



# News Notes

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This secret Self in all beings is not apparent, but it is seen by means of the supreme reason, the subtle, by those who have the subtle vision.

*Katha Upanishad*

They beheld the self-force of the Divine Being deep hidden by its own conscious modes of working.

*Swetaswatara Upanishad*

## Pondering



The progressive revelation of a great, a transcendent, a luminous Reality with the multitudinous relativities of this world that we see and those other worlds that we do not see as means and material, condition and field, this would seem then to be the meaning of the universe, — since meaning and aim it has and is neither a purposeless illusion nor a fortuitous accident. For the same reasoning which leads us to conclude that world-existence is not a deceptive trick of Mind, justifies equally the certainty that it is no blindly and helplessly self-existent mass of separate phenomenal existences clinging together and struggling together as best they can in their orbit through eternity, no tremendous self-creation and self-impulsion of an ignorant Force without any secret Intelligence within aware of its starting-point and its goal and guiding its process and its motion. An existence, wholly self-aware and therefore entirely master of itself, possesses the phenomenal being in which it is involved, realises itself in form, unfolds itself in the individual.

*Man in the Universe , Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

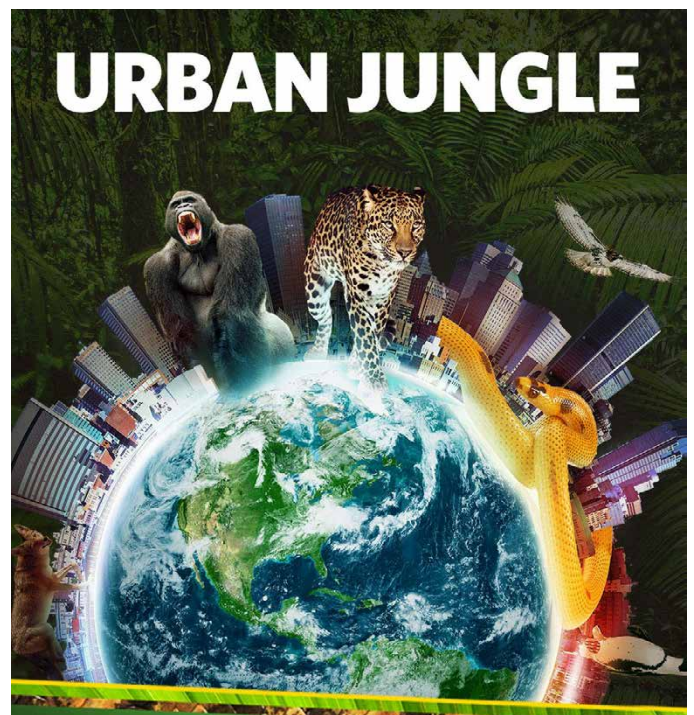
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# News Notes

## Guidelines

### Hard deadline for submissions TUESDAY 3pm

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

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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)



**Satprem:** No meaning, that's right.

**Mother:** They have no meaning, to such a point that... I remember one thing last night: suddenly I saw a functioning, and I said to myself, "Oh, if we knew this, HOW MANY THINGS—how many fears, how many combinations, how many... would crumble away, would lose all meaning!" It was... what we see as "laws of Nature," "ineluctable" things, it all was absurd, an absurdity!

**Satprem:** Yes, and I felt it as something flimsy, like a thin film, something without... Those awesome laws were something very flimsy.

**Mother:** Yes, yes!

**Satprem:** You could almost have blown them away.

**Mother:** Yes, that's right. Yes. With the true consciousness, it crumbles away.

(silence)

Several times like that, when people tell me they feel as if in front of an ineluctable law, "There is this and this, and therefore that is inevitable," the answer is always the same: IF YOU WANT IT SO!

You are the ones who decide it's ineluctable! (silence)

This morning, when I realized there was no trace (after that, the body was rather better than usual), nevertheless it was a bit surprised, and it said to itself... (Mother is abruptly cut short)

Ah, this is not supposed to be said....

That was an extraordinary experience.

It amounted to this: "Yes, to you the world is still this way because you WANT it this way; when you no longer want it this way, it will be the true way." Then... But the "you want it" isn't with the idea of the small ego's will, of course, it has nothing to do with that.

It's probably a... there's a position to be changed, a position of the consciousness to be changed. (long silence)

But I had the clear knowledge that what I was conscious of last night is something taking place all the time, but I am not aware of it because... so as not to increase the burden of consciousness. Right now, from an ordinary standpoint, for an ordinary human being, the number of things that are conscious at the same time [in Mother] is something tremendous!... And it's without fatigue, effort, difficulty, it's NATURAL, but many more get done consciously and without being relayed to the center of consciousness so... so it doesn't get too much!

There is also this well-known thing: according to the concentration of the consciousness, the value of time changes.

That's perpetual and constant. The same circumstances, the same everyday little events I am made to feel with the ordinary consciousness, and then three or four different consciousnesses—and their value changes. It goes from a long, interminable time to... a second. Which means a demonstration of the unreality of time as we perceive it here—that's every day, all the time.

There is a Force acting... At least I think, I feel it's the Force, because it acts through the will (but it's deeper or truer or higher or whatever than the will). For instance, if I am not "supposed" to say something, instead of its going through the thought, "Mustn't speak, you mustn't speak"—I just can't speak anymore!... All sorts of things like that. The functioning is direct.

And the body is taught to learn... how it should be. The way it eats has completely changed. For speaking too, it's the same, completely changed.

At times, the body feels such a great strength that it gets the feeling it could do... (it feels, it clearly sees, the hands are strong), a strength of a different quality, but much greater than before. And at other times, it can't even hold itself upright, and for a reason which isn't... It no longer obeys the same laws as those that keep us upright. So... And all that takes place in a single day!... (silence)

Ah! (Turning to Sujata) Ask your question.

**Sujata:** Mother, is there a "Mother of Ignorance"?

**Mother:** What do you call a Mother of Ignorance?

**Sujata:** I had a dream in which I seemed to meet someone who was the Mother of Ignorance.

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

**Satprem:** I mean that ...

**Mother:** Possibly... It's possible, oh yes. Mon petit, EVERYTHING is possible, and not only possible: everything is. But everything isn't on earth, of course. You understand, there are many worlds, many regions—there is nothing that is impossible and that isn't: if a thing is possible, it means it exists somewhere.

Logically, there has to be a Mother of Ignorance.

(to be continued next week)

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With love and gratitude,  
For and on behalf of Gangalakshmi (HOMA)  
Zech

# Townhall Speaks

## FUNDS & ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

AUROVILLE

FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOUNDATION

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October 2022

1. All assets, buildings, farms, forests, lands are resources that belong to the Divine Mother to be optimally and diligently used by all. The assets are held in a structure—The Auroville Foundation—amenable to the laws of the land.
2. FAMC has been set up in the Act to coordinate the funds & assets of Auroville held in trust for all. In view of this, the thrust of FAMC is to move forward on compliance, accountability and transparency in all areas pertaining to funds, assets, utilization and coordination with necessary human resources for the best results.
3. On 2 October the FAMC along with other working groups met the Minister of Education, Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan.
4. On 20 October some members of the FAMC along with other working groups had a working lunch with the Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chairman of the Auroville Foundation, Shri. R.N. Ravi. The Chairman has made a keen observation about excess use of labour in Auroville. He enquired if all the Aurovilians can give one week a year for cleaning Matrimandir, the Soul of Auroville, we may not need as many hired hands as we have there now. Also, he asked a very pertinent question. Are we here to create jobs or to do our sadhana? We are taking his suggestion/question quite seriously and in near future we will be working with the BCC and Matrimandir teams to find ways of implementing his suggestion.
5. FAMC has so far received Rs. 6.83 lakhs grant from Gol for June to September 2022. This included setting up of the new office, salaries of the staff and financial consultancy, one full time maintenance for the administration, one part time maintenance for a FAMC member and one part time maintenance for the resource person.
6. The Loan Group has been restructured by FAMC. The new team includes Otto, Rathinam, Ocean (FAMC), Sathyanarayan (FAMC) and Venkatesh (Housing).
7. FAMC is in the process of consolidating GST submission and filing into six verticals across all units and services registered with AV Foundation. On Thursday, 6th October FAMC and the Foundation Office arranged for a consolidation of GST reporting and filing in respect of all units dealing with Auroville Projects and Services, on 13th October some units involved in furtherance. All units and services executives are requested to keep in mind the new changes for GST filing is to be properly understood and followed. Information and requirements for each of the six verticals is being shared. Please make time and participate.
8. Ongoing initiatives
  - Gratitude Farm engagement in the Demo Farm of Auroville.
  - Understanding Housing Service processes to make them simple and focused.
  - Reviewing SAVI, Maarganam teamwork to consolidate into a new Human Resources Service.
  - Prosperity work.
9. New initiative started
  - Digitizing & Centralization of all AV accounts
  - Several meetings with a new CA team from Pondy and meeting with a CA in Chennai.
10. Work in reviewing or update of policies and mandates:
  - Housing Policy 2022 (Shared for feedback before releasing)
  - Housing Mandate 2022 (in draft stage)
11. Urgent items, routine items:
  - Review of funds distribution on recurring expenditures, collections
  - Review of the unutilized space on 1st Floor of Archives
  - Office, budgets, approvals:
  - Ongoing review, funding and use of monthly budgets for FAMC office and new initiatives that will be launched subsequently.
12. Challenges:
  - Work Plan for sub groups—Farms & Forests
13. Resource people needed:
  - House Repair team
  - Human Resources team
  - Forest Service planning
  - BCC team
  - Integral Information Service
  - Health Sector finance.
14. As is evident, FAMC has a huge amount of work to do. We need collaboration from the community and we request all people with skills in management and accounting, as well as people with goodwill and willingness to work, to contact us. We urge community members to actively participate in and seek meaningful work which takes care of their regular maintenance and needs, instead of seeking mere sustenance from the community. Since each one of us is engaged in an introspection at such a crucial junction in Auroville's history, we encourage each one of us to align with the Charter of Auroville for (understanding and) seeking meaningful work.
15. We have a list of topics to be cleared about the following trusts: Auroville Service Trust, GNP Trust, Team Trust, Udavi School Trust, Kattida Kalai Trust. These will be taken up at the next FAMC meeting with the convener.
16. **Units and Trusts issues**—Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity manager:
  - **Dynamis**, a unit under Swagatam Trust. Appointment of Anna Bianca TORRACO as an additional executive dated from 2022-10-08 to 2025-10-07 and reappointment of Pashi Kapur dated from 2022-10-02.  
*In Her Service, Smiles, FAMC (Chandresh, Geeta, Kalya, Sathyanarayan, ShankarDev and Torkil)*

### RESETTLEMENT GROUP ESTABLISHED

Dear Fellow Aurovilians, we are now consolidating the list of the Auroville assets constructed, intentionally or unintentionally, on or interfering with key elements of the City as per the Galaxy Master Plan. As a first step, the constructions concerned are related to the mobility layout of the Crown, the Radials and the Ring Road, and also some buildings placed on land for the Lines of Force in the Residential and Industrial Zones.

Most of the concerned assets are store rooms etc, but there are also a number of residential buildings.

A Resettlement Group has been formed under ATDC consisting of members from FAMC, ATDC and Housing Service, to facilitate this process. Each case will be looked at individually depending on the factors of the situation.

All those concerned will be approached in order of urgency.

For those who are already aware or think that maybe their residence falls into any of these categories, and would like to initiate the process of moving to another place, please contact us at [reception-avenir@auroville.org.in](mailto:reception-avenir@auroville.org.in).

*At Her service, Jaya (L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC),  
Geeta (FAMC), Banu (Housing)  
The Resettlement Group*

**RA-FAMC**

**REGARDING 6 MONTHS TRIAL BALANCE REQUEST**

We as the FAMC of the Residents Assembly have discussed and concluded that submitting half yearly trial balance to the Auroville Foundation is normal practice and this is encouraged. Trusts and Units should thus prepare their half yearly trial balance and submit it in Tally format directly to Auroville Foundation at the following address, [sathyanarayan-avf@auroville.org.in](mailto:sathyanarayan-avf@auroville.org.in)

*Thank you, RA-FAMC  
(Amy B., Bobby P., Danny, Elodie,  
Mita R., Palani, Ranjith)*

**FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 154**

**Dated: 3-11-2022**

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

**NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:**



**Nazeem      Sonia      Tanisha      Valeria**

- Nazeem ABDUL (Indian) staying in Humanscapes and working at Solar Kitchen
- Sonia SALMON (French) staying in Celebration and working at Centre de Soins Naturels
- Tanisha MANN (Indian) staying in Kalabhumi and working at Transition School
- Valeria ANDREA (Chilean) staying in Mir and working at Nandanam

**NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:**

- Karan NAGAPPAN (Indian)
- Siva RAJARAM (Indian)

**AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:**

- Ksenia NUGAEVA (Russian) staying in Transformation and working at PTDC & Hibiscus



**Ksenia**

**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 Aurovilian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process.

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

A confirmed Aurovilian 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, Aureo, Dheena, Jayanthi,  
Lakshmanan, Matilde, Matriprasada,  
Ramanarayana and Swadha)*

**UPDATE & REPORT FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE**

**Selected by the Residents' Assembly  
From August to October 2022**

Dear friends, we would like to update you on topics which we have been dealing with for the past three months, from August to October 2022. We apologize in advance for this lengthy report but there is much that we felt needed to be shared with you, to add to what has already been covered in previous massbulletins and community meetings. Moving forward, we will do our best to publish our reports on a monthly basis. For this time we suggest you make yourself comfortable with snacks.:-)

Please feel free to visit us or email us if you have any questions. Our Open House hours are from 10 to 12 on Tuesdays, in the former Koodam Office opposite the Auroville Library, and our email address is [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services).

- Please [read the full report in the Long Read on page 25](#)

*Community News*

*Passing On*

**MARISA GIORGINI**



Many people in Auroville knew Marisa Giorgini from Italy. She passed away recently at the age of 66 after two years of health struggle.

She discovered Sri Aurobindo and the Mother at an early age in the 70s and was part of a group of young people who animated a Sri Aurobindo center in Italy. She visited Auroville and the

Pondicherry Ashram for the first time in 1978 and has been visiting frequently since then. She took up philosophy at the university which only deepened her love of the Masters of India and her spiritual heritage. She was an appreciated Yoga Teacher and ran a beautiful 'Centro Om' in the heart of Bologna of which she was the ever-pulsating, ever-joyous animator right till the very end. If one were to describe Marisa in a couple of words, they would be: joy and laughter! She was indeed an inexhaustible fountain of delight and through all the ups and downs of her life, it was always her solar smile that shone through as she urged her students and friends along the sunlit path of Indian spirituality.

*Carla, Sauro and Maurice*

*Awakening Spirit*

**AMPHITHEATER—MATRIMANDIR**

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



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

We are restarting from Book 1. Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

- **Reminder to all:** the Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- **We request everyone:** please do not use cameras, laptops, 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)*

## A LUMINOUS NOVEMBER

To open to the Divine Light.  
Light of Truth, Right, Good.  
Light of Love and Harmony.



**A Luminous November**  
Smile please, everything will be OK.  
Sonríe por favor, todo estará bien.

Anandi-ayün

### KABIR

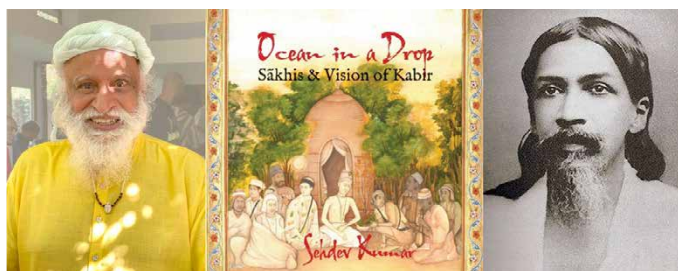
**Fifteenth-century Poet-Sage & a Rebel**  
Singing of Divine Love in the Words and Light  
of Sri Aurobindo by Sehdev Kumar

*Savitri*  
B H A V A N

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.

Thank you, Sehdev Kumar, +918447181515

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### DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

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

**DAILY PEACE MEDITATION**

The prophet moment covered limitless Space  
And cast into the heart of hurrying Time  
A diamond light of the Eternal's peace,  
A crimson seed of God's felicity;  
A glance from the gaze fell of undying Love.  
- Mother

Venue: Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 6PM TO 6:45PM

Thursday 5PM TO 5:45PM

Submitted by Arun

## ACTIVITIES IN THE TIBETAN PAVILION

### Tibetan Mantra Chanting

- For Beginners, Friday, 5:15—6:30pm
  - Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone.
  - For information: WA 8489067332



### Tibetan Mantra Chanting with recorded Music and Meditation

- Saturday, 5:15—6:15pm.

All are invited. Contribution is invited towards the maintenance of the Pavilion. Requested to be on time.

- Venue: Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International Zone.
- For information: WA 8489067332.

Warm Regards,  
Kalsang Dolma, for the Team  
of the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture

### GUIDED EXPEDITION

#### INTO SRI AUROBINDO'S THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA

22 November to 27 December

Dear Friends, Greetings from Purnam Community. We are happy to offer a 5-Week Guided Expedition into Sri Aurobindo's *The Synthesis of Yoga*

The radical approach of a revolutionary Yogi who proposed to the world a vision of a divine humanity through Integral Yoga, a path that bridges the past, the present and the future pursuit of Yoga

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- with burning questions?
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Love, Sahana,  
Purnam Centre for Integrality



**MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 12:**

**Epilogue—The Return to Earth**



**Monday, 7 November, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.**

**Duration: 24min.**

Savitri awakes from her deep trance, lying under green branches on the calm inconscient breast of the Mother Earth. Noon has passed and day is moving towards evening. She feels Satyavan's living body on her bosom. Gently she awakens him. He murmurs with hesitating lips her name and cries out in wonder: *"Whence hast thou brought me captive back, love-chained... / Where now has passed that formidable Shape / Which rose against us, the Spirit of the Void, / Claiming the world for Death and Nothingness, / Denying God and soul? Or was all a dream / Or a vision seen in a spiritual sleep..."* (p.717)

Savitri tells him that their parting was a dream, that they are alive and together and surrounded by beautiful living nature. Despite their difficult journey into the far-off worlds and planes they have seen the face of God and realised identity with the Supreme. They have seen and know His presence in mortal life and by His touch their love has grown greater. Savitri assures Satyavan that now everything has changed, yet it is still the same: nothing is lost of mortal's love and joy, and she is still the Savitri he knows. Further she points out that they will give joy to all in this marvellous world and that they have been born to lead man's soul towards Truth and God: *"Let us give joy to all, for joy is ours. / For not for ourselves alone our spirits came / Out of the veil of the Unmanifest... / Two fires that burn towards that parent Sun, / Two rays that travel to the original Light. / To lead man's soul towards truth and God we are born, / To draw the chequered scheme of mortal life / Into some semblance of the Immortal's plan, / To shape it closer to an image of God, / A little nearer to the Idea divine."* (p.720)

Then Savitri suggests going home since evening is approaching. As hand in hand they walk towards the hermitage, they hear the sound of human voices and many feet. A great crowd arrives led by King Dyumatsena and his queen. The king's blindness is cured, and the kingdom is restored to him. Dyutmatsena tenderly chides Satyavan and Savitri that they have been away unusually long, which tormented him with fear despite the recent fortunate happenings. Satyavan replies with smiling lips that only because of Savitri's love he is still on earth: *"Lay all on her; she is the cause of all. / With her enchantments she has twined me round. / Behold, at noon leaving this house of clay / I wandered in far-off eternities, / Yet still, a captive in her golden hands, / I tread your little hillock called green earth..."* (p.723) All eyes turn to lovely Savitri, and one consenting thought moves every breast: *"What gleaming marvel of the earth or skies / Stands silently by human Satyavan... / If this is she of whom the world has heard, / Wonder no more at any happy change."* And a priestly sage asks: *"O woman soul, what light, what power revealed, / Working the rapid marvels of this day, / Opens for us by thee a happier age?"* (p.723) To this Savitri softly replies: *"Awakened to the meaning of my heart / That to feel love and oneness is to live / And this the magic of our golden change, / Is all the truth I know or seek, O sage."* (p.724) Wondering at her and her lofty words, they turn westward towards Shalwa in the fast-gathering night. Night, splendid with the moon dreaming in heaven, possesses her luminous reign. And in her bosom, she nurses the dawn of a new age for Earth and Men.

- A meditative film made of passages from Sri Aurobindo's epic poem SAVITRI—A Legend and a Symbol read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and illustrated with paintings by Huta under the guidance and inspiration of the Mother. The film can connect us to the Divine Presence within, can fill us with

the Divine Mother's love and light by listening to her voice and lead us towards spiritual truth and the New Consciousness.

- Followed by OM Anandamayi Chaitanyamayi Satyamayi Parame, a video by Arvind T. Akki, Sri Aurobindo Ashram. Duration: 12min.

**For further studies:** The films Meditations on Savitri and brief summaries of Books 1–12 of Sri Aurobindo's epic poem Savitri—A Legend and a Symbol published in *Invocation #50* are available at the Savitri Bhavan website.

The beautifully edited volumes of *Meditations on Savitri* with Huta's paintings illustrating passages from Savitri can be purchased from the Savitri Bhavan reception.

*Submitted by Margrit*

**FOR PEACE**

The Mother's Agenda, November 27, 1965

- [https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda\\_06/1965-11-27-01\\_e.htm](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_06/1965-11-27-01_e.htm)

Zech. 2022.10.29

*For Your Information*

**NOVEMBER 17, MOTHER'S MAHASAMADHI DAY**



For those using the SAIER bus to have darshan in Mother's room, the bus will leave from Matrimandir at 3pm and return from Pondy at 6pm.

This service is reserved to Aurovilians and newcomers only. Tokens are required.

*Paulette*

*Health Care*

**AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC**



Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

**For Appointment please contact us**

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

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

**Working hours**

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

**VISIT OF THE TIBETAN DOCTOR TO AUROVILLE**

**Friday, 11 and Saturday, 12 of November**

This is to inform the community that the Tibetan Medical center Men-Tsee-Khang is based in Chennai. They are visiting Auroville for Monthly Medical camp on Friday, 11 and Saturday, 12 of November.



**To get your Appointment**

- kindly call us at 0413 2622401,
- WA at 8489067332
- OR email to [bodkhang97@gmail.com](mailto:bodkhang97@gmail.com)

*Warm Regards, Kalsang Dolma,  
Team of the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture*

**HEALTH CENTER NEWS**

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 9:30am and 12noon

Av Health Centre Team

**SANTÉ SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2022**

Crown Road, Phone: (413) 2622803

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

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



*sante*

**Working Hours**

- Monday—Saturday: 9—12:30pm & 2—4:30pm

**Tests and Sample collection**

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

**For emergencies,**

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

**Appointment**

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

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

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

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

Love, Dasha

**INTEGRAL HEALTH:**

**A Call For Participation To The Community—3**

Integral health is a wellness model that takes into consideration the individual as a whole (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual). Diseases are approached from many aspects and different and complementary treatments are explored for the most successful results.



A large part of the research team have worked as practitioners in the field of health in Auroville (Santé and other AV health centers), and have found through their practice that several Aurovillian residents were facing Auto-Immune diseases (Fibromyalgia, Lupus, Polyarthritis, various Sclerosis and others), or Parkinson's. Through this research project, we intend to study these diseases and their treatments following the integral health model.

The first step in our project is to collect relevant data of the participants and the ways that they handle their illnesses, including both the successful and the not so successful treatments that may have already been investigated.

Since our two earlier publications on Auroville on 13/09/22 (Integral health, a call for participation to the community) and in N&N on 22/09/22 (Pg 10), we have started collecting testimonials from both patients affected by these diseases and practitioners who treat the diseases, from Auroville and abroad.

Would you (or anyone you know) be interested to take part in this study?

Today, we renew our call for participation to Aurovillian residents and their relatives. Whether you are a patient (or family/friend), who has been or still is concerned by these diseases, or a practitioner, who has treated or is still treating affected patients.

If you are interested in participating in this research, please contact us. Patients will receive a primary patient intake questionnaire (available in both English and French), so we may better understand you, your condition and your current wellness levels.

Please be assured that any and all personal and medical information shared remains strictly confidential at all times and all patient case studies are discussed anonymously.

We remain at your disposal for any further questions, clarifications, or doubts that you may be concerned with.

*Ayesha, Dr. Be and Dan,*  
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*Books*

**AUROVILLE LIBRARY**

- Phone: 0413 2622 894
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- [library.auroville.org.in/](http://library.auroville.org.in/)



**Opening timings:**

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

Laura

**A RAY OF OPENS IN AUROVILLE  
TO BREAK DOWN WALLS AND RESTORE HARMONY**

**THE HINDU**

**Dinesh Varma  
October 28, 2022 20:03 IST**



An informal visit to Auroville by its governing board chairman and Tamil Nadu Governor R. N. Ravi, has acquired added import when his cross-sectional interactions, included a meeting with a section of residents that has been opposing the manner in which the universal township was being developed. The two-day programme by Mr. Ravi, accompanied by Auroville Foundation Secretary Jayanti Ravi and others, included visits to various farms, cottage industries, the Tibetan Pavilion and Auroville Earth Institute. He

later had informal discussions with the three reconstituted working groups, the Working Committee, the Funds and Assets Management Committee and the Auroville Town Development Council. The chairman also met representatives of the working committee elected parallelly by a Residents Assembly, marking the first-ever direct interface between this group and the governing board chairman, since a long-drawn conflict erupted in December 2021, over Auroville's development that has seen protests, police cases and law suits. The Mother had founded Auroville in 1968 as a unique, socio-spiritual experiment in realising human unity on a place like no other on earth that belonged to no individual but to humanity as a whole and where people from all over the world collectively pursue a higher consciousness. Since December 2021, when a section of residents raised environmental concerns and blocked the bulldozing of trees to build the Crowd Road, a radial road around the Matrimandir and a key element of the galaxy plan envisaged by The Mother, the community has seen a sharp polarisation over how Auroville should step into the future. While one group contended that the long-pending galaxy plan chosen for the City of Dawn by The Mother should be freed up from the factors that impeded implementation of the Master Plan since it was approved by the Residents' Assembly in 1999 and gazetted in 2010, a rival camp advocated for flexibility in approach and eco-sensitivity to the new realities of the emergent landscape while developing the city. Amid an escalation of the conflict, Auroville managers cast the resistance as an extension of "obstructionist tactics that have thwarted progressing towards the common goal through consensus-building or collaboration". Their doubling down on the plan led to more protests over the "usurping of self-governance rights and relegation of established community participation and collaborative processes". While it may be too early to see the chairman's discussions with the dissident camp as a harbinger of harmony in the community, there is, nevertheless, hope on both sides of the divide that more interactions of this nature could set the stage for collective participation in developing Auroville, sources said. In a press note, the "Working Committee elected by the residents in June 2022", termed the meeting with the chairman as "an important first stepping stone in restoring communication with the Auroville Governing Board", and hoped that the chairman would intervene to "rectify the oppressive actions against the residents and restore the collaborative functioning of Auroville". Representatives, who shared some of Auroville's many past work, such as the innovative Dream-

weaving initiative to develop the city in a conscious and ecological manner, complained that these efforts were ignored. It is imperative that the residents are involved and consulted in planning processes and decision-making, the press note said. They also appealed to the Chairman to help restore a sense of safety and security for the residents of Auroville by stopping "the culture of intimidation" and called for measures to protect the lands of Auroville from encroachments. A spokesperson for Auroville Media Interface said the chairman had interactions with various residents and resident groups, and engaged in meaningful interactions "for manifesting the city of Auroville, beyond all polarisations". The chairman stressed on the importance of all residents collaborating with the Governing Board in building Auroville, and gave a call to focus on developing inner consciousness that the Mother and Sri Aurobindo had created Auroville for, and discover new and higher models of collective living and organisation. He was also categorical that Auroville will be manifested as per its original aim and vision, in full adherence to the Auroville Foundation Act, and that stagnation or even failure of Auroville is not an option, the spokesman said.

- <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/a-ray-of-hope-in-auroville-to-break-down-walls-and-restore-harmony/article66066032.ece>


**RUDRA VEENA**

**On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's  
150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Bharat Nivas Presents**

**Rudra Veena**  
by Ustad Mohi Bahauddin Dagar Brothers  
in collaboration with Spic Macay

"I don't want to take away rock or pop  
from your music collection. I just want to  
add Classical music to it."  
Dr. Kiran Seth - Founder of Spic Macay

Venue : Sri Aurobindo Auditorium  
Date: Friday 4th November, 2022  
Time : 10.30 am to 11.45 am



Born into the illustrious Dagar family of Dhrupad musicians in 1970. Mohi Baha'ud-din first began his foray into Indian Classical Music at the early age of seven, training on the Sitar under the expert tutelage of his mother. Smt. Pramila Dagar.

Mohi Baha'ud-din is a unique artist who has played for diverse and varied audiences in India and across the world. A cross-platform performer, he has made regular appearances on television and radio networks. His music has been recorded by Music Today (India), Makars (France), Ragini Sutra (India), Sense World (London), and India Music Archives (USA).

**"We want to have every child experience  
the inspiration and mysticism embodied in Indian  
and World Heritage"**

Aurovilians of all age are warmly invited to attend the concert & have interactions with the Maestro.

*In Collaboration with Auroville Outreach & Other Schools.*

- Auroville opens the Spic M' Cay Chapter:  
**Inaugural ceremony on Monday, 7 November, at 5pm**
- **Venue: Bhumika Hall, Bharatnivas**

**All are welcome**

**Regards, Vani, BN Cultural Team**



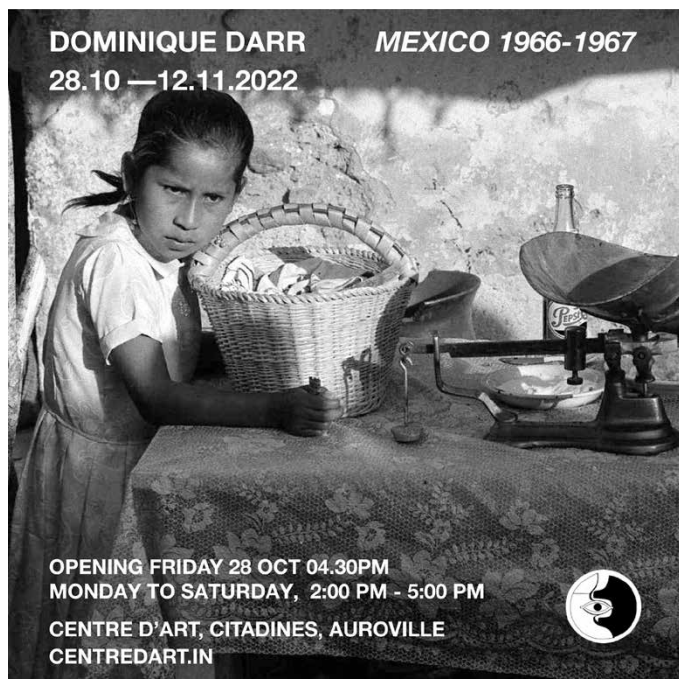
## EXHIBITION MEXICO 1966-1967

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



Centre d'Art  
Auroville

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



### 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](http://www.centredart.in)

## AUROVILLE ART CAMP 2023—CALL FOR ARTISTS:

### The secret lies in Matter

The applications for the Auroville art camp 2023 are officially open!

This fourth edition will take place from 11th to 18th March 2023 in Auroville. The art camp focuses on the collaboration of Indian national artists with Auroville artists, working on a specific theme during one week. The theme for this upcoming edition is "The secret lies in Matter".

### Application dates

- 1 November—4 December (11.59 pm I.S.T.)

### Applications are open to:

- A—Aurovilians and Indian Nationals professional artists. We select only professional artists, whether they have followed an academic path or are self-taught.
- B—Art students



### To apply

Send the following details to [aurovilleartcamp@gmail.com](mailto:aurovilleartcamp@gmail.com).

1. Bio data
2. Artist statement
3. Pictures of your recent works, 5 images/ 10 Mb max (jpeg format only, name each file with your name\_title\_medium\_size\_date). No PDF. No google link.
4. What is your project for the Auroville Art Camp?  
Please explain how you imagine the theme of this year. What does it inspire you? What do you think you will work on during the art camp?
5. Precise in which category you are applying (professional artists or students).

If applying in the art student category, specify what kind of studies you are/were committed to (free progress education, art college, self taught, mentoring, etc...) and where you are/were studying.

All applicants will be contacted via email to confirm that their application is complete.

**Please note:** As we are receiving many requests, we will not take into account incomplete applications.

Short-listed applicants will be informed by email by December. The final selection will be published in January.

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



Sunday  
Nov 6  
7 PM

**SECOND NATURE**

*Sage for The Ages*

Kirana | Dhani | Raul | Anushka | Varun

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Bharat Nivas

**OPEN CALL FOR SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

Open call for solo and group exhibition at Centre d'Art Gallery, Auroville for the 2023—2024 Season

Centre d'Art is pleased to accept submissions of cohesive art projects, we carefully go over all submitted portfolios. However, we hope you understand that due to a high number of applications, we cannot unfortunately reply in person to each submission. If we are interested in your work for exhibition, we will be sure to contact you via the details provided with your submission.



**Submission guidelines:**

- The subject line of any submission email must begin with the subject 'Exhibition Submission'
- All images should be sent as jpeg files, at screen resolution, not more than twenty-five images.
- Attach a short artist statement for the project being submitted, that will help us understand your work better.
- Provide contact details—email address.

**Application deadline: 15 Dec 2022**

- For details please visit: [www.centredart.in](http://www.centredart.in)
- Contact: [centredart@auroville.org.in](mailto:centredart@auroville.org.in)

Warm Regards,  
Sri/ Centre d'Art

*Activities*

**TANGO DANCE CLASS**

Every Monday group class  
Cripa, Auroville



**Tango dance class**

2 month commitment for group class,  
Every month's new batch for beginners and  
intermedium, every Monday  
private class by appointment for any day's  
Place: cripa, Auroville  
Mani: +918637633696

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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In: bakisata\_dance

**SALSA DANCE CLASS**

Every Tuesday group class  
New Creation Sports Ground, Auroville



**Salsa dance class**

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

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

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## AUROGAMES SESSION AT HUMASCAPE

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



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

Geetha 7094688421,  
Veronique 9488512678

## IPK MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Please take a note of the following mathematics activities happening at IPK In the month of **November** at the European house.



### One-on-one assistance in mathematical understanding

For children from age 8-16yrs (against contribution). The intention is to discover/ re-discover the language of mathematics through various aspects. We would like children to have a fluid way of learning mathematics which can be molded as per one's needs. To join this activity, please [click on the link](#).

### Math behind an effective storytelling

Calling all the storytellers to discover and explore mathematics behind storytelling! If you are a writer, director, actor or someone who loves to share a story or listen to stories, do come. If you are just a curious soul, you are welcome too! We like to go impromptu. Course of these sessions is usually decided by participants. (Free entry, Donations are welcome)

- This event is for 18+yrs, RSVP to Snehal
- **Saturday, 12 & 26 November, 2—4pm**

### Math exploration session

1 batch of 5 explorers, against contribution

- **Young Explorers Group**—Over 5 Years till Under 7 Years of age
  - Every Tuesday 2-4pm
- **Younger Explorers Group**—Over 3 Years till Under 5 Years of age
  - Every Thursday 2-4pm

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

### Self-Led Sessions on Mathematics

1 Batch 5 students, against contribution

Group learning sessions for middle and high schoolers.

For those who prefer learning in groups and want to prepare for higher education. RSVP for meeting.

### To join or enquire about any of the above activities

- [ipk@auroville.org.in](mailto:ipk@auroville.org.in)
- or phone 9529673687, Snehal 9529673687

To understand our learning approach; please click on the link to listen to our latest podcast with Auroville radio.

- <https://www.aurovillerradio.org/interview-with-snehal-d-roy/>

Regards,  
Snehal for IPK

## SWIMMING CLASS

Any age kids and Any age adult by appointment.

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

To book contact  
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# Swimming classes

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## Honorary Voluntary

### GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

If you would like to contact us:

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

WA 8525038274 or call  
8122274924.

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

## Available

### APC Battery Backup, UPS and Flat Screen TV

Recently became available:

- One APC Battery Backup, never used, still in the Box
- APC Back-UPS Pro BR1000G-IN, 1000VA / 600W, 230V UPS System, High-Performance Premium Power Backup & Protection for Home Office, Desktop PC,
- One MI 55 inch Flat Screen TV with stand and movable table. One year old.

Interested in either of the above please call 94865 36586

Francis

### Nice Gardener from Koot Road

Hello I am Balu from Azhagu Bhoom. I have a nice gardener, he's from Koot Road, he's looking for a garden work very long time in Auroville, he has good experience in garden work and he has own transport.

If anyone interested please contact 9786807071

Balu

## Scoby Available

Dear Kombucha lovers, I have lots of Scoby to make Kombucha at home.

Please pass by Marc's cafe with your own jar.

**Thanks and keep fermenting!**

**Matilde**



## 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.

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

Warmly Sara

## Looking For

### Raji is looking for some Part-Time Work

Dear friends, I am Raji who works at the Guest Registration Service at Town Hall in the morning. I am looking for a part-time job from 1:30—4:30. I can do typing, secretarial, reception, caregiver and also guest house management.

If you feel that I could fit in, please contact me:

- Raji, 9751075223 either call or WA please.

Or send me email [rajasoundari@auroville.org.in](mailto:rajasoundari@auroville.org.in)

Thank you in advance, Raji

### Looking for a Long Term House-sitting



Hello. I am looking for a long term house-sitting solution (minimum 9 or 10 months). I am 33, Female, Aurovillian. I work full time with Auroville Botanical Gardens. I would be happy to take care of the house and of the garden (if required).

Thank you, Ritu, WA 9913897990,  
[rituparna.sarkar1@gmail.com](mailto:rituparna.sarkar1@gmail.com)

## Looking for Books Written by Anne Wilson Schaefer

I am looking for books written by Anne Wilson Schaefer? Anne Wilson Schaefer was an American clinical psychologist and author. Her book When Society Becomes an Addict, in which she compared Western culture to an active alcoholic, made the New York Times bestseller list and was nominated for Best Political Book of the Year. She has written such books as

- Meditations for Women Who Do Too Much,
- Co-Dependence: Misunderstood—Mistreated, Spirit Horse and Other Children's Writings,
- Becoming a Hollow Bone: Responding to the Call of Our Ancestral Blood, Tales of the Klamath River:
- There Will Be a Thousand Years of Peace and Prosperity, and They Will Be Ushered in by the Women
- Daily Reminders for Living a New Paradigm
- Meditations for People Who (May) Worry Too Much
- Native Wisdom for White Minds: Daily Reflections Inspired by the Native Peoples of the World
- Women's Reality: An Emerging Female System

If you have any of these books I'd love to read them. I am a fast reader and could have the books back to you in two weeks

Love, Ivana

<https://artservice.auroville.org/ivana-frousova/>

## Help Needed

### SUPPORT DAUGHTER OF MARIAYPPAN, SHALINI STUDIES

I'm Mariayppan, living in Mango Garden with my wife and daughter. Since 1995, I have worked for several Auroville units, and presently working in Town hall. Myself and my family live in Auroville with our Auroville Maintenance only. It was fine in the past, but now my daughter Shalini child of Auroville wants to study her dream course Data science engineering in Manakula Vinayagar Engineering College, Madagadipet and I managed to get her admitted.

The college fees are costly for me to pay and continue her studies. I'm sure she will serve her knowledge after her studies to our Auroville. Please donate to her to support her studies.

- The Funds needed come to: **Rs 95000**
- **AV Account number: 106135**

Mariayppan

### CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR CHILDREN

Dear community! This year I would like to continue, as it has become a tradition already, to prepare a Christmas event for kids on Sunday 25.12.23 in CRIPA.

As usual with Santa and presents.

I am looking for team of people( also moms and dads) who would like to volunteer to do:

- Decoration of the hall,
- Collecting presents from AV units, donations,
- To organise the event: scenario of the event (concert of children singing, reciting poems, dancing, playing so on),
- Competition for the best costume ets.,
- Games,
- Organise the potluck for after the concert.

It will be fun!

Please contact me on [shakti@auroville.org.in](mailto:shakti@auroville.org.in).

I think community matters, our children and their happiness matters.

Love, Shakti



*Bioregion*

Auromode Yoga Space:

**TAMIL (தமிழ்) HISTORY AND HERITAGE WORKSHOP SERIES**

Every Saturday—November 5, 12, 19 and 26  
Time—5:30pm to 7pm

Tamil history is vast, rich, and perhaps even futuristic for its time. We are proud of our traditions, culture and social rituals, and are gifted to inherit them from our forefathers. We like to bring that to the new generation and to the world through this workshop series.

Our in-house yoga teacher Balaganesh, born in Auroville Bio region and raised in a traditional tamil family will cover the following topics over 4 Saturday evenings.

- 6. Tamil Civilisation—An Exploration
- 7. Tamil Literature—Thirukural, Kamba Ramayanam, Saiva siddhantham
- 8. Tamil Cuisine and Medicine
- 9. Tamil Sports, Martial Arts and lifestyle

Program in English.

• Contact: [contact@auromodeyogaspace.com](mailto:contact@auromodeyogaspace.com)

Best Regards, Bala

*Foods, Goods and Services*

**COME AND JOIN THE HARVEST**

and explore the values of local food.

We have many people coming to the farm to explore permaculture, natural farming, and how local food lies at the very heart of our cultural identity. I have been thinking about how to engage more Aurovillians in the subject of local food and so I am offering some bite-size opportunities for people to come and help with the harvests on;



*Solitude Farm*

Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, 8—10:30am  
@ Solitude Farm

These harvests are extremely diverse and are aimed primarily at our basket service. They focus on the nutritional value of the plants and are a great introduction to the farm. You will learn to identify many foods that grow all around us and yet are forgotten in our diets. You will learn about the plant's medicinal values, how to use them and how local food is truly the lowest common denominator in our society.

Looking forward to seeing new faces!

Refreshments and a late breakfast will be offered.

Love, Krishna

**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'

**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

*Auroville Poetry*

**GURU**

Guru is a water tap  
Turn it on  
To clean or drink  
∞  
Churning  
Brings out  
Deepest yearning.

∞  
i build obstacles  
And pray to Ganesha  
To remove them.

I build bridges  
From stumbling blocks  
And enshrine Ganesha within.

With joyful Gratitude, Anandi Zhang

**MATTER IS ALSO THIS**

The poet's unique role  
Is to express the Inexpressible:  
Messengers of the Incommunicable!

∞  
Every unique being  
That can be envisioned  
Has a place and purpose  
Within the Eternal Supreme.  
Any conscious becoming



Aspiring to be another something  
Enters self-creative progression  
Towards the Divine Manifestation.

This flame of aspiration  
Is the pilgrim flame of Self,  
An awaking unique psychic  
Of the One Eternal Spirit.  
This flame grows brighter  
At every acceptance  
Of This Self-experience.  
Now the time has come  
For Matter itself,  
The Spirit's humbled vessel,  
To fully experience and realise  
That it is also This.  
The Cells, Molecules and Atoms  
Will soon be ablaze from within  
With the Supramental Sun.  
How? Is now the question  
For the barrier-breakers  
In the Supramental rEvolution.  
This the Double Avatar's process  
Has already been passed on  
To the torch-bearers of the Divine:  
The Triple Transformation.<sup>2</sup>

Zech. 2022.10.24

<sup>1</sup> <https://savitrisolardawn.org/aboutus/>

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

### Auroville Radio



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

[Here you can listen](#) to the stream channel (playing 24/7), [Here you can see](#) on-air schedules.

#### Last published podcasts

- [Exploring the Spirit-Sharing: on New Music and Flower significances.](#) (Urban Design)
- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita Divina—Cap. 8](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Soul Tracks—Se4, Ep17 "The Halloween Special"](#) (Music)
- [Savitri, B. I, C. IV, Part 4](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Kadhai Ketpoma—Ep.6 "நீ நதி போல ஓடிக்கொண்டிரு" \(Surge On Like a River\)—](#)  
["இளமையெனும் கூழாங்கல்வே.கூல் கூல்!"](#)  
(Literature)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering—ep.68](#) (Literature)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—415](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Tamil Express—Lesson 29](#) (Tamil Language)
- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita Divina—Cap. 7](#) (Sri Aurobindo)

#### Last Youtube live videos

- [Dances of Universal Peace—live from Tibetan Pavilion](#)
- [Kalabhumi Goes Live on 8 October 2022 excerpt | Featuring Dead Alive, Contraband and NoWhere Station](#)

...and more! on [www.aurovillerradio.org](http://www.aurovillerradio.org)

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

For more information write to [radio@auroville.org.in](mailto:radio@auroville.org.in)

Peace and Love

Regazrds, Wobbli

#### ATDC OF THE AVFO

I would like to share my concern upon learning that on the past 15 October, Chantal, Aurovillian of 77 years old, had an accident on her motorbike while going to a class very early on a Saturday morning. It caused injuries to her face and a fracture to her left wrist. She was driving the stretch toward Kalabhumi (where the road is broken in front of Gaia). It is a stretch which many of us are suffering to drive during these past months.

There seems to be no responsibility on the part of those who are directing and supervising these works. The road has been in a state of abandonment for almost two months without proper marking and security, left at the mercy of the rain and defenseless drivers.

The only sign that we saw was prohibiting taking pictures but nothing about the road being in construction!

In many countries in the world this failure would cause legal repercussions to the responsible municipality.

Good actions please, not words!

Sincerely, Susana

#### GALAXY:

#### THE FIRST FUTURISTIC CAR-FREE CITY IN THE WORLD

##### Part One: No Cars

The manifestation in Matter of Mahasaraswathi, perfection in work down to the smallest detail: this is why in 1968 the Mother chose the systems engineering, which Nasa had just adopted to reach the moon. A rigorous feasibility study taking one and half year was to precede the building of the Galaxy, in five years, via the systems engineering; a (temporary) Auroville Industrial Corporation was to raise the capital needed for acquiring all the land, the top priority; to build underground the complete infrastructure according to the planned development was the second priority, before anything else could be commenced.

The city's material perfection was matched by social and ethical perfection. There were no servants or paid workers; the residents did all the work themselves and lived in minimal spaces. The flats ranged from 30 sqm for singles to 75 sqm for a family of four plus the collective spaces. From the album the Mother forwarded to the Ford Foundation:

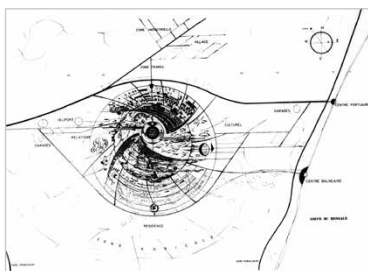
"The cell has 30 m2 for private use and 10 m2 for collective use. Five cells can shelter six persons. The flat has 75 m2 for private house, and 25 m2 for collective use. On the average a flat can shelter 2 adults and 2 children (4 inhabitants per flat)."

"An adaptation of the communist system" the Mother told Satprem; in her town, self-sufficient in terms of economy and production, everything belonged to all for the well-being of all; the citizens were taken in charge according to minimum material needs, for these drop spontaneously and effortlessly as the spiritual consciousness takes over; needless to say, if Auroville supported them, the citizens had to surrender any alternative income/possession: the concept of 'salary' did not even arise.

The Galaxy is "the Avatar's model town" and its inhabitants are willing servitors of the divine consciousness. Mother's town is a first signpost in the long march towards the ideal society, and which only the gnostic supramental consciousness will make true. This demands leaving behind the infrational age with its cravings and greed, overcoming the subjective age too and fully entering the spiritual age, as Sri Aurobindo expounds in "The Human Cycle". Not by chance, the admission form to be signed by the Mother commences with the text "To be a true Aurovillian": psychic being to the forefront.

A green belt acting like a true buffer zone encircled the town, all cars and polluting vehicles were to halt outside it; two outer parking appeared already in a 1967 map of the yin/yang model (the two macrostructures) preceding the Galaxy:

All speedy, heavy traffic happened underground; at ground level were envisaged mobile sidewalks, collective and emergency transport, cycles and electric vehicles at no more than 15 kms by the hour. The Galaxy would have been the first town in the world banning the car.



From the first report by Roger Anger, 7.9.1965; Mother's handwritten reply is in bold letters:

"The mobility principle in Auroville must be defined right now.

Shall we allow the presence of cars? Probably in just a few years India will know, same as Europe and the US, the major urban problem the automobile is. The reign of cars has conditioned the urbanism of the 20th century and continues to tyrannize it. Although outdated, and everybody knows it, still the automobile strives at its best to create hell inside the cities and kill the outskirts. Therefore the option to follow is to forbid and suppress the usage of this means of transportation within the town—and replace it by another, more hygienic, less cumbersome and noisy, more aesthetical, maybe newer if possible."

[Mother's written reply:]

**Small vehicles, electrically powered, carrying about 200 Kg, at a 15 km/h speed."**

In the 1967 interview for the Auroville magazine = 1 Roger made himself clear, once more replying:

"Would you like to take us on a science-fiction pre-visit to Auroville... by car...?"

... to the residential sector. Huge parking areas await us, since no cars run within Auroville."

The following is taken from the article in the French magazine Planete, 1968, which called to Auroville so many youths:

"A socialist vocation but with an evolutionary structure

Third basic option: demonstrating that spirituality is not incompatible with the most modern technology. This demonstration will happen by the very configuration of the town: we already mentioned the tv circuits. As for transportation, if they exclude completely the car within the urban area, this implies monorails, minicars and mobile sidewalks for pedestrians."<sup>1</sup>

Again, in the conversation with Luigi and Aryamani, on 10 March 1996, Roger explained:

"Nothing stopped us at the concept level. We thought of underground roads, of rolling sidewalks... everything was possible.

L.: Everything imaginable...

R.: Yes. That is how the Galaxy was born."

<sup>1</sup> "... *Une vocation socialiste mais de structure evolutive Troisieme option de base: demontrer que la spiritualite n'est pas incompatible avec la technologie la plus moderne. Cette demonstration sera faite par l'amenagement meme de la ville: on a deja parle des circuits de television. Quant aux moyens de transport, s'ils excluent totalement l'automobile a l'interieur de l'agglomeration, ils comportent monorails, minicars et trottoirs roulants pour pietons. ...*"

Paulette

## Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

### ANGAMTREE WELLNESS HUT

Angamtree Wellness Hut is focused on Varma Therapy which is an ancient traditional method of healing system. It treats all kinds of ailments in the body with herbs infused medicinal oils. We believe any ailment can be managed through Siddha Varma Kalai which is a all round holistic approach to our wellness management. It is important to give time and have patience during the therapy and recovery process.



#### Services Offered:

- Acupressure
- Oil / Dry Massage
- Deep Tissue Massage
- Special Case Massage
- Full Body Massage
- Remedial Massage
- Paralysis and Arthritic Massage
- Partition Massage
- Trigger Point

Location: Auromode Guest House

Contact: Raja, the therapist, 9751395939

Warm regards,  
Raja Narayanasamy

### MAATRAM

Centre for Psychological Development & Support:  
Schedule for November 2022

#### Walk-in, Open Consultation Hour (OCH)

- Monday to Friday: 9am—10am
- Monday/ Wednesday/Friday: 4:30—5:30pm

#### Therapists (for OCH) as listed below

Monday	Saif	Pooja
Tuesday	Rashmi	
Wednesday	Palani	Tia
Thursday	Chetna	
Friday	Gopa	Tia

OCH is a walk-in session where anyone can come without an appointment. If the therapist is already seeing someone by the time you walk in, please leave your contact details and we will revert.

#### Other activities

- Rural Mental Health activities at Thamarai, Annai Nagar. First Thursdays of every month between 10—12:30 noon
- Street Play on Mental Health Awareness, once a month at different venues or by invitation
- Care for senior Aurovilians
- Initiating sessions of Self work using Clay

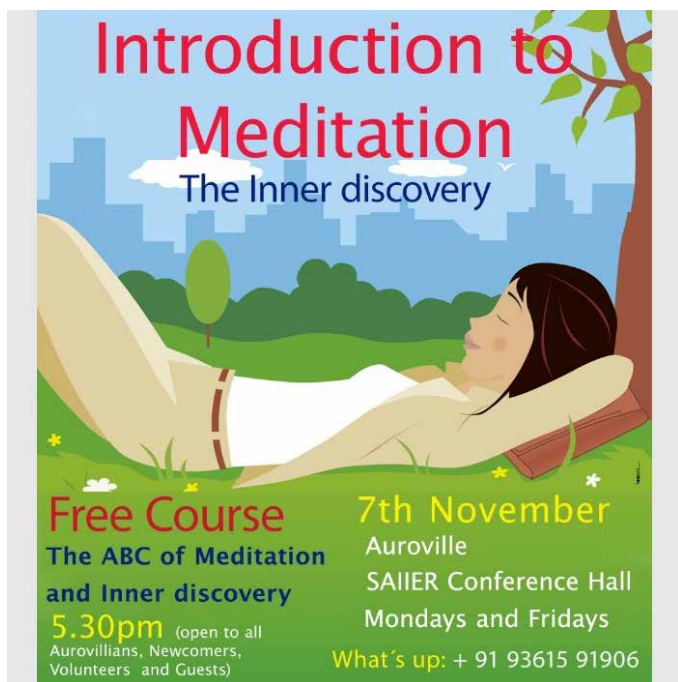
#### Contacts

- Message or call: 90877 09434
- Email: [matram@auroville.org.in](mailto:matram@auroville.org.in)
- Web: [matramav.in](http://matramav.in)
- Location: Mitra Youth Hostel near Town Hall.

Many thanks,  
Megha

## THE ABC OF MEDITATION: FREE INTRODUCTION COURSE

*"When mind is still, then truth gets her chance to be heard in the purity of the silence."  
Sri Aurobindo*



A 12 week free introduction course on the fundamentals of Meditation and inner discovery. We will learn how to begin and integrate the meditation practice in daily life, how to breathe and relax, use mantras and pranayama, and how to concentrate in the heart and silence the mind towards peace and inner silence.

- **Beginning:** 7 November
- **Frequency:** Mondays and Fridays, 5:30pm
- **Venue:** Auroville, SAIER Conference Hall
- **WA:** + 91 93615 91906

Open to ALL Aurovillians, newcomers, volunteers and guests

*Thanks in advance, Pedro*

## AROHANAM



Arohanam is the ascending scale of notes in a raga. In many ways it signifies the essence of life itself. A multitude of experiences and expressions which add both color and construct to a person. We are formed by our perception of the reality around us which is the outcome of our thoughts in action. Arts and crafts are the first and foremost means of channeling our inner self into form and shape. They mold our identity and allow us to gain an understanding of our own Power, the center of our being.

Arohanam seeks to act as a bridge and fellow traveler in experiencing the experience of expression in the area of arts and crafts. To aid and assist in the navigation of the charts of ideas to implementation.

*Surajkiran, 91 9884204918, Voice and WA*

## MINDFULNESS MEDITATION WITH IVANA

Mindfulness meditation has many benefits for every practitioner. All are welcome! An explanation will be given at the beginning of the class and practice will be after for 20 minutes.

- **Venue:** Hall of Light, Creativity
- **Time:** 12:45—13:15, daily from Monday till Friday
- **Polite Notice:** Please be on time and keep your vehicle at the parking place of the Hall of Light.
- **Contact:** [ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk)



## JIVA—YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



[www.auroville-jiva.com](http://www.auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961

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We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion... and soul, for conscious evolution

- Acupuncture, Shiatsu, QiGong, TaijiQuan, Energy work,
- Natural Horsemanship, Horse assisted Therapy, Medical Cloning, Gentle birth and pregnancy,
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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!

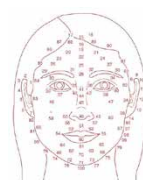


Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication—and it's just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse! Mirabelle lives with horses since she was 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfills her life's dream to bring children, adults 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](mailto: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](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 09626006961

## Our Venue Sharnga Guesthouse

- [www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://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

## SHIATSU BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP

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



Historically Japanese, the roots of Shiatsu can be traced to something deep inside each and everyone of us which stands for a complete harmony with life as well as for an awareness of our inborn power and the 'Human Potential'. This Shiatsu Workshop offers you experiences in conscious Perception, inner Sensing and guided Touch in connection with the 12 classical meridians, which we will dive into, exploring them in their meaning and of course in the basic positions they are contacted in.

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

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

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

Contribution required.

- Please contact Ulrike Urvasi at [mothersworkforthemotherswork@gmail.com](mailto:mothersworkforthemotherswork@gmail.com)

### Place and slightly changed Timings

As announced before, this Shiatsu Workshop offers you experiences in conscious Perception, inner Sensing and Awareness of Touch in connection with the 12 Classical Meridians.

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

This is the first of four Seminar Days spanning over 3 years.

- **Place:** Budokan Auroville at Dehashakti Sports Ground
- **Timings:** Saturdays 9am—4pm and Sundays 11am—4:30pm: 12 and 13, 19 and 20, 26 and 27 November;
- **Additional Timings:** Fridays 1:30—3:30pm, 11 November: Introduction to Shiatsu and the course, **Open for All Interested**; 18 and 25 November: time to deepen practise and study more beautiful facts of Shiatsu.

Contribution required for ensuring the future seminars. Kindly give according to your resources.

- Do contact Ulrike Urvasi at [mothersworkforthemotherswork@gmail.com](mailto:mothersworkforthemotherswork@gmail.com), 9751513906/ WA, Signal, Telegram/ for any questions.
- Certificate given on Completion of the Course.

Submitted by Ulrike

## SERENDIPITY: ACTIVITIES AND THERAPIES



(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)  
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<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/serendipityauroville>

### Tea Meditation

- Sunday, 6 November, 11am

Tea is an ancient drink that has been hailed for its beneficial effects for ages. The story goes that centuries ago some monks threw these leaves in a pot of hot water and discovered that after drinking the infusion they could meditate much better! And so tea and meditation have always been intertwined.

In this session we will explore the traditional Chinese way of serving tea, 'Gong Fu Cha', drinking quality Chinese tea in a silent and mindful manner. We will drink a few rounds of cups together, meanwhile opening all our senses to the subtle fragrances of the tea and feeling our body and mind change cup after cup.

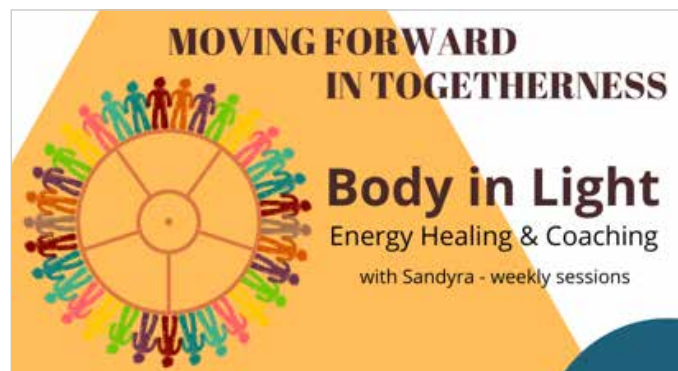
After about 45 minutes of silence, there will be space for a short sharing and questions. Do not miss this unique opportunity to discover 'Cha Dao', the way of tea. You can book or just drop in. The contribution for this activity is on donation basis.

- If you need more information you can contact Jass directly by phone or WA +91 733 945 9425.

Warmly, Sara

## MOVING FORWARD IN TOGETHERNESS

Every Thursday, 5:30—7pm, Pavilion of Tibetan Culture



Learn the key principles of self-healing and become your ownhealer

- Align with your source energy
- Rejuvenate your cells
- Purify your whole System throughout time & Space
- Increase your vibration.
- Receive energy healing and relaxation

The workshop offers a beautiful combination of receiving energy healing, learning personal and collective evolution and self empowerment.

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

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

With gratitude,  
Sandhya

## TRANSFORMATIONAL YOGA AND SOUNDS

Friday, 4 November, 9:30am—12:30pm

Hall of Light, Creativity

Align your body, mind and heart through Transformational Yoga and Sounds!

In this workshop we will open and activate the chakras tuning up the body with sound, allowing ourselves to explore and express our voices in freedom diving into a Sound bath. Afterwards we will move through the practice of Transformational Yoga aligning the Body, Mind and Heart. In each asana we will experience Pranayama, Brahmari and chanting a Mantra to open and activate the heart chakra.



All are welcome to embody a wonderful experience

For registration please contact:

- Lakshmi, 8489764602
- [Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com)

Activity offered under Abhaya Assa trust  
Namaste, Lakshmi

### ACTIVITIES WITH DR. SEHDEV KUMAR

- Professor Emeritus, Canada
- Internationally renowned Author, Poet, Mediator
- Author of "7000 Million Degrees of Freedom", "Ocean in a Drop: Verses of Kabir"

### Freedom From Fear



- Verite, Saturday, 5 November, 2—4:30pm

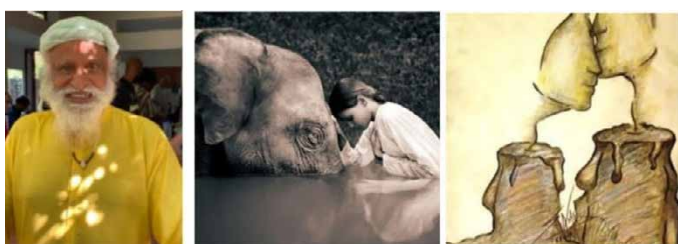
Fear has an apocalyptic power; it can sap all energy, and make even thing inert and lifeless.

- 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?

- Register: +91 7867805812

### Yoga Of Forgiveness



- Verite, Saturday, 26 November, 2—4:30pm.
  - From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference to the Light of Forgiveness is a momentous step
  - From Fear & Festering Revenge to the Courage of Being is the True Journey of the Spirit

We must let go

What ties us to the prison bars  
And dream once again of Freedom.  
In this freedom alone  
lies our true  
Redemption.

- Register: +91 7867805812

Thank you, Sehdev Kumar,  
[www.lotusinthestone.com](http://www.lotusinthestone.com)

### QUIET HEALING CENTER



[www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in](http://www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in)

+91 9488084966

### Heartfull® Meditation Classes with Avantika Nirupama

- Sunday 6, 13, 20 & 27 November, 9:30—10:30am

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

- Connect to the Light in your own Heart Center
- Surrender mind energy to your Heart Center to transform the mental aspect of your existence
- Surrender pelvic energy to your Heart Center to transform the vital aspect of your existence

Come learn and practice the sacred techniques of Heartfull® Meditation. Heartfull® Meditation techniques will help you understand Sri Aurobindo's dictum "All Life is Yoga" and connect you to his teachings in a deeper way.

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

- Questions?

Contact Avantika at [avantikalight@gmail.com](mailto:avantikalight@gmail.com)

Thanks, Guy for Quiet Healing Center

### Languages

### The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday—Friday:

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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

Email: [info@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguagelab.org)

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Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

**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**

Please contact 4036922 or email us at [tomatis@aurovillelanguagelab.org](mailto: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=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMly-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

**Summer Language Courses at ALL**

**New: German with Verena**

Great news for German Learners!

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

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

**New: English for Total Beginners with Rupam**

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

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

**New: French with Jean-François**

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

Jean-François is offering three 3-month courses:

- **Beginner French:** This course is for all those wanting to join a French course but finding themselves too busy through the week! Our Beginner French Course is deliberately

planned for Saturdays! The classes are highly interactive and are structured around the "French in Action" modules developed by Professor Pierre Capretz of Yale University.

- This course starts on November 5. Classes will take place Saturdays, 2:30pm to 4:30pm.
- **French Conversation:** For those of you who know a bit of French, this is the perfect course to get more fluent, expand your vocabulary, and speak without inhibition in a diverse & fun group! Jean-François would explore a range of topics like food, sports, travel, philosophy, news, literature, and more.
  - This course will start on November 3. Classes will take place Monday & Thursday afternoons. Exact timings to be fixed later.
- **Beginner French for Teens:** This course is for students between 13 to 16 years of age.
  - The course will start on November 5, and classes will take place Saturdays 11am to 12noon.

**New: Spoken Tamil with Saravanan**

The current course will conclude soon.

We will start a new batch in November!

Saravanan has been running this interactive and 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!

**Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam**

Rupam continues to offer morning English classes. Her classes are a mix of discussion on current topics, and grammar as necessary. You are welcome to try out a class and see if it fits your needs.

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

**Spanish with Mila**

Mila's courses are now closed to new registrations.

**Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan**

Our teacher, Murugesan, is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil Course, as soon as we have a minimum of 4-5 students.

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

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

**To join or enquire:**

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

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

### Current Schedule of Classes

Lan-guage	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	02:30pm—04:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation 1 To start 3 November	02:00pm—03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation 2 To start 3 November	03:30pm—04:30pm	
German	A1 Beginner, To start 3 November 2022	09:00am—10:30am	Monday & Wednesday
Hindi	Beginner, Started on 10 September 2022	10:00am—12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started on 15 July	09:30am—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner: Group 1 Started 3 October	02:30pm—03:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Beginner: Group 2 Started 3 October	03:45pm—04:45pm	
Japanese	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA



### ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest

#### Schedule of Events:

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with “previews” of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

21:15 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen  
Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner!

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

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



### Friday 11 November: Urban Jungle

2017/ 51 minutes/ Phil Coles

We think cities belong to Man, but the concrete jungles that we created are teeming with animals. We make friends with some, but most go about their lives unseen. Explore the daily lives of these street-smart city-slickers that share our urban environments.



#### At Multi Media Centre Auditorium, Town Hall

- **Reminder:** Friday 4 November, “The World of Apu”, (Apu Sansar) by Satyajit Ray, India, 1959

- **Friday 11 November, 8:00 pm**

“Vision—From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen”  
Original title: Vision—Aus dem Leben der Hildegard von Bingen



**Directed:** by Margarethe von Trotta, Germany, 2009

**With:** Barbara Sukowa, Heino Ferch, Hannah Herzsprung

**Overview:** The life story of the multi-talented and famous German 12th century Benedictine nun “Hildegard von Bingen”, Christian mystic, composer, philosopher, playwright, physician, poet, naturalist, scientist and ecological activist. Lushly shot in the original medieval cloisters of the fairytale-like German countryside, Vision is a profoundly inspirational portrait of a nun who has emerged from the shadows of history as a forward-thinking and iconoclastic pioneer of faith, change and enlightenment. A nun who was a pioneer for women in the church, whose grand claims often run counter to the patriarchal world around her.

**Synopsis:** At the age of eight, Hildegard of Bingen was sent by her parents to the Abbey of Disibodenberg; she receives the education of Jutta von Sponheim and is introduced to medicine and herbalism. When Jutta dies, she succeeds him as abbess and teaches the nuns theology, medicine and botany. The monks and nuns at the convent become a kind of family, offering both confidants and enemies as she fends off outrage from some in the Church over the visions she claims to receive from God...

*Original German version with English subtitles.*

Duration: 1h50'

*The Long Road*

**AUROVILLE'S FORESTS: CROCODILE TEARS**



In the last year, the RADicals have been singing praises about Galaxy Plan, writing paeans about the City the Earth needs, and shouting fealty to the City, if only it were done differently. They cry they're pained by the methods, hurt by the means, and wounded by the modes.

All crocodile tears.

The RADical document called '*Auroville's Forests: Management For The Long Term*', published in Oct 2018, exactly 4 years ago, clearly outlines their intentions, above anything else.

It does not even talk about Galaxy or City, even once. The document basically paves the way for the RADicals to '*manage the Auroville's Forests for the longterm*'.

- It allows themselves to build large mansions called homesteads.
- It allows themselves to have (unlimited) guesthouses
- It allows themselves the right to cut trees at will, with some guidelines

**Some excerpts for you to entertain yourself**

- "The oldest stands were planted in 1972 to regenerate highly degraded land, form a climatic buffer with the establishment of a micro-climate and, generally, to create an environment propitious to the growth and change of consciousness, conducive to the development of the Auroville charter." - *No talk of City.*
- "The forest and its growth will require protection and care for a very long time to come. The long-term management of this wealth is imperative and should not be skirted."
- "The pioneers who started this drive are reaching a tender age and it is therefore time to set down the direction in which this valuable asset is managed, framed by a long-term vision." *change of guard, within family, of course.*
- "The purpose of Auroville's forests is manifold:
  - To establish such a robust environment, resilient to droughts and century rains, thanks to a micro-climate created and sustained by an adequate ratio of (evergreen) forest to non-forest surfaces
  - To maximize the hydrologic capital of the land through minimized runoff and evaporation and increased percolation leading to effective aquifer recharge
  - To secure floral genetic diversity and germplasm for the entire region
  - To provide a refuge for wildlife
  - To grow hardwoods for Auroville
  - To provide the community with a vast array of forest derivatives (medicines, dyes, spices)
  - As a source of research and education"
- "has some key benefits:
  - It is a framework for **long-term, inter-generational forest management and conservation.**

- It enables sound ecological conservation goals **while generating economic output, ensuring financial sustainability and independence.**
- It ensures that short or medium-term developments and management practices **do not antagonize** the long-term objectives.
- It optimizes management **based on land characteristics:** existing successional stage of the vegetation and its potential."

*again no mention of why this land was bought in the first place.*

- "What is therefore needed, to complement maps which depict stages of forest growth, are new maps of every forest stewardship block which depict the long-term management goals of the different sections of Auroville's forests."

They have also decided what to do with the 'Non-forest zones'

- "They are integrally part of the forest stewardship block but are not forest activities per say:
  - Nursery
  - Fruit orchard
  - Vegetable garden
  - Fodder garden/grove
  - Bee keeping
  - Butterfly groves
  - Infrastructure: homestead area with steward's HQ, guest-rooms, barn, store-room, bore-well, water-tank, parking..."

- "The homestead includes the infrastructure on the land (well, water-tank, store-room, barn, horse corral, guest-house/homestay) etc..."

- "Sanctuary Forest Ranger Hut. In some cases, extensive sanctuary forest stands situated far from the nearest homestead could benefit from a night-watchman/presence. A sanctuary ranger hut would help protect isolated stands from poaching and tree-felling. It is not situated within the homestead and is not a permanent structure. It is mobile and easily dismantlable. It is accessible only by foot or bicycle. It is a shelter for human presence in a specific section of the forest only for as long as it is justified. It is used only for forest protection, scientific/wildlife observation and is situated at the fringe of the sanctuary forest."

**I did not know, we have Forest Rangers. How cool is that?**

- "The different zones do not represent a restriction to the forester's ability to work and experiment freely but are the framework for an integrated forest management between stewardship blocks. They help the forest stewardship blocks become more financially efficient and transparent."

**The Gollum's peace pact to divide their precious.**

- "a broader management plan, doing great service to the forests of Auroville, Auroville at large and the entire region."

- "The management zones of each stewardship block are the land-use approved by the neighbourhood stewards and the Forest Group. This land-use is the basis of the contract between the steward and the Forest Group." **FAMC, what is your job exactly?**

- "All too often the management objectives are not outlined and in some cases, the presence of the forest steward on the land represents, unfortunately, an impediment to the growth of the forest. Biomass over-extraction and constant "cleaning" have become common practices." **Awesome, proves the RADicals have the capacity to introspect.**

- "Protecting this forest cover, seeing to its steady growth in the long-term and to its expansion on newly purchased Auroville land, are the mandates of the forest steward." Hehe, hiding in plain sight.

- "is not only toward Auroville and its future generations. A forest steward is accountable to the entire region: **Auroville's pioneer forests are a precious genetic reservoir of flora which will be extremely useful in the future.**



They are a vital habitat for re-emerging wildlife and an effective model of regenerated forest on highly degraded land." Gosh, what do you guys smoke, pass it on.

- Under II A (a), "...the steward must try to prevent, with the support of neighbours...

- **Any development not approved by the steward and the Forest Group, and that is contradictory to the agreed-upon land-use plan**
- **The building of roads, electricity lines and other large infrastructure"**

should be amply clear by now

- "Keep transparent accounts of all transactions pertaining to the maintenance of the land under stewardship with a **reasonable degree of accuracy** of expenditure and income

- **Submit accounts on time to the Forest Group "as required"**
- Use watchmen's' budgets **efficiently"** All this while the City Services budget have been bank-rolling its own impediment. RADicals are smart.

- "Open to peer review by other members of the Forest Group." not anyone else?

Okay, this one is crazy:

- "Forest stewardship eligibility

Any candidate must:

- Be Aurovillian
- Have proven experience of three years with **recommendations** in forest work. (**experience alone is not sufficient**) and/or
- Be qualified in a forest discipline (**case to case basis**)
- Be capable of **raising funds to maintain the forest**—the forest budget is insufficient to manage a forest.
- Be able to live in low-impact housing on site—see "Building Guidelines in the Auroville Forest" (to be defined)
- Use only on site renewable energy sources
- **Agree to abide by the agreed-upon land-use plan**
- Agree to be **evaluated by the Forest Group**, periodically
- **Agree to vacate the land if a majority of the Forest Group members determine**, after due process, that the steward has not been executing his/her responsibilities as per the guidelines in this stewardship guidelines."

#### More like Mafia Agreement Form

- "C. Application procedure and stewardship allocation recommendations from at least two stewards—verbally or ideally in writing

- is designated care-taker for two years during which neighbouring stewards take up the stewardship collectively
- accepts to resign as care-taker if a majority of neighbouring stewards and the Forest Group feel he/she is not fit for the job or has deviated from the land-use plan
- agrees that no investment on the land during the two-year period will be automatically reimbursed (is it reimbursed after 2years?)
- agrees to be reviewed twice a year by neighbouring stewards"

No wonder the Foresters are a tight-knit group. They basically don't allow anyone with a different point of view. entering is difficult, even if one enters, as soon as s/he expresses a different pov, can be reason enough to be expelled and stripped of the stewardship.

Read the document, attached in full. It will give you some insights into the RADical mindset.

Love, Lakshay

## UPDATE & REPORT FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE

Selected by the Residents' Assembly

From August to October 2022

Dear friends, we would like to update you on topics which we have been dealing with for the past three months, from August to October 2022. We apologize in advance for this lengthy report but there is much that we felt needed to be shared with you, to add to what has already been covered in previous massbulletins and community meetings. Moving forward, we will do our best to publish our reports on a monthly basis. For this time we suggest you make yourself comfortable with snacks.:-)

Please feel free to visit us or email us if you have any questions. Our Open House hours are from 10 to 12 on Tuesdays, in the former Koodam Office opposite the Auroville Library, and our email address is [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services).

### Legal matters

#### History

As many of you know, the Working Committee has felt obliged to approach the Courts following the refusal of the Secretary to recognize the Residents' Assembly Decision announced on 9 May 2022. In this decision, the Residents' Assembly (RA) had dismissed four members of the Working Committee while confirming the three other ones with an overwhelming majority of votes.

The Secretary and the dismissed four members decided to ignore these results, on the basis of a letter issued by the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) of the Auroville Foundation. This letter aimed at invalidating and stopping all decision-making of the Residents' Assembly (including all sorts of information-sharing meetings), based on the claims that the Register of Residents (maintained by the Office of the Secretary) had allegedly not been updated since 2005. However, these claims have proven to be false, since we have written acknowledgment by the Office of the Secretary of updates in the RoR dated April 2021, shortly before Dr Jayanti Ravi's tenure. Furthermore, the OSD's letter was considered groundless, since the Office of the Secretary has no role to play in the functioning of the Residents' Assembly and its decision-making processes, nor in the selection and term of office of Working Committee members, as per the Auroville Foundation Act, 1988.

Following the OSD's letter, the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation and the dismissed members tried taking possession of the Working Committee office with the support of the police. Since they did not succeed, the Office of the Secretary filed a criminal complaint and an FIR against the three ongoing members of the Working Committee and three other Aurovillians. At this point, Working Committee members were forced to take legal action in the criminal courts to protect those that had been wrongly accused, especially considering that the lawyers hired by the Office of the Secretary insisted in the courts that the said Aurovillians should be arrested. Thankfully, anticipatory bail was granted by the courts, avoiding the arrest of the six Aurovillians. We wonder how the Office of the Secretary could go to such extremes for a difference of opinion, and how other Aurovillians including the dismissed members of the Working Committee and their nominees could come to cross such a line. Further Court action also needed to be taken, with the purpose to establish the legitimacy of the Residents' Assembly and its decisions, particularly in the case of constituting the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly.

#### Court hearings and judgment

The civil case regarding the functioning of the Residents' Assembly and the constitution of its Working Committee was discussed in several hearings in June and July. A judgment was issued by the Honorable Madras High Court on 12th August 2022, recognising and affirming the role of the Residents' Assembly as an authority of the Auroville Foundation. The judgment quashed the OSD's letter denying the validity of the RAD on the Working Committee membership, and thus confirming that the undersigned

members are the valid and legitimate Working Committee of the RA. This was followed-up in an email to the GB and IAC. The judgment also confirmed that the role of the Governing Board and of the Residents' Assembly is that of mutuality and cooperation.

However, the Secretary has appealed this decision, claiming that the Governing Board is the final authority for taking decisions in Auroville (thus bypassing the central role of the Residents' Assembly). An interim stay has been granted until the appeal has been heard and a new ruling comes from the Courts. The appeal might be discussed in the next few weeks and we are awaiting its results with confidence.

### Other court cases

Since the initial filing of the Working Committee petition to the courts, several Office Orders were issued by the Office of the Secretary to dismiss and replace members for essential working groups and committees of the Residents' Assembly, such as the FAMC, the BCC and the Housing group, without following due process. The Working Committee has been obliged to take again this issue of denying the RA's role to the civil courts. The matter has not yet been discussed in the Court and we will report as soon as there are some developments.

The RA Working Committee is in regular contact with lawyers and we are following-up on legal matters with the help of resource persons.

### Meetings with officials and others

#### Meetings with state and local officials

The RA Working Committee has had various meetings with state and local officials to address several issues. We are grateful for the efforts of our liaison officer and other resource persons for actively helping us to maintain and establish useful contacts with officials at all levels.

#### Meeting with the Chairman of the GB

The RA Working Committee had a two-hour meeting with the Chairman of the Governing Board, Sri RN Ravi, during his visit to Auroville on Wednesday, 19 October. A brief report of this meeting was sent via [massbulletin](#), together with the [note](#) that was handed over to him. A follow-up letter was sent to the Chairman on 22nd October, and can be read [here](#).

#### Upcoming meeting of the GB

We have been informed that the upcoming meeting of the Governing Board will take place on 8th November. We have sent the Chairman and the Governing Board a request that the RA Working Committee, as well as other RA-selected Working Groups, be given a slot to interact with them. We have also requested for a meeting to take place with the community. Additionally, we have written to the Secretary requesting that the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Board (the 60th) are shared widely and as soon as possible before the meeting on the 8th. We are yet to receive a reply to any of these requests.

#### Meeting with IAC members

Dena Merriam, chairperson to the International Advisory Council, visited Auroville for the first time in her tenure, on the 1 October. We received her upon her arrival and had a friendly dinner and frank conversation. Meetings were arranged on the afternoon of the 3 October between Dena Merriam and the RA FAMC, the RA TDC and the Auroville Council. We also met with Michel Danino, IAC member, who was visiting Auroville in the same period.

#### 'Deep Dialogue' with Mr Raghu

On 8 September, we and other RA working groups sent a massbulletin about the 'deep dialogue' proposed by Mr Raghu Ananthanaryanan as part of an initiative by Dena Merriam. Letters were also sent [to Dena Merriam](#), [to the Secretary](#) and [to Mr Raghu](#)—to which [he replied](#). During his visit to Auroville on the 1—4 October, we had a meeting with Mr Raghu and some members of our group also had individual meetings with him.

### Visas

The situation with visas in Auroville remains highly disturbing. Since December 2021, more than 70 residents have obtained recommendation letters for a shorter duration than what they were eligible for. There are currently about 70 letters of recommendations pending on the Secretary's desk, which await her signature, and some of these are pending since early 2022. This has resulted in the visas of a number of residents expiring without renewal, which means they are in India without a valid visa, and several being charged high penalty fees, through no fault of their own.

On 26 October we came to know that one long-term Aurovillian received a recommendation letter for only 3 months, with no explanation given and in spite of the visa policy for Auroville as approved by the Ministry for Home Affairs only allowing for a minimum of one year for Auroville residents. In the past 10 days, a few more residents have received letters of recommendation for only one year when they are eligible for 5 years.

We are following up on the matter and are doing our best to address this situation. We have also again requested the Chairman to look into the matter.

### Land-related matters

Over the past few months, we have been involved in various actions to protect Auroville land. These actions have included visiting various officials, writing multiple letters to authorities and following-up legal steps with lawyers.

#### Abri / Ami / Evergreen encroachment

Many massbulletins have gone out in the past weeks to inform residents about the encroachment at the Abri / Ami / Evergreen corner, and the unfolding of events. These recent massbulletins are:

- [05.09.2022, On Land Encroachment](#)
- [10.09.2022, WCom update on Abri/Ami encroachment](#)
- [23.09.2022, Update on land-related matters from the Working Committee](#)
- [23.09.2022, Urgent announcement about Evergreen](#)
- [24.09.2022, Call to file online police complaints](#)
- [25.09.2022, Update regarding Evergreen corner](#)
- [11.10.2022, Clarifications re Ami/Abri/Evergreen land issue and 'shadow groups'](#)

Since our last massbulletin on this matter, members and resource persons of the RA Working Committee have gone to the courts twice, on 14 and 20 October. A judgment on the Abri/ Ami/ Evergreen lands is expected at the beginning of November. More information will be shared as and when it is available.

#### Other related communications:

- [06.09.2022, Letter to the Chairman requesting for the protection of land and the safety of residents](#)
- [08.09.2022, Letter to the Secretary about the threat to Auroville lands and residents](#)
- [08.09.2022, Letter to the Chairman about the escalation of land grab actions and threats to residents](#)
- [13.09.2022, Letter to the Secretary about the land grabbing at Abri corner](#)
- [13.09.2022, Letter to the Chairman about a negligence and dereliction of duty by the Estate Officer of Auroville Foundation](#)
- [15.09.2022, Letter to the Chairman on the Evergreen land situation](#)
- [25.09.2022, Letter to the Secretary with an update on land grab](#)
- [08.10.2022, Letter to the Chairman regarding land encroachments](#)

## Land exchange

It has come to our notice that at least two land exchanges have been registered and others are in the process of being registered, which may severely affect Auroville and its residents. The RA Working Committee and the RA FAMC are not being consulted in such deals, which are done without following the due diligence procedure, with no transparency and often at rates which amount to heavy financial losses for Auroville. In some cases, the lands that are being negotiated with outside investors have been bought by the Mother herself, and have received her blessings. From the end of August onwards, we have addressed [the Chairman](#), [the Land Board](#) and various authorities, objecting to land exchanges being done without due process and without involving the community through its representatives. However, there hasn't been acknowledgement nor any change of direction by the Office of the Secretary and the Land Board. We are following-up on the matter at several levels.

## Resource persons

It is mainly thanks to important resource persons and our liaison officer that we have been able to follow-up on all land-related matters so far. We would like to extend our thanks to them and hope that we can continue to collaborate to safeguard the body of Auroville.

## Conference at UNESCO Paris

The event that was planned at UNESCO Paris on 30 September, at the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary, has been deferred until further notice by India's Ministry of Culture. The RA Working Committee had expressed its concerns in regards to the part of the program related to Auroville, including the focus of the program and how the speakers to this event were selected, as reported in [a previous massbulletin](#). These concerns were shared by many community members and well-wishers of Auroville around the world, including [the Auroville International Board](#). A member of the IAC raised concerns about the letter sent by the AVI Board, to which [we replied](#).

The RA Working Committee sent [a follow-up letter](#) to the Ministry of Culture expressing its relief and suggesting that Sri Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary needs to be celebrated in the most honorable way with a wide view and synthesis of several approaches, and the participation of Sri Aurobindo centers from across India and the world.

## Emergency RAD and Resolution

As most of you are aware, following the 12th August Madras High Court judgment, the RA Working Committee had organized an Emergency Residents' Assembly Decision (RAD) to seek approval on a Resolution supporting the judgment and confirming the members of various working groups and services selected by the RA. [A record of 1161 residents participated in the decision](#), out of which 97% approved [the resolution](#). We take this occasion to thank again the Residents' Assembly Service and the many volunteers who helped us with this process.

In spite of the RAD outcome, a member of the Governing Board questioned our legitimacy as the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly. You can find [here](#) our reply to him.

### Other related communications:

[19.08.2022, Joint statement with other working groups on the legal situation and the emergency RAD](#)

[20.08.2022, Clarification and legal opinion on holding meetings \(see the legal opinion here\)](#)

[25.08.2022, Email to the GB & IAC announcing the Residents' Assembly Resolution No. RAD/04/2022](#) (this was also sent to the AVI centers)

## Register of Residents

### Entering of new Aurovilians into the RoR

It has come to our notice that Aurovilians who have been confirmed by the Entry Board in the past one year, and have signed the B-Form, are still waiting to be entered into the Register of Residents maintained by the Office of the Secre-

tary. We have requested the Entry Service to send us a list of such cases so that we can better address the situation.

## RoR update and home visits

Following the 12 August judgment of the Madras High Court, the RA Working Committee has requested all residents to fill-up the RoR updation form—please see the massbulletins sent on [18 August](#) and [26 August](#). A month later, the Office of the Secretary and the illegitimate 'Working Committee' announced home visits for the purpose of updating the RoR and conducting a house survey. In a [massbulletin](#) on 30 September, we clarified that there is no link between the updating of the RoR and the survey of assets for determination of House Tax. Since then, several Aurovilians have shared with us how the home visits related to the RoR update went. In many cases, the home visits were reported to be friendly; however, in specific cases people were met with cameras and an attitude that was felt to be disrespectful, aimed to harass specific residents, and/or intended to create PR material. It was noted that most of the visits were made without prior intimation to the stewards of the homes that were being visited. We remind all residents that the Residents' Service needs to be informed of changes in your administrative situation and/or contact information.

## Media and Communication

The Media and Communication cell that was created and [announced](#) to the community in July 2022 has been functioning well and actively sharing contents. The aim of the cell is to fulfill communication needs, both internal and external, and to work on multiple media and direct communication channels to gather, integrate and disseminate the views of different residents and the bonafide working groups of the Residents' Assembly. You can visit [www.auroville.media](#) for more information, and follow [@AurovilleNews](#) on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for regular updates. A media toolkit is also available [at this link](#).

Help is needed with this work, especially for content writing, social media and video production, including video editing. If there are any of these or other communication skills that you would like to offer, please contact us: [workingcom@auroville.services](#)

## On emails and communication platforms

In the past months, additional working groups and services have lost access to their inboxes and Drives, such as the Housing Board, the Budget Coordination Committee, the Entry Board and Service, and the Residents' Assembly Service. [Alternative email addresses](#) have been created for each of these groups and services, and we continue to look into the most appropriate manner to address the issue of the email takeover. We have addressed this topic during our meeting with the Chairman Sri RN Ravi, and have written [a separate email](#) to him in this regard.

Several residents have also continued to report being blocked from Auronet, and having their Auronet posts deleted without notice. If this is your case, please email the Auroville Council at [avcouncil@auroville.services](#).

We take this opportunity to remind Aurovilians that a new massbulletin emailing service has been created to replace the former tool which had been taken over. If you do not yet receive the new Auroville massbulletin, you can send an email to [avmassbulletin@auroville.services](#) or click [on this link](#) to join the massbulletin Telegram channel (you need to have a Telegram account before doing so—[click here for a tutorial on how to install Telegram](#)).

## Housing issues

### Eviction of an Aurovillian family in Center Field

Over the past months, a family of long-time Aurovilians living in Center Field has been repeatedly harassed and served with a show-cause notice for eviction by the Office of the Secretary, without any proper and suitable alternatives offered. This has been done in spite of earlier arrangements and promises by the 'ATDC' working for

the Office of the Secretary. We had already written [to the Chairman](#) on this matter towards the end of August. However, the situation has continued to escalate further with the issuing of a show-cause notice on baseless grounds, as expressed [here](#). The RA Working Committee, together with the RA FAMC and the RA TDC, have recently written a [massbulletin](#) on this matter. We have also written [to the Chairman](#) on this topic (see attachment [here](#)), and are doing our best to help the concerned residents.

### **Eviction orders issued by the new ‘Housing Service’**

As you may be aware, the existing Housing group (Service and Board) has recently been replaced by a Housing Service appointed by an order from the Office of the Secretary. Subsequently, a number of residents have recently been ordered to vacate various housing assets in spite of having legitimate agreements with the RA Housing Board. The most recent harassments related to housing affect a resident with an invalid father, and a few others. Since most of these eviction orders have been issued in the past week, it seems this might be a new tactic of the Office of the Secretary and their appointees to intimidate residents and increase the sense of insecurity and instability that we all feel. We are following-up on the matter with the FAMC and doing our best to address the situation.

### **Safety & Security**

#### **Dismantled portions of the Crown road**

Over the last months, the dismantled portions of the Crown road have raised serious safety and security issues. Several accidents have been reported due to the absence of proper marking and the unsafe nature of the existing bypasses. These incidents have increased since the start of the monsoon, with the slippery and muddy pathways that have replaced the earlier fully-functional paved roads. As mentioned in a [massbulletin](#) on 24 August, we wrote an email to the Secretary informing about the situation and our concerns about safety issues. On 28 October, the RA TDC and RA Working Committee sent [a letter](#) to the CPWD and various others in this regard.

#### **Miscellaneous**

We have been dealing with various cases related to the safety and security of Auroville residents and volunteers, jointly with the appropriate groups and services. As and when required, coordination with the police is also being done thanks to our liaison officer and to some of our members. We have also been informed that new CCTV cameras have been installed in Auroville by the Office of the Secretary. We have not been consulted in the installation of these CCTV cameras.

#### **Administrative documents and certificates**

At present the RA Working Committee cannot recommend visa extensions and new visa applications to the Office of the Secretary, which refuses to interact with us and recognise our legitimacy. However, we are still able to deliver certificates and documents for other administrative purposes. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are in need of such certificates by writing to [workingcom@auroville.services](mailto:workingcom@auroville.services)

### **Interactions with other working groups**

#### **Weekly joint meetings**

The RA Working Committee and other RA-selected working groups (Auroville Council, RA FAMC and RA TDC) are meeting every week to update each other and discuss various topics of common interest, in order to address issues in a more effective and integral way. In addition to these weekly joint meetings, we also have specific topic-based meetings with these and other working groups as and when needed.

#### **Survey on restorative processes**

One of the topics that came out of our weekly joint meetings with the Auroville Council, FAMC and TDC is the need

to address the possibility of restorative processes between the RA, the GB and the IAC, particularly following the Madras High Court judgment of 12th August. In this regard, a short survey for residents to fill out has recently been launched. You can find the announcement [here](#) and the survey [here](#). The aim of this survey is not to make any decision but simply to get a sense of how people feel about some kind of reconciliation process being explored at some point.

### **Community interaction**

#### **Community meetings**

The RA Working Committee, together with the Auroville Council, RA FAMC and RA TDC have organized three meetings with the community in the last three months to provide updates, answer questions, harvest suggestions and create space for dialogue. These gatherings have been exploring different meeting formats, and we would appreciate your feedback on how you experienced these as well as your suggestions on improving the format of meetings.

#### **Open house timings**

All four working groups as well as the BCC have set up a weekly ‘open house’ during which you can meet their members. These weekly timings are:

- **TDC:** Mondays 1-2pm, Koodam office (opposite the Library)
- **Working Committee:** Tuesdays 10am—12noon, Koodam office (opposite the Library)
- **BCC:** Tuesdays 10:30am—12noon & 2:30—3:30pm, AV Council meeting room (Town Hall)
- **FAMC:** Wednesdays 2:30—4:30pm, Koodam office (opposite the Library)
- **Auroville Council:** Thursdays 11am—12noon, AV Council meeting room (Town Hall)

#### **Other letters and written communications**

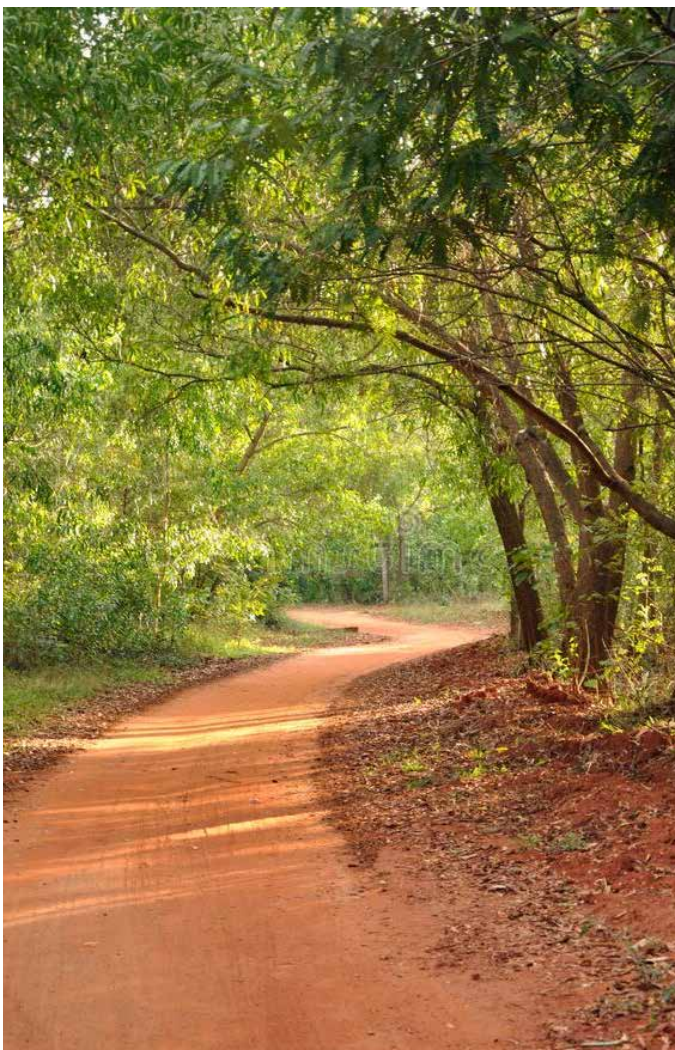
We have written a number of letters and communications that are not included above, but that we would like to share with you for the sake of transparency. We do not include here the communications that were previously mentioned in this report, nor some of the letters sent to various officials—which need to remain confidential in order to serve their purpose.

- [08.08.2022, Email to the AVI centers on the current situation in Auroville](#)
- [09.08.2022, Letter to the GB and IAC regarding the GB and IAC meeting of 12th August and their visit to Auroville](#)
- [14.08.2022, Massbulletin: Invitation to go inwards](#)
- [15.08.2022, Email to Entry Board on the Act and Regulations](#)
- [16.08.2022, Massbulletin: Communication on the Town Hall being locked](#)
- [27.08.2022, Massbulletin: Concerning inappropriate quotes on Auronet \(with AV Council\)](#)
- [01.09.2022, Massbulletin: On the takeover of Housing and BCC](#)
- [02.09.2022, Massbulletin: Public Notice: Illegitimate Appointees \(errata\)](#)
- [22.10.2022, Massbulletin: Reminder about driver’s licences](#)

In conclusion, the situation in Auroville is complex, unsettling, and calls for our utmost care and attention at remaining balanced and centered in all circumstances. It is through our collective efforts and goodwill that Auroville will navigate the storm that is passing over us all.

We continue to dedicate ourselves fully to fulfill the mandate given to us by the Residents’ Assembly, for the co-creation and manifestation of Mother’s Dream.

*In community, Your Working Committee  
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Maël, Sauro, Valli*



*The Last Moment*

**SAFETY ISSUES  
WITH THE UNSECURED CROWN ROAD**

Auroville



*L'avenir d'Auroville*



Auroville Town Development Council

Dear Residents, Volunteers and Guests, we would like to warn you about severe safety issues at the moment on the Auroville roads.

The roads are dangerous due to unsecured construction sites. In the last few months, a builder under contract with the CPWD and the Auroville Foundation Office has been working on the Crown road.

Existing roads have been partly or fully dismantled and left without any warning signs, safety barriers or diversion signs in place. Additionally the street lights have been removed on some stretches.

Due to rain, many roads and bypasses have become muddy and extra slippery. We request everyone to drive very carefully during the monsoon. Several accidents have already taken place and been reported.

We have brought this most concerning matter to the attention of the Secretary, the CPWD, the Governing Board, and other relevant authorities on several occasions in the hope that appropriate signage and warnings will be put in place at the earliest.

*In Service,*  
L'avenir d'Auroville—TDC, Town Development Council  
Allan B, Anan, Dorle, Divya L,  
Fabian, Island, Lata, Meera N, Natasha S, Tom G

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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