pavilion



Information of Auroville,
by Aurovillians, for humanity as a whole!

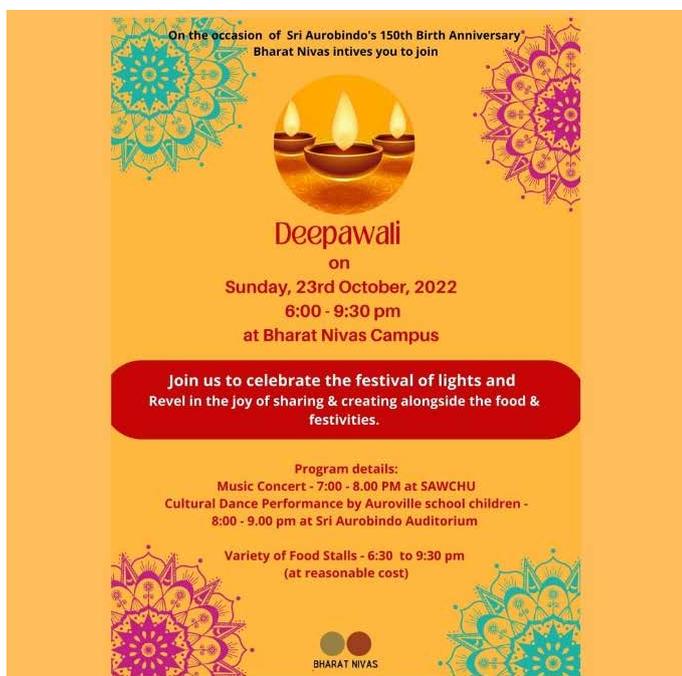
A community gathering to launch AWARE as an independent communication platform To provide unbiased information About Auroville—its ideas, ideals, and the vision.

Lakshey

BHARAT NIVAS: DEEPAWALI

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

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



Program details:

- **Music Concert:** 7—8pm by Deepshika & Group: Rabinra Sangeet & Bhajans 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)

Vani,
BN Cultural Team

The Arts

FREDERIC MARTIN DUCHAMP

in Centre d'Art gallery

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to improvise and interact in an inspired Bharatanyatam photo session with the photos and the camera of Kirtan/ Frederic Martin Duchamp in Centre d'Art gallery.



Centre d'Art
Auroville

- **Date:** Friday, 21 October, 4pm.
- **K. Sarveshan will improvise and interact in an inspired Bharatanyatam photo session** with the photos and the camera of Kirtan/ Frederic Martin Duchamp in Centre d'Art Citadines. Some participants will be present, they will also be part of the photo session experiment.

K. Sarveshan, Recipient of Junior Fellowship Award, 2021

K Sarveshan is a Bharatanatyam artist of South African Indian origin. His artistic path is one that traverses tradition and diversity, creating a niche for himself as a talented gennext dancer. His understanding of Bharatanatyam and movement practice is inspired by exemplary Gurus—Savitri Naidoo and Darshana Rama from Cape Town and The Dhananjayans in Chennai.



Awards:

- The Madras Music Academy "Gutty Vasu Endowment Prize" for being the "Best Performer" at the Spirit of Youth Festival 2017
- Bharata Kalanjali "Natya Purna"
- Bharat Kalachar "Yuva Kalaa Bhaarathi"

Warm regards, Sri, Centre d'Art
+91 413 2622699, centredart@auroville.org.in



In collaboration with A Sunlit Path, we are organizing a trip to the Kochi Biennale. If you are interested in joining the group, please email us with "Kochi Biennale" in the subject line, and you cell phone number in the email.

Warmly, Krishna, aurovillearts@auroville.org.in

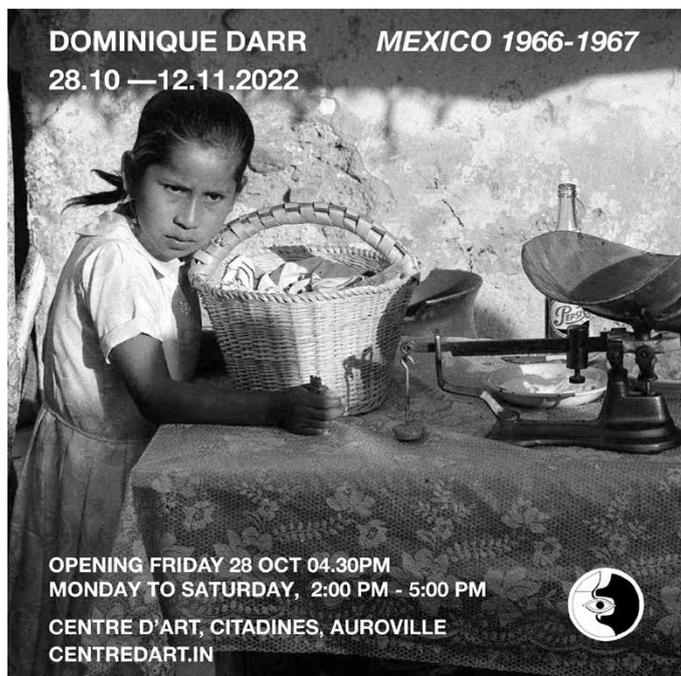
EXHIBITION “ MEXICO 1966-1967

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to an exhibition “ Mexico 1966-1967 ” by Dominique Darr.



Centre d'Art Auroville

- **Exhibition opening:**
Friday, 28 October, at 4:30pm
- **Exhibition Dates:** 28 October—12 November
- **Gallery hours:** Monday to Saturday 2—5pm
Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville.
Please Park at the town hall
- **Free pickup and drop from the visitors Center** on Friday and Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30pm.
- Sunday is closed.



The Fondation Art et Recherche de Dominique Darr (FdD) and the Centre d'Art Auroville are very pleased to present a new exhibition of Dominique Darr's photographs.

We know Dominique's work in Auroville well, but much of his work remains unpublished to this day. At the end of 1966 Dominique traveled to Mexico for several months. She took nearly 8000 black and white and color photographs during this trip. The archive department has just completed the digitalisation of this vast collection. This new selection of black and white images offers an opportunity to appreciate a part of her collection that we hope will become increasingly visible through the evolution and dissemination of the work of the FdD Archives Department.

Dominique's tender gaze was focused on the evolution of Mexican society and the influence of North American culture. Dominique was not content with just visiting famous archaeological sites, she put on Mexico a real reporter photographer's eye and sometimes even an artist documentary eye.

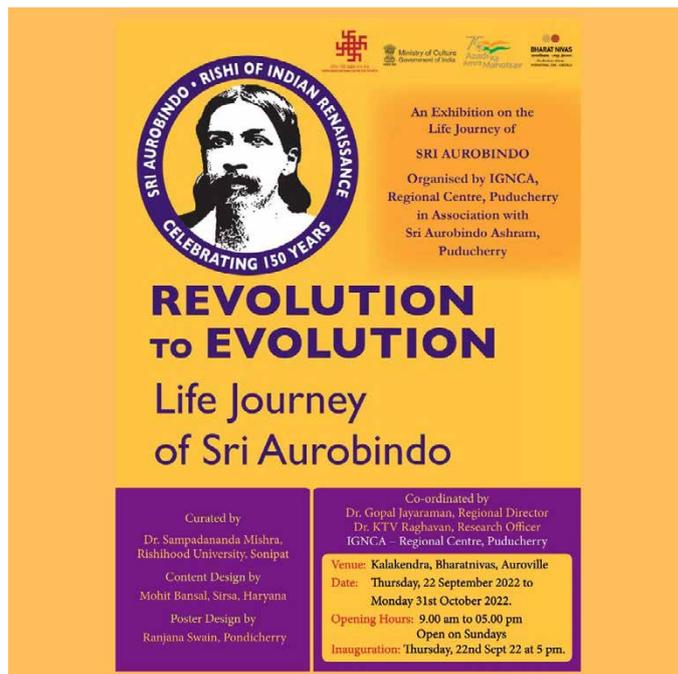
The exhibition Dominique Darr, Mexico 1966-1967 is the result of a collaboration between the Centre d'Art archive department, in collaboration with Francine Finck, member of the Fonds de dotation Art et Recherche and Sébastien Leseigneur, curator invited as part of his voluntary work in Auroville.

Warm Regards, Sri, Centre d'Art
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KALAKENDRA ART GALLERY

Revolution to Evolution

Kalakendra Art Gallery in Bharat Nivas is presently hosting an exhibition on Sri Aurobindo's Life Journey:



- 22 September to 31 October 2022, 9am to 5pm
- Sundays open

Ongoing afternoon watercolor painting sessions

Continue Kalakendra:

- **Tuesday & Thursday, 2:30—4:30pm**

All are welcome

Tapas, for Bharatnivas Cultural Group

Music & Dance

TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday group class

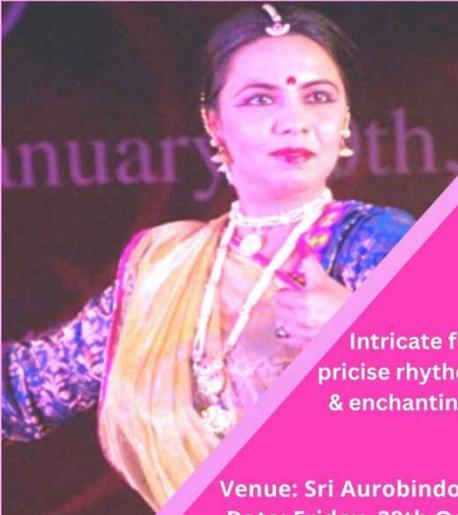
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2 month commitment for a group class. Every month a new batch starts for beginners and intermediate. If they want to learn private class for Tango dance any day by appointment.

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Kathak Dance
by Dyuti Pandya (Ahmedabad)

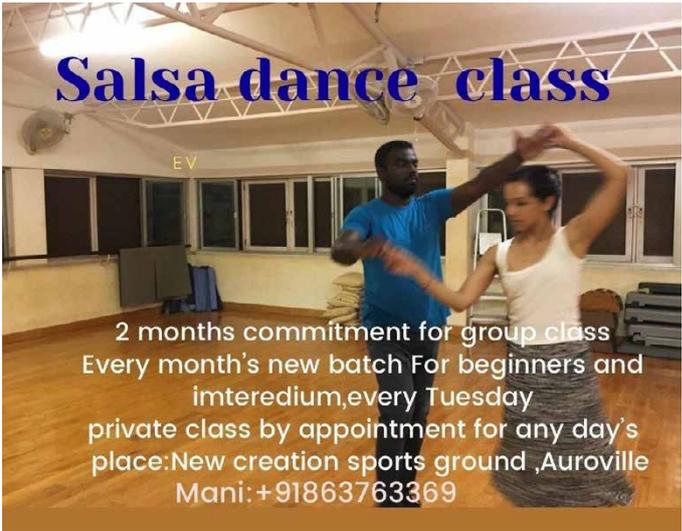


BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास ஸ்ரீ நிஹாரி
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Intricate footworks,
pricise rhythmic patterns
& enchanting pirouettes

Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
Date: Friday, 28th October, 2022
Time : 7 to 8.15 pm

SALSA DANCE CLASS
Every Tuesday group class
New Creation Sports Ground, Auroville



Salsa dance class

2 months commitment for group class
Every month's new batch For beginners and
intermedum, every Tuesday
private class by appointment for any day's
place: New creation sports ground ,Auroville
Mani: +91863763369

2 month commitment for a group class. Every month a new batch starts for beginners and intermediate. If they want to learn private class for Salsa, Bachata and Kizomba Dance any day's by appointment

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

KATHAK Dance Workshop
on Thursday, 27th October, 2022.
Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium
Time: 5.00 to 7.30 pm



Please register your name
before 26th October 2022,
to learn the intricacies of
Kathak Dance with the
artist Dyuti Pandya, from
Ahmadabad/Gujarat.

Contact:
bharatnivas-
auditorium@auroville.org.
in

BHARAT NIVAS
भारत निवास ஸ்ரீ நிஹாரி
The Pavilion of India, Auroville

Kirtan with Matthew Andrews

Matthew is a writer, musician, entrepreneur and yoga teacher. He is also the current President of the Auroville International (AVI), USA.



Date: Saturday - 22nd October, 2022
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Venue: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

All are welcome
Warmly, Samskritam Auroville team
devabhasha@auroville.org.in

KALABHUMI Goes LIVE!
Friday October 21, 7-10 PM



Valerie D'Silva
Singer/Songwriter, Composer, and
Travelling Artist viting Auroville for
the first time.



The Cotton Club
Auroville Jazz Blues band featuring
Matthew, Hubert & Tommaso



Bullfrogs Blues Band
Auroville Rock-Blues band featuring
Rando, Edo Mahatma & AC

VENUE:
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GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

If you would like to contact us:
sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,
WA 8525038274 or call
8122274924.

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

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/Aurovillian 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 (Aurovillian 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

Technical Assistant (full time)

Looking for someone on an urgent basis to assist with technical support. Full training to be provided but prerequisite is fluent written and spoken English and if possible Hindi; a good understanding of computers and if basic electricity and electronics are known it would be a plus. The job would be to provide remote support to our customers and help troubleshoot issues with their data loggers. Maintenance Available.

Communication and Coordination assistant (half time)

Looking for a person that can coordinate and facilitate experiential programs in Auroville and conduct interviews with individuals in presence and on-line (zoom). The candidate should have a very good command of written and spoken English (any additional language is always a plus), as well as a good command of basic computer skills (doc. Exel. google drive); friendly, welcoming, committed and a team player; a person that feels at ease to communicate and interview people. Training will be provided during the probation period which is two months. Half maintenance Available.

Please contact us for more information and if you are interested in any of these work opportunities or if you are looking for something else. You can find us at hr.hubauroville@gmail.com.

Warmly, Sara

Activities

WRITER'S CIRCLE

Center field, Monday 24 October, 5:30pm

Writer's Circle At the Maloka hut in Anitya Community ('Joy of Impermanence' on google maps)



Do you feel compelled to write or would like to? Prose? Poetry? Short stories? All words 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.

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Nikethana Venkatesan

SWIMMING CLASS

Any age kids and Any age adult by appointment.

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

To book contact
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Swimming classes

Mani, +918637633696

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 22
- Time: 2—4pm

Math exploration session for children between 3-7yrs

- against contribution

Please note, we would like to invite parents on 25 October and discuss the course of this activity in near future. There will be no session for children on that day. Our activity will resume on 1 November

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". We request parents to share this information among your circle as this activity is fun when played with friends.

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

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

Snehal, For IPK

AUROGAMES SESSION AT HUMASCAPE

Sessions with Aurogames help develop concentration and memory. Open to all ages from 6 year old on. The sessions take place in small groups, for a better stimulation of the children. For individual sessions, it is best to make an appointment.



- Sessions take place at **Humanscape**, the community building
 - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4—5pm
- Limited places, please reserve and confirm your venue.
- Possibility of private session on appointment only.
 - Contribution asked

Geetha 7094688421, Veronique 9488512678

Looking For

Needs a Meditation Space

Dear All, I am looking for a space to teach mindfulness meditation. It needs a room and quiet for a half hour daily in the evening or morning. I want to do it for free for everyone over age 16. I have a certificate as a Meditation teacher from UK Open college.

Ivana, ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk,
+91 7094344154

Looking for a Second Hand Bicycle



Hi, I am looking for a good quality second hand bicycle.

Chintan
9825999579

Auroville Dogshelter is Looking For

Monsoon is upon us and we want to be prepared! Please drop your

- waste clothes,
- old fabric,
- cardboard boxes or newspaper

at the Dogshelter to keep our lovely residents dry and warm during the rains.

Thanks a lot! The IACC team.

Contact Sofie +91 7598994820 (Telegram)



Looking for a Temporary House

We are Khaya and SongWan, a family of 4 and are looking for a temporary house to sit for one month from mid-December 2022 till mid-January 2023.



We love all life forms and enjoy taking care of pets and indoor plants, along with gardening. We are looking forward to hearing from stewards who intend to leave from December till January. If there's only 1 room available, it's fine, we don't mind splitting into 2:2.

- Please be free to contact us: Khaya and Songwan, 8122274985

Best regards, Song-Wan Park (박성완)

Mobile in Auroville: +91 81 2227 4986

Looking for House Sitting



Dear Community, I am a long term volunteer at Auroville, working with Eco Femme. I have also volunteered with Pour Tous and Purnam previously.

I am looking for a house sitting for the months of November & December 2022 (happy to take for a longer term also). I like to keep my living space clean and organized and can take good care of the house.

Please contact me in case of any house sitting requirement: Namita, 70444031423

Thanks and Regards,
Namita B

Available

Deep Freezer Available

Deep Freezer, Western company, 500L in very good condition, for sale. For details call Liron, 9488903643. Liron

Coconut mattresses

Coconut mattresses 1.80 x 0.90cm available. Thickness 1", perfect for massages on the floor.

Contact: samata.meinhardt@gmail.com.

Samata

Help Needed

NEW COLORS EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Dear All, New Colors is an educational center located in Edayanchavady village. We have been working from 2002 onwards. It helps the children from 5 different schools to progress in their academic and non-academic skills.



At present, we are building a library to honor "The Jared Scott Miller" who passed away at the age of 34 in America. He studied Tamil literature. The library will serve the bio-region. The construction of the library started from June, 2022 onwards. At present the building has a roof. We need support to finish building the library. Your generous donation can be deposited in Financial Service, New Colors **account number 251908**

If you want to visit the place, please let us know.

- For further information: call or WA 9585513279
- Email newcolors2002@gmail.com

*Thanking you in advance,
Nikadass for New Colors*

URBAN DESIGN STUDENT FROM AUROVILLE

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

In this update, I would like to share that **my tickets have been booked! My study abroad semester will happen in Milan, Italy, from February 2023 onwards.** Slowly this dream is becoming a reality and I am so grateful to receive support from our community.

If you can help me get in touch with any friends or family in Milan, it would be of great help! Please write to me.

I also want to share that I have raised **72% of my fundraising goal!** 46% was donated from inside Auroville via the financial service account and the remaining was donated from friends and well wishers all around the world via the Ketto crowdfunding page. Your support has been absolutely amazing.

I request you to please share the link of my online crowdfunding page through which well-wishers can contribute anonymously and in their preferred currency. Every share can help me reach my goal! <https://www.ketto.org/fundraiser/exchange-program-bhavya-trivedi>

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

I am very close to reaching the fundraising goal and I am confident that it will happen. Thank you for your time and your generosity.

PS: If you would like to read an article I wrote for Auroville Today about my journey and motivations towards urban studies, please write to me and I can share a soft copy of the article with you!

Bhavya

Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, Saturday, October 29, 1pm



Leaving for Chennai Airport on Saturday, October 29, at 1pm from Auromodel area

Contact Kris: tojakris@gmail.com

+917418434545, +33605726510 WA

Foods, Goods and Services

RESOURCE

Offer my 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 WA)
- **Email:** surajkiranv@gmail.com
- **Location:** Auroville

*Regards,
Surajkiran*

BREAKFAST IN AIKYAMI

(Kuilapalayam main road)

Dear Community, we are happy to announce that we are serving from **7—10:30am for Breakfast** and **12—9pm for Lunch and Dinner** at Aikyami by Nowana on the Kuilapalayam road every day apart from Mondays.

- The breakfast will be served with South Indian dishes: Idly, Dosai, Vadai, Omelet, Fruits Salad and American Breakfast with French Press Coffee, Seasonal Juices, Chai.
- We are also serving our home delivery option due to the rainy weather with a flat rate of 50 rs per drop. All soup items will not be available for takeaway or delivery.

Our contact numbers are

- **Nowana Auromodele:** 9487006490 WA or 0413 2965490
- **Aikyami Kuilapalayam:** 0413 2910702

Thank you for all your support!

*Warm regards,
Gumsoon for Nowana Team*

LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA—TRAVEL SHOP

Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant can only be contacted directly for discussing Travel itineraries, issuing, rescheduling etc. for all kind of ticketing by phone or/ and by WA: +91 9894598686 by e-mail: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com



Latest Flight offers from Chennai

- **Qatar airways** has competitive fares to Milan, Stockholm, Vienna from October.
- **Etiihad airways** offers flights to London, Rome, Milan, Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam and New York from October month.
- **Gulf airways** has good fares to Paris, Frankfurt and Milan.

Before making a flight booking please inform yourself of all compulsory Covid requirements.

Do not forget to comply with the required COVID documentation while returning back to India. Kindly fill out India arrival Aisruvidha online form, vaccine certificate or RT PCR negative test required.

Joster

VISITOR CENTER CLOSED FOR DIWALI



The entire Visitors Centre will be closed on Diwali day, Monday, 24 October.

Thanking you for your understanding

Nicole for Auroville Visitors Centre

LA TERRACE IS CLOSED ON DIWALI



La Terrace is closed on Diwali, Monday, 24 October, 2022.

We wish everyone a happy Diwali

Angelikafor La Terrace

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!

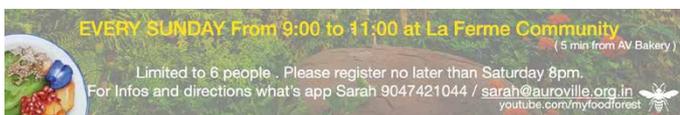
The Eco Femme Team'

Bioregion



I welcome you to a tour through my permaculture garden! We will take a look at local food and you will get an idea on how to start growing your own food and the importance of where your food comes from. This tour includes a mini-Raw Food-workshop where we will prepare a seasonal snack with the gifts collected from the garden.

- Every Sunday from 9—11pm at La Ferme Community (5 min from Av Bakery)
- Limited to 6 people. Please register no later than Saturday 8pm.
- For infos and directions WA Sarah, 9047421044



Sarah Kundig

ACTIVITIES

Bio-region Temple Tour

- Every Sunday 9 to 12 noon Starting from Solar kitchen

Indian cooking class

- Every Friday and Saturday 5pm at Creativity.

Thai Massage

- Every Tuesday and Thursday 5 pm at Creativity.
 - If you want to Participate, please book it in advance.
 - **Contact number** cell and WA: 8098845200 and 9487272393
 - E-mail: rupavathijoy@gmail.com* **Rupavathi Joy**

THAMIZHUKKUM AMUDHENDRU PER

Tamizh language is also called Amruth
"Discussion on the depth of Tamil culture"
With Raman, Senior Aurovillian

Invitation for a sharing

A discussion to create awareness and interaction about Tamil culture and its long standing heritage. A journey of orientation about the depth of Tamizh language and its history including literature, culture, lifestyle, food, and festivals



- **Presenter:** Raman, senior Aurovillian
- **Location:** Mohanam, a hub for bioregion art, craft and culture
- **Date:** 22 October
- **Lunch:** Traditional steamed food—home cooked (Pre-booking necessary—minimum contribution)
- **Time:**
 - 12 to 1pm: Lunch
 - 1 to 2pm: Discussion

Contact us,

- 8300949079 / 0413 2190757
- mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Thanks & regards, Sahiti for Mohanam team

AV Radio

AUROVILLE RADIO



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

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

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- [Soul Tracks—Se4 Ep15 "The American Soul 4; the 1970s \(just\)"](#) (Music)
- [Audible Weed Walk—Ep.95 "World Food Day: Leave NO ONE behind"](#) (Food Education)
- [Kadhai Ketpoma-Ep.4 \(Surge On Like a River\)](#) (Literature)
 "நீ நதி போல ஓடிக்கொண்டிரு " "
- [Tamil Express—Lesson 28](#) (Tamil Language)

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

Peace and Love

Regards, Stefano

Auroville Poetry

THE CHILDREN

The children
Dressed differently
In skins and skirts
Walk across fields of play
Hand in hand.

A seamless view.

With Joy and Gratitude, Anandi Zhang

STUFF YOURSELF IN A BOX

The Source of existence
 The Source of consciousness
 The Source of bliss:
 All Its distortions
 And graded contradictions
 Its limitless distinctions
 And infinite possibilities
 Are here.
 Even if you stuff yourself in a box
 It's still there.
 And This is the object of Surrender.
 Zech. 2022.10.16

Voices and Notes

INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MATERIALS

Excerpt from the 1972 video for the French television, recently screened again:

“Q: Have you done like the Brazilians in Brazilia? You built a city that you wanted people to inhabit?”

Roger: Not at all. I think it is at the base of the principle of Auroville. If the people who come for this profession of faith are not able to build their own environment it would mean that Auroville is a failure. It is essential that it is being built at the level of individual experience. One could say that the Auroville concept is the opposite of contemporary urbanism. In our urbanistic conception, one makes a city on paper. The conception is as intelligent as it can be and then one asks people to come and live there. Here the process is inverted: people live the experience and it is from this experience that the environment is created.”

This is Roger, who wished for a well-educated community capable of making decisions on its own; for this purpose he wished that I dropped all other research to concentrate on documentation and exhibitions on contemporary architecture, which he deeply enjoyed.

Auroville, “the town of the future”? Let’s start building with forms and materials that substantiate the claim. It’s easy to keep updated, information is freely available in the internet, even from prestigious architectural magazines daily reaching, on request, one’s mailbox; in my case, the subscription is free, *ArchDaily* and *Dezeen*. One example:

- **10 Start-ups Creating Innovative and Sustainable Building Materials, from Mycelium Bricks to Water Purifying Tiles:** [Please read here](#)

Among the ingenious 10 presented, remarkable is India’s contribution:

- **“Bio-Integrated Wall Tiles to Treat Polluted Water/ Indus**

Indus is a bio-integrated wall designed to help developing communities in India treat polluted water. The wall is a living skin made of tiles layered with microalgae that treat contaminated water as it trickles on its surface. Each tile has a biomimetic pattern inspired by the veins of a leaf, a design adapted to direct water where it is needed most. The tiles can be created on-site using regional materials like clay and laterite. To obtain the pattern, researchers developed 3D-printed molds to be distributed to the communities. Each mold is tailored by the design team, researchers at the Bio-Integrated Design Lab at the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, to suit the type of pollutants identified on site.”



[Related article:](#) “The Future of Architecture: Imagining a World Where Buildings are Constructed from Living Materials”

Forward! Let’s manifest Auroville as a true place of unending research: Matter is Consciousness.

Thanks, Paulette

REGARDING UTSAV 1A VIOLATIONS:

In the last newsandnotes, ATDC has published a note about violations by UTSAV 1A team.

We the undersigned would like to clarify the following in order to avoid rumors and bring clarity:

UTSAV 1A + 1B received its final building application approval and site approval respectively in August 2020 after 3 years of process where each aspect of the building was carefully scrutinized by the neighbors, ATDC, FAMC and Building Application team.

It is one of the few projects that have been started in the Industrial zone in recent years and aims to help bring some economic activity and life to the area.

One of the unique criteria of this building was that it is completely self-financed by Aurovilians (no government grant and no big single donor). Ref AV Today, Nov 2019 article. The design has been kept deliberately very flexible to accommodate the different needs of the units (from small start-ups to larger offices) and residences (from studio apartments to two-bedroom family units), since we didn’t know beforehand who would like to book for what kind of activity or apartment.

All this was explained in detail to the ATDC during the building application approval process. Therefore, we don’t see it as a violation if we changed some areas to accommodate some specific needs of units / residences. It was planned to be flexible.

It is a mixed use building with road facing ground floor and first floor having only offices and units with second floor being reserved for volunteer accommodation and residences. We are still maintaining **65% for the office/unit area and 35% for residential area.**

Unfortunately, one of the drawings sent to the ATDC before a couple of months showed one first-floor office area as residence (a drafting error) and that has led to some confusion.

We have tried to follow all the rules and regulations of our ever changing, bureaucratic set up and even submitted monthly Work Progress Reports with photographic records, labour and materials break up to the Implementation, Monitoring and Coordination group (IMC) arm of ATDC. They were welcome to visit the site anytime and inspect.

However we have received no feedback or violation notice from them till July 2022. Since then we have had several email exchanges with them and have responded to all their requests to provide the latest, updated plans and sections.

It is true that the fire engine access on the rear side, which was shown as connecting to the next phase of UTSAV has been changed by adding a open-to-sky courtyard (not a new block as mentioned in the newsandnotes) in order to accommodate a ground floor residence of a single mother with an autistic child (because no other community was ready to accept her and because no offices / units wanted to be on the rear side of the project).

This has in no way violated any fire safety laws for the industrial zone (in fact we have scanned and found no mention of fire safety Regulations either in the Master Plan perspective 2025 or in the Building application Forms for the industrial zone, so we don’t understand which laws/guidelines we have violated), because the fire engine access to the whole building is very much possible through the large internal courtyard and from the roadside.

In Fact we have gone out of our way to include the fire engine access when we know that many new buildings in Auroville do not consider the same. UTSAV 1B can have its own fire engine access which is not a problem at all because there will be enough space between the phase 1A and 1B for that.

Mona (Studio Naqshbandi),
 Roberta (Auromics),
 Baskar (Nalla Builders)
 for UTSAV 1A team

STICK TO YOUR MANDATE OF 'DEVELOPMENT',

Dear ATDC, at the cost of repeating myself, I'm attempting to lay additional importance on the quick completion of the DDPs. I am sure, you'll all also agree with me, on this part. But, the devil is in the details.

Detailed

ATDC and AF initiated the Dreamweaving process last year, to collate the ideas and flush the details of the Master Plan. After the eventful December activities, the Pied Piper Trio (PPT) hijacked the process for RADical ends. However, still, the participation was widespread and from across the divide (to some extent) and the ideas harvested are worth considering and integrating. Moreover, DoshiJi's Vastu Shilp Foundation was also closely involved to ensure the completion of the DDPs and this entire saga has garnered wide attention and expectation of this process.

A sudden shift away from the above would only add to further cognizance woes, of the bulk of our community. If you deviate from the previous process, even if it is better, best of the best, even if it's Roger Anger himself doing the new DDPs, the community is bound to react.

Development

The PPT's plan already has got some buy-in. Please build on it. If you develop a new DDP without proper acceptance and involvement of the residents, the RADicals may feel alienated from the entire process and feel the need to prolong the protest. Moreover, their narrative of authoritarian control, top-down implementation, tightening of the Central Government's grip, etc. may only get more currency. On top of it, the entity that you're working closely with—CPWD—also has 'Central' in its name itself. I know it's not such a smart argument, but then, in case you didn't notice, we're not a rational bunch either.

Stick to your mandate of 'development', doesn't matter who mooted or made it, use it. The RADical greenies have finally grounded their fancy and fuzzy ambitions and finally agreed to the 'City'. Integrate it, for 'Mother's' sake.

Plans

After all, no one is saying that the PPT's plan is the final one and that it has to be consumed in full, mandatorily. ATDC now has a fleet of technicians and consultants, and you shall come up with some plans too. There are a multitude of studies and plans which were conducted by ATDC in the last 25 years, they may have to be brought to the table too. Finally, DoshiJi's VSF might have technical inputs and ideas of their own too. Let all these development details be on the table, before you debate, discuss, and deliberate to finalise our FINAL DDP.

You are intelligent enough to comprehend that the outcome is the most important part, and if the process is turbulent and strife-ridden, it may take far more energy to peacefully manifest the plan.

Let me remind you, that the Master Plan itself is a lingering matter of contention in our community. The simple fact that 1999's RA-approved plan is different from the 2010 Gol-gazetted plan, the radicals have been continuously creating troubles all this while, before building anything, confidently. Also, remember, you as ATDC members may not remain there forever, and you don't want the next bunch to undermine the DDPs developed after such difficulties.

I appeal to ATDC to give the DDP assignment to VSF, instead of CPWD. If required, use community funds instead of government funds. By some alignment of stars, the VSF is rightly placed. The conservatives trust DoshiJi, VSF's Rajeev was part of the Dreamweaving process, and the Secretary has a Gujarat connection with the VS Foundation. Get the DDPs done before the Auroville Anniversary, and move on.

Dear Dreamweavers,

For goodness sake, give your plans to the ATDC. To comfort your ego, give it to both ATDCs. In case you didn't notice, I was joking about the full form of DDPs.

Love, Lakshay

PS: Dear VSF, I did my part of the commitment. Now, it's your turn to transfer my 15% commission to my account. Thanks in advance.

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

ARUNACHALA SOUND HEALING TEMPLE

Born of Consciousness

Arunachala Sound Healing Temple a dream come forth out of tradition and devotion to and blessings of the Divine to serve the community of humanity. Focused on connecting travelers with their inner being and spiritual consciousness to attain peace and calm of the soul. We will be providing Sound Healing and Meditation or Vibrational Medicine services which are aimed at balancing out one's vibrational imbalances using sound therapy, while at the same time growing in meditation. Most people find it difficult to begin meditation/yoga practices due to bodily aches and pains, chronic illnesses and diseases. Sound Therapy is employed to ease these people of their chronic pains and diseases. It also aids in stilling the mind leading one to a meditative state.



The essence of sound for spiritual growth and all-round wellbeing is ancient. In India, the NaathYogis were the pioneers in knowing and using the therapeutic benefits of sound, light and vibrations. As per the Siddha philosophy unique to Tamil Nādu, the therapists are not ordinary beings but are vaidyas, meaning one who is an evolved soul. They recognized the fact that through the medium of sound, even the intention, mood and positivity of the therapist is transferred to the recipient.

Mentored by Mr. Raja Narayanaswamy of Celebration Community and Angamtree Wellness Hut.

Regards, Surajkiran, Pre-Newcomer

SHIATSU BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP



Shiatsu, Study of Shiatsu is a beautiful and often life-changing way to learn about our own bodies, their functioning and energies—flowing also in the 12 meridians originating in Traditional Chinese Medicine. This knowledge helps pave the road to health and wellbeing while opening the door to a deep understanding of what it means to be touched and to touch.

Historically Japanese, the roots of Shiatsu can be traced to something deep inside each and everyone of us which stands for a complete harmony with life as well as for an awareness of our inborn power and the Human Potential.

This Shiatsu Workshop offers you experiences in conscious Perception, inner Sensing and guided Touch in connection with the 12 classical meridians, which we will dive into, exploring them in their meaning and of course in the basic positions they are contacted in.

On completion of this 3 x 2 days seminar, (the first two days can be attended separately) you will be equipped with the knowledge for a simple Shiatsu Massage Setting among friends and family.

This seminar, which we feel honored to share at Budokan, can be your first step in a three years training in Shiatsu Therapy.

We are looking forward to hear questions, wishes, aspirations from you prior to the Workshop, timings of which will be announced shortly.

Please contact Ulrike Urvasi at mothersworkforthemother-work@gmail.com

Ulrike Urvasi



ARKA

WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, September 2022

Classes

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

Treatments

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

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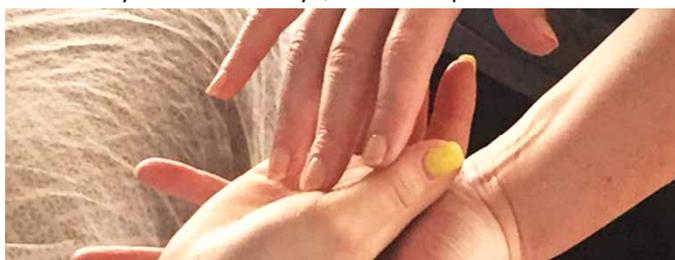
0413 2622403/ WA 9443902403, info@pitanga.in**Feldenkrais Classes with Shari**

Shari resumes her classes on

- Friday, 21 October, 5:15—6:45pm

Professional Training:**Advanced Massage and Bodywork with Shari**

- Weekly twice, for 8 weeks (48 hrs)
- November 2 to December 28, 2022
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 10am—1pm



We will be working on all levels of therapeutic massage and bodywork including anatomy, the body/mind/spirit as the vehicle for doing bodywork, intimacy and moving deeply into the essence of healing. This will include deep listening, integration, and loving/compassionate touch.

We will explore techniques for treatment of specific conditions including the most often requested work on neck, shoulders, upper back, thoracic and lower back conditions, and contraindications.

This is the first in a series of 4 eight-week courses with the intention of going deeply into what it means to be a successful professional in this field.

- Contribution requested.
- Certificate of Completion will be offered.
- The class size is limited to 8 students.

For registration, please contact Shari:

+91 95008 22629

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

Submitted by Andrea, on behalf of Pitanga

HOLISTIC HEALTH CARE

Kinesiology uses muscle testing as a biofeedback tool to interrogate the body's memories and find the best way to balance it, and this in a holistic way.

- **Kinesiology Sessions By Ricardo by appointment only in New creation.**

*Ricardo,
Phone 7598309202,
WA +33 686928426*

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR ADULTS WITH TERRA

- **On Saturdays from 3 to 4:30pm at New Creation Dance Studio**

This class is aiming to help students improve their body awareness by developing flexibility, strength and balance. Not suitable for complete beginners.

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Terra**



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Registration required for the following intensives
Therapies- by Appointment Only

Abhyanga massage

With Umberto at Vérité. Abhyanga massage is an ancient Indian Ayurvedic oil technique for healing and detoxifying the body, mind and spirit. The Abhyanga works in a synchronized manner to restore the flow of life energy in the body. This Ayurvedic massage detox and stress reduction therapy is performed with coconut or sesame oils, which help to nourish your nervous system, relax the muscles, and maintain the flexibility of your joints. The session ends with a face massage and rest.

- By appointment: +91 413 2622 606, +91 7867805812 WA, treatments@verite.in

Lomi Lomi massage

With Umberto at Vérité. Lomi Lomi is a Hawaiian massage and includes long, fluid, rhythmic strokes over the whole body using the hands as an instrument of the heart. Energetic, emotional and muscular blockages are released allowing circulation, oxygen, life and spirit to flow through body and mind.

While the whole body is accepted unconditionally, the muscles and connective tissue are stretched, stiff joints are loosened, circulation improves, skin glows, and internal organs are gently manipulated into their correct relationships. The therapist works with deep breathing and a heart-centered focus, giving balance, energy flow, and a heart-opening peace to the client.

- By appointment: +91 413 2622 606, +91 7867805812 WA, treatments@verite.in

Cancelled Class: Ecstatic Dance

Conscious Movement, with Tahir at Vérité

- Wednesday 5 to 6:30pm

Many thanks, Joshy

HEARTFULL® MEDITATION WITH AVANTIKA

Tuesdays, 9:30—10:30am at Arka, by donation

- Connect to the Light in our own Heart Center (Heart Chakra)
- Surrender mind energy to Heart chakra to transform mental aspect of human existence
- Surrender pelvic energy to Heart chakra to transform vital aspect of human existence

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?"

Sri Aurobindo says, "Blows fall on all people. It's not because there's anything wrong with you but because you are full of desires. To turn to the divine is the only truth in life."

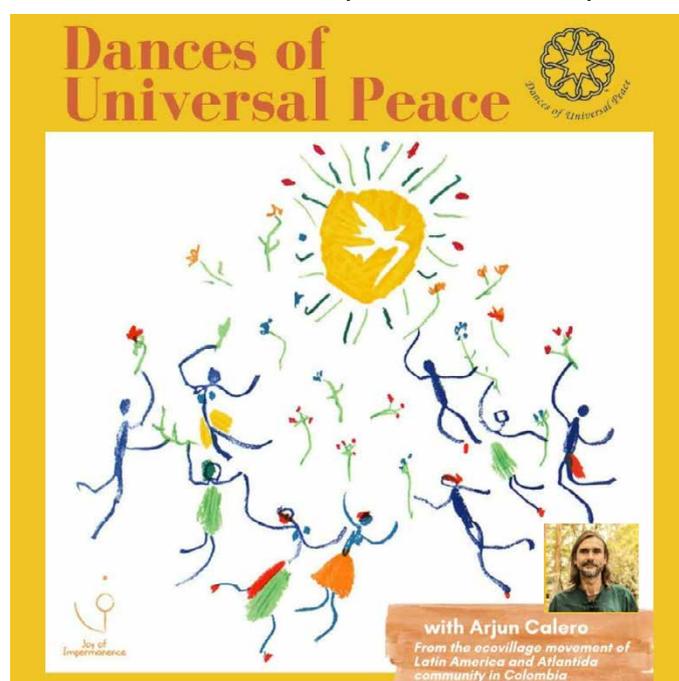
Heartfull® Meditation techniques are a proven pathway to systematically turn to the divine.

Please contact Avantika at 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

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

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



The Joi-Anitya team invites you to discover the Dances of Universal Peace with senior mentor Arjun Calero who has been practicing them for 18 years. Dances of Universal Peace blend chant, music and movement into a living experience of unity, peace and integration. They are seen as a spiritual practice in motion.

Arjun has the support of the Global Ecovillage Network to share his practice all over the world. It will be his first time in Auroville!

- 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

Please book in advance: joianitya@gmail.com

Thank you!

Mathilde and Andrés,
on behalf of the Joy of Impermanence team
Andrés, Ion, Mathilde,
Nikethana, Mira & Serena

THOoya TAMIL CLASS



Thooya Tamil

Beginner
With Sandeep

It is a verbal class where you are introduced to the basics of Thooya Tamil as well as some history of the language and culture.

At Youth Center
Nov 01- Nov 15
5:30 to 7:00 PM

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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 Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00am to 10:30am. From 31 October to 2 February comprising 36 hours of teaching. Register soon! Limited spaces.

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 practically-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 & timings will be announced shortly.

New: English Conversation with Ramesh

Ramesh's classes are ideal for pre-intermediate and intermediate level English speakers. The course aims to equip students with day-to-day conversation skills in practical situations, improved vocabulary and pronunciation, idiomatic expressions, building listening comprehension, fluency and confidence in speech. Ramesh will also touch upon basic grammatical concepts.

- The course will start November 1. The days & timings will be announced shortly. Get in touch with us to reserve your spot!

Join our upcoming Thooya Tamil class for beginners happening at the Youth Center!

Taking place from 1 to 15 November & taught by Sandeep, Thooya Tamil is an integral part of Indian Culture and Dialect.

Thooya Tamil meaning 'Pure Tamil' is the officially recognized form of Tamil and is used from news stations and books to simple conversations.

- **Class starts at 5:30pm until 7pm.**
No class on Saturday and Sunday.

To register email us at youthlink@auroville.org.in or come to our office in Town hall between 9:30am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm to sign up.

Aurore from Youthlink team

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 were fully booked for Tomatis programs for the month of October.

We will be open for new bookings from next week!

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-sBMLyy-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

ALFRED TOMATIS METHOD

Balance and Coordination
Meninger's Syndrome
Vertigo

Learning Disorders Reading & Writing Issues Dyslexia

Autism
Hyperactivity
Developmental & Language delays

Creativity and Release of Potential
Children Teenagers Adults & Seniors

Attention
Concentration
Memory

Certain kinds of Hearing Loss

Lethargy
Depression

Focus & Sense of Direction in Life

LEARN LANGUAGES EASIER

Voice Clarity
Singing

Lack of Sleep
Anxiety
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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!

Spanish with Mila

- Mila's courses are now closed to new registrations.

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.

- The new batch will start in November. Classes will take place in the mornings, twice weekly. Further details to be announced shortly.

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

To join or enquire

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

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

Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English Always Ongoing	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am—11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Total Beginners	TBA	TBA
	English Conversation To Start 1 November	TBA	TBA
French	Beginner To start 5 November 2022	02:30pm—04:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation 1 To start 3 November	02:00pm—03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation 2 To start 3 November	03:30pm—04:30pm	
German	A1 Beginner, To start 3 November 2022	09:00am—10:30am	Monday & Wednesday
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 November 2022	TBA	TBA
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner: Group 1 Started 3 October	02:30pm—03:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Beginner: Group 2 Started 3 October	03:45pm—04:45pm	
Japanese	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday—Friday:

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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

Email: info@aurovillelanguage.org

Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab
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Cinema

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 28 October

A dream of trees + Making the Connection

2019 / 60 minutes / Sara;



This film tells the story of the ecological restoration of degraded tropical rainforests in the Anamalai Hills of the Western Ghats, India. Tropical rainforests are complex ecosystems, home to numerous plants and animals that are intricately connected to each other. This film follows the work of two scientists of the Nature Conservation Foundation, Divya Mudappa and TR Shankar Raman, as they work with their team to restore degraded patches of rainforest in the Anamalai Hills in partnership with tea and coffee plantation companies since 2001.

Warmly, Shek



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 24 October 2022 to 30 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 24 October, 8:00 pm:
RAM SING CHARLIE

India, 2020, Dir. Nitin Kakkar w/Kumud Mishra, Diya Dutta, Salma Raza, and others, Drama, 104mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Ram Singh used to play Charlie's role in a circus. But the owners of the circus shut down the circus, now Ram Singh has nothing left to live on in life, he starts to run Rickshaw for livelihood. One day his wife advises him that he should start the circus again. Accepting her advice, he tries to start a circus again. Suddenly something happens, that his dream remained as dream. What happened that Charlie could not fulfill his dream? Find out!

Italian (Special)—Tuesday 25 October, 8:00 pm:
CARAVAGGIO: THE SOUL AND THE BLOOD

Italy, 2018, Dir. Jesus Garces Lambert, w/Manuel Agnelli, Emanuele Marigliano, Documentary-Biography, 90 mins, Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

An exciting and unsettling cinematic journey through the life, work and torments of Caravaggio. Light and shadow, contrasts and contradictions, genius and intemperance distinguish his existence and his art. Thanks to the Italian Cultural Centre in Delhi and the Italian Pavilion the director will be present to introduce and Q&A at the end.

Interesting—Wednesday 26 October, 8:00 pm:
PENNADI (My mirror is the door)

India, 2020, Dir. Leena Manimekalai, Documentary-Bal-lad, 52mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The anthologies and poems of the Sangam age are the most ancient and distinguished body of secular poetry extant in India, with strong presence of women poets. The Filmmaker enters the cavern of her own mind and finds there not only of her own power but that of her foremothers. The body of her precursors' art, and thus the body of her own art, lies in pieces around her, dismembered, disremembered, disintegrated. The Filmmaker becomes a part of it, joins it, and integrates it in order to achieve her own integrity, her own selfhood. This acclaimed film has been shared with us by the director. A film to watch!

Selection—Thursday 27 October, 8:00 pm:
FA YEUNG NIN WAH (In the mood for love)

Hong Kong, 2000, Dir. Kar-Wai Wong w/ Tony Chiu-Wai Leung, Maggie Cheung, Siu Ping-Lam, and others, Romance-Drama, 98 mins, Cantonese-Shanghainese-French w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

In this understated romance, journalist Chow moves into a new apartment in 1962 Hong Kong. With his spouse often away on business, he soon makes the acquaintance of the alluring Su, whose own significant other is also preoccupied with work. As the two friends realize their partners are cheating on them, they begin to fall for one another; but they refuse to stoop to the level of their unfaithful spouses.

International—Saturday, 29 October, 8:00 pm:
THE CURSE OF BRIDGE HOLLOW

USA, 2022, Dir. Jeff Wadlow w/ Marlon Wayans, Priah Ferguson, Kelly Rowland, and others, Comedy-Horror, 89mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

A teenage girl, who accidentally releases an ancient and mischievous spirit on Halloween which causes decorations to come alive and wreak havoc, must team up with the last person she'd want to in order to save their town—her father. On the 23rd, before the Deepavali we have Narak/Bhoot (Ghost) Chaturdashi, the following week is Halloween. Celebrating the time we have this unique genre, a Comedy-horror!

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 30 October, 4:30 pm:
ALICE IN WONDERLAND

USA, 2010, Dir. Tim Burton w/ Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, and others, Fantasy-Adventure, 108 mins, English, Rated: PG

A young girl when she first visited magical Underland, Alice is now a teenager with no memory of the place except in her dreams. When she spots a certain white rabbit at a garden party and tumbles down a hole, she returns to the magical world of the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the Red Queen.

Howard Hawks Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 30 October, 8:00 pm:
TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT

USA, 1944, Dir. Howard Hawks w/ Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, and others, Comedy—Adventure, 100 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G.

In Vichy France, fishing boat captain Harry avoids getting involved in politics, refusing to smuggle French Resistance fighters into Martinique. But when a Resistance client is shot before he can pay, Harry agrees to help hotel owner Gerard smuggle two fighters to the island. Harry is further swayed by Slim, a wandering American girl, and when the police take his friend Eddie hostage, he is forced to fight for the Resistance.

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. 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, Thanks
 Nina for MMC-CP
 MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in



**Presents at Multi Media Centre Auditorium,
(MMC, Town Hall)**

- **Reminder: Friday 21 October, "The Father"** by Florian Zeller, UK, 2020
- **Friday 28 October, 8:00pm, "Tante Hilda" (Aunt Hilda)**

Directed by Benoît Chieux, Jacques-Rémy Girerd, France, 2013
Overview: A hand-drawn animated film, shot by French Animation Studio Folimage and at Mélusine Productions. The film has an exquisite hand-drawn look and warm, evocative watercolor backgrounds!

Synopsis: Set in Beaumont-les-Vignes, a fictional town in south-eastern France. Two sisters, Hilda and Dolores, followed diametrically opposite course. Hilda, is a fierce environmentalist: she goes around on a bicycle, is always concerned about the preservation of the environment and gathered a plant museum where she keeps all kinds of plants. Dolores, on the other side, became the ruthless CEO of a multinational food company seeking profits in the short term... Thanks to the GMO technology that involves genetically modifying plants, Dolores has developed a new and rather invasive cereal... It is maybe time for Aunt Hilda to save the world!

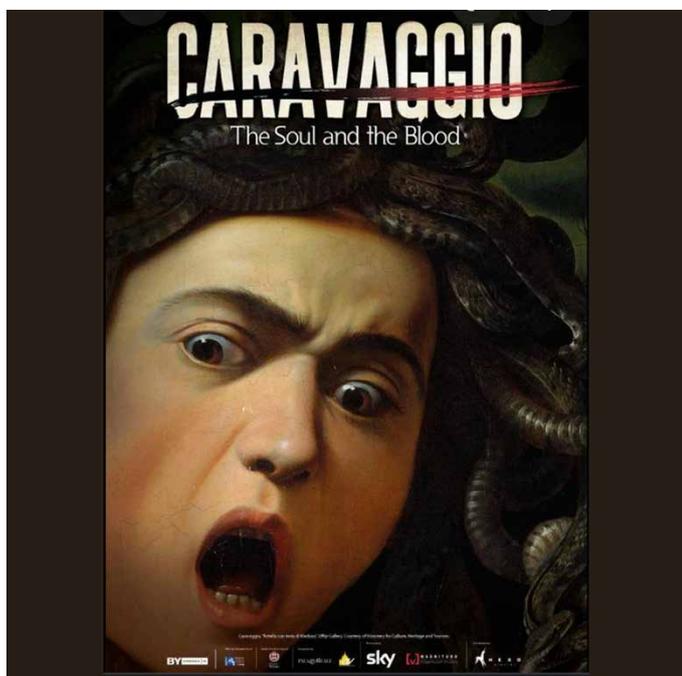
Original French version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h29'. General Audience!

Thank you, Susana

CARAVAGGIO—THE SOUL AND THE BLOOD

Tuesday, 25 October, 8pm, Cinema Paradiso

Cinema Paradiso, in collaboration with The Italian Pavilion, *il Padiglione Italiano*, Presents a documentary movie by Jesus Garces Lambert



- With the presence of the director for a presentation and Q&A session

An exciting and unsettling cinematic journey through the life, work and torments of Caravaggio. Light and shadow, contrasts and contradictions, genius and intemperance distinguish his existence and his art. A narrative and visual excursus, filmed in: Milan, Florence, Rome, Naples and Malta.

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



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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