



News Notes

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Shore temple Mamallapuram

By the Ignorance they cross beyond Death
and by the Knowledge enjoy Immortality...

By the Non-Birth they cross beyond Death
and by the Birth enjoy Immortality.

Isha Upanishad

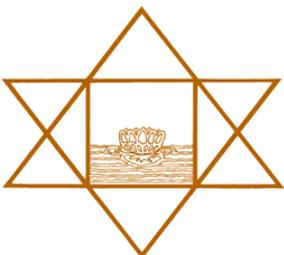
The Soul of man, a traveler, wanders in this
cycle of Brahman, huge, a totality of lives, a
totality of states, thinking itself different from
the Impeller of the journey. Accepted by Him,
it attains its goal of Immortality.

Swetaswatara Upanishad

Pondering

The world is real precisely because it exists only in consciousness; for it is a Conscious Energy one with Being that creates it. It is the existence of material form in its own right apart from the self-illuminated energy which assumes the form, that would be a contradiction of the truth of things.

*The Two Negations: The Refusal of the Ascetic,
Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*



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Editing of submissions, mainly for reasons of space and clarity, is done according to an established policy.

How to submit material:

- Max size of the published poster is 9cm x 9cm independently of the size you sent. The bigger posters will be reduced.
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House of Mother's Agenda

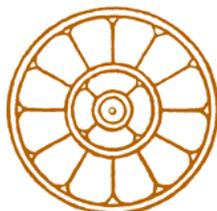
"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive section of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive section of the world will be embraced—not"embraced": ABSORBED in the power of Sri Aurobindo's thought.

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: The body [Mother's] has certainly been chosen as a field of experiment for some reason, which must be a reason of plasticity of the substance (I don't know). There may be a reason, but in any case it's a fact that it has been chosen to make the experiment. Because the experiment is under way: it starts with the more subtle, and you can see that it goes... (Mother makes a gesture of progressive descent into Matter). For months and months it has started with the more subtle, and then, VERY slowly and progressively, it has descended into a more material field. Last night, it was really remarkable.... One would have been unable to say, "This is the subtle physical, and that is the material physical." It was... (Mother holds the fingers of her right hand tightly in those of her left hand), it was surprisingly one within the other. You don't get the impression of TWO things, yet it's very different—it seems to be a modality rather than a difference (I don't know how to express it), a modality that comes exclusively from the consciousness. It's a phenomenon of consciousness.

In last night's experience, it was everything at the same time: the body felt, acted, it was conscious, it observed, decided—everything, just everything at the same time. There even was... I don't know, I didn't have a vision of Sri Aurobindo, but I had the sensation of his presence (that often happens: at times I'll see him and he won't speak; at other times I won't see him but I'll hear him, he'll speak to me—the laws are no longer the same), and he made me notice, or rather I noted that although the body was suffering a lot (the situation was critical, you know), there wasn't the shadow of a fear in the body. Then he told me, "Yes, it's because it is able not to be afraid that you can do the work."

The absence of fear is really the result of the yoga for so many years—for half a century.

It was like this (gesture, hands open), offering its suffering, all the time like this. (silence)

After last night, I have every reason to think that the work is very, very active—very active.

Satprem: But on the level of the earth, how do things take place? For instance, you say that Sri Aurobindo, yourself and a number of us are working in this subtle physical to prepare the new world: how is the permeation of this subtle physical made?

Mother: But in that way.

Satprem: In the same way?

Mother: In that way. THAT is the work—the permeation.

Satprem: But is it taking place terrestrially?

Mother: Yes.

Satprem: In everyone.

Mother: Yes, oh, I get letters from people who have astounding experiences, quite out of proportion with their degree of intelligence or development—astounding experiences. They themselves are astounded. Experiences very different from one another, but I know them all. I know them to be experiences of the subtle physical. People whom I know or not write to me (they come here, or they have read your book, or they have heard of Sri Aurobindo or...), and they describe it as I might describe it myself, that is to say, with the full knowledge. And they know nothing! It's quite astounding, oh!...

Satprem: Yes. And then, when you are in that subtle physical consciousness, the laws change—you can change the material law if you are in that consciousness.

Mother: Yes, it doesn't at all work in the same way.

Satprem: I mean that ...

Mother: Mon petit, great care has been taken not to mentalize this thing. And that's probably very useful.

The consciousness is VERY active—a consciousness wide awake to the SMALLEST thing—but the mental description... (Mother shakes her head). Now and then, out of the old habit, I ask a question like that, a mental question, and I always receive the same answer: you mustn't mentalize.

It instantly brings back the old way.

Satprem: I mean, once or twice I had such an intense perception that it's almost an experience, even if it's merely mental, that in a certain state of consciousness, all physical laws collapsed....

Mother: Yes, yes.

Satprem: Truly they had no power.

Mother: Yes, that's quite true. They have no meaning.

(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

FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FAMC

No Cash Transactions

Going forward, all units, services, activities have to stop receiving cash payment. Blue book or digital payments are the two modalities that have to be adopted now.

In order to reduce accounts overhead, please initiate a payment gateway using Talam services so that your digital payments will directly go into your financial service accounts. Please write to talamsupport@auroville.org.in. Talam pay registration can be done on the following link: <https://forms.gle/h1Jhvgz3FLQzFbLF8>

About Contributions:

BCC and FAMC are fully aware of the rising inflation in India which is putting a strain on the economy of many Aurovilians and the need for a long awaited increase in maintenance.

We are in the last phase of implementing an increase, but our monitoring of contributions to City Services has in the last month shown a sudden drop. We are concerned that some units are withholding their contribution due to the current circumstances.

We are emphasizing that contributions are going to support the community at large, and all should contribute in time according to their responsibilities. In the coming weeks we will contact directly to ensure that adequate funds flow into City Services.

We are also working on strengthening the contribution system, to ensure a more smooth and constant flow of contributions, which would be easier to monitor and budget from. We hope soon to be able to implement a much needed increase.

About BCC

FAMC has over the last several months invited former BCC members to collaborate and work together to prepare an annual work plan, streamline budget collection for timely submissions for allowing for an annual AV budget that FAMC is tasked to put together. Also submit budget details for a joint review on priorities to be readjusted for new changes that are put together by FAMC for more productive and effective services support with proper accountability and transparency.

FAMC provided ample time and invitation to take up new direction to the important sub-group.

As it became clear that no cooperation was forthcoming, FAMC has restructured the role of BCC and new modalities are being framed. New team members are brought into play for a transition to the changed needs of Auroville. The future of maintenance and budgetary support of Aurovilians and financial management and stability of Auroville need not be a concern of the former BCC members as we believe that She is definitely guiding us.

Everyone needing to meet up with the BCC team is requested to come meet the team sitting along with FAMC in the Archives build. You may also write an email to the new team bccoffice@auroville.org.in for your queries or requirements.

The new BCC team will introduce itself to you very soon.

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

VISIT OF THE HON'BLE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu & Chairman of the Governing Board, Shri R N Ravi, visited Auroville on 18 and 19 of October, 2022. He was welcomed by the Collector, Mr D Mohan of Villupuram. Along with the Secretary, Dr Jayanti Ravi and a few members of the Working Committee, Shri R N Ravi met Aurovilians at their places of work and interacted with them.

On 18 October he visited farms: Annapurna, Aurobrindavan, and Auro-Orchard. After being shown the Crown and the city exhibition at Bharat Nivas, he visited the Tibetan Pavilion, the Visitors Centre, Solitude Farm and Upasana Design Studio.

The next day, 19 October, he visited CSR, Kinisi, Earth Institute, Sraddhanjali, the various units at Aurosarjan and Eco-Pro, and Sunlit Future. He also met with Dayanandji, on whom the Mother had entrusted the buying and negotiating of land for Auroville. He later interacted with the Working Committee, the FAMC, and ATDC over lunch. In the afternoon he met with some members of Auroville.

The Governor's visit was planned at a short notice and we apologize if some Aurovilians and unit executives were not informed ahead of time. He was on a tour to get to know the physical outlay of Auroville and understand how people live and work.

The planned visit to the Town Hall area and residential communities like Kalpana, Certitude, Samasti, Sunship and Citadines was postponed due to shortage of time.

We thank the Governor for taking this initiative to visit Auroville and to interact with different people.

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

WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUR MEETING WITH SRI R.N. RAVI

Dear community, we would like to inform you that on Wednesday, 19 October, the Working Committee selected by the Residents' Assembly had a 2-hour long meeting with Sri R.N. Ravi, Chairman of the Governing Board (and Governor of Tamil Nadu). The Secretary to the Governing Board, Dr Jayanti Ravi, was also in the room.

At the beginning of the meeting, we introduced ourselves, including how long each of us has been in Auroville and briefly what work we have been involved in here. Then we presented some of Auroville's efforts over the past decade towards developing the city, emphasizing the fact that while there is still a lot to do, much has already been done and expertise is largely present within the community. We also spoke about the current state of affairs, insisting that for a positive way forward to be found, people need to feel secure and the current state of fear needs to come to an end. The conversation was frank and our sharings were honest yet respectful. The Chairman listened with focus and attention, asked questions throughout and shared his views on several aspects of Auroville, its current reality and its aim of being a gnostic and spiritualised society.

We feel this was an important first step in establishing contact with the Governing Board, through its Chairman, and hope that it will open the way to a better understanding of the residents' perspective.

A document was prepared for the occasion and handed to the Chairman, and that follows the structure and key messaging of our presentation to him (the powerpoint is also done). Of course, much more was said than what is written in the note and powerpoint.

We will keep you updated on further developments, if any.

Sincerely,
Your Working Committee
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant,
Maël, Sauro, Valli

L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE/ ATDC

Application AnnouNcement



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

1. The following project has received Project Approval (feedback requested before 3rd of November 2022 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in)

Advika Builders, PA—2439

Applicants: A. Saravanan (Govindan), Satprem Maini
Area for which Site Approval is sought: 300 sqm, of which 100 sqm for main building, 200 sqm for auxiliary structures

Project brief: Saravanan proposes to create a commercial unit to produce and sell compressed stabilized earth blocks (CSEB) and ferrocement items for construction projects in Auroville and its larger region. They would have stock ready for purchase and would also allow special orders of particular blocks and ferrocement elements and construction projects.

The purpose of the project is to promote earthen construction in and around Auroville, by providing good quality blocks and construction techniques under the guidance of the Auroville Earth Institute.

This project brings people to use earthen material for their houses in and around Auroville and creates job opportunities for the people from the surrounding villages. The project is estimated at Rs. 15,00,000/- and it will be funded by private funds.

This is a Project Approval, to be followed by a Site Approval.

Constructive feedback guidelines:

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

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

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

2. The following application has been reviewed and approved (information only).

Naveen Kumar: Retroactive Approval Certificate, BA No. 2564

Applicants: Kumar & Sumathi

Location: Fraternity

Area for which retroactive approval is sought: 154.78 sqm

Project brief: This house was built in 1973.

An extension to the house was made by the stewards in 2004 with a Housing Grant, without approval from L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC.

In 2009, Kumar had applied for an extension for the first floor (application number 1391). Despite the original extension violation, the new application was approved and was sent for public review. However a copy of the NOC issued then is missing in the L'avenir d'Auroville ATDC records.

In 2021 Naveen Kumar, son of Kumar and Sumathi, applied with Housing Service for a stewardship certificate. At this point the background of the asset was requested by Housing Service and L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC agreed to issue the missing NOC so the stewardship certificate could be issued by Housing Service. For this, L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC asked Kumar to submit the floor plans, four sides

elevations as photos, and evaluation of the house. These requested documents were received in December 2021.

L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC will now issue the Approval Certificate (no longer called NOC) in order for the Housing Service to give the stewardship certificate. However, a completion certificate needs to be obtained by Kumar (as will be the case for all assets in Auroville) as requested by L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC, which will require further details to be furnished.

*At the service of Truth,
 Lieve for L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 153

Dated: 27-10-2022

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 ANNOUNCED:

- Manu BAHUGUNA (Indian) staying in Aurormode and working at Kinisi



Manu

NEWCOMER RESTARTING THE PROCESS:

- Sandra BAUSER (French)
- Vincenzo CAFARELLI (Italian)

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Alicia Ella Lyn Deva (French) born on 12/02/2021 (daughter of Sandra)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Adele LACENERE (Italian)
- Franclin MARK (Indian)
- Meenakshi LALL(Canadian)
- Louis RADAKIR(Canadian)
- Giordano GIANNOTTI (Italian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Luke MARSH (British) staying and working at Sadhana Forest
- Shivangi GADIA (Indian) staying in Protection and working at Inscapes



Luke



Shivangi

LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- Nithya VENKATESAN (Indian)
- Vegaa Nithya (Indian)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, The Entry Board

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

SECRETARY DEMANDS AUROVILIANS TO VACATE A RESIDENTIAL ASSET

Dear all, the community needs to be aware that the Office of the Secretary, Auroville Foundation is demanding the evacuation, by a family of long-time Aurovilians, of one Auroville housing asset within 2 weeks from mid-October.

This demand is being made without following any of our approved internal processes or any processes of natural justice, promises have been made and broken by the ATDC (appointed by the Governing Board) and the Foundation Office (AVFO), and therefore **this action calls into question the security of any one of us living in any housing asset in Auroville.**

Additionally, the AVFO cites the 'Public Premises Act', however Auroville housing assets do not fall under this Act as:

- the housing assets are not government housing;
- the occupants of the housing assets are not government employees.

Furthermore it must be noted that an eviction of an Aurovillian, from an Auroville housing asset, based on the Public Premises Act, would be illegal.

In the particular situation of the Aurovilians in Center Field (Elodie, Txuma and their son, Aris), other facts that can not be ignored are:

1. Aurovilians being asked to relocate before any Detailed Development Plans (DDPs) for this area have been approved by the RA and EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) received, as per the NGT ruling.
2. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) 28 April 2022 judgment.
3. The Joint Committee, constituted by the courts in the 28th April 2022 judgment, did not review the entire scope of the planned Crown Road and did not come to Centre Field. The report is yet to be heard in the NGT.
4. Only the bathroom is on what is presently thought to be the Crown Right of Way, and the stewards themselves agreed to dismantle and move the bathroom.
5. Verbal promises by the AVFO have been made but not followed through; and many documented promises have been made and broken by the GB-appointed ATDC, including the promise that these stewards would not have to move, that they would be compensated for the bathroom to be rebuilt on the other side of the house, and more.
6. Auroville has a policy for evaluating assets, for ensuring fair exchange of assets, and for demolishing of assets. The current plan for the eviction of Elodie, Txuma and Aris, and for the demolition of their home does not comply with the agreed-upon existing policies in Auroville.

There has been a unilateral decision by the Secretariat of the Auroville Foundation and their appointed teams to proceed with the eviction of Elodie, Txuma and Aris from their home, and **we disagree with this.**

We are shocked by the refusal of the teams appointed by the Secretariat of the Auroville Foundation to adequately compensate Elodie and Txuma and their son, and their efforts to deprive them of their right to a home that is comparable to the present one. It is unfair and unjust to deprive Elodie, Txuma and Aris of their right to re-utilise the full amount of the price their current home is evaluated at, for a new home of their choice.

We disagree that any Aurovillian be asked to relocate without the equivalent of full compensation of the current evaluation of their present home or a new home of similar size and comfort.

Our intention is to inform the community that this is an act that must concern each and every one of us. We have observed and experienced that when a wrong action is met with our Aurovillian presence in quiet numbers, it can be stopped. Therefore we request everyone to be personally concerned about this situation, and if called upon, to please show up in peaceful solidarity for us all.

*Sincerely, FAMC selected by the Residents' Assembly
(Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Mita R., Palani, Ranjith (TOS))*

*TDC selected by the Residents' Assembly
(Allan B., Anan, Divya L., Dorle, Fabian, Island, Lata, Meera N., Natasha S., Tom G.)*

*Working Committee selected by the Residents' Assembly
(Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Maël, Sauro, Valli)*

Community News

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TO OUR BROTHER, FRANCIS ON THE SUNLIT PATH

No, not a new humanity, but "Something Else", it's not easy to materialize and embody what does not yet exist, or what perhaps is already there at the bottom of our cells, atavistic and our heart thirsts for. **Satprem**



The extract from this letter dates from 3.3.2004, it is a reply from Satprem to Francis Malan who had written to him on 23.2.2004. He had made a donation to him for the publication of his books for the Divine Work. These two letters can be found at House of Mother's Agenda.

A little later, he offered us ten lakhs, of which 3 lakhs went to Savitri Bhavan for the continuation of the ongoing works and, the 7 lakhs to an Auroville Unit.

The gift, without expecting anything, does not fail, it is part of the Divine Work that Sri.Dr.Kireet Joshi made us experience during his earthly journey.

Francis, before leaving us; Mother opened a door to unexplored vistas for you when you were listening to

"The New Birth".

May Grace always be with you.

*Ganga Lakshmi,
House of Mother's Diary
Savitri Bhavan*

REGARDING THE GB FAMC POSTING ABOUT CONTRIBUTIONS

In their recent posting "About contributions", the GB FAMC alert us to a decline in contributions last month (September), imputing it to the fact that some units are withholding their contributions due to the present situation.

The figures published monthly give us a somewhat different picture.

September figures show indeed a reduction on August figures but that is due almost entirely to a drop in contribution from Financial Services of 16.5 lakhs as compared with August.

Whereas the contributions from units dropped only by a couple of lakhs between August and September, the smallest variation from one month to the other since the beginning of the Financial Year (April)

Further, a cursory glance at the past few months (from April to September) show that the month of August was exceptional in its income, due to a marked increase of the Financial Services contribution for that month alone -the biggest by far in this FY- plus a very good level of contributions from commercial units.

The figures published monthly do not show a sudden drop in commercial units or other contributions that could be blamed for delaying an increase in maintenance as the posting suggests.

Nicole

Awakening Spirit

THE MOTHER'S ROOM DARSHAN

17 November 2022

The Sri Aurobindo Ashram has announced that The Mother's Room will open on 17 November for general Darshan from 4:30am to 6pm.



We are thankful to the Ashram that tokens are made available for residents of Auroville for distribution in the community prior to the 17 November.

- Time slots for Aurovilians and Newcomers are from 12noon to 3:30pm.

Registration of tokens, in person only

will happen at Pitanga, Samasti, at the following timings:

- Friday, 4 and Saturday, 5 November,
- 9:30am—12:30pm, 2—5.30pm

This is a service for Aurovilians and Newcomers only.

• Please come in person to register your token and identify yourself as a resident: Newcomers need to bring their Newcomer card. If you are a new resident or not known to us organisers personally, please bring your Auroville card.

• Residents, who are unable to come on their own to Pitanga, may send someone with a requesting note indicating the name(s) and number of token(s) required. We will do our best for your requirements.

• We remind you, dear friends, that we do not take requests by mail or phone. (Sorry for the inconvenience.)

• The Mother's Room Darshan is available to all. If you are unable to register for a token before the Darshan, or if you are not a resident of Auroville, you may go on the day itself to the Ashram to get your entry token directly.

The available options to have a Room Darshan on 17 November

- You may join the general Darshan queue from 4:30am onward.
- You may go any time after meditation, from 6:40am onward, and get your token at the booth near the Ashram Post Office.
- In this case you will probably need to wait or come back later at the time indicated on the token.

Transport

The Darshan day is Thursday. Please check with the person responsible for the transport for the possibility of having the AV bus available on that day.

Collection of tokens will be on

- Tuesday, 15 and Wednesday, 16 November
- 9:30am—12:30pm, 2—5:30pm

Venue for registration and collection of tokens

- Pitanga, Samasti

With love, Mallika, Kumar, Andrea and Pitanga's team

BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM

Many thanks, Tixon

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

SAVITRI BHAVAN: NOVEMBER 2022



Exhibitions

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

Films: Mondays at 4pm

- **November 7: Meditations on Savitri, Book 12—Epi-logue—The Return to Earth**

The Divine Mother's light in Savitri vanquished Death and Satyavan is free. A meditative film of passages from Sri Aurobindo's epic poem Savitri, read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and illustrated with paintings made by Huta under the guidance and inspiration of the Mother. Duration: 24min.

Followed by the mantra OM Anandamayi Chaitanyamayi Satyamayi Parame sang by Sadhaks. Duration: 12min.

- **November 14: The One Whom We Adore As The Mother**
An audio-visual presentation on The Mother's life prepared by the Sri Aurobindo Archives. Duration: 63min.
- **November 21: Sri Aurobindo: The Supreme Avatar of a New Race**

'Man is a transitional being and the step from man towards superman is inevitable because it is at once the intention of the inner Spirit and the logic of Nature's process', so Sri Aurobindo. Duration: 39min.

We will also show:

- The Power of Sri Aurobindo's Thought: 5:24min and
- My touch is always there—Sri Aurobindo: 3.02min.
- **November 28: How the Mother's Inner Quest brought Her to Sri Aurobindo**

A talk by Lopa given at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram about the Mother's psychological, spiritual and occult experiences and those of Sri Aurobindo and their meeting in 1914. Duration: 51min.

Full Moon Gathering

- **Tuesday, November 8, 7:15—8:15pm** in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Regular Activities

- **Sundays, 10.30—12 noon:** Savitri Study Circle
- **Tuesdays, 9am—12noon:** Introduction to Integral Yoga Workshop, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Tuesdays, 5.30—7pm:** OM Choir led by Narad
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4—5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Thursdays 6:45—7:30am:** Reading Savitri: Practising the sound and rhythm with Patricia
- **Thursdays 5:15—6:30pm:** Hymns to the Mystic Fire by Sri Aurobindo led by Nishtha
- **Saturdays 4:30—6pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Saturdays 5pm:** Mudra-chi led by Anandi
- **Exhibitions,** Main Building and Office are open Monday to Saturday 9am—5pm
- **Library** is open Monday to Friday 9-5
- **The Digital Library** can be accessed on request Monday to Friday 9am- 4pm

Everyone is welcome

Thank you, Dhanalakshmi
for Savitri Bhavan Team

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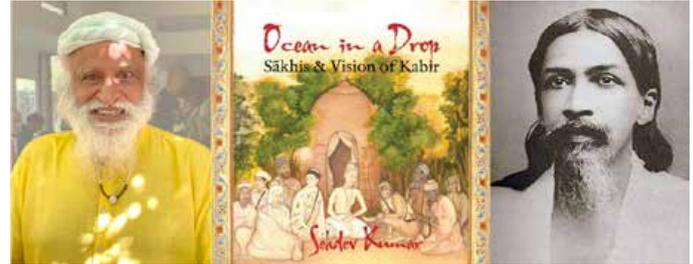
Fifteenth-century Poet-Sage & a Rebel
Singing of Divine Love in the Words and Light
of Sri Aurobindo by Sehdev Kumar



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.

MAHAMRITYUNJAYA MANTRA CHANTING



महामृत्युंजय मंत्र जप

Mahamrityunjaya Mantra Chanting

Date: Monday - 31 October, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Venue: Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas



Sabrina, a hathayoga teacher from France and now a resident of Auroville will lead us into collective chanting of one of the most powerful Shiva Mantra for healing in Yoga & Ayurveda - the Mahamrityunjaya Mantra.

Warmly,
Samskritam Auroville
devabhasha@auroville.org.in

With gratitude, Deven
For Samskritam Auroville team

THE SPIRIT OF AUROVILLE

Saturday, 29 October, 5—6:30pm
Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas

A New Series of Explorations on The Spirit of Auroville on
New Music & Flower Significances by Narad

The Series of Talk

Every Saturday same time & same place.

Regards, Vani, BN Cultural Team

MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 11

THE BOOK OF EVERLASTING DAY

**The Eternal Day:
The Soul's Choice and the Supreme Consummation**



Monday, 31 October, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Duration: 46min.

God's everlasting day surrounds Savitri and she sees all Nature marvelous and faultless. Above her rise level after level of higher worlds. Into those heights her soul soars up like a bird in spiral flight. Drowned in a sea of splendor and bliss, she turns and sees the living source of their charm and delight, the glorious godhead, and recognises him as the One whom she faced as Death and Night. The two look at each other, Soul seeing Soul.

The divine Being invites Savitri to heaven: "Ascend, O soul, into thy blissful home.../ O immortal, to felicity arise." (p.685) But Savitri refuses the offer: "I climb not to thy everlasting Day,/ Even as I have shunned thy eternal Night./ To me who turn not from thy terrestrial Way,/ Give back the other self my nature asks.../ I know that I can lift man's soul to God,/ I know that he can bring the Immortal down." (p.685, 686, 687)

The glorious godhead speaks once more about all the imperfection of earth and tempts Savitri: "O flame, withdraw into thy luminous self./ Or else return to thy original might.../ Be one with the infinity of my power." (p.691) Again, Savitri defies the alluring voice of the radiant God and sticks to her mission to save the world and man: "In vain thou temptst with solitary bliss.../ My soul and his indissolubly linked/ In the one task for which our lives were born,/ To raise the world to God in deathless Light,/ To bring God down to the world on earth we came,/ To change the earthly life to life divine./ I keep my will to save the world and man;" (p.692)

The reply comes that Savitri is the force of the Divine, its will and voice, and that she can stamp her will on Time from the spiritual heights: "O living power of the incarnate Word.../ Thou art my vision and my will and voice.../ Do then thy work and force thy will on Fate.../ Ascend, O soul, into thy timeless self;/ Choose destiny's curve and stamp thy will on Time." (p.693, 694,695) Absolved from vision's grip and folds of thoughts, the heaven-worlds vanish in spiritual light. Savitri finds herself in spaceless orbits and on timeless roads, "To marry all in God's immense delight." (p.695) And the voice cries: "Choose, spirit, thy supreme choice not given again;" (p.696)

Savitri asks the Lord to give her for the soul of men on earth Divine blessings of peace, calmness, joy, oneness, energy, deep love and sweetness: "Thy peace, O Lord, a boon within to keep/ Amid the roar and ruin of wild Time/ For the magnificent soul of man on earth./ Thy calm, O Lord, that bears thy hands of joy.../ Thy magic flowing waters of deep love,/ Thy sweetness give to me for earth and men." (p.695, 696)

After a silence, a still blissful Voice is heard: "O beautiful body of the incarnate Word,/ Thy thoughts are mine, I have spoken with thy voice./ My will is thine, what thou hast chosen I choose:/ All thou hast asked I give to earth and men.../ Now will I do in thee my marvellous works..." (p.698)

Since Savitri chooses to share earth's struggle and pain and leans in pity over earth-bound men, she joins the Supreme Power of Work in Time. The great Voice praises Savitri and talks about her future work with the Supreme that she will raise the Earth-Soul to Light and bring down God into the lives of men. And the Spirit will take up the human play and Nature will live to manifest secret God and the earthly life will become the life divine.

"For ever love, O beautiful slave of God!.../ Built is the golden tower, the flame-child born./ Descend to life with him thy heart desires./ O Satyavan, O luminous Savitri,/ I sent you forth of old beneath the stars,/ A dual power of God in an ignorant world.../ Bringing down God to the insentient globe,/"

Lifting earth-beings to immortality." (p.702)

Then the Soul of Savitri plunges down through unseen worlds amidst joyful voices like a sinking star. She holds the Soul of Satyavan within her breast. "Over wide earth brooded the infinite bliss." (p.712)

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, 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.

Submitted by Margrit

Health Care

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Auromode, Auroville.

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DR. SHANO ANDERSON

Dr Shano Anderson, working at Health Centre will be available to counsel and advise any patients suffering from chronic diseases:

- on three Saturdays, except the first Saturday of the month, at the Auroville Health Centre between 9:30 and 12noon.

Av Health Centre Team

The Arts

**Visitors Center's Right Path Cafe
LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS**



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A collaboration with Kalabhumi Music Studio @kalabhummusicstudio.av

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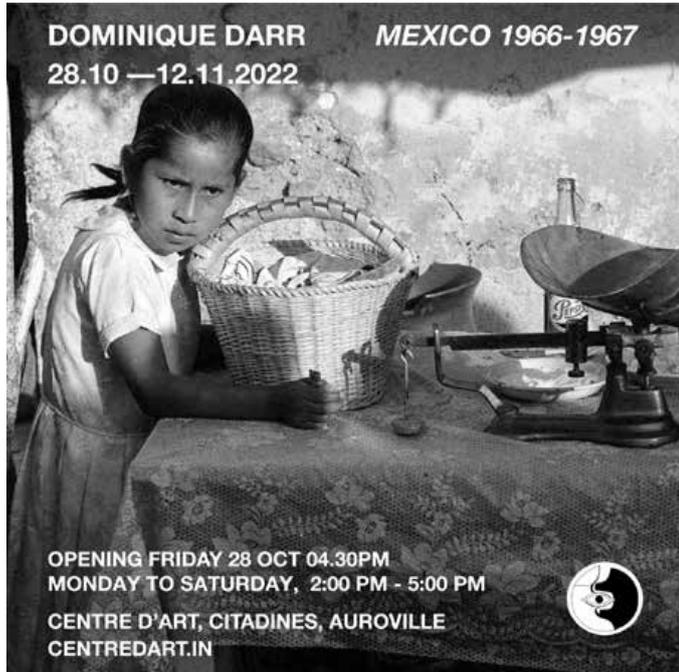
Outside Visitor? Kindly park your car, two-wheeler or van at Visitors Center main parking and walk to the cafe!

EXHIBITION “ MEXICO 1966-1967

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



- **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.



Dominique Darr, Mexico 1966-1967

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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www.centredart.in

DEMONSTRATION: DHRUPAD GAYAKI & RUDRAVEENA



Ustadji will demonstrate Dhrupad Gayaki and RudraVeena Delighted to announce a 4 days Residency in Auroville from 7 to 10 November 2022 with Ustab Bahauddin Dagar, an exponent of the Rudraveena, which is an ancient classical musical instrument of India. He practices this instrument in the genre ‘Dhrupad’, which is the oldest living vocal tradition of India and traces its roots to the SamVed.

Ustadji will demonstrate Dhrupad Gayaki and RudraVeena—and then open the floor for dialogue and discussions. Practitioners of all arts, specifically—painting, architecture, sculpture, literature, music, performing and cinema are welcome to join for an intimate transdisciplinary experiential journey with Ustad Bahauddin Dagar.

- **To know more and register, please visit:** <https://filmnstitute.auroville.org/2022/10/08/residency-with-ustad-mohi-bahauddin-dagar/>
 - Or call +919969879319 (WA) or +917540019665 (regular call)
- Participation with a voluntary contribution.

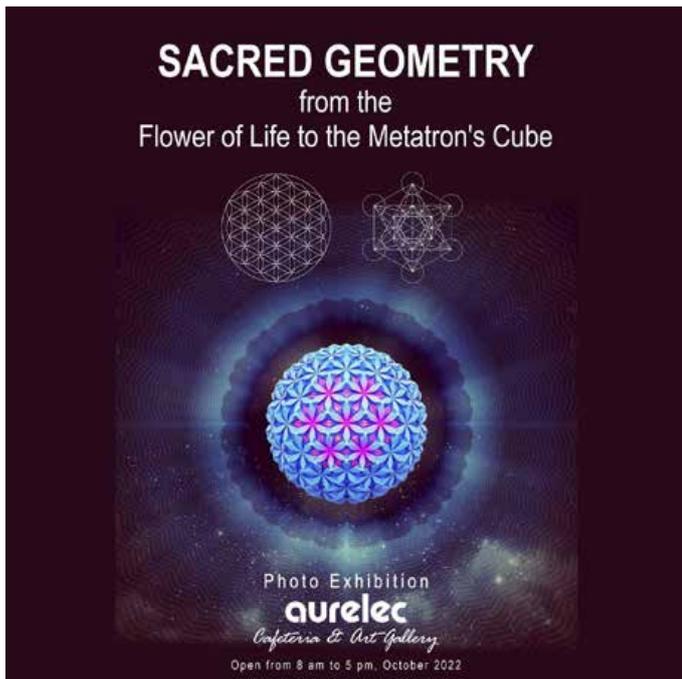
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PHYSICAL CULTURE: EXHIBITION OF POSTERS



SACRED GEOMETRY:

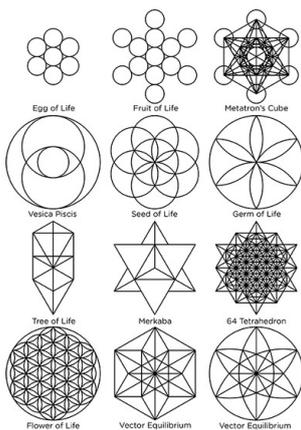
From the Flower of Life to the Metatron's Cube
Photo Exhibition



Aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery
Open from 8 am to 5 pm

Sacred Geometry is often referred to as the "architecture of the universe", it is found throughout the natural world. It is all around us and is one of the very few subjects that satisfy both the left brain and right brain hemispheres simultaneously. It satisfies the left brain's desire for logical, sequential and objective data. It also satisfies the right brain's desire for random, intuitive and subjective data. People have spent entire lifetimes studying a single aspect of sacred geometry; such as a rabbi studying the Kabbalistic tree of life.

Sacred Geometry Shapes



KIRTAN & SACRED SONGS:

- For more info, write to joianitya@gmail.com.
 - To know more about Matthew visit matthewandrews-music.com
 - To know more about Anitya, visit joyofimpermanence.in
- This is a free event, donations to support our project are welcome.

Books

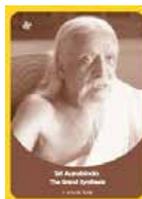
BOOK LAUNCH

Sri Aurobindo: The Grand Synthesis

November 1, Tuesday, 4:30—6pm @ Unity Pavilion

By: IGNCA—Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

About The Book



The book "Sri Aurobindo: The Grand Synthesis" presents, in a nut-shell, the essence of about ten works of Sri Aurobindo. The author has highlighted a few ideas from each volume and presented them in a crisp but simple manner. Sri Aurobindo's aspect of being a Grand Synthesis of East and West, of Spirit and Matter and of all that seems contrary in the world, has been well brought out by the author in a few pages. It is indeed a befitting tribute to Sri Aurobindo on his 150th Birth Anniversary.

About The Author



Dr. Ananda Reddy is the Director of Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research, Puducherry. He graduated from Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education, Puducherry in 1969, joined Auroville in 1971 and participated in its early efforts towards Human Unity.

He has traveled widely in India as well as in the USA, Germany, Spain, Italy, The Netherlands, Russia, Japan, Bangkok and Singapore and delivered extensive lectures and conducted Workshops on the vision and works of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

Chief Guests: Prof Gurmeet Singh Vice Chancellor, Pondicherry University, Dr, Jayanti Ravi IAS Secretary Auroville Foundation

Regards, Arun

Activities

TLC Open Spaces
Variety of activities
for all Auroville kids age 6-14
Every Friday afternoon 13:30-15:00
TLC Base Camp
or any questions please write to: tlc@auroville.org.in

*With much care and gratitude, TLC aspiration team
Sara, Mira, Tamar, Mrinalini
Open spaces team Sashka, Nassim*

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

Join us for an evening of meditative music and chanting:
Thursday, Oct 27 - 5:30pm
Anitya community (after center field)

PHOTO CIRCLE MEETS AGAIN

Friday, 4 November, 5pm,
Centre d'Art Multimedia Room, Citadines



Dear photographers, Photo Circle meets again! The Photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers. We share our own work, we show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques. Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images.

Everybody's welcome.

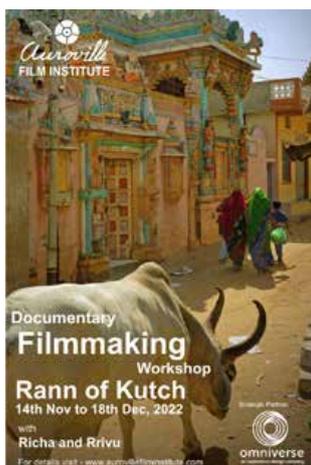
Thank you, Marco

35 DAYS—DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

From 14 November to 18 December 2022

Happy to share with you our: 35 Days—Documentary Filmmaking Workshop @ Rann of Kutch

"A border region in northern Kutch, where on one side of the international boundary lies the beautiful Sindh swinging in its cradle the ancient civilisation of the Mohan-jo-Daro. On the other side lies Kutch and swinging in its cradle is the Dholavira, a part of Sindh civilization, striving to meet its other half across the border. The cold winds of Thar bring messages of affection from Sindh to the people of Banni who have nurtured the Sindh civilisation and emerged as its custodians." *Kaladhar Mutwa*



Anchored in Rann of Kutch with its base camp in Hodko village in the Banni Grasslands, the workshop will explore the larger landscape and the cultural ecology of Kutch, briefly visiting—Bhuj, Dholavira, Dhro, Lakhpat Border and near-by villages.

Participants will be mentored to make their own short films—based on cinema-centric exercises and experiential learning—with added insights from Kutch scholars, local artists, entrepreneurs and storytellers.

- To know more, please visit: <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2022/07/02/documentary-film-workshop/>
- Or call +91 9969879319.

Please spread the word among those who might be interested.

Best Wishes, Richa Hushing

STORYTIME AT AUROVILLE LIBRARY

Our childrens' storytime is back
Every Saturday morning at 10—11am
Rain or Shine :)
All are welcome!

Opening timings:

- Mornings: Monday—Saturday: 9am—12.30pm
- Afternoons: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 2—4.30pm
- Tuesday: 4—6.30pm

Auroville Library
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TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday group class, Cripa, Auroville



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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SALSA DANCE CLASS

Every Tuesday group class
New Creation Sports Ground, Auroville



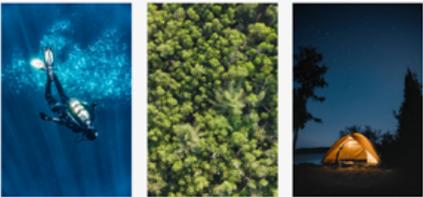
2 month commitment for a group class. Every month a new batch starts for beginners and intermediate. If they want to learn private class for Salsa, Bachata and Kizomba Dance any day's by appointment

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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

Receptionist (Full Time)

Looking for a serious Aurovillian or newcomer; the work consists in taking reservations by emails, issuing bills; being familiar with basic computer skills and learning new programs when needed (such as Airtable...); Working hours are from 9am to 5pm, punctuality is required. Most important quality is sincerity.

A plus would be also a person who has an eye for the maintenance of the place and that can work alongside with the handyman that knows the place since over 20 years of work. Maintenance available.

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.

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

SHARAN:

CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Job Description

We are looking for candidates for the post of Associate Editor—to support all of SHARAN’s communication related activities.

Job Responsibilities

1. To Review, format, proof read and edit documents/content as per guidelines.
2. To assist in/ execute other communication, across all media taken up by SHARAN.
3. To communicate effectively with team members to ensure completeness of documents

Location: Remote work

Working Hours

Monday—Saturday, 4 hours a day (flexible)

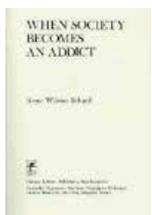
Skills Required

1. Adequate knowledge of MS Word.
2. Great command of the English language.
3. Familiarity with SHARAN’s basic guidelines will be a plus point.

**Dr Nandita Shah, SHARAN Auroville
Aurelec Premises, Kulapalayam
0413 2622637**

Looking For

When Society Becomes an Addict



Does anyone have any books written by Anne Wilson Schaefer? I’d like to borrow the book *When Society Becomes an Addict* from AV library, I checked the AV library of Evolution. They do not have any other books written by the author.

Please let me know by a message ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk, +91 7094344154

PS: I am reading fast so I could to give back in 2 weeks

Looking for a Record Player

An unused and ‘bored’ Record player to enjoy playing some wonderful freshly imported records at European House as well as in more private circles. If you have one standing around, kindly contact us at



- mothersworkforthemotherswork@gmail.com
- or 9751513906.

Seeks Vipassana Meditation Group



Hello, I am new to AV and would like to connect with the local Vipassana Meditation group (As taught by SN Goenka) to join them in weekly group meditations. Request if someone can Pls WA me the details on +91 9820069117.

Thanks and Be Happy. Shri

Available

Supramental Action Seedlings Ready for Planting

At Savitri Nursery, some seedlings of Supramental Action are ready for planting in the monsoon season. Please make sure that you know where you are planting and the plants are to be properly watered in the first few years.



Barringtonia asiatica
Supramental Action
An action that is not exclusive but total

Come to pick up

- on Wednesdays
8—9:30am;

At other times, please contact

- B: +91 99435 32829; Suresh: +91 97866 26952

With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Z. for Savitri Nursery volunteer team

Help Needed

REMEMBERING VEENAPANI FESTIVAL

Greetings from Adishakti!!

We are back with the 7 edition of the “Remembering Veenapani Festival” from 3 April to 9 April 2023.

We have 8 performances this time, and we are proud to announce that one of these performers is our own Fellow of the Theatricalte fellowship.

We would like to give 1 lakh each to our performers and the estimated cost is 8lakhs and we would like to raise 8 lakhs to meet our cost. We have raised 1 lakh as of now and would be grateful to you as our well-wishers and friends and those who love and celebrate the work that we do to raise the rest of the amount.

You can donate to us at this crowdfunding platform using the link below

- <https://www.ketto.org/fundraiser/support-the-remembering-veenapani-festival-2023>



A few words:

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

Please ignore the message if you’ve already donated.

A little Jhalak from our last Festival

Regards, Vinaykumar

ABHAYA FUND RAISING



I've been teaching mixed martial arts and self defense in Auroville since 2015. We started very humbly, in the corner of a gym, with no mat and no tools. During the years hundreds Aurovilians, Volunteers, Guests and Youth of the Bioregion participated in the classes. Slowly we started collecting punching gloves and finally we got a proper tatami.

In due time our reputation grew. I've been appointed as Secretary of Villupuram district for a MMA and Kickboxing Federation and several Masters (even UFC fighters!) came to visit us and to share their knowledge. Some of my students competed in high level tournaments and some are ready to become coaches themselves. They started as shy teenagers and now they are accomplished adult practitioners. In the last years I've been approached and requested to teach self defense to girls of the bioregion, to victims of human traffic in North India, to the youth of the big cities. I have students all around India. Recently this passion became a registered activity called Abhaya, aspiring to become an Academy, and in October I took with me 8 students from Auroville and the Bioregion to compete in Goa in what is considered the highest level tournament of Grappling in India.

Now, with the help of very experienced coaches, I feel I can also offer classes for kids in Auroville and a seminar in order to form new young coaches, but in order to grow and progress in this stage of our journey we need your financial support.

Support in order to buy basic tools for the youth that cannot afford them, to financially support the youth seriously interested in becoming a professional coach, to pay food and shelter to the high level coaches ready to join us in Auroville for a period of time, to cover the expenses of the tournaments for our youth.

Abhaya Financial Service Account is 251884 please feel free to support and come visit us in **Dehashakti Gym** every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5:30 pm.

For more info contact 9487340778

<https://www.instagram.com/abhaya.academy/>

Giacomo, main coordinator of Abhaya

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ECO FEMME OPEN HOUSE

Every Thursday morning from 10:30am

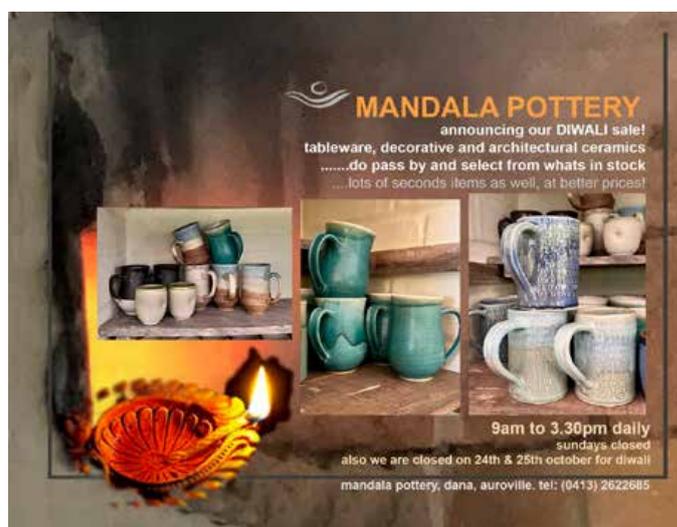
Dear friends, join our open house at our office in Auroshilpam every Thursday morning from 10:30am. Come and learn about sustainable menstrual products and our not-for-profit programs and pick up discounted cloth pads, cups and cloth nappies.



See you soon!

The Eco Femme Team'

DIWALI SALE AT MANDALA POTTERY IN DANA



Announcing our annual. This time only for everyone in the bio-region! We have a good selection of ceramic tableware and architectural/ decorative ceramics on sale, and a lot of seconds at very discounted prices too!

- Do pass by!... weekdays 9am to 3:30pm only.
- Sale on till 31 October... or till stocks last!
- 0413 2622685 is our land-line.



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 kinds of ticketing



- by phone or/ and by WA: +91 9894598686
- by email: travelshop@auroville.org.in or domestic@inside-india.com

Latest Flight offers from Chennai

- **Lufthansa** has good fares to Stockholm and Gulf airways to Frankfurt.
- **Qatar airways** has competitive fares to Milan, Stockholm, Frankfurt and Paris starting from November.
- **Etihad airways** offers are to Rome, Milan, Paris, Barcelona and New York starting from November.
- **Air Vistara** offers are to Paris, Frankfurt starting from November.
- **Oman airways** November month offers are to London, Milan, Paris and Munich.

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 Airsuvidha online form, vaccine certificate or RT PCR negative test required.

- <https://www.newdelhiairport.in/airsuvidha/apho-registration>

Joster

**NOWANA & AIKYAMI RESTAURANTS
CHANGE THE CLOSING DAY: THURSDAY**

Dear Community, we will be closing on every Thursday starting from Thursday, November 3.

We are however open for dine in, delivery and takeaway every day 12pm—9pm apart from Thursdays. We apologize for any inconveniences this new change may cause.

Nowana Restaurant in Auromodele

Opening time: 12pm—9pm (Thursdays closed)

Official WA: +91 94870 06490 (from 11am to 9pm)

Land Line: +0413 296 5490

Aikyami Restaurant in Kulapalayam Main Road

Opening time: 7am—9pm (Thursdays closed)

Land Line +0413 291 0702

*Thank you for your support,
Gumsoon for Nowana Korean Restaurant Team*

PTPS COMMUNITY NEWS

PourTous யிருதூண்டு For All

Our first community market is ON!

Saturday 29th, 9am—4pm

We already have 5 participants and counting so the market is definitely ON. We have more space under our entrance roof so do apply if you'd like to participate. Show your new and existing products as an Auroville producer or if you want to earn some extra funds for your project (cookies and juice?)

We invite artists and musicians to come and live up the event even for just an hour or so. The blackboard is ready to draw on and we have chalk to keep the kids busy too. We only use bluesheet and you need to bring your own table etc to display. Deposit to participate to avoid having to clean up after you...

- Mail to ptps@auroville.org.in or call Joel at 262 2892
- Form: <https://forms.gle/vnTfRqfb5fogdZh19>

PourTous PTPS until 6pm but when?

The trial last Saturday before Diwali was quite a success. Many people enjoyed the opening until 6pm. If you could choose (only ;-)) one day per week to have PourTous Aspiration open until 6pm, which would you choose?

- Please tell us via email ptps@auroville.org.in or tell Kumanaran or Joel when you visit us.

New items at PourTous

With the monsoon coming we got you some storage boxes and umbrella's, rain coats/suits coming in again soon. We still have a selection of towels for you (ask us for specific types) the metal dust pans will return soon and also metal buckets. Deepam Candles has provided us with a beautiful shelf and enlarged their offerings for Diwali. Of course at our regular low price.

Hemplanet now offers hemp gomasio and seasoning. Tamarind Bakery and Delicious Bites now offer granola in a jar (less packaging!). Leelu's from Thiruvannamalai sent us a special Diwali gift. They reduced the prices on most of their nut butters significantly! Enjoy the red peanut butter, stock up on cashew butter for your vegan recipes...

- Massimo is sending more cheeses
- and so is Charlie from Aurogreen (finally! ;-))
- Govinda made his famous dhoti-bags again
- Sunlight bar soap is back in stock by popular demand
- soon buckwheat will be available again in flour, porridge and whole

- we bought some thick fishing wire to make clothing lines that don't break and which you can wash

We now have a 'free4all'-corner where you can bring and exchange plant cuttings, fruit surplus from your garden etc...

*Thank you for your trust,
Your PourTous team*

Joel for Pour Tous PTPS, Kuyilapallayam

AUROMODE HIVE OPEN HOUSE

Friday, 28 October, 10am—5pm

Dear All, Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House on Friday, 28 October from 10am to 5pm.

We will have free internet! All are welcome to try out our coworking space, Free of Charge!!!



For more details regarding our Plans check out our catalog at our WA Business No. 7092197375

Auromode Hive Team

OCTOBER NEWS FROM SMOKED FOODS

Opening celebration at PTPS next Saturday, 29 October

Dear Friends, we like to introduce our newest product: Smoked Mackerels. During the smoking process, the silvery skin turns into a lovely golden color. It is perfect to add to any dish: Pasta, Rice, Salads, or even soups. As the smoke and fish taste is a rather strong one, adding 1 fish normally does the job (pack of two). Of course, our Smoked Sailfish Filets and our Smoked Chicken Breast Filets (frozen) are an equally perfect choice to pep up any of your favorite dishes.



You will find our products in PTPS, HERS, Gastronomica (opp. the Bakery), and in FarmFresh. For various reasons, at HERS we have decided to keep our box with Smoked Fish in the deep freezer, right next to the Smoked Chicken.

And don't miss out on the opening celebration at PTPS next Saturday, 29 October. Lots of fun and food are waiting for you. Come and test our smoked delicacies, and many other products, for free.

Looking forward to meeting you there.

*Raphael
for Smoked Foods Team/ Auroville*

MESSAGE FROM AUROVILLE VEHICLE SERVICE

Due to regularly increasing traffic in and around Auroville, we advise everyone to drive carefully and consciously. We remind everyone, and particularly the parents and the school boards, that children below 18 years old, do not allow them to drive any bike or scooter. We also remind everyone not to drive without a valid Indian driving license. The penalty for doing so, especially in case of an accident, is very heavy and complicated to solve by a third party. Driving with your national license will not help in India at the time of accident. Valid Indian driving license only considered legal.

Av Accessible Public Bus

We kindly request everyone to get the updated bus schedule from the news & notes which were published almost every week.

Last 3 months we were running at a loss. Therefore, we reduced the number of trips to Pondicherry from 4 trips to 3 trips to reduce the running cost. In October we had to renew our bus annual insurance and Fitness certificate, which brought us an extra expense than usual. Currently we are at a loss of Rs.1,37,229 for the last 3 months. We kindly request everyone to contribute to the accessible public bus to cover the last 3 months running cost. We were waiting for the BCC support for the service but unfortunately the BCC is not in the power to allocate the budget at present.

- Our account number is 251675/ Accessible Public Bus.
 - **Bus Pass for Aurovilians/ Newcomers:** Rs.600, 10 trips, No expiry date
 - **Student Bus pass/ Monthly:** Rs,1200
 - **Round Trip, Aurovilians/ New Comers:** Rs.150
 - **Round Trip, Guests:** Rs.200
 - **One way ride, for ALL:** Rs.100

Driving License

- **New Indian Driving License:**

We request the people who do not have an Indian driving license could get the license through us. We help you to get motorcycle and car Indian licenses.

- **Renewal of Indian Driving License:**

For renewal of an Indian driving license, people need to submit the original license and three photographs. You can renew it in advance of one month from date of expiry or after until one month of expiry. However, if you come after one month late, you will need to pay the penalty (fine). So, try to avoid paying penalty fees. The applicant must come, at the day of trip to the concerned Regional Transport office.

- **International License:**

People who are traveling to other countries and if you need an international license, we could help on it if you had an Indian driver license. This international license is valid for one year.

Available Vehicles and Accessories

- **Help in purchase of New Vehicle and Second-Hand Vehicles (Two & four wheelers)**

Auroville vehicle service strongly advises all Aurovilians who are residing in Tamil Nadu territory (of Auroville) to register their new vehicles in Tamil Nadu only. The purchase of the vehicle can make directly in Tamil Nadu with the help of Vehicle Service. In this regard, AV Vehicle Service assists the Aurovilians to follow the necessary procedures.

- **Riding Helmets:**

Helmets are available for all sizes at Vehicle Service. Half and full-face helmets available.

Insurances

We undertake the following insurances for Aurovilians, New comers, workers and friends of Auroville:

- **Motor Insurances (2 & 4 wheelers)**

Motor Insurance covers your road accidents. Comprehensive insurance policy covers all three in an accident (driver, vehicle & third party). Now, the Indian government announced (2018) the mandatory PA cover to the driver or owner of the vehicle. It helps to claim till 15 lakhs for his/her medical expenses during the accident. Third party insurance covers only for the third party involved in the accident and for the vehicle. Third party insurance does not cover any vehicle damages.

- **Health Insurances (for all ages)**

“Health Insurance” covers all your sickness, accidents, medical expenses, including doctor consultancy fees, medicines, operation fees and hospital room rents. If you have any pre-existing disease, you could make a claim after 3 or 4 years from the policy issued and avoid lapse of the policy. Health check certificate is required for people who are above 55 years old. People who are below 55 years, not required to have a health check certificate. Do not expect any sum insured for the death.

- **Travel Insurances (while traveling abroad)**

Cover your risks abroad by purchasing your “Travel Insurance” from India. Travel insurance covers your sudden medical expenses due to an accident or sickness, flight delays, loss of baggage etc.

- **Personal Accident Insurances**

Cover your personal accident’s medical expenses by paying your annual “Personal Accident Policy”. Personal Accident insurance covers your unexpected accidents on roads, in the house, in sports, in your leisure holidays etc,. In case death of insurer, the nominee of the insurer gets the full sum insured amount.

- Annual premiums of the insurance policy should be paid in time to avoid lapse of the policy. No claims for Accident compensation can be made if you had not paid the Annual Premium in time. We advise the people to pay the premium before the expiry date of policy to avoid inspection of the vehicle for motor insurances and avoid medical health check up for health insurances.
- If you are going temporarily out of Auroville, at the time your insurance expires, please bring the papers to us in advance to renew it. Therefore, we can do it while you are out of station. “Do not pay the insurance on your name while the vehicle has not registered under your name. Name in the registration certificate and in the insurance policy should be the same. If it differs, you could not claim insurance in case of an accident or theft.”

Green Ride Cycles

Bicycles are available for rent on a daily and long-term basis. We also undertake cycle repairs for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers.

**Raju, Auroville Vehicle Service, Town hall,
0413- 2623302, 9443074825 WA
avvehicle@auroville.org.in**

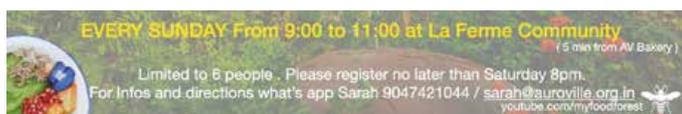
Monday—Saturday: 9am—12:30pm, 2—5pm

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

GUIDED FOREST WALK



indeed the Earth itself is interconnected, the state of democracy and civic space -which is at an all-time low—has to be addressed. Civic space conditions continue to remain a challenge throughout the world with only 3.1. per cent of the global population living in countries where fundamental freedoms are protected and respected..(see Civic Space graphs below).

Upholding the human rights of women, children, the elderly, youth, persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples seems as far-fetched as giving up fossil fuels.

Discrimination based on caste and religion are fundamental root causes of poverty, violence and exclusion which again lock us into pathways of polarisation and conflict. At a time of ecological stress the need for social harmony is stronger than ever, but we see the opposite.

Global hunger levels have increased to 276 million from 135 million in the last two years. The food crisis has taken a colossal scale in countries like Yemen, the Central African Republic, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Sudan, Syria and others, according to Oxfam. Hunger hotspots were also seen in Brazil, India and South Africa.

The promise of social justice and a fair, rights-based, equitable and ecologically-just world seem hollow even seven years after adopting the Sustainable Development Goals. Almost all 17 goals are in jeopardy despite nearing the Agenda 2030 deadline. "The cascading and interlinked crises are putting the Agenda 2030 in grave danger along with humanity's own survival," the SDG 2022 report underscored. Who is responsible for this? One factor is the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, but rather than using this as an excuse it could have been used as an opportunity. Think of the way Taiwan responded by inviting civil society as part of a shared response.

The political, financial, economic and social architecture, as well as the individuals who lead these systems, are failing us, stated the declaration adopted by the Global People's Assembly. Rising hunger, inequality, loss of livelihoods, climate change, environmental degradation, war, crumbling health system exposed during the pandemic and vaccine inequality pushed people to the margins and made the planet uninhabitable.

The lukewarm response of leaders to the rising global temperature is also reflected in the recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; their findings state that Greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase and the current plans to address climate change are not enough to mitigate the crisis.

Governments must phase out all fossil fuel subsidies by 2024. Rich countries should provide full compensation for losses and damage caused by the impacts of climate change on vulnerable groups and countries. In order to achieve global justice, we must achieve climate justice and in order to achieve climate justice, we must shift our development pathway away from 'ecocide' towards eco centric solidarity, honouring and respecting all of Life.

Ecocide is the human impact on the environment, causing mass destruction and death. It's the shadow side of our current form of fossilised consumer capitalism with its addiction to unending growth of GDP.

But even hard to change habits can be changed. Decarbonising of India's iron and steel sector for example: the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) say it is possible to bring down carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions drastically by 2030, while tripling India's output of steel; we can emit even less than what we do today. But it will need planning, technology and funds.

The fact is countries like India need to grow and develop, and this at a time when the world is running out of carbon budget. So, this growth can, and must, be low in carbon. How do we ensure the double benefits of reduced emissions and growth? Globally, the iron and steel sector is a major contributor to emissions — some 7 per cent of the total greenhouse gas emissions.

In India, the sector's share is 5 per cent (2016) India is

Ecology

GREEN COLUMN

The State of the World and COP 27

After Pakistan, the next nation in the global South to suffer climate change induced floods is Nigeria, where 1.5 million people are suffering and 600 died.



It is widely believed that the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C is no longer achievable because we have locked ourselves into a pathway of increased emissions.

As our fractious and dysfunctional world gets ready to go to the 27th meeting of the parties to the climate convention (COP27) and as extreme weather events spiral out of control and take down lives and properties, it is clear that we need to act urgently. It is equally clear that this "action" is not happening, certainly not at the scale or pace needed. Since all what is befalling the people on this Earth and

second in terms of global production of iron and steel. But China produces 10 times more than India; in 2019, it produced 1,050 million tonnes of crude steel, against India's 100 million tonnes. India may need to increase its production to meet infrastructure demand in the country but can it reduce emissions of CO2 at the same time? What must India do? What can the world do to ensure this transition? The emission story of iron and steel is like that of most other industries. The fuel — coal, gas or clean electricity — that fires its furnaces is what adds to emissions, but with one crucial difference. The manufacturing process is a determinant of the amount of CO2 the industrial unit will produce.

Countries like India can develop while drastically reducing their emissions. The only question is if the rich world will accept the imperative of climate justice and provide the funds for the technology transformation necessary for a future-ready industry. India's iron and steel manufacturing is far more polluting than most countries' because it is coal-based and there is no impetus to improve their emission profile. All big firms (the Indian Oil corporation (IOCL), Reliance Ltd, Dalmia Cement) have plans to reduce GHG emissions; capturing, storing and utilising carbon and to convert CO2 to useful chemicals in a sustainable manner -but they are at the initial stage, have no timeline so their implementation will take longer... IOCL said they would declare Net Zero operational emissions by the year 2046 for their plans to achieve two-thirds of emission reduction through energy efficiency, electrification and fuel replacement.

This is what COP27 — the 27th conference of parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change — should discuss.

World leaders have to take bold and transformative measures as promised in the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Climate deal to save the Earth and humanity. And these need to involve civil society not as an afterthought but as core business principle.

****CIVIC Space In Numbers****

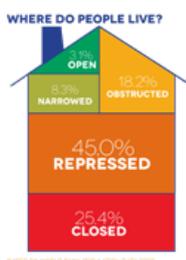
The CIVICUS Monitor measures enabling conditions for civil society or civic space. It provides ratings for civic space in 197 countries and territories (all UN member states and Hong Kong, Kosovo, Palestine, and Taiwan). At CIVICUS, civic space is seen as the respect in policy and practice for the freedoms of assembly, association and expression which are underpinned by the state's duty to protect civil society.

CIVIC Space In 2022

Today, only 3.1% of the world's population lives in countries with Open civic space.

Global CIVIC Space Restrictions

Over the past year, civil society across the world has faced a variety legal and extra-legal restrictions. Below see the top ten violations captured in the CIVICUS Monitor.



Country Ratings

The CIVICUS Monitor currently rates 39 countries and territories as **Open**, 41 rated as **Narrowed**, 42 rated as **Obstructed**, 50 rated as **Repressed** and 25 rated as **Closed**.

Regional Breakdowns

	Open	Narrowed	Obstructed	Repressed	Closed
Africa	2	4	13	24	6
Americas	10	9	9	5	2
Asia and Pacific	8	7	10	11	4
Europe and Central Asia	19	21	6	4	4
Middle East and North Africa	0	0	4	6	9

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Sources: Down To Earth, Report by GCAP, a global campaign working on issues of poverty and inequality Davis Armstrong McKay, CSE and IPCC

Gijs & Lisbeth

The Green Column appears bi-monthly in the News and Notes and reports on Green Issues in Auroville, the Bioregion and the wider world

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SPONGE CITIES



Most cities today are not built to handle the kind of extreme weather that climate change inflicts. The asphalt and concrete that are the building blocks of the modern metropolis absorb heat, making heatwaves hotter. Those same materials, used to construct buildings and pave over the wetlands and streams that predated urban development, also repel water, leaving it nowhere to go. And that, as residents of Vienna, Berlin, and other European cities learned the hard way last year, can lead to devastating storm surges and flash floods.

Sponge cities provide one solution. [Urban designer Yu Kongjian](#) first articulated the idea in 2012 after flooding wreaked havoc on dozens of cities in his native China. Instead of paving over the land with impermeable concrete and asphalt, he proposed adding green spaces that could act like sponges and absorb excess rain water. Instead of a "gray" infrastructure of pipes and dams that whisk water away from the city and dump it into rivers or the sea—systems that are prone to overflowing during storms and wearing out with time—sponge cities would use simple gravity to channel water steadily into soil where it could support plant life, or into reservoirs where it could be stored and repurposed. In other words, the sponge city would replicate the natural water cycle. ...

Over the past decade, elements of the sponge city have been incorporated into metro regions around the globe. In China, where the central government adopted Yu Kongjian's ideas in 2013, the concept has been successfully tested in 30 municipalities, and the country now plans to adapt 80% of urban areas accordingly by 2030. In Copenhagen, a park in the central neighborhood of Vesterbro now has massive, rainwater-collecting reservoirs below a surface that functions as a pool with fountains when full, and ball courts and skateboarding ramps when the water recedes. Even industrial Pittsburgh has mitigated the worst of its flooding by installing rain gardens and a 535-foot-long "bioswale"—a trench lined with plants—that mimics a natural waterway and, through absorption, can prevent more than 800,000 gallons of stormwater from overflowing the city's sewers.

Sponge cities can boost climate resiliency beyond just flood mitigation. In Australia, where the concept goes by the decidedly less evocative name of Water Sensitive Urban Design, sponge projects have proven effective in lessening the impact of flooding's opposite—drought—by filtering and storing rainwater so that it can be used for irrigation and plumbing systems.

In Germany's capital, sponge designs are being used to cool the air in some neighborhoods. One of the more ambitious projects recently got underway at the now decommissioned Tegel airport, which is being transformed into Berlin TXL, a three-square-mile development that, when complete, will feature a climate-resilient neighborhood, called the Schumacher Quarter, with room for 10,000 residents. In addition to its wooden buildings and alternative forms of transportation, the neighborhood will eschew conventional drainage in favor of ground-level gradations that will direct rainwater into swales or pools. Then, depending on where it falls, the water will be put to different purposes. ...

The rain that falls into private areas—namely on top of buildings—will either be held beneath green roofs, where it can play a similarly cooling role, or stored in courtyard pools where it will be repurposed in graywater plumbing used for toilets and lawn irrigation. Together, evaporation from both public and private areas will mean that the Schumacher Quartier stays cooler, Novotny says, than other areas in the center of Berlin. "It'll act like natural air conditioning."

Vienna's sponge elements are also multifunctional. Created as part of a larger project called IBA_Wien that reimagines urban housing, Am Seebogen is a new neighborhood, located about 2.5 miles east of the city center, that already provides housing for some 6,500 residents and will eventually be home to 12,000 more. Built around a man-made lake created in 2009, it is designed both for environmental sustainability—buildings are constructed of wood, while ample public transportation and limited parking discourage cars—and liveability, with ample public spaces and local shops within easy walking distance. But achieving both those goals, along with climate resiliency, in a largely denuded landscape, is complicated, which is where those ingenious underground planters come in.

At street level, they look like normal planting beds, holding trees flocked with low-lying plants. But beneath the foliage is a substrate of sand and biochar (a form of charcoal made from organic material) and below that, storage chambers filled with gravel that capture heavy rainfall, filter it of road salt and other chemicals, and store about 80 gallons of the cleaned water so that it's available to the tree's roots. The structures not only provide a place for the water to go, in other words, but help trees in the neighborhood thrive in an urban environment. "Trees in cities always look so bad because of compaction," says Oliver Gachowetz, whose landscape architecture firm 3.0 designed the sponge planters. "The soil gets compacted by dryness and traffic. For us, it would be like having a 200 kilo [440 lb] person sitting on your chest—you can't breathe. But these leave [the trees] room to spread out their roots." ...

• From: https://time.com/6222020/sponge-city-vienna-climate-change/?utm_source=pocket-newtab-intl-en

Paulette



IN THE ALL-REVEAL

In the "all-reveal" pressure cooker
 Steam and heat build up
 Find no easy release
 While the cooking
 Goes on
 Till
 We are ready
 To serve.
 With joyful Gratitude, Anandi Zhang

TWO EARTHS

There is a permanent field,
 Eternal,
 Wherefrom the infinite impermanence
 Perpetually emerges:
 The many who are One.
 In That are the Two Earths:
 One born from Mind,
 The other from beyond.
 Both are now in convergence
 Towards the Supramental emergence.
 There we shall meet,
 Again,
 This new space-time,
 In blissful union.
 With just a change of narrative,
 A twist of perspective
 And a New Physics of Being,
 A New Seeing,
 A Marvel of Existence
 Emerges
 From this New Consciousness
 Beyond Duality:
 No there,
 All are here:
 Here is a permanent field,
 Eternal,
 Wherefrom the infinite impermanence
 Perpetually emerges:
 The many who are One.
 In This are the Two Earths:
 One born from Mind,
 The Second from beyond.
 Both are now in convergence
 Towards the Supramental emergence.
 Here we shall meet,
 Again,
 This new space-time,
 A Life Divine.

Auroville Poetry

AFTER THE RAIN

The lives whisper
 The bambú talks
 New morning time
 After the rain.

"...to open to the Divine Light. Light of Truth, Right, Good,
 Light of Love and Harmony." Sri Aurobindo

Anandi-ayün,
 Certitude

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Regards, Wobbli

Voices and Notes

GETTING BACK AT PKS

Mr PKS has (illegally?) claimed Auroville lands, and has even aggressed some of us to brutally capture the space. Plain facts.

In response, Auroville has taken TWO approaches. As seems to be the case with everything in Auroville, nowadays. The ‘One’, took the aggressive retaliatory approach and used the ‘Mobilization of Mob’ technique to stop the encroachment, and had successfully escalated the situation to (almost armed—if one counts their not-so-blunt tools as arms) conflict.

The ‘Other’, took a more measured, nuanced step, and used appropriate means to counter the encroachment. Instead of positioning Aurovilians against Locals (which could have grave consequences for our future. How? Rich real estate developers < Closely connected politicians stroking the local sentiments < Villagers up in arms against Auroville), the other has used mellow but effective measures of employing the government means to do the job properly.

I’m not sure of the results, but if we win, we will have to remember and thank the usefulness of the Auroville Foundation Act, and the potential proper usage of the Secretariat. Instead of confronting the Foundation Office, we need to dialogue and partner with them to address the larger issues of Auroville.

And, if we win the case against PKS, let’s ensure we do not assert our victory and highlight ‘his’ losses. Let’s use this occasion to show we are humble and non-personal. Let’s make it amply clear that we do not consider him our enemy.

It would be great if we can host lunch or dinner, and thank him for not escalating the case further. It would be a nice

gesture if it is organized by the brave group, who confronted him face-to-face and showed that we’re not the ‘getting back’ kind. To emphasize that we believe in giving back in kindness, love, and joy.

I know, I’m as usual, ignorant, impractical, and idealistic. What to do!

Love, Lakshay

<https://auroville.org.in/article/93128>

PS: Let us also be aware that the land contended with PKS is in fact NOT Auroville Land. It belongs to Michael Bonke. If we lose the case, we may have to make it clear to this gentleman, about the need to transfer the ownership to Auroville Foundation. In return, we need to also guarantee that the area will be developed as per the Master Plan, and ensure the land does not become another private Aurovilian estate.

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

FAMILY AND SYSTEMIC CONSTELLATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, 5 November, 9am—6pm

Creativity Hall of Light

Contact: moghan@auroville.org.in

9751110486, thanks, Moghan

ANGAMTREE WELLNESS HUT

Angamtree Wellness Hut is integrating Arunachala Sound Healing Temple as a sub-center and will be providing traditional Siddha philosophy based **Vibrational Medicine** using sound as a therapeutic medium.

Angamtree Wellness Hut will now have the following three sub-centers.

- Siddha Varma Kalai
- Arunachala Sound Healing Therapy
- Nattiyakkalai Aarogyam

Contact Us: Raja Narayanasamy, 9751395939

Warm regards, Raja Narayansamy



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Namaste, Lakshmi

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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

SHIATSU BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP—TIMINGS

- 12 and 13, 19 and 20, 26 and 27 November 2022
- Saturdays 9am to 4:30pm and
- Sundays 11am to 4:30pm

Shiatsu, studying Shiatsu is a beautiful and often life-changing way to learn about your own health and well-being while opening the door to a deeper understanding of what it means to be touched and to touch.



Historically Japanese, the roots of Shiatsu can be traced to something as deep as the 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 while always remembering the joy of life-flow through dance and explorations of the elements.

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 honoured to share at Budokan, can be your first step in a three years training as a Shiatsu Practitioner.

- Contribution required, according to your resources.

Please contact Ulrike Urvasi at mothersworkforthemother-work@gmail.com, 9751513906

Ulrike Urvasi

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AUTHENTIC RELATING GAMES

Wednesday November 2, 5:30-7:30pm

With Prem Shakti @ Auromode Yoga Space.

AUTHENTIC RELATING GAMES



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

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

Please bring comfortable clothes and your presence.

- Register in advance via WA 9489244823

With love & authenticity,
Prem Shakti



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 Regular activities, November 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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Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

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



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

- Sessions afternoons 4—6pm or mornings 8—10am

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

Acupuncture, Qigong, Shiatsu with Andres



Andres Lokutta, is a experienced practitioner in Acupuncture (over 12 years), and further practices of Chinese Medicines: QiGong energy exercises, and Shiatsu: gentle stretches to increase energy flow.

Please contact us for an appointment via contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 09626006961

Our Venue Sharnga Guesthouse

- www.sharngaguesthouse.in

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

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

SERENDIPITY: ACTIVITIES AND THERAPIES



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Regular Classes

Qi Gong with Lhamo

- Every Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30—8:30am, drop in class.

Qigong can be described as a mind-body-spirit practice that improves one's mental and physical health by integrating posture, movement, breathing technique, self-massage, sound, and focused intent. Specifically, this form of gentle exercise is composed of movements that are repeated a number of times, often stretching the body, increasing fluid movement (blood, synovial and lymph) and building awareness of how the body moves through space.

Tai Chi with Lhamo

- Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 4—5pm, drop in class.

This martial art is an ancient Chinese tradition that has evolved over centuries and even though tai chi developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, tai chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements.

Hatha Yoga with Ramesh

- Every Monday and Wednesday, 5:30—6:30pm, and Fridays, 7—8am, drop in class.

Ramesh offers hatha yoga classes with some vinyasa flow and include pranayama, traditional sanskrit mantra chanting, and meditation. The style is gentle, adaptive and progressive where passive, gravity-assisted poses are mingled with dynamic vinyasa-style flow as needed. He places a lot of focus on breathing and body-mindfulness during the practice. It is ideal for beginners to intermediate-level practitioners. You will be exposed to authentic Sanskrit terms and their correct pronunciation. The practice will be rejuvenative and restorative. These specific classes will be on donation basis even for guests.

Mindfulness Evening Circle with Jass

- Every Thursday at 7:30pm (duration: 1hr and 30mins)

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

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

- Every Friday, 5—6pm, drop in class.

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

Therapies

Bach Flowers Remedies with Stefania

- On appointment only (+91 9486363442)

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

Conscious Life Counseling with Stefania

- On appointment only (+91 9486363442)

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

Facial Acupuncture and Massage with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

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

Gua Sha (Chinese Detox Scrub) with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

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

Hypnotherapy with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

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

Shiatsu Massage with Sara

- On appointment only (+91 9443617308)

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

Small Children (0-6) Chinese Massage with Lhamo

- On appointment only (+91 9565524237)

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

Warmly, Sara

PITANGA PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER 2022



0413 2622403/ WA 9443902403, info@pitanga.in

Yoga with Rachel

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

One-on-one lessons available on request

Ashtanga Yoga—Mysore Style with Sheida

Monday	7—8:30am	Starts: 7/11
Wednesday	3—4:30pm	Starts: 9/11
Saturday	9—10:30am	Starts: 12/11

More Yoga

Yin Yoga, in French, Drop -In, on 12 th & 26 th only	Saturday, 5—6:15pm	Aur�lie
Pranayama, Regular only	Friday, 6:45—8am	Fran�ois, Namrita
Yoga Therapy, All levels	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30—10am	Gala
Asanas for children, 7—9 yrs, Regular	Saturday 10—11am	Gala
Asanas for teenagers, 10—15 yrs, Regular only	Monday, Wednesday 4—5pm	Lisbeth

Body—Mind—Spirit

Taoist Qi Gong In French, Drop-In	Tuesday, 7:30—9am	Elisa T.
Taoist Qi Gong In English, Drop-In	Thursday, 3:15—4:45pm	Elisa T.
Neurographic Drawing, For adults, Drop-In	Thursday, 3—4pm	Gala
Tuning to Peace, Drop-In	Monday, 7:15—8:15am	Rosa A.
Training our listening skills, through the body, Drop-In	Wednesday, 8—9.30am	Rosa A.
Awareness and Joy, for seniors, Drop-In	Friday, 9—10am	Rosa A.
Feldenkrais, in English, Drop-In	Tuesday, 9—10:15am	Aurovici
Feldenkrais, in French, Drop-In	Tuesday, 10:30—11:45am	Aurovici
Feldenkrais, Drop-In	Friday, 5:15—6:30pm	Shari
Aviva Exercise, For women, Drop-In	Thursday 4:30—5:30pm	Suriya- gandhi
Odissi Dance, Beginners, Drop-In	Monday, 4:45—5:15pm Friday, 3:45—4:30pm	Rekha
Odissi Dance, Intermediate, Regular	Monday, 5:15—6:15pm Friday, 4:30—5:15pm	Rekha

Homeopathic Clinic

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

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

Healing Spaces

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

Acupuncture	Heidi
Essenian Healing	Patrick
Shamballa Reiki	Pierre
Shiatsu	Ulrike
Self-Healing	Kirtan
Thai Yoga Massage	Bernardo

About our healing spaces

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

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

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

Shiatsu: The Quantum Shiatsu practised by Ulrike Urvasi for over 20 years follows an understanding which is multi-dimensional and holistic, reminds of and activates the self-healing forces in each one of us.

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

Thai Yoga Massage is a deep, full-body treatment, which includes both stretching of the joints and muscles, and applied pressure on the Sen lines. Traditionally Thai Massage was not only used to treat illnesses, but also to maintain health and well-being.

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

New in November:

- **Thai Yoga Massage** with Bernardo will be available from 9 November onwards.
- **Shiatsu** with Ulrike restarts!
- We welcome Sheida to our team and her teaching of **Ashtanga Yoga—Mysore Style**. Her classes start from the 7 November onwards.

Submitted by Andrea,
for Pitanga.



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Registration required for the following intensives

Freedom From Fear With Dr. Sehdev

• Saturday, 5 November, 2—4:30pm

Fear has an apocalyptic power; it can sap all energy, and make everything inert and lifeless.

- Fear of Losing Face
- Fear of Loneliness
- Fear of Love & Intimacy
- Fear of Failure

How can one live with full intensity and with all ebbs and tides, without knowing what fears freeze the mighty river of one's life?



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Yoga & Re-creation Programs

Social distancing practiced in all programs

Days	Drop-in Sessions	Timings	Pre-senters
Mondays	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga	5—6:15pm	Andres
Tuesdays	Yoga for Inner Alignment	10:30—11:30am	Radhika
	Holistic Yoga no class 8 November	5—6:30pm	Sabrina
Wednesdays	Holistic Yoga no class 9 November	9—10am	Sabrina
	Vinyasa Flow	5—6:30pm	Rebeca
	Chakra Breathing Meditation	5—6:30pm	Nirmal
Thursdays	Holistic Yoga starts 17 November	5—6:30pm	Sabrina
Fridays	Free Flow Dance & Movement	5—6:30pm	Vega
	Hatha Vinyasa Yoga	5—6:15pm	Andres
Saturdays	Nataraj Dance Meditation	5—6:30pm	Nirmal

Therapies (by appointment only)

Thai Yoga Therapy	Andres
Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy	Mila
Private Yoga Session/ Therapy	Nadia
Somatic Bodywork and Sound Healing	Nirmal
Grounding & Relaxation Massage—Emotional Healing Massage—Fertility Massage.	Prem Shakti
Foot Reflexology	Radhika
Integrated Cranio-sacral and Foot Reflexology	Radhika
Private Yoga Session/ Therapy	Sabrina
Ayurvedic Abhyanga Massage	Umberto
Lomi Lomi Hawaiian Massage	Umberto

Intensives (pre-registration required)

Day & Date	Intensives (pre-registration required)	Timings	Pre-senters
Saturday, 5 November	Freedom From Fear	2pm—4:30pm	Sehdev
Friday & Saturday, 11&12 November	Speaking From The Heart: Non-Violent Communication	Friday—9:30am—4:30pm, Saturday—9:30am—1:30pm	Vega
Friday, 18 November	Explore Your "Bodies" (Koshas) Through the Practice of Yoga	9:30am—12:30pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 19 November	Anatomy for Yoga Practitioners: The Spine	9:30am—12pm	Rebeca
Saturday, 19 November	Shaucha : Yoga to Purify Body, Energy and Mind	9:30am—12pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 26 November	Balance Your "Bodies" (Koshas) Through the Practice of Yoga	9:30am—12:30pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 26 November	Move with Feeling & Dance Our Needs	9:30am—4:30pm	Vega
Saturday, 26 November	Yoga of Forgiveness	2pm—4:30pm	Sehdev

REGULAR EVENTS—NOVEMBER 2022

Hatha Vinyasa Yoga with Andres at Vérité

• Monday & Friday 5—6:15 pm

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

• Contact 0413 2622045 or email programming@verite.in.

Yoga for Inner Alignment with Radhika at Vérité

• Tuesday 10:30—11:30am

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

• Contact 0413 2622045 or email programming@verite.in.

Holistic Yoga with Sabrina at Vérité

- no class 3, 8, 9, 10 November
- Tuesday and Thursday 5—6:30pm &
- Wednesday 9—10 am

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

• Contact 0413 2622045 or email programming@verite.in.

Nataraj Dance Meditation with Nirmal at Vérité

• Saturday 5—6:30pm

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

• Contact 0413 2622045 or email programming@verite.in.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Rebeca at Vérité

- Wednesday 5—6:30pm

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

- Contact 0413 2622045 or email programming@verite.in.

Chakra Breathing Meditation with Nirmal at Vérité

- Wednesday 5—6:30pm

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

- Contact 0413 2622045 or email programming@verite.in.

Free Flow Dance and Movement with Vega at Vérité

- Friday 5—6:30pm

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

- Contact 0413 2622045 or email programming@verite.in.

Thai Yoga Therapy—with Andres at Vérité.

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

- By appointment: treatments@verite.in
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Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy with Mila at Vérité.

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

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Private Yoga Sessions/ Yoga Therapy with Nadia

Yoga therapy is the specific application of sequences of posture, breathwork and meditation with the support of props, to address an individual's physical, mental, and emotional needs within a holistic and highly personalised framework. Yoga Therapy is for those who require specific guidance and modification or may not be able to follow a regular class due to special needs, pace, or recuperation requirements, typically these include back care, joint issues, energetic/hormonal imbalances, lack of mobility due to injury, injury to the nervous system, PTSD, anxiety, circulatory problems and much more.

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Somatic Bodyworks & Sound Healing with Nirmal

This session is based on the knowledge of different Oriental Healing techniques such as Shiatsu, Thai Massage, Tantsu, and Sound healing. Different techniques are used based on the needs and on the particular body conditions of the receiver. Sound healing, using Tibetan singing bowls, Tuning Forks, and shakers, are used to bring extra relaxation and wellbeing.

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Grounding & Relaxation Massage—Emotional Healing Massage—Fertility Massage with Prem Shakti

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

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Craniosacral Therapy & Foot Reflexology with Radhika at Vérité.

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

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Private Yoga Sessions/ Yoga Therapy with Sabrina

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

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Ayurvedic Abhyanga Massage with Umberto at Vérité

Abhyanga massage is an ancient Indian Ayurvedic oil technique for healing and detoxifying body, mind and spirit. The Abhyanga works in a synchronized manner to restore the flow of life energy in the body. This Ayurvedic 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.

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Lomi Lomi Hawaiian Massage with Umberto at Vérité

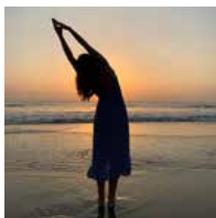
Lomi Lomi is a Hawaiian massage and includes long, fluid, rhythmic strokes over the whole body using the hands as an instrument of the heart. Energetic, emotional and muscular blockages are released allowing circulation, oxygen, life and spirit to flow through body and mind. While the whole body is accepted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

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Many thanks,
Kathir
for Vérité Programming

VINYASA YOGA FLOW WITH REBECA

Tuesday & Thursday, 5pm



Teaching a non-dogmatic style of yoga fusing ancient wisdom with contemporary understanding of the body, challenging it in different ways, focusing on the development of coordination, balance, strength and flexibility. Under the view of a physiotherapist teacher, there is a main focus on individual alignment with anatomical explanations for the safe

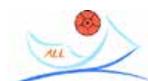
performance, considering this practice as therapeutic exercise. Recommended for those that are familiar with foundational yoga postures and enjoy a dynamic class. Absolute beginners can find it challenging.

- At the Maloka hut in Anitya Community ("Joy of Impermanence" on google maps) Center field.
- Please join the WA group to be informed: 9344295315

Warmly, Rebeca

Languages

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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

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

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

Summer Language Courses at ALL

New: German with Verena

A1.1 Beginner German, Great news for German Learners! Verena will soon start a new A1.1 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.

A1.2 Beginner German, This course is for students who have already taken a Beginner Course with Verena in the past. The course is meant to deepen the basics previously learned and further advance the learner's German language skills.

- Classes will take place Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00am to 12:30pm. Course starts on 31 October and will conclude on 2 February.

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 first round of French courses concluded recently and we received fabulous feedback from his students! 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 four 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 delving into French vocabulary of everyday life and the basics of grammar. By the end of the course, you would be able to make simple sentences useful for interaction, and talk about your work, hobbies, daily life, etc. in a simple way.

- This course starts on November 5. Classes will take place Saturdays, 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

French Conversation (Pre-Intermediate): 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! Each lesson covers a theme of daily life (work, family, hobbies, shopping, projects, etc.) and is aimed at developing the students' ability to express themselves and interact in French. Jean-François will also review the grammar useful for basic conversation.

- This course will start on November 3. Classes will take place Monday & Thursday afternoons. Exact timings to be fixed later.

French Conversation (Intermediate): This course is for those who have a good level in French. In this course, the basics of public communication like expression, understanding, argumentation, meeting facilitation shall be deepened. Jean-François would explore a range of topics like food, sports, travel, philosophy, news, literature, economics, social sciences, theater, and more. At the end of the course, students will also have reviewed the grammar useful for interaction.

- 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 is based on exercises that use many mediums like videos, games, role-playing, etc. to make learning both fun and effective. By the end of the course, students will have an immersion in the French language and will be able to express themselves in a simple way.

- The course will start on November 5, and classes will take place Saturdays 11am to 12noon.

New: Spoken Tamil with Saravanan

- The current course will conclude soon. We will start a new batch in November!

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

New: Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan

Our teacher, Murugesan, is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil Course. This course is for those who wish to enrich themselves with the complex beauty of the Tamil written alphabet and speech. The new batch will start in November.

- Classes will take place in the mornings, twice weekly.
Further details to be announced shortly.

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. However, please note that this is not a drop in/walk in class but is meant for students committed to joining the course.

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

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

To join or enquire:

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

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

Current Schedule of Classes

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	2:30pm—4:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation 1 To start 3 November	2pm—3pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation 2 To start 3 November	3:30pm—4:30pm	
German	A1.1 Beginner, To start 3 November	9—10:30am	Monday & Wednesday
	A1.2 Beginner, To start 3 November	11am—12:30pm	
Hindi	Beginner, Started on 10 September 2022	10am—12pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started on 15 July	9:30—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start November 2022	10am—11am	Monday & Thursday

Sanskrit	Beginner, To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner: Group 1 Started 3 October	2:30—3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Beginner: Group 2 Started 3 October	3:45—4:45pm	
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.

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Cinema



Presents at MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM (MMC, Town Hall)

- Reminder:** Friday 28 October, "Tante Hilda" (Aunt Hilda), by Benoît Chieux & Jacques-Rémy Gierd, France, 2013. Animated film, general audience!

Friday 4 November, 8:00pm

"The World of Apu", original title: Apur Sansar

Directed by Satyajit Ray, India, 1959

Music by Ravi Shankar

Overview: The World of Apu, produced, written and directed by Satyajit Ray is based on the second half of Bibhutibhusan Bandopadhyay's novel Aparajito. It is the final part of Ray's The Apu Trilogy, about the childhood and early adulthood of a young Bengali named Apu in early twentieth century India. The film won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film as well as several international awards, including the Sutherland Award for Best Original and Imaginative Film and National Board of Review Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

Synopsis: In early 1940s, Apurba Kumar Roy (Apu) is an unemployed graduate living in a rented room at Tala, Calcutta. His main passion is writing a novel, partially based on his own life, hoping to get it published some day. One day, he meets his old friend Pulu, who coaxes him to join him on a trip to his village in Khulna to attend the marriage of a cousin named Aparna. "This trip leads him to an act of kindness and a wonderful, youthful romance. All his life, death, and the sense of loss, has been accompanying Apu in his perpetual odyssey of spirituality and knowledge; now, a lifetime of joys, hopes, sadness, and tragedies culminate in the most momentous decision of his life. But, life's mysterious duality cannot be defined by tragedy. What more could one ask for than a child's charming, wide-eyed smile?"

Original Bengali version with English subtitles.

Duration: 1h47'.

Kind regards, Susana



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 31 October 2022 to 06 November 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 31 October, 8:00 pm:
THUGS OF HINDOSTAN

India, 2018, Writer-Dir. Vijay Krishna Acharya w/ Liquid Owen, Aamir Khan, Amitabh Bachchan, and others, Action-Adventure, 164mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

The menacing John Clive has the Indians clenched in his fist. Leading to a revolution by the righteous Azaad, Captain James Powell, Clive's second in command contracts the sly thug Firangi to get them Azaad. As destined, he finds himself amid Azaad, his rebels and the beautiful warrior Zafira. Will he forgo his selfish desire for nation's freedom?

Potpourri—Tuesday 1 November, 8:00 pm:
TRASH

UK-Brazil-Germany, 2014, Dir Stephan Daldry & Christian Duurvoort w/Rickson Tevez, Gabriel Weinstein, Martin Sheen, and others, Crime-Adventure, 114mins, Portuguese-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

When two trash-picking boys from Rio's slums find a wallet in amongst the daily detritus of their local dump, little do they imagine that their lives are about to change forever. But when the local police show up, offering a handsome reward for the wallet's return, the boys, Rafael and Gardo, realize that what they've found must be important.

Interesting—Wednesday 2 November, 8:00 pm:
SURYAGANGA (Sunganges)

India, 2019, Writer-Dir. Valli Bindana w/ Naseeruddin Shah, Himanshu Thakkar, Parineeta Dandekar, and others, Documentary-Adventure, 75mins, English, Rated: NR (G)

A panoptic film on water, energy and climate. It is a wild and intense ride three filmmakers take across the vast Indian landscape in an attempt to connect the dots between vanishing rivers, massive energy projects and the quiet rise of renewable energy. The film shared with us by the filmmaker was featured in our Eco Film series. It remains a very topical film that is good to revisit.

German—Thursday 3 November, 8:00 pm:
EXIL (Exile)

Germany, 2020, Dir. Visar Morina w/ Misel Maticevic, Sandra Hüller, Rainer Bock and others, Drama, 121 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan. The film tells the story of a chemical engineer of foreign origin who feels discriminated and bullied at work, plunging him into an identity crisis. Visar Morina dissects the psychological effects of social exclusion and presents them here as an interplay between belonging and alienation.

International—Saturday, 5 November, 8:00 pm:
BLONDE

USA, 2022, Writer-Dir. Andrew Dominik w/ Ana de Armas, Lily Fisher, Julianne Nicholson, and others, Biography-Drama, 167mins, English-Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: R
 Based on the bestselling novel by Joyce Carol Oates, in this film, the director reimagines the life of one of Hollywood's most enduring icons, Marilyn Monroe. From her volatile childhood as Norma Jeane, through her rise to stardom and romantic entanglements, the film blurs the lines of fact and fiction to explore the widening split between her public and private selves.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 6 November, 4:30 pm:
SCOOBY-DOO! THE SWORD AND THE SCOOB

USA, 2021, Dir. Maxwell Atoms, Christina Sotta w/ Ted Barton, Spike Brandt, Trevor Devall, and others, Mystery-Adventure, 76 mins, English, Rated: PG

An evil sorceress transports Scooby-Doo and his crime-solving friends back to the age of chivalrous knights and fire-breathing dragons. After Shaggy unwittingly pulls out Excalibur from a nearby stone to cut a block of cheese, the legendary wizard Merlin appears and explains that the throne of Camelot must be determined by a tournament.

Howard Hawks Film Festival @ Ciné-Club

Sunday 6 November, 8:00 pm:
THE BIG SLEEP

USA, 1946, Dir. Howard Hawks w/ Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, and others, Drama-Crime, 114 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G.

Private investigator Philip Marlowe's hired by a wealthy general to find out and stop his daughter, Carmen from being blackmailed over gambling debts, Marlowe finds himself deep within a web of love triangles, blackmail, murder, gambling, and organized crime. Marlowe hatches a plot to free the family from this web and trap the real culprit

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,
 MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
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 Thanks, Nina, For MMC-CP

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!



Inauguration of Auroville on 28 February 1968

When the first Aurovilians settled in Auroville in 1968, they found a barren eroded plateau of lateritic soil, with nearly no trees. The indigenous “Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest” (TDEF) had been cut since generations. Thus, before thinking of building a city, the first area of work for nearly 20 years was to give life again to the land by drilling wells, planting trees, developing farms and protecting the land from erosion due to the very heavy rains of the tropical monsoon climate. Because of the need to create the base for the city, the first actual city development started only in the 1990s.



Auroville landscape in 1968, planting trees



Auroville landscape in 2022, dense forests

The UNESCO General Assembly unanimously adopted five resolutions in support of Auroville in 1966, 1968, 1970, 1983 and 2017. In 1988, the Indian Parliament unanimously passed the “Auroville Foundation Act 1988”, which established Auroville as an autonomous foundation of the Government of India, now under the supervision of its Ministry of Education. Aurovilians are very grateful to UNESCO and the Government of India (GoI) for their continuous support, especially to Mother India’s great tolerance and spiritual tradition, which have protected Auroville as an experimental space for human, environmental, architectural and technological development.

At the centre of the city is the Peace Area where the Matrimandir—the soul of Auroville—is located. At the core of the Matrimandir is a spacious meditation room where people can concentrate on the Divine. Roger Anger, the chief architect of Auroville, designed the concept plan for Auroville in the shape of a galaxy. Until now, the manifestation of the



The Matrimandir, the soul of Auroville

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

Friday, 4 November:

Fungus: The Third Kingdom

2019 / 51 minutes / Civil Disturbia

This film takes us on a journey into the wonderful world of fungi. See how these versatile organisms take charge in exploring the land and allowing for other creatures to inhabit more of our world. There are so many mysteries surrounding them that we’re only now beginning to understand.

THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS

De Gaulle (2020)

Saturday, 29 October, 5pm, Cinema Paradiso

Film directed by Gabriel Le Bomin

In French only, duration: 108 min

Paris, June 1940. The de Gaulle couple is confronted with the military and political collapse of France. Charles de Gaulle joins London while Yvonne, his wife, finds herself with her three children on the road of the exodus.

Michael and Vivekan,
French Pavilion team



The Long Read



Auroville wants to be a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in Peace and Harmony above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities. The purpose of Auroville is to realise Human Unity.

Auroville, sometimes referred to as “The City of Dawn” was founded on 28 February 1968 by Mirra Alfassa, named “The Mother”.

During the Auroville inauguration in 1968, youth from 124 different nations and 23 Indian states each deposited a handful of their native soil into the Urn, a marble-clad structure in the form of a symbolic lotus bud, located in the centre of the Amphitheater. On this occasion, the Auroville Charter written by the Mother was broadcast live in 16 languages by “All India Radio”.

City of Dawn has proceeded slowly, the main reason being the lack of funds and human resources. Furthermore, the construction of a city of up to 50,000 people should be the outcome of a collaborative process running alongside the evolution of consciousness.



Matrimandir chamber



Galaxy Plan,
concept by Roger Anger

For more information on Auroville, please visit the Auroville website: www.auroville.media

In 1954, the Mother wrote "A dream" which was initially addressed to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry. Fourteen years later, Auroville became the outward manifestation of this "dream" and this message therefore also applies entirely to Auroville. In 1968, the Mother wrote the Auroville Charter before its inauguration.

A Dream

There should be somewhere on earth a place which no nation could claim as its own, where all human beings of goodwill who have a sincere aspiration could live freely as citizens of the world and obey one single authority, that of the supreme truth; a place of peace, concord and harmony where all the fighting instincts of man would be used exclusively to conquer the causes of his sufferings and miseries, to surmount his weaknesses and ignorance, to triumph over his limitations and incapacities; a place where the needs of the spirit and the concern for progress would take precedence over the satisfaction of desires and passions, the search for pleasure and material enjoyment.

In this place, children would be able to grow and develop integrally without losing contact with their souls; education would be given not for passing examinations or obtaining certificates and posts but to enrich existing faculties and bring forth new ones. In this place, titles and positions would be replaced by opportunities to serve and organise; the bodily needs of each one would be equally provided for, and intellectual, moral and spiritual superiority would be expressed in the general organisation not by an increase in the pleasures and powers of life but by increased duties and responsibilities.

Beauty in all its artistic forms, painting, sculpture, music, literature, would be equally accessible to all; the ability to share in the joy it brings would be limited only by the capacities of each one and not by social and financial position.

For in this ideal place money would no longer be the sovereign lord; individual worth would have a far greater importance than that of material wealth and social standing. There, work would not be a way to earn one's living but a way to express oneself and to develop one's capacities and possibilities while being of service to the community as a whole, which, for its own part, would provide for each individual's subsistence and sphere of action.

In short, it would be a place where human relationships, which are normally based almost exclusively on competition and strife, would be replaced by relationships of emulation in doing well, of collaboration and real brotherhood.

The earth is certainly not ready to realise such an ideal, for mankind does not yet possess sufficient knowledge to understand and adopt it nor the conscious force that is indispensable in order to execute it; that is why I call it a dream.

And yet this dream is in the course of becoming a reality; that is what we are striving for in Sri Aurobindo's Ashram, on a very small scale, in proportion to our limited means. The realisation is certainly far from perfect, but it is progressive; little by little we are advancing towards our goal

which we hope we may one day be able to present to the world as a practical and effective way to emerge from the present chaos, to be born into a new life that is more harmonious and true.



The Mother

Auroville Charter

- *Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. But to live in Auroville, one must be the willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.*
- *Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages.*
- *Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations.*
- *Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual research for a living embodiment of an actual Human Unity.*

Submitted by Satprem

REVELATION FOREST:

DEVELOPMENT OF MAHAKALI PARK

CPWD Engineers started to create a "Cycling Track" of 2.5 meters width on 30th Sept 2022 passing through the centre of the Mahakali Park, in the forests in Bliss and Existence segment. The map shared by the Junior Engineer of CPWD (JE) shows that the Proposed "Cycling Track" runs roughly through the central axis of the Mahakali Park, extending from the Matrimandir Circle and culminating inside the Revelation Wildlife Sanctuary.

This is apparently part of the plan to develop the Mahakali Park being pursued by the TDC appointed by the Governing Board. In this regard, we would like to highlight the history and context of the Revelation Forest segment of the Mahakali Park for consideration and harmonisation.

Brief History of Revelation Forest

Revelation Forest area was always designated as a densely forested city park in all iterations and variations of the town plan of Auroville since the beginning, including the Galaxy Plan and the Master Plan (Gazetted) etc.

Revelation Forest forms the northern segment of Mahakali Park. Mahakali Park is a wide strip of forested city park extending from the Matrimandir circle and extending up to the outer limit of the city area of Auroville.

Revelation Sanctuary

as a sensitive water recharge zone

Geological assessments, Hydro-Geological assessments and topographical studies found this area to be one of the most sensitive and suitable sites for rainwater recharge into the Aquifers under the Auroville Plateau. This was corroborated by village 'Water Diviner' and scientific percolation rate studies.

Thus, since the 1980s, Patrick and a few other experts in Ecology, Hydrogeology, Forestry and Landscape Management worked out and pursued a detailed scientific strategy to harmonise the water security needs of Auroville and also the designated utility of the place as a forested city park. The twin goals of rainwater recharge for water security of Auroville and the usage of the space as a forested city park were harmonised through a mechanism of Land zoning, wherein 1/3 of Revelation Forest area was designated as a preserved zone (Mahakali Sanctuary), located in the Green Belt Zone, and the remaining 2/3 area was designated as park area (managed forest) and community area. This was done in discussion with Roger Anger himself, who agreed to the appropriateness of the Land use strategy, keeping also in mind the eventual use of the place as a forested city park.

Extensive water harvesting structures were built in the sanctuary to maximise the water recharge. Native vegetation

was planted with an aim of maximising water percolation using the science of succession of species which would start with the hardy Pioneer trees and would be succeeded by Primary Species and culminate with the climax Evergreen species with maximum water recharge and reduced Evapo-transpiration compared to any other form of Land use.

Revelation forest preserved zone is a sensitive water recharge area as it feeds water to aquifers tapped by the schools; Also, Revelation Forest preserved zone lies at the bottleneck (lowest region) of a 150 hectares watershed.

Scientific Insights

Numerous scientific experiments in water harvesting, ecological regeneration, Species propagation, forestry, agro-forestry, organic agriculture and botanical sciences were carried out to deduce and apply the most efficient, cost-effective and self-regenerative strategy to maximise rainwater recharge into the aquifer and create a micro-climate for Auroville. The experiments and scientific studies indicated that the creation of an evergreen canopy over the land was the most appropriate Land use for maximising groundwater recharge due to optimum infiltration, controlled transpiration and better absorption of infrared rays.

The pursuit of maximum water recharge and retention led to several scientific insights into the workings of a tropical forest, including the dynamics of succession of species, suitability of species to red soil, species combinations, morphological variations and tree growth strategies.

Development of the Revelation Forest segment of The Mahakali Park

Simultaneously, the team of people managing Revelation Forest started working on the Mahakali Park layout with an intention of making a thriving educative forested city park for children, Aurovillians, visitors and learners.

A network of 2.5-meter-wide pathways was created in the park area. A secondary network of walking paths and perimeter pathways was also created for better access to the Park and for greater immersion into nature. The choice of species and pattern of planting factored in the water recharge requirement, educative & research purposes, and also to represent the 'Mahakali Spirit' as described by Sri Aurobindo as wilderness and surrender.

In the 1990s Patrick donated his personal money to purchase 18 acres of land to complete the park area land acquisition and to further include lands which were suited for water recharge and tropical afforestation. The lands that he stewarded outside the Mahakali Park zone were handed over to Auromode, Svedame and Transition School. This helped Auroville consolidate its land holding in the 'Green Belt' and also the Mahakali Park Area. He further invested his personal savings to develop the park area infrastructure, including pathways, student & staff accommodation, fencing, a water harvesting structure, a nursery, gates, pipelines, borewells, wind energy and solar energy.

Revelation Forest was used as the showcase forest for VVIPs visiting Auroville for close to 20 years. Several noted global ecologists visited Revelation in these years and commended the innovative land use strategy and the planting strategy using the science of succession of species. This included Masanobu Fukuoka (Japanese Ecologist—The One-Straw Revolution), Norman Myers (former Special Advisor to UN and World Bank on the environment), Dr. Joachim Schmerbeck (Noted researcher and Professor in the University of Freiburg, Germany), and Dr. MS Swaminathan (Agricultural Scientist and key person in India's Green Revolution), amongst others.

Revelation Evolves as an Education and Research Hub

The scientific insights derived through observations, experimentation and the practical application started attracting the interest of the academic community on ecology and environment.

Independent researchers, university students and experts in the fields of ecology, hydrogeology and afforestation started visiting Revelation Forest to see the practical manifestation of the several ecological concepts being explored in the scientific community.

Exchange programs were conducted. Workshops were organised. Curated forest immersion walks were conducted. The schools of Auroville started sending the children for hands-on experience in ecology. This continues to this day—nature enthusiasts and academic fraternity regularly visit Revelation Forest.

To cater to this, student and volunteer lodging was created in the community area, enabling the use of the space as a Research Park and Educational Hub. This was funded from Patrick's personal savings, donations from well-wishers and from internal revenue sources which were developed by Patrick and the Revelation Forest Management team through personal efforts and operations.

A Healing Forest

Today a dense canopy has emerged attracting numerous birds, reptiles and mammals. It is one of the densest forests of Auroville in terms of biodiversity and biomass. The place has developed its own energy and unique character representative of the Mahakali spirit.

This triggers unique healing experiences for the people who connect with the forest through curated healing walks inside the park area. Revelation has partnered with individuals and organisations for using the space for healing through nature connection and forest immersion.

Revelation Forest is pursuing global accreditation as a healing forest trail through the International Nature and Forest Therapy Alliance (INFTA) and the Global Institute of Forest Therapy and Nature Connection.

Mahakali Park Today

The Revelation segment of the Mahakali Park is today a thriving research park, a healing forest, an educative space and a key rainwater recharge zone of the 'Auroville Water Grid'. It is one of the very few areas to have achieved zero runoff. Simultaneously, a basic infrastructure framework exists for using the forest as a city park with wilderness alleys.

However, the development of the park requires further funding support and further infrastructural improvements to organise the space as a forested city park.

Recent Developments

We appreciate the recent impetus to develop the Mahakali Park. However, we would like to highlight certain concerns:

Multi-Purpose Forest vs Single-Purpose Utility as a Recreational Park

The Proposed cycling track will restrict the use of the Mahakali Park as a recreational park and would impede the ongoing activity profile of the Revelation Forest segment of the Mahakali Park as a Research Park, Healing Forest and Educational Hub. As part of the Revelation Forest educative project, various Auroville schools take their children there to attend courses to learn about conservation, afforestation, geology, landscape reading, ecology, nursery care etc. Revelation is also in partnership with the Botanical gardens via the Ecological Horticulture courses.

Redundancy of the proposed cycling track

The proposed cycling track ignores the existing forest tracks already present within the Revelation Forest. Revelation, over the years, was always developed with a vision to eventually make it an Educative Forested City Park. Thus, an intricate network of walking paths and tracks already exists within Revelation Forest. Further, the alignment and extent of the proposed cycling track culminate inside the Revelation Sanctuary with no further access, as the lands beyond are not owned by Auroville.

Avoidable Destruction

The proposed cycling track cuts through one of the densest forests of Auroville with several rare evergreen trees of more than 40 years of vintage and dissects one of the very few sanctuaries of Auroville where animals like Deers, Jungle Cats, Monitor Lizards and Porcupines, Eagles etc, nest and breed.

A living Seedbank

Revelation is one of the very few places in the bio-region which naturally regenerates rare evergreen trees, making it a key feeder of seedlings to all of Auroville and the Bio-Region. A genetically resilient gene pool has been nurtured over the years through regular seed rotation and seed collection. Opening a new 2.5-meter-wide cycling track will adversely affect the seed vectors operating in the area and also damage the natural regeneration of seedlings.

Model forest for the rest of TN and India

Revelation was intended and is today a scientific prototype model forest for the successful regeneration of a tropical canopy. It is an Efficient, Self-Regenerative, Cost-Effective solution for landscape management. This fulfils the core foundational ideals of Auroville, being the city that the Earth needs by providing innovative strategies for pressing global issues. Revelation Forest is engaged in ongoing long-term research and observations. It is scientifically managed through a detailed land use plan and zoning mechanism. There are long-term observation plots with some observations extending to a few decades.

The management team of Revelation Forest has been consistently working within the vision of the masterplan to develop the Revelation Forest Segment of the Mahakali Park as a thriving park symbolizing the "Mahakali Spirit" as described by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo as the 'Strength of Transformation' through Wilderness, Diversity and Surrender. In line with this spirit, The Park has been functioning as an Educative Space and Research Park. The ongoing activities include courses, workshops, guided nature immersion walks for healing and rejuvenation, research, academic outreach and long-term observations and data collection.

Safety and Security Hazards

The alignment of the proposed cycling track will create a thoroughfare by removing fences without adequate safeguards and access control. This is detrimental to the learning environment of the children, and the protection of vegetation and wildlife.

Existence of a detailed scientific development plan for the development of the Revelation Segment of Mahakali Park

Patrick Rollet, the steward of Revelation, has developed a detailed scientific plan over the years along with town-planning experts and GIS experts for the phased development of the Mahakali Park, particularly on the Revelation Forest area. This factors in the canopy cover ratio which will protect the area as a rainwater recharge zone and sustainable carrying capacity keeping in mind the use of the forest as a healing forest trail and research park.

As people who are already actively engaged in the development of the park for the past 40 years, we would like to be closely engaged in the development process of the Mahakali Park. The management team of Revelation would like to propose and pursue the implementation of the Mahakali Park Project and the Revelation Educative Project through appropriate structures and bodies of Auroville for timely execution and harmonious growth and development.

Submitted by Patrick, Arun & Cristo

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 Auroville TO PONDICHERRY			
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Svaram Musical Center	7:00	8:50	14:50
Veite Guest house—Junction	7:02	8:52	14:52
Town Hall—Main Parking	7:06	8:56	14:56
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:10	9:00	15:00
Certitude Enterance	7:12	9:02	15:02
New Creation Road	7:17	9:07	15:07
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	7:19	9:09	15:09
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	7:23	9:14	15:14
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	7:26	9:17	15:17
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	7:36	9:30	15:30
Ashram Road Junction	7:38	9:33	15:33
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35
 Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE			
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	12:15	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	12:17	18:12
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	8:07	12:22	18:17
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	8:17	12:32	18:27
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	8:20	12:35	18:30
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	8:25	12:40	18:35
New Creation Road	8:27	12:42	18:37
Certitude	8:32	12:47	18:42
Solar Kitchen—Round about	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town hall Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Verite Guest House—Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

- Monthly Rs.800 (Aurovilians & Newcomers/ No validity)
- Student Pass Rs.1200 per month/ 24 days round trip.
- Rs.150 Round trip for Aurovilians & New comers
- Rs.200 Round trip for guests.
- Bus passes are available at Auroville Vehicle Service, Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302

Emergency Services

Ambulance (24/7): Auroville—9442224680

- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health: Health Center—0413 2622123

- Santé—0413 2622803
- Farewell—8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support: Matram—9487746051

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108