



News Notes

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The dense-maned monsoon rode neighing through earth's hours: Thick now the emissary javelins
Savitri, The Book of Birth and Quest

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

Swetaswatara Upanishad

And thou reachest, O Savitri, to the three luminous heavens; and thou art utterly expressed by the rays of the Sun; and thou encompassst the Night upon either side; and thou becomest by the law of thy actions the lord of Love, O God.

Surya Savitri, Creator and Increaser—Rig Veda

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, The Life Divine, Sri Aurobindo

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News Notes

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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 to Sujata: What did the Mother of Ignorance do?

Sujata: In my dream?... I had a long dream, and towards the end, I met her. I had to go through a place, and I told her, "I must go to the Light, to the Mother of Light."

Satprem: And then?

Sujata: Then the dream vanished.

Mother: You met her, she spoke to you?

Sujata: Yes, Mother, she spoke to me.

Mother: So what did you tell her?

Satprem: She told her she wanted to go to the Mother of Light.

Mother: Oh, (laughing) and then she left!

Sujata: But she was there as if...

Mother: She were governing.

Sujata: Yes, Mother, as if she were governing.

Mother: That's right.

What are those regions?... There are any number of regions. There are unimaginable things. But where is that? I don't know.

Satprem to Sujata: Tell your dream.

(Mother continues)

Mother: It must be a region intermediary between the most material physical, vital and mind. There's everything imaginable, you can see the most extraordinary things. And that's how it is. Strangely, even, you have a power there: one drop of truth has a tremendous power in those worlds. With a single movement you can change lots of things. Only, of course, you also create them in the same way: the contrary movement, the movement of ignorance (all the movements of ignorance in the world) create things all the time. That is to say, it means shaping things, or making them active, or having them act.... Only, it's a reality which... which is impermanent, to begin with. Ultimately, very few forms—forms or thoughts—have an eternal reality: all that (Mother makes a gesture of perpetual recasting) is constantly moving and changing.

I remember the first time (that was very long ago, more than... sixty years ago), the first time I asked, "But why do we die? Why do we live to die?—That's idiotic!" Then I was

made to understand that all that we see as "forms" is... (same gesture in perpetual movement). It's our... clenched little consciousness; a clenched consciousness which makes it all appear a "momentous" phenomenon: we are small, we grow big, and in the end, we dissolve. But everything is like that (same gesture), everything is like that! There are very few things—very few—that are eternal. They have a different quality. It's the first experience you get when you contact that which is eternal: it has a different vibratory quality... And then, that will to make this last (Mother points to her body), this which is made, entirely made of wrong movements—wrong movements and constantly in movement, constantly changing, constantly (same gesture)... As Sri Aurobindo said, "You want to make your body and everything around it last as it is?"—No, thank you! (Mother laughs) To last is, in fact, to become conscious, fully conscious in the eternal world. (silence)

He knew all that, Sri Aurobindo.... Have you seen the latest Aphorisms?

Satprem: On laughter? (Satprem reads)

478—A God who cannot smile could not have created this humorous universe.

(Mother laughs)

476—When will the world change into the model of heaven? When all mankind becomes boys and girls together with God revealed as Krishna and Kali, the happiest boy and strongest girl of the crowd, playing together in the gardens of Paradise. The Semitic Eden was well enough, but Adam and Eve were too grown up and its God himself too old and stern and solemn...

Mother: Oh!... (Mother laughs)

...for the offer of the Serpent to be resisted.

Mother: Truly admirable! (silence)

(Turning to Sujata) So next time, if you see her, just tell her, "Your time will soon be past."

Sujata: I simply told her, "O Mother of Ignorance, it is to the Mother of Light that I want to go."

Mother: And it was enough! (Mother laughs)

Volume 11. 1970: The Mother's Agenda
https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_11/1970-04-18-01_e.htm

Townhall Speaks

INTRODUCING

AUROVILLE'S PROCUREMENT SERVICE



L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear Aurovilians, As per the Gazetted Standing Order No.01/2022 and clause 5, section (j) the ATDC / L'avenir d'Auroville is creating the Auroville Procurement Service to provide all the construction materials and home appliances for building projects in Auroville.

Currently, all the building projects in Auroville buy materials either through dealers or retailers. We all buy the same kind of materials from very likely the same shops, but miss out on the possible cost reduction when we do collective purchasing as a collective.

This new service will reduce the need for multiple people to bargain with the same vendors, and also to transport goods individually. We will facilitate collective bargaining and purchasing of goods from outside of Auroville on behalf of Auroville and will deliver them on-site.

- For more details, please email us procurement-avenir@auroville.org.in

At her service, Auroville Procurement Services—ATDC/ L'avenir d'Auroville

LEAVING AND RE-ENTERING AUROVILLE:

ALL RESIDENTS, INDIAN AND FOREIGN AUROVILIANS

To all residents. This is a reminder to all residents, Indian and foreign Aurovilians, that everybody has to sign the TOS slip with the Residents Service when you are leaving Auroville for longer than 14 days, stating your reason why you are leaving and your expected return date.

When you are re-entering Auroville, from abroad or from India, again you have to pass by the Residents Service and fill in the slip that you have returned.

This is obligatory for all, Indians and foreigners alike.

This also applies to Foreign and Indian volunteers who must inform Savi before departure and on return.

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

AUROVILLE COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2022

Council Communications to the Community

- October 7: Request for ["Auroville's email blocked user"](#) to come forward
- October 17: [AVC September 22 report](#)

Joint communication of all 4 WGs (WCom, FAMC, TDC, AVC) of the RA

- October 28: [Survey](#) on a possible restorative process between RA, GB and IAC

Challenges

- On October 20, 2022 members of the Auroville Council, hosting the Council's weekly "Open House" were requested by individuals, working at Town Hall, to make the Council room available for "Non-RA Working Group" meetings. This request was politely declined.
- One more month of keeping the Council meeting room in Town Hall available for the general use of the RA Working Group meetings has passed with a 24/7 surveillance, managed by Auroville residents. And, once again we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who show their dedication and perseverance to upkeep this

needed presence on a daily basis. Thank you all! If you wish to help and support the watch, please get in touch with us via email at: avcouncil@auroville.services.

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

- We were approached by some Aurovilians who shared with us their difficulties in dealing with the AVFO appointed members of the Housing Service. We have been in touch with the Housing Board appointed by the RA FAMC to discuss these complaints and co-ordinate our support.

Various Council topics and announcements

- Call for proposals on AV Internal Organisation—We have received over 15 emails from interested parties for this planned study and exploration group. During the month of October, a Council subgroup has worked with 2 facilitators to organise a meaningful first meeting that will take place with all those who came forward, on November 22.
- Council meeting with Ms. Dena M., Chairperson of the IAC (International Advisory Council)—On October 3rd our team had the opportunity to have a short but open encounter with Ms. Dena, during which we explained to her the role of the Council and our difficulties in upholding our tasks and responsibilities in the current climate. We also emphasized the fact that the voice of the Residents' Assembly needs to be heard and cannot be ignored.
- Next scheduled Selection Process 2023 for the main working groups—Together with the RAS the Council has started to prepare the next Selection Process, which will be held towards the beginning of 2023 to fill the vacancies in our RA working groups and replace those members whose terms are expiring.
- AVSST emergency contacts—Balaji and Shiva came forward as the Council's contact persons.
- CRP3 emergency response team—is an extension of CRP3C and was formed to provide support to Aurovilians who have been affected by violence or a traumatic incident. AVSST is the first response, CRP3E is there to provide additional support if necessary. Recently 2 resource persons were invited as new members to bolster the team, a meeting was held to welcome them and discuss our functioning, and to improve our cohesion in light of the strains and stresses over the past year.
- CRP3 Coordination—this team constituted by members of Mattram, AVCP, AVSST, Working Committee, Auroville Council and resource persons continues to meet regularly to provide longer term support to situations involving violence or threat of violence, substance abuse (alcohol or drugs), and psychological health issues. We are continually looking for individuals who are well suited and able to support us with this work, if you would like to know more please write to crp3.auroville@gmail.com or avc.conflicts@gmail.com.
- New RAS voting system & IT security—The Council has appointed 2 independent Aurovillian IT specialists to look into the security of this newly developed software and system before a decision can be made of its utilisation for future RADs.
- RAS Selection Process feedback integration task force—After the last selection process, all participants (selectors, nominees, and organisational staff) received a survey from the RAS, intended to further improve the newly RA ratified and implemented process. The Council has formed an independent task force, who has taken it up to integrate this feedback into the "Selection Process Organisational Guidelines"
- Mandate and Policy Council (MPC)—After the successful creation of the CRC (Conflict Resolution Council), we have now started to create a new Council subgroup, with the purpose of coordinating the cataloging, review and development of Auroville's policies & mandates. More details will be shared as the creation of the container for this large aspect of the Council's mandated work continues.

This months' joint meetings

- **October 7: Meeting with the Housing Board (HB)**—It was brought to our attention that the "AVFO appointed Housing Service" which has forcefully taken over the duties of Housing Service and Housing Board, has now begun to disregard the Housing Policy 2011. The Council invited the HB to discuss some particular matters, where the house transfer guidelines, particularly the community decisions on new stewards, were not respected. A new steward was imposed by the AVFO Housing Service without giving the neighbors the opportunity to comment on their preference from a shortlist of candidates, as per the Housing Policy. Unfortunately the HB and Council currently struggle to find the means to effectively interfere with this non-compliance of community sanctioned policies and mandates. But, all matters have been noted and documented in detail for future reference.
- **October 7: Meeting with the RAS**—Regarding a RAS member resignation and the new Selection Process '23. Three possible timelines were presented by the RAS in a follow up meeting later that month.
- **October 14: Meeting with 3 members of the Entry Board.** Council got informed about difficulties in the Entry Board team and invited all members to understand the situation better. Some members followed the invitation and confirmed that they are in the middle of a facilitated team building process. They requested us to allow this process to be completed before any other intervention. The Council hopes to meet the whole team soon to get an update on their team dynamic and the solutions found.
- **Meeting with the Working Committee of the RA**—We discussed topics with regards to future policy decisions, such as the Entry Policy, RAS mandate, the PWG (Participatory Working Group) document update and a potential "Deselection Clause" in particular (worked upon by a subgroup). We also brought up the Entry Board situation, as well as the above mentioned "New RAS voting system and software" concerns, and the next scheduled Selection Process 2023.

Other meetings

- **October 17: General Meeting**—Together with the other Working Groups of the RA, the Council presented their work of the past month and answered several questions and concerns from the attendees.
- **All Working Groups—ongoing**—the Working Groups of the RA are meeting once a week to discuss and coordinate in regard to general topics affecting the community which do not fall under the sole purview of any of the individual working groups.
- **Tibetan Pavilion, "Wednesdays for noAV"**—ongoing—at least 1 Council member attends the weekly meetings.

Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) Subgroup

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

We intend to involve more able and skilled members from the community. To know more please write to avc.conflicts@gmail.com.

- Complaint on an accident due to unfinished roadworks at Gaia corner/Crown Road—This matter was addressed together with the Working Committee and the TDC, of the RA
- YouthLink campaign on sexual harrasment: this event took place on the October 28 in front of Solar Kitchen. Council member Julia represented the CRC during this event. An updated collection of all [emergency](#) contacts was circulated.

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

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

Email addresses to reach out to

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

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 155

Dated: 10-11-2022

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 Aurovillian in writing to auroville.entryservice@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:



Caroline Tom Praveen

- Caroline CHAPLAIN (French) staying in Surrender and working at Integrated Animal Care Center
- Tom LANE (Irish) staying in Luminosity and working at Thamarai
- Praveen VELMURUGAN (Indian) staying in Udavi School Campus and working at Yuvabe

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AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Saranya RAMAKRISHNAN (Indian) staying in Petite Ferme and working at Tanto



Saranya

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Vatsla SHARMA (Indian)

RETURNING AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Raghunath KOLLI (Dutch)
- Juergen KISSMAN (German)

NOTE: The Newcomer probation year becomes effective only after the NC kit has been returned and should not exceed 18 months from the date of confirmation. A Newcomer becomes an Aurovillian once his/her name has been confirmed by The Admission Committee (aka the Entry Board) after following due process. The date of becoming Aurovillian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes. A confirmed Aurovillian becomes officially a Resident of Auroville once the individual has filled in and signed the B-Form and his/her name has been entered in the Register of Residents (RoR) maintained by the Auroville Foundation Office (AVF). A Resident of Auroville is eligible to become an executive of a Unit or Service of Auroville and to get an ID card issued by the Auroville Foundation. A meeting with the Secretary of the AVF will be arranged by the Entry Secretariat according to the availability of the Secretary and not at any personal request.

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

TDC UPDATES AND DIRECTION: 01.11.2022



This is a brief recap of what we presented at the recent Working Group General Meeting that was held on October 17, including a response to some feedback at the end.

Firefighting: Navigating, reporting & responding to emergency situations

There are a number of actions being taken by the Office of the Secretary and those illegitimately appointed by them, which go against the community's values and processes, the Foundation Act and the National Green Tribunal judgment. We continue to show up, document and challenge attempts to enforce a narrow vision of 'progress' onto Auroville. This is intense, uncomfortable work which seems necessary to navigate the hostile environment that is trying to undermine and literally bulldoze the role of Aurovilians and our collective work.

Examples of recent actions that go against Auroville include: undisclosed contracts with the Central Public Works Department, the 'approval' of projects in the absence of proper plans or valid status and unauthorized clearing works at Existence and Bliss forests.

NOCs

Although "No Objection Certificates" (NOCs) cannot be issued at this time (due to NGT legal judgment)—approved and proposed projects can feed into, and be incorporated into the proper planning. Proposals and projects will be reviewed and categorized as part of a detailed planning stage. So, please keep sending us your project proposals even if they cannot be implemented for the time being.

Looking ahead: Proper and Participative Planning

We are meeting with technical persons and people with planning experience to bring together an informed road-map for Auroville's planning and development. Some of the elements to be included are:

- Auroville principles and processes;
- State and national requirements for planning and environment;
- Documents and plans that are relevant to the process (some are done, some not yet);
- Securing teams to help us take up the planning work in a participative way.

We as the TDC are holding the proper planning process for now, but any collaborative planning body could carry it out: We are just trying to make sure it happens. We will be using and updating previously approved documents and processes such as:

- 2017 RAD
 - Planning principles
 - Draft Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - Organization of the TDC as an interface team
- The Masterplan Perspective 2025, draft DDPs, other documents

Collaborative workshops and meetings with the community

- To give an insight into what proper planning means and entails for Auroville
- To clarify that planning is complex but is there to reach implementation
- To update existing planning documents
- To collaborate
- To make sure planning relates to Auroville's unique history and purpose

The end goal is implementation in a collaborative manner

From feedback obtained after the General Meeting

We would like to clarify that good planning is not a fixed

constraint, but rather a direction that can be arrived at collaboratively, and is periodically revised and evolving.

Flexibility is to be built into the plans for Auroville, not just in the process of their creation.

This is to say that planning should allow diversity of expression, experimentation and playfulness according to what Auroville stands for.

What this will, hopefully, help with is that we arrive at planning practices that we can agree on before we get to the implementation stage of a project.

- To meet us, we are at Koodam on Wednesdays, 10am—12:30pm or email: tdc@auroville.services
In Service, Dorle for L'avenir d'Auroville—TDC

EDITOR'S NOTE



The FAMC Report (RA) which was originally sent on October 25 did not, through some inexplicable confusion, ever make it into the intended issue #946. Due to this unfortunate delay the Report has been withdrawn.

UPDATE

ON PROVISIONAL AMENDED RAD POLICY

Dear Community, last October 2021, an emergency RA decision was ratified stating that the Provisional Amended RAD Policy will be used until a new RAD process is in place, with the stated intention being within 9 months. As of today, with the current circumstances, the process to develop a new RA Decision-making policy has been delayed. This is therefore to confirm that, as per usual procedure, the provisional policy will be used until a new one can be ratified.

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

Community News

Awakening Spirit

AMPHITHEATER—MATRIMANDIR

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

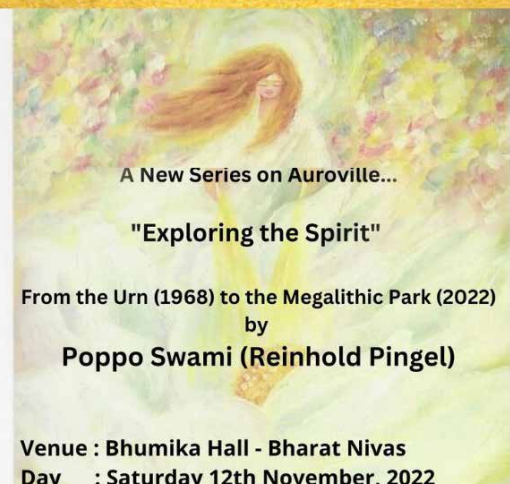


We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

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

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

*Thank you,
Surya & Velmurugan
(Amphitheater team)*



A New Series on Auroville...



"Exploring the Spirit"

From the Urn (1968) to the Megalithic Park (2022)
by
Poppo Swami (Reinhold Pingel)

Venue : Bhumika Hall - Bharat Nivas
Day : Saturday 12th November, 2022
Time : 5 pm to 6.30 pm

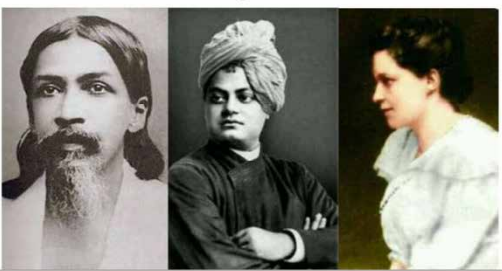
Next Talk on 17th November, by B'

The Spirit of Auroville.

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

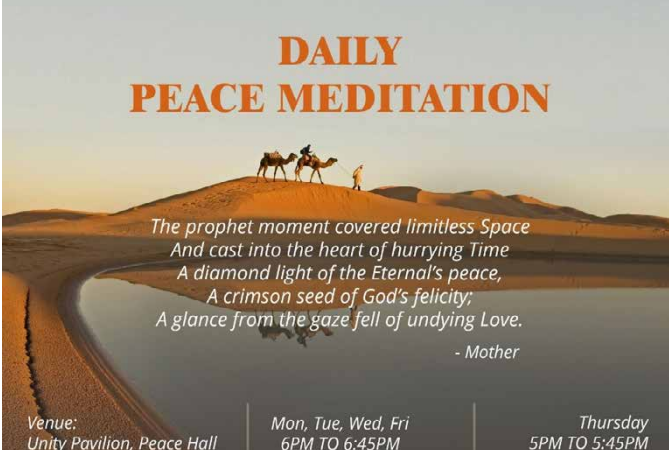
**A Sharing about Sister Nivedita
and her remarkable life with
Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo**
by B



**Thursday 17th November 2022
Bhumika Hall, Bharat Nivas
Time: 5 to 6 pm**

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
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THE ONE WHOM WE ADORE AS THE MOTHER
Monday, 14 November 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan

Savitri
B H A V A N

Duration: 63min.

Sri Aurobindo wrote: "The One whom we adore as the Mother is the Divine Consciousness Force that dominates all existence, one and yet so many-sided that to follow her movement is impossible even for the quickest mind and for the freest and most vast intelligence. The Mother is the consciousness and force of the Supreme and far above all she creates. But something of her ways can be seen and felt through her embodiments...in whom she consents to be manifest to her creatures."

And the Mother declared: "Between eleven and thirteen a series of psychic and spiritual experiences revealed to me not only the existence of God but man's possibility of uniting with Him, of realizing Him integrally in consciousness and action, of manifesting Him upon earth in a life divine." Her quest for manifesting this reality ultimately brought her to Sri Aurobindo, in collaboration with whom the divine work was to be done.

An audio-visual presentation by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Archives on The Mother's life from childhood onwards, about her training, her meeting with Sri Aurobindo, and the creation of the Ashram and Auroville.

The film is available on YouTube.

With light and peace and best wishes for all and in offering all to Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's Grace...

Margrit

A LIGHT ALONG THE WAY

Reading Savitri 6:45am Thursday mornings
near Savitri Bhavan

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

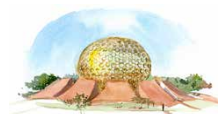
These uplifting and quietly interactive sessions also offer help, if needed, with the poetic language, honoring each one's inner connection with Savitri's message.

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

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

For Your Information

DUE TO WORK ACCESS TO CHAMBER IS RESTRICTED



Due to some work on the chamber AC, the chamber will be closed from 8 to 20 November for visitors.

For Aurovilians, we will do our best to keep the chamber open, in the evening only, from 4:30 to 7:30pm.

We will inform you in case of changes in this schedule.

Thank you for your understanding.

Antoine, for MM Executives

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN REPORT

On October 28 YouthLink has hosted a sexual harassment awareness campaign at Solar Kitchen parking.

We understand It's a difficult topic around the world and in Auroville as well. We feel it's important for us to bring awareness in our community and educate each other to create a safer environment.



What did we do?

- Research, and networking meetings, to learn more about the topic, and to inform ourselves on the existing processes in Auroville.
- We met with AVSecurity, mattram, ICC,AVCP, Council, and we had informal meetings with people that had experience sexual harassment, to understand their struggles and perspective.
- With all the info received we created infographics on statistics in Av, different types of harassment and harassers, consent, bystander, how to help a victim, and ICC informal and formal process breakdown.
- We printed emergency cards with all the contacts needed in case of incidents, emergencies, and who to contact in case of legal actions.
- We made a list of contacts for mental, emotional, psychological support
- We had creatives to show visually when someone is overstepping boundaries.
- We had a survey where we collected information on how many people had experienced harassment first hand, second hand. (Find results below).
- We had a few facilitators on stand-by for support and to be able to answer questions or have further discussions for anyone interested. They also helped us in checking that our information was good and gave us feedback. A big thanks to Julia, Elisa, Fakeera, Lakshmi and others. We also collaborated with AVSST for the statistics on Auroville safety for the last 6 years, and received their feedback.
- We also have spread awareness through our social media platforms and will be sending out the information through digital format via email for those that have asked us. If you would like to receive infographics and security cards, please reach out to Youthlink@auroville.org.in



Results of the survey: we've asked people to take chits designated with each colour representing the aspects, 75 votes had been cast total.

- "I have experienced"
- "I have supported"
- "I have seen and not known what to do"
- "I have not seen nor experienced it"
 - **27 green:** voted that they have witnessed
 - **20 red:** voted that they had experienced

- **21 yellow:** voted that they had supported someone that experienced
- **7 pink:** voted that they had never experienced or witnessed

Few confirmed ideas for next steps

- Schools presentation
- Training for the AVSST guards
- Whatsapp group for prevention and safety
- Sharing content with the large community
- We are in the process of organising an informal event to get together all the groups and individuals working on the field.

In conclusion sexual harassment is a topic the community feels strongly about and steps need to be taken to create a safer environment. All of us are responsible for the culture we create in our community. We are glad that the community showed a lot of support and drive to combat the taboo and to further the safety and well being of Auroville.



Kind regards, Namu, for the Youthlink team

Health Care

AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

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

HOMEOPATHY: INVITATION TO A TALK BY DR. RAJAN SANKARAN

Saturday, 10 December, 7:30pm, Pitanga



For at least the past twenty-five years, Dr. Rajan Sankaran has been a significant figure in the world of Homeopathy. He is a brilliant clinician, a prolific author whose works have profoundly influenced the practice of countless homeopaths and a charismatic speaker whose wisdom and humor consistently delight audiences all over the world.

Rajan will be in Auroville for a few days in December and has offered to give a lecture during his visit. He proposes to speak for about an hour then allow about 30 minutes for interaction.

All interested are welcome to attend.

Michael Z

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: mattram@auroville.org.in
- Web: mattramav.in
- Location: Mitra Youth Hostel near Town Hall.

Many thanks,
Megha

The Arts

KALABHUMI GOES LIVE

KALABHUMI Goes LIVE!
Saturday Nov 12 / 7-10 PM

Kirtana Krishna
of Sage for The Ages, performing original songs from their upcoming album Second Nature

Dusha
Shakti's own Ukrainian tunes, performed with Raul, and Kirtana

BulletProof Funk
Kalabhumi's resident band showcasing new tunes from their recent gigs around TN

VENUE: KALABHUMI MUSIC STUDIO AUROVILLE
featuring: VIJAYAN'S ARTISANAL PIZZAS KAJIMBA MIRACLE BEVERAGES
TEN 10 FOR BOOKINGS 8056795810 TENTILOKA
In case of rain the event might be postponed... stay tuned!

Edo for Kalabhumi Music Studio

FROM MY ORGANIZED CHAOS

Exhibition opening: Friday, 18 November, 4:30pm

Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville invites you to an exhibition "From My Organized Chaos" by Aabhas Mahindre



- Exhibition opening: Friday, 18 November, at 4:30pm
- Exhibition Dates: 18 November—3 December.
- Gallery hours: Monday—Saturday, 2—5pm
- Please Park at t town hall
- Free pickup and drop from the visitors Center on Friday and Saturday from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.
- Sunday is closed.

FROM MY ORGANIZED CHAOS
By Aabhas Mahindre

Exhibition Dates
18 November to 03 December 2022.
Opening : 18 Friday November 2022 at 04.00pm.

Centre d'Art, Citadine, Auroville.

Gallery hours Monday to Saturday 02.00pm - 05.00pm

Please Park at the town hall • Free pickup and drop from the visitors Center on Friday and Saturday from 02.30pm to 04.30pm • Sunday is closed.

Exhibition overview

This exhibition is a long time in the making ever since the first lockdown settled us away from all the world. settling the world around us to stillness. which drew my mind and attention towards the chaos inside my thoughts and the layers of memories accumulated over the years. sorting through it over the years resulted in the form of " from my organized chaos " which is to be displayed in this exhibition.

Artist Statement

From my organized chaos. As our mind is full of thoughts and memories which pile up slowly layer by layer, it's kind of a mess, like my working space where there are lots of things collected over the time as I have been working, few of these were used and few were left unused. In my work I have slowly organized it, taking and arranging it. Whilst working, I discover every object has a memory connected to it and has a tiny story of its own. Which becomes a hook in innumerable memories. These works of mine have turned into a memorable diary. My work often lingers on common things which are around us. I try to collect, as in cosmos, nothing is useless, and everything is used and to be reused. I like to take the time out to see the beauty of the marks people make on the world knowingly or unknowingly.

Treasure the ordinary: whatever is made out of caring. Find the beauty in some cluttered, nature, around everyday objects and stories while it's still around us.

Aabhas Mahindre

HOME LIVE: SUSHMA SOMA

We have a musical event coming up this Saturday, 12 November, at 7pm.

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HOME LIVE

SUSHMA SOMA
WITH

N DEEPAN | MYLAI KARTHIKEYAN | PRAVEEN SPARSH
M RAJENDRAN | M VIJAY | MT ADITYA SRINIVASAN

12 NOV 22
7PM

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LABORATORY FOR THEATRE ART RESEARCH
EDAYANCHAVADY ROAD, AUROVILLE

FREE ENTRY
DONATIONS ARE
WELCOME

- To know more about our productions, residency spaces, training sessions and events log on to www.adishakti-theatrearts.com

Note From Sushma Soma

In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint and waste, we request you to:

- Carpool/ carshare or take public transport to the venue if you can.
- Bring your own water bottle. We will have water cans for you to refill at the venue. In case you forget to carry a bottle, we have you covered. There will be tumblers for you to use.

Thank you, *Smitha Patil*

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.

Mani, +918637633696

ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP

at the Centre d'Art Gallery, Auroville
by Sasikanth Somu

November 24, 25 and 26

Program & Timings:

- Thursday 24, 2—5pm: Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- Friday 25, 9am—12.30pm: Film photo shoot, 2—5pm: Develop your roll of film.
- Saturday 26, 9am—12.30pm & 2—5pm: Printing Contact Sheets & photos in the darkroom.
- Registration Contact: centredart@auroville.org.in

The workshop is free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and registered volunteers. Registered volunteers are requested to provide the details of their registration with SAVI Auroville.

All the material for the workshop is provided except the analogue camera.

Analogue/Film cameras are available to the participants against a contribution. Regarding the Analogue camera and any specific questions about the workshop please write directly to the teacher, Sasi sasi@auroville.org.in.

While subscribing for the workshop please share your full name and your mobile number. Kindly write a few words about yourself and your interest in Analogue Photography.

Warm Regards, *Somu for Centre d'Art*



WALK WITH US

Monday to Friday
WALK
With Us!

Walk Starts at 7 a.m

Meeting Point:- Parking Opposite Auromode Apartments

9958084473

revelation_forest

Rains are here—A rainy day is a perfect time for a walk in the woods. Join us for a curated walk in one of the densest forests of Auroville. Connect with nature through all your senses!

Also, learn about one of the most successful reforestation projects which brought back a thriving tropical forest from scratch.

- Time:** Monday to Friday—7 am
- Venue:** Parking area opposite CSR and Auromode Apartments
- Duration:** 1 hr
- Special Instructions:** Please wear full sleeves and full pants to prevent mosquito bites. You may also carry some mosquito repellants. Carry a raincoat or an umbrella if it's rainy.

Regards Arun

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

Mani: +918637633696, In: bakisata_dance

TREE PLANTING



Revelation Forest

1 Week Master Tree Planter Program

Learn the basics of planting trees,
aftercare and nursery management

Contact - +91 99580 84473

As much as humans are the only species capable of the widespread destruction of trees and natural environments, human beings are also the only species which is capable of widespread ecological intervention to regenerate natural systems. Thus we all have a moral responsibility to become super vectors of seed dispersal by planting trees.

This monsoon, join us in planting trees in Revelation Forest, one of the most successful experiments in restoring a tropical forest from scratch.

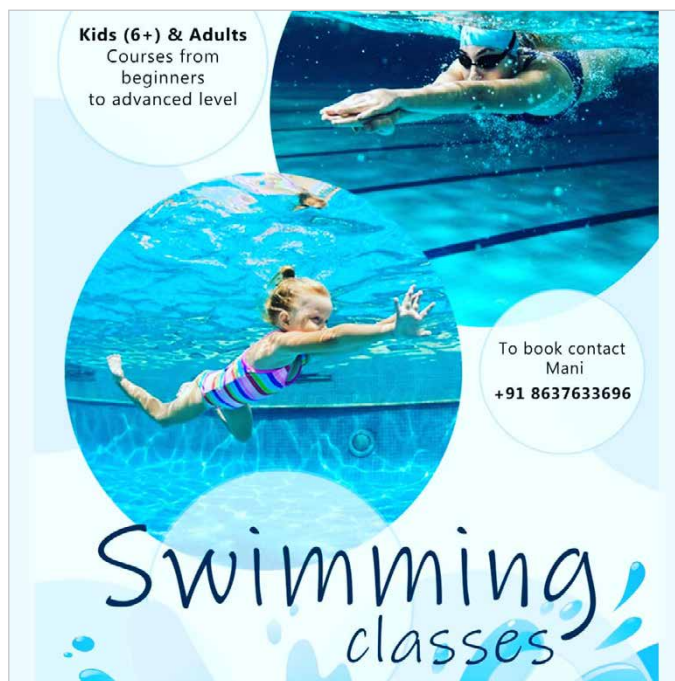
Time Commitment Required

- Practical Tree Planting skills: 3 hours a day for 6 days
- Theoretical Aspects of Tree Planting: 1 hour a day for 6 days
- Cost: Free/ (Donations are welcome)
- Schedule: Contact us via WA or voice call 9958084473

Regards, Arun

SWIMMING CLASS

Any age kids and Any age adult by appointment.



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

To book contact
Mani
+91 8637633696

Swimming classes

Mani, +918637633696

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

Gatherings

THE YOUTH CENTER CHRISTMAS FAIR

December 16,17,18

The Youth Center Christmas fair: **Find Yourself Fair!** is coming up on **December 16,17,18.**

The theme is around sailing the Youth Center through the storm and waves of the agitated sea. Everyone is invited to contribute to the preparation of this event in their own ways if they are willing to. Create an activity, a game, help set up the space, prepare the food, etc.

The Youth Center will be very grateful for your **creative support every morning Monday—Saturday from 9am to 12pm and from 2 to 5pm.**

Everybody is welcome to create a playful and joyful coming together with the community!

- Contact us if you want to take part:
youthcenterinternational@gmail.com

Thank you for your support, warmly,
the Youth Center Team

SEEDS OF UNITY CONCERT

An offering by Auroville for Auroville... for all who cherish HER dream, Mother Earth, community, and a celebration of togetherness on this land



Solitude Farm

At Solitude farm, we believe that the simple act of eating local food can create a profound shift and healing in ourselves and our society, counteracting the vast industrialization of agriculture. Local foods reconnect us to the essence of well-being, and to our cultural identity.

Sharing our work and passion over 30 years with the community and people from all over the world, the work at Solitude has inspired many of us to revalue local food, explore our relationship with Mother Nature, and understand where our food comes from.

This Christmas, we invite you to an evening of local food, music, community, dance, live body art, fire, devotion, and celebration.

Music and Food bring people together!

Krishna's band Emergence has played at Glastonbury festival, The Kennedy Center Washington DC, NUS Singapore and various festivals all over India.

Mahesh Vinayakaram, who has recently sung for A.R. Rahman's new movie Ponniyan Selvan, along with Jazz Pianist Aman Mahajan joins Auroville drummer Suresh Bascara and prodigy bassist Dhani Muniz along with Krishna McKenzie, frontman of Emergence for an evening of the band's original 'Acoustic indo-pop' with Tamil and English songs.

Anadhana, local food for 1000 people will be cooked with produce from Solitude and other Auroville farms and offered to all. This celebration will start with our community coming together and preparing the food at Solitude Farm Café.

Before Sunset, pujaris will invoke blessings with a special pooja and Havan. Fires will be lit, and food will be served, along with an interactive performance by our own art collective emerging from the sacred fire.

We invite you to join in creating and celebrating this event together.

Many hands are needed to prepare the space, cook the food, set the stage, and help with the installations.

• To volunteer please contact us atsolitudepermaculture@gmail.com or WA +919843319260 (please specify community celebration)

The concert will be live streamed so no matter where you are in the world, you can join in and be here with us too!

Human Unity can be found in the simplest actions; People, Food, and Music. Come join us under the stars! Along with our Auroville community from across the globe, as we sow seeds of human unity.

We need your support to make this event happen. Please offer generously!

• [Click the link to Contribute.](#)

• Donations can also be made on the financial service PT account LUYE #252255

This Event is strictly Drug and Alcohol—Free

Krishna McKenzie, Solitude Farm
solitudepermaculture@gmail.com
9843319260

MOVING FORWARD IN TOGETHERNESS

Breathe

The source of Life with Lakshmi

6 Breathing techniques to release Fear, Anger and Anxiety
Have you ever wondered what you should do when you're feeling anxious, afraid or overwhelmed?
In this event you will learn 6 Breathing techniques to make the difference in your daily life.
It will cleanse, purify and uplift your body, mind and heart.

- It works in the mental well-being and also addresses different parts of our physical body related to Fear, Anger and Anxiety.
- on the kidneys, liver and spleen; breaks up toxins deposited in the body, cleanses the blood and removes blockages & tensions.
- It increases blood flow and oxygen into the brain stimulating the good mood.
- It is very effective for anger, bad mood and temper

Tuesday November 15th
5.30 - 6:45 pm
Pav. of Tibetan Culture
84 89 76 46 02
Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

MOVING FORWARD IN TOGETHERNESS

Program November 2022

- **Monday:** Dance offering - *Dariya*
- **Tuesday:** - Walk for Unity - *Karine & Robert*
- Sound Chakra Healing - *Lakshmi*
- Breathe - the Source of Life - *Lakshmi*
- **Wednesday:** Breathe & Release - *Dariya*
- **Thursday:** Energy Healing and Coaching - *Sandyra*
- **Friday:** Tibetan Mantra Singing - *Kalsang*
- **Saturday:** - Responsibility in Relationships - *Juan Andres*
- Silent Receptivity Gathering of the RA - *Iris*
- Dances of Universal Peace - *Jorge Arjun*
- Flow Game - *Sandyra*

Scan QR code to see timings and location!

EVENT TO BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Dear Community, for a few years, we at YouthLink have organized events to bring the community together. Last month we hosted a vegan potluck and our Blind Babble game session to help people connect

For this month we are very interested in trying something new and branching out into different avenues in order to promote community gatherings and meeting new people. We would also like it to be something that engages both the body and mind in a dynamic way.

In hope of achieving this, we are looking for a place to host our next event called "dancing together", where we would like to invite all the community to come together, celebrate and dance during a full evening from 7 to 10pm!

Ideally we would like to organize the event for the beginning of December.

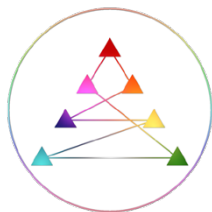
Please let us know if you feel this call resonates with you and if you have a place to offer, contact us before November 21 at youthlink@auroville.org.in

Aurore for the YouthLink Team



A TRANSFORMATIVE WAY FORWARD

19 November, 3pm, Pavilion of Tibetan Culture



Events of the last year have destabilized our community at many levels. The core of the issue lies in the power of the Residents Assembly, not as an instrument of decision making, but rather in its ability to mature into a collective that is receptive to a higher will. We need tools to help us navigate this inevitable change that the current climate demands from us.

Our community has been offered the "Delta" as one such opportunity to aid in our collective transformation, to feel a coherence and perhaps above all, a deep Trust in the Whole. As we learn to integrate, we slowly begin to act as one body and participate in the flowering of a communal consciousness. Ready to dissolve into a reality far greater than the one we currently inhabit.

Creators of the Delta have extended themselves to offer this tool for free for Auroville in these challenging times.

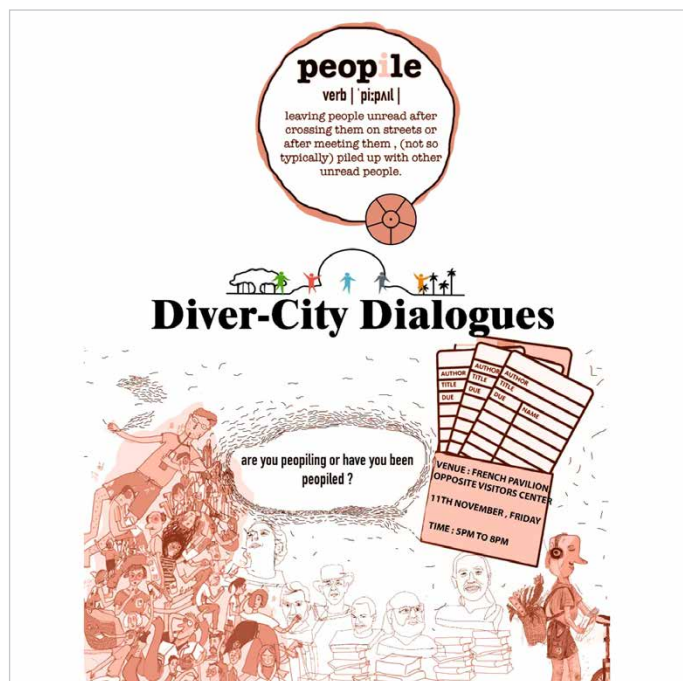
An introduction to the tool is provided in the link <https://genekeys.com/delta/> For further information, and questions and answers you are welcome to join us on November 19, at 3pm at the Pavilion of Tibetan Culture International zone.

If you are already drawn to participate in this exploration, please send us an email at aurovilledelta@gmail.com stating your name, community, email, phone number. Would you like to choose your own group, then please state the names of the other members and ask them to send us an email too, if not we will assign you to a random group. Looking forward to hearing from you. Or see you on the 19th.

Natasha Storey

DIVER-CITY DIALOGUES

French Pavilion, Opposite to Visitors center.
Friday, 11 November, 5—8pm



We are happy to announce that after a gap of 2 years, the Human Library Auroville will be back and will kick start again on coming Friday, 11th of November (5 pm onwards). The Human Library Auroville is being rebranded as Diver-City Dialogues so that we can contextualize as per the needs of Auroville and offer it consistently to the community as a platform of exchange. We thank all the participants for manifesting this positive framework of conversations.

• If you would like to be a Human book for the coming event, please contact us: divercity.dialogues@gmail.com

Diver-city Dialogue team: Michael, Sumit, Vivekan

Education

THINK 3D

Creating your own product from scratch can be tough. That's why we want to help you discover new solutions for designing, constructing and manufacturing.

In our workshop you get hands-on experience in operating lathes, milling machines and 3d Printers. Professionals guide you through the process of bringing your ideas to life. You will learn about:

- principles of engineering design
- subtractive and additive manufacturing methods
- basics of CAD Software
- Manufacture parts on milling machines, lathes and rapid prototyping

If you are interested in taking part in the workshop, [register here](#) or write a email to info@aiat.in.

Warm regards, Jean Yves
for Auroville Institute of Applied Technology

Honorary Voluntary

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

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

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

Looking forward to welcoming you!

The Sadhana Forest team, warmly, Shek

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Christmas celebration at Solitude Farm

This is a call for volunteers from our community for preparing and running the Christmas celebration dinner/ concert at Solitude Farm on 23 December.

1. Anadana: food offering, will be made for 1000 people and we will need help in cooking and serving. very much like at the inukshuk event.
2. Venue: preparing the space, cleaning up and organising getting things ready.
3. Stage: Decorating and preparing the stage
4. Fundraising: We need to generate funds to cover the diverse costs of the event
5. Artists: fire jugglers, silk artists, and kolam/ visual artists for creating installations participating in the event.
6. This event will be open to all and we hope our brothers and sisters from surrounding villages will also come.

This is a free event including the food offered at dinner.

Please get in touch with us if you would like to join us..

Love, Solitude Team, 9843319260



Solitude Farm

Seeking any Housing



Hello all, I'm an Aurovilian who's learned to mind his own business and I'm looking for a quiet private place to live. I only need a bed, gas stove, fridge, western toilet, and privacy. I don't need a view, WiFi or anything (though it'd be nice).

WA 9080159721 or sumtinels@gmail.com

Peace, Love & Soul, Malcolm

Looking for a Second-hand Scooty



Looking for a second-hand scooty in running condition. Please contact Vishal at 8378920777 or nk@auroville.org.in.

Naren Gupta

Looking for Bed, Furniture and Kitchenware



Newly married Aurovilian couple who just moved into a small living space is looking for a bed(s) and mattress, furniture and kitchen pots and pans. Also donations to buy needed items are most welcome.

If you can help with any of the mentioned items please phone or SMS to 9489601312. You may also send a WA. All will be most gratefully received.
Thank you! Shivaya

Looking for a Bicycle

I am looking for a good quality used bicycle/ mountain-bike. Chintan 9825999579



Chintan

Gautham Needs Home

Dear friends, Gautham, Sivakala and Martin are looking for possible wheelchair accessible housing options closer to the center of Auroville.

In June 2022 Gautham had a fall from a height and sustained a fracture to the spine and injury to the spinal cord currently resulting in loss of movement below the waist. Having undergone surgery and rehabilitation for the past few months and then having had the possibility to stay in Sante as well, we are now looking for longer term solutions for housing.

A housing option in the Center would be helpful to access various places like Sante (Physios), school, sports ground and so on.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions (we have also reached out to the Housing Group).

We would also be grateful for anyone who has had experience or has knowledge in the field of spinal injuries and rehabilitation who could help or advise in the steps forward.

- Contact person: Martin Zbinden, 9443144112

**Thank you in advance,
Martin, Sivakala, Gautham and Selvi**

I'd Like to Work in Auroville

I'd like to work in Auroville as a Housekeeper and or Care-taker. Please phone me at; 96773 55739, Shanti.

**Submitted by Eugen,
Courage**

Looking for Secondhand Motorbike



Hi, I'm Lucia, volunteering at asteLess and looking for a secondhand motorbike (around 100cc) with papers and in good condition. Please contact me if you are selling one, on WA 90259 86694 or lucia.lenters@web.de

**Thank you, Lucia.
Submitted by Ribhu**

Work Opportunities

THE MOTHER'S FLOWER GARDEN SEEKS A WEB DESIGNER



We need a website designer for The Mother's Flower Garden.

Would anybody with the skills like to volunteer for this purpose?

If so, please contact

mothersflowergarden@auroville.org.in
or 9487341724/ 8608854330.

**Thanks, Naren and Rabi
from The Mother's Flower Garden,
Sub-unit of SAIER**

TLC IS LOOKING FOR AN IT/TECH PERSON

TLC (The Learning Community) is looking for an IT/tech person to help with all aspects computer related—maintenance of our computer room (supported by Aurinoco), and assisting learners (children and adults) with computer-related tasks (software, printing, photocopying, etc).

A lot of patience and knowledge of basic softwares necessary (word, excel, powerpoint, Google sheets, editing, layout etc). The role would require good English and communication skills, and spoken Tamil would be a great bonus.

A love of community is a must and would entail half-time work (4—5 mornings per week). Financial assistance could be offered if needed. Please write to tlc@auroville.org.in if you are inspired to join our learning journey.

**With much care and gratitude, TLC Aspiration Team,
Sara, Tamar, Mrinalini, Mira**

Looking For

Seeking any Housing



Edward & Anandi (with toddler Amsel) come from Chennai and have good video filming/editing skills and equipment. They are looking to start their newcomer process as soon as possible, and thus they are looking for any housing and/or work in video film/editing for Auroville projects. Please contact them if you have any leads.

**Thank you +91 90035 25575,
Kavitha Urvase**

Available

Available: Kettlebells

Kettlebells: 2 of 8 kg, 1 of 12 kg, 1 of 16 kg. Please contact me on whatsapp 8110848123. They are in top condition.



Greetings,
Hans Van Baaren

Forclaz (Decathlon) Duffle Bag 80-120 Litre

Towards contribution: a large water-resistant Forclaz (Decathlon) Duffle Bag 80-120 Litre capacity. The bag has back straps so it can also be worn as a rucksack. Very new and used only once, for a recent trip to the mountains.



• Samyukta +91 7760510707

Thanks, Edo

BathTub to Give Away

What an opportunity! A bathtub to anyone who wants or needs one. First come first serve. Call +91 91596 36318, 2622108



Afsaneh

3000 litre 5 layer Water Tank Available

3000 litre 5 layer water tank in white available against a donation to Thamarai. 1 year old barely used. Please contact Bridget if interested 9442270640

• bridget@auroville.org.in

Bridget Horkan, Thamarai Education Projects

Kitten Needs a Home

A cute little kitten is looking for a loving home.

Please contact us at connect@auroville.com

Priyal,
for Auroville Online Store



Coconut mattresses Available

Coconut mattresses 1.80x 0.90cm thickness 2" available. 9443797601 WA, Samata Meinhardt

Help Needed

**THE JARED SCOTT MILLER LIBRARY
SEEKING FUNDING**



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

At present, We are building a library to honor The Jared Scott Miller who passed away at the age of 34 in America. He studied Tamil literature.

The library will serve the bio-region. The construction of the library started from June, 2022 onwards. At present the building has a roof. We need support to finish building the library. Your generous donation can be deposited in Financial Service, New Colors account number 251908 If you want to visit the place, please let us know.

For further information:

- Call or WA 9585513279
- newcolors2002@gmail.com
- [New Colors Youtube Chanel](#)

Thanking you in advance, Nikadass for New Colors

**PETER PAN:
LOST AND FOUND**



Dear Friends! We are excited to announce The Auroville Theatre Group's next play is a Rock Musical called Peter Pan: Lost and Found. It's an original story, a comedy with music and dance. The book and lyrics are by Jill Navarre and the music is composed by Martin Gluckman. This story is an adaptation of the classic J.M. Barrie story of Peter Pan, but in this case, we are using the story to highlight some social problems and create awareness about child abuse. And it's also a chance for sharing 10 wonderful songs!

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

The cast is a wonderful group of actor/singers from Auroville, including Swar Edgar as Captain Hook, Elka Sinha as the Narrator, Maeve and Aarohi as Fan Club girls, plus actors from around India. We hope to perform in mid-December at the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium.

Please join us and support our show with a donation to our PT account, no. 251067. We have received some funding from SAIER, but it only covers the rental of the Auditorium and expenses for one actor. And time is running out. We have launched a Ketto crowdfunding scheme and have received some donations, (Rs. 27,000 so far), but the site doesn't allow foreigners to donate. Our goal is rs. 5,00,100 to cover living expenses of our actors coming from outside Auroville, cover our Auroville musicians, food, transport, set design, costumes, lights.

• It's easy! PT # 251067 and say it's for PETER PAN!
We know you understand the need and will help us to bring you Peter Pan: Lost And Found in December!

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

**NEED FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL'S
DINING ROOF REPAIR**



Dear Community, started in the year 2000, Deepanam School is a primary/middle school that aims to provide a warm and joyful learning space for

the children of Auroville in the age group 6—14 years. Our old blocks were built in 1995, including our Amphitheater and dining hall. Our dining hall roof leaks and with the onset of monsoon there is an urgent need of repair.

It seems unsafe in its current condition for the children to sit in during their snack and lunch breaks. It requires immediate fixing and we don't have enough reserves to be able to undertake this repair because we could not get funds from the expected sources.

- The cost of waterproofing and repair comes to Rs 2 Lakhs approximately.

We would really appreciate it if you could contribute from your heart towards this much needed repair work.

Our FS account number 100662.

Thank you, Mahavir for Deepanam school
Deepanam@auroville.org.in
+91 (0)413 2622450, +918903298051

Office hours:
Monday—Friday:
8:30am—12:30 and 1:15—3:30pm

AUROVILLE ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BUS SEEKS FUNDING



Dear All, Auroville Accessible Public Bus was running at loss till end of October. Additionally we had annual insurance renewal and Annual Fitness certificate renewal from the Transport department. All together brought us a big minus. Auroville Vehicle Service had made the advances to cover the running cost since

August 2022. We were hoping the BCC would support the running cost for the year 2022—23 but unfortunately BCC has no access to grant any budget at the moment. We kindly request you to support the community public bus in contributing whatever amount is possible to you.

- We are currently in minus of Rs.137,000

We do understand the current situation of Auroville but if we don't get the support from the community now, there is no other option for us, other than to close the service completely.

You could transfer to our Account 251675/ AV Accessible Bus

Thank you, Raju, Sauro & Susmita for AV Accessible Public Bus Team.

SUPPORT FOR MANJU'S HOUSE

Dear community, Manju (who works in our houses) and her family (2 boys, 10 and 9 years old) are in a very difficult situation with her house in Edayanchavadi. The house fell into pieces in May 2022 and the family moved to a rented place. However the house needs to be rebuilt urgently, as Manju can't hold the rent plus loan and all the related expenses. She needs some extra financial help to build at least simple walls and roof and be able to move in as fast as possible.

We all support her in her efforts and any support from you all will be very helpful.

- AV Manju's house account 251427

Thank you so much, Claudia, Megha, Fanny and Erik, Bel, Claude, Vega, Petra, Shaalini, Palani

Foods, Goods and Services

TECH ELVES TO HELP AUROVILIANS UNDERSTAND TECHNOLOGY

Dear all, YouthLink has started an initiative called 'Tech Elves' in order to help Aurovilians better understand their technology!

From simple things such as adding a contact to your phone to more in depth tasks like completely backing up your computer, we are available to come once a week and help you with anything you may need pertaining to technology.

If you are interested and would like some assistance, whatsapp/message us at +91 8940725128

or send an email to Youthlink@auroville.org.in and we will set a time to come and meet you:)

*The YouthLink Team,
Sanata Prakash, Communications Manager*

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, 11 November, 10am—5pm

Dear All, Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House on Friday, 11 November, from 10am to 5pm.

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

Auromode Hive
Coworking space

20% Off Aurovillians Newcomers Volunteers

Include: Productivity, Focus, Ecological, Control, Carbonless, Economical, Fast, Reliable

Create: Network, Flexible, Accessible, Smart, Development, Community

Hi-Speed internet
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For more details regarding our Plans check out our catalog at our WA Business No. 7092197375

Auromode Hive Team

LATEST NEWS

FROM INSIDE INDIA—TRAVEL SHOP



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

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

Latest Flight offers from Chennai

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

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

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

Joster

Auroville Poetry

IT RAINED LAST NIGHT

It rained last night.
What freshness in everything!

What about everybody?

∞

My mood is
In monsoon.

Rain or shine

It will pass.

∞

Got caught
In the rain

Got free
In the rhyme

*With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang*

Voices and Notes

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

- [Meeting with the Chairman of the Governing Board](#) (City Life)
- [Soul Tracks—Se4, Ep18 “Halloween Hangover on Guy Fawkes’ Night”](#) (Music)
- [Savitri, B. I, C. IV, Part 5](#) (Integral yoga)
- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita Divina—Cap. 9](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Audible Weed Walk—Ep.97 “COP27: Let’s create our own COP”](#) (Food Education)
- [Kadhai _____ Ketpoma-Ep.7](#) (Literature)
“நீ நதி போல ஓடிக்கொண்டிரு”
- [Marlenka’s Weekly Offering—ep.69](#) (Literature)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—416](#) (Integral Yoga)

Last Youtube live videos

- [Sri Aurobindo: The Grand Synthesis—Book launch by Dr. Ananda Reddy](#)

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

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

Peace and Love

Regards, Wobbli

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU SUPPORTING?

Auroville is divided into two main groups: one which welcomes the development plan (the galaxy, housing for more people to come, a social system, etc), and another group which wants to keep things simple and still (few housing, living in forests, maintain control over the administration amongst a closed circle, etc).

This division has been present and growing since many years, and it has finally emerged during the recent intervention of the Foundation.

But there is also another group: the so-called “neutrals”. In reality the vast majority of people in this group aren’t quite neutral, they have an opinion but they prefer to keep quiet. Most neutrals are afraid of voicing their support for the development of Auroville (an Auroville which is meant to welcome 50.000 people) just to avoid confrontation with their fellow Aurovillians. A mother of two told me;

‘imagine if I expressed my opinion, my kids would be bullied at school, we wouldn’t have a social life anymore, and I might even lose my job’. Another friend told me ‘I live in a community in the forest, and here everybody is against the Foundation. Better I keep quiet.’

It came to no surprise to me when I saw the defamation paper with the list of names of people supporting the Foundation. This paper, naming and insulting people, and demanding that they leave Auroville is a personal attack on individuals. In practical terms we aren’t entitled to our opinion. The only valid opinion is that dictated by the “Elite” (those whose interest is to keep Auroville undeveloped and under their administrative control).

In reality I understand the motives of the Elite: they are fighting for the administrative power to which they’ve got addicted to; they are fighting for “their” space in the forest and their privileges; they’re fighting for ownership of Auroville.

What the vast majority of Aurovillians don’t see is that they have nothing to gain in supporting the Elite, they’re just being manipulated by them. The Elite are very active and very proficient in media and presentations, this is how they’ve managed to spread psychological terrorism amongst people in such a short time.

Anyhow Auroville could not possibly continue going the direction it was taking. Things had to change in one way or another. And here we are, it is happening right now, besides the resistance of the Elite.

I will continue expressing my point of view no matter what. I don’t love or hate anybody for who they support or what they are campaigning for. But the fact that some people are the type that would actually hate me because I express my point of view, shows me exactly who they are. These people are not my kind of people and I don’t want to be friend with them either. So the feeling is very mutual, and it’s not because of what they’re campaigning for or who they are supporting. But it’s because of how they carry themselves.

This is an international and cosmopolitan environment meant to develop into Unity in Diversity, and we are entitled to express our views freely.

Gino

BE

Be Simple
Be Happy
Be Quiet
Do your work as well as you can
Keep yourself always open towards me.
This is All that is asked from you.



Mother

Submitted by Anandi-ayūn, Certitude

LICHENOLOGY

One day the botanists in Auroville will write a book about flora in the city. Some pages of the book will be about lichens. A lichen is biological curiosity, symbiosis of alga and fungus. The lichens are a classical indicator of quality of air.



If we have the lichens in our city, it means Auroville air isn't bad. But what about in the future? There will be more buildings in Auroville, more motorbikes, cars, roads. Maybe lichens will prefer other places, not Auroville.

For the ancient Greeks lichen was leikhen, for Germans it is known as Flechte. In Auroville I found the lichens in Pitanga on trunks of royal palms. They were like rounded greenish spots. But Jean in Two Banyans told me that he saw the white spots lichens on palmira trunks in different parts of Auroville. Dry season between monsoons limits the quantity of lichens in Auroville.

The real lichens kingdom is near the children's camp in Kodaikanal region. There are many colors and forms of lichens on tree trunks and on stones in that region. Lichens grow slowly, but in mountains they often are pioneers of life. What is impossible for alga and fungus separately, it is possible for their union.

Lichens have many forms. For example in Tundra it is reindeer lichens, main food for reindeers. I like the principles of Findhorn. One of them: I respect all forms of life. It is good also for Aurovilians.

Boris

WHAT IS THIS?

This meme "We are One" must be understood in its sum:
Diversity in Oneness = Conformity = Uniformity = Falsehood

Oneness in the Diversity = Unity in Diversity = The One and Its Many = Truth

There is Only One: The Playmaker, The Play, The Playing Field and The Players are all That

For what? For the delight of experiencing Its infinite unique selves. That is why It is termed Satchitananda = Existence—Consciousness-Force—Bliss

The Conscious-Force blissfully at play with all Its hierarchical multi-dimensional multitudinous existences.

The Being and Its becomings.

Spirit and Matter are The Two Who Are One.

So in the final analysis there's no "other" to blame for any of the perceived sufferings, as we are all us playing our own game all along. Karma takes on its complete, integral meaning. We are in the abyss of the illusion of separateness, the Ignorance of Oneness, with all its consequences, until we rediscover that we are all mirrors of each other.

After this experience of psychological awakening one can laugh out loud, coming back from victimhood to Player mode.

Now the next challenge awaits the awakened in Soul: in Psychic and Spirit: The Supramental, and the awakening of Matter, the vessel.

Where then is the manual for this new stage in Our Great Cosmic Game?

It's The Triple Transformation of Integral Yoga.

In the advanced age of information and communications, access is all there at the tip of your pointing finger.

From here on next, whatever you do is all up to you...

Or so it seems.

Just remember all your other co-players in your eternal play of Yin-Yang...

Some do not sleep.

Zech. 2022.11.08

INTEGRAL SOCIOLOGY AND TOWN-PLANNING: GROUP-SOUL

In 1970 Ruud Lohman, a Franciscan priest caught by the special atmosphere of the Matrimandir's excavation days, joined Auroville living at the most basic Camp. He recorded his experiences in "A House for the Third Millennium: Essays on the Matrimandir", the crucible of transformation. A theologian and a sociologist, Ruud published over twelve books. In 1972, on the occasion of the visit by Prof. Vernon Newcombe, a UNDP envoy, in "The sadhana of the group-soul", written for the town-planning group, he stressed that to understand Auroville we should ponder over the outlines of "The Human Cycle" by Sri Aurobindo. He writes:



"Using reason as the medium term in one of the typologies, he [Sri Aurobindo] makes use of three types: the infrarational, the rational and the suprarational—or spiritual—society. ... What Sri Aurobindo aims at—and we may apply the same to Auroville—is the breakthrough, on a massive and collective scale from the conventional and rational stages towards the subjective as a preparation for the spiritual age. Auroville would belong, if it comes to its own soul, to the spiritual age. Interesting to note, however, is that probably the project will not move straight into the spiritual age; we will first have to go through the transition from rational to subjective, and only then from the subjective to the spiritual. That is, two transitions will have to be made.

Transitioning from subjective to spiritual, according to Ruud the physical manifestation of Mother's town corresponds to two levels of consciousness. First it materializes as Auromodel (the technicians and builders, experimenting with new forms of habitat and organization); afterwards as the city proper, demanding a true shift of consciousness." He explains:

"We may experiment first on lower levels—those of the subjective stage—which are high enough for the time being. Interesting in this distinction which Sri Aurobindo makes between the subjective and the spiritual culture is that we may think of Auroville in two stages, the subjective one and only then the spiritual one. This may well be the truth behind the suggestion to build the city in two phases: Auromodel first, which may be meant as an experiment in subjectivity—the flower of the subjective age; and next, Auroville as the experiment in spirituality."

The residential settlements and their locations will thus evolve in harmony with the residents' evolution of consciousness and are by this determined, mirroring their inner changes. A question arises: should we not shift to the next material phase until the inner work corresponding to that first stage is achieved or at least well on the way?

Shifting to sociology in the spiritual age and Integral Yoga, Ruud writes:

"The way to create Auroville is yoga, Integral Yoga. All other approaches should be integrated into this one major and central approach. Integral Yoga from its side does not exclude a sociological approach since by nature it is integral. Sociology, however, should grow towards the heights and integrality of the yoga. ... Spiritual sociology is the knowledge and the experience of the group-soul. If it is true that sociology in general is interested in groups and masses as far as they are determined by and determine the social realities on physical, vital and mental levels, then a spiritual sociology would have to go beyond this and search for the soul of communities and groups, and how the dialogue of influence between this soul and the social realities takes place on all the levels.

Is a group-soul a chimaera or a reality? If we take the group-soul as the point of departure for our spiritual sociology we would have to be very sure about it. We quote, therefore, Sri Aurobindo: "The nation or society, like the

individual, has a body, an organic life, a moral and aesthetic temperament, a developing mind and a soul behind all these signs and powers for the sake of which they exist. One may say even that, like the individual, it essentially is a soul rather than has one: it is a group-soul that, once having attained to a separate distinctiveness must become more and more self-conscious and find itself more and more fully as it develops its corporate action and mentality and its organic self-expressive life.”

Ruud continues:

“With the parallel between the individual and the group drawn so smoothly, the suggestion of a parallel between the individual sadhana and the sadhana of the group presents itself. Here we would reach right into the heart of the matter of spiritual sociology and planning. Only, the group-soul sadhana would even be more difficult than the individual one: “The parallel is just at every turn, because it is more than a parallel; it is a real identity of nature. There is only this difference that the group-soul is more complex because it has a greater number of partly self-conscious mental individuals for the constituents of its physical being instead of an association of merely vital subconscious cells.”

Ruud concludes that spiritual sociology is part of the Integral Yoga and deals with the group-soul, which “is identical in nature with the individual soul, only more complex”. And “Spiritual sociology is the (collective) sadhana of this group-soul.”

How does this unfold?

“Auroville is built “through the group-soul, which, by coming to the front, surrenders its being to the Mother. The first thing to be attained, then, is the awareness of the group-soul. As in the individual sadhana, the first phase of the effort should be directed towards this emergence of the group-soul. The group-soul will take over our mental workings and develop its own way. The development of Auroville must go from inside towards the outside, from the inner to the outer. Things must first get an inner awareness, then they will translate themselves according to their own truth into the outer.

It seems that even here we can draw the parallel with the individual sadhana: first the group itself, the population of Auroville must reach a stage of love, of devotion in the heart, of mental quietude, of being open for the deeper truth, in order to get a collective awareness of the collective psychic being—which again is identical in nature with the individual psychic being—and to bring it to the front.

What sociology and planning can do in this context, having reached a silence and devotion themselves, is to become conscious instruments for the experiments and the other means of bringing about and strengthening the awareness of the group-soul. The creation of an environment—in architecture, agriculture, horticulture, etc.—should accompany this growth of the group-soul from stage to stage of consciousness, which can “plan” its next step and the physical environment fitted for its embodiment in matter. Sociology, planning, the sciences, art and architecture then become integrated parts of the development and the outer expression of the group-soul.”

Paulette

BEYOND RELIGION—WORDS OF WISDOM



You see, this is what I have learned; the failure of religions is because they were divided. They wanted people to be religious to the exclusion of the other religions, and every branch of knowledge has been a failure because it was exclusive. And what the new consciousness wants—it is on this that it insists—is: no more divisions. To be

able to understand the spiritual extreme, the material extreme, and to find the meeting point, the point where that becomes a real force.

*The Mother Verbal, 03.01.70
Submitted by Helga*

GRASSROOTS INNOVATION

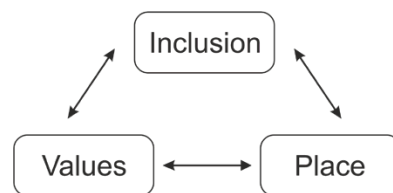


A Village is a vision bestowed by The Divine for the facilitation of “integral yoga” at the grassroots level of our community. All kalai is a gift of the consciousness and the outcome of karyam. When this light shines through the mind of a kalai karri, it manifests itself in beautiful harmonies leading to a symphony of humanity a Arohanam.

Our contribution works towards recognition of grassroots innovation in villages. It would involve action and networks of thinkers, contributors and practitioners. Seeking to work with alternative forms of knowledge creation and processes for innovation.

These alternatives foster local ingenuity directed towards local development. It can be aimed at fostering inclusion as a process as an outcome. The core being social innovation and the mobilisation of values in collaborative consumption. Leading to understanding and communication of a real or at hand disruption to a place and its natural materiality

Community understanding of interactions of inclusion to values within a place.



**Regards, Surajkiran
+91 9884204918 Voice and WA**

Ecology

GREEN COLUMN



The UN’s annual climate change summit opened last on Sunday in Egypt. Welcome to COP27 -the “Conference of Parties” to these UN policy meetings. A historic moment: #lossanddamage has made it onto the finance agenda for the first time. Historic as until now COPs have mostly been about lessening future climate change and adapting to change already locked in. Now countries are talking about economic justice: rich countries paying poor colleagues. The logic is that the rich got rich by trashing the planet and burning fossil fuels and the poor suffer the worst consequences and have the least resources to protect themselves.

We may remember Pakistan floods (yes? third of our neighbours under water? 30 million people affected?). But do we remember Madagascar where earlier this year 150,000 people lost their homes to a cyclone caused by climate change and 1.64 million people are now facing severe food insecurity due to the worst drought in 40 years in the rest of the island? Much of Africa is in the same situation. The deadly combination of extreme drought and extreme floods is the new normal.

At COP27 there will be a push to accelerate emissions cuts. But only 24 out of 193 countries updated their carbon cutting ambitions this year, leaving the world on track for temperature rises of 2.7C. Not 1.5C which is already causing the current crisis.

Now remember 13 years ago, at COP15 in Copenhagen a sum of 100 billion USD was promised as climate compensation, but it never came... Because Covid hit, then war in Ukraine drove up energy costs. The rich have other priorities. Another obstacle is that the rich don’t want to “sign a blank cheque” -and are afraid of being taken advantage of. 100 billion a year might sound like a lot of money to you and me, but annual global spending on warfare is a whopping \$2113 billion!

Wait. We are spending 20 times more on missiles and fighter jets to kill each other than on solidarity in the face of the biggest security threat ever encountered. Just let that number sink in for a moment...

Meanwhile in Egypt 60,000 political prisoners keep rotting in jail (about half of the total jail population!) and some of them are on hunger strike, hoping international presence will put pressure on the state to release them. Alaa Abdel Fattah was active in the famous Arab Spring, and currently serves a five-year sentence for “spreading false news” in social media posts. (see BBC article: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-63542472>)

So we have a “perfect storm” in place: the ecosystems that sustain Life on Earth are collapsing because countries are unable to rise above their short term interests and don’t trust each other enough to collaborate, and meanwhile the anxiety spreads making voters susceptible to more regressive politics and polarisation. “Strong” leaders blaming scapegoats such as muslims, women or refugees get massive following and perpetuate the cycle of hate and mistrust.

Imagine being the Secretary General of the UN this week. Poor old Mr Guterres noted: “Greenhouse gas emissions keep growing. Global temperatures keep rising. And our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible,” he said. “We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator.” (see [The Hindu article](#))

As Europe is looking for alternatives to Russian gas it is eyeing Africa, where people are still recovering from previous episodes of exploitation. Remember Royal Dutch Shell and the Ogoni people in Nigeria? The execution of tribal rights activist Ken Saro Wiwa was on November 10th, 1995. Needless to say foreign investment in fossil fuel extraction aimed at export and benefitting authoritarian regimes is not unproblematic.

This year, in Mozambique, gas extraction projects worth tens of billions of dollars have triggered an [armed insurgency](#) in Cabo Delgado province and displaced hundreds of thousands of people. Why is this relevant? Because energy policies are at the heart of the climate justice struggle. Unless the rich reduce consumption there is simply not enough emission quatum for the poor to “catch up”.

And these rich don’t just live in the Global North. Many countries classified as developing are now major sources of CO₂. China is now the world’s biggest emitter, for example, India the third biggest. Back home in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh we keep cutting forests (such as the [famous Hasdeo forest](#)) to dig for coal that powers air conditioners to combat the heat waves caused by burning coal and cutting forest.

At last year’s COP26 summit in Glasgow a number of pledges were agreed: *to “phase down” the use of coal—one of the most polluting fossil fuels *to stop deforestation by 2030 * to cut methane emissions by 30% by 2030 *to submit new climate action plans to the UN to name a few.

If we are to end this column with a ray of hope, perhaps we can look at Brazil? The Amazon is the largest rainforest on Earth, home to [14 percent](#) of the world’s birds and [18 percent](#) of its [plants](#). Many of them are found nowhere else. Brazil, the largest nation in South America and home of the iconic Amazon, has a new leader: Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. This is a historic moment for the Amazon because under president Bolsonaro, deforestation [accelerated](#), threatening not only wildlife and indigenous communities but also the global climate. Lula has promised to give the forest a second chance and honour the rights of local tribes.

Today, about 17 percent of the Amazon rainforest is gone, [according](#) to a report from 2021 which is critical because once that number reaches [20 to 25 percent](#), parts of the tropical ecosystem could dry out, further accelerating forest loss and threatening the millions of people and animals that depend on it directly and indirectly. The Amazon could become a carbon source instead of a sink.

Lula points to his track record to prove he can succeed: during his previous presidency, deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon fell by more than 80 percent. An [analysis](#) by the climate website Carbon Brief suggests that under Lula’s next administration, annual deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon could be down by 90 percent by the end of the decade.

Gijs & Lisbeth

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

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

LAUGHING YOGA

11am every Saturday at Mohanam Cultural Center.

For the past weeks we have been practicing laughter yoga every Saturday! After a slow start we now have an enthusiastic core group of laughers! The power of laughter multiplies with the amount of people though, so we’d be happy to welcome even more laughers!

Laughter yoga brings a fail proof method to deliver laughter to anybody, no matter your age, gender, occupation or how easy/difficult it is to laugh for you. Please come and try! It might change your life. ;)

- We start at 11:00 every Saturday at Mohanam cultural center. Attendance is free. You can leave a small donation to support the space.

Hope to laugh with you soon!

- Contact Marnix for more info on WA +31657770922
- For more info on laughteryoga visit laughteryoga.org

Marnix Bosscher

CIRCLE OF MEN, TRAINING WITH MANKIND PROJECT



As a man, have you felt the need for more heart centered spaces? In personal development programs especially designed for men? In healing wounds associated with being a man in a non therapeutic setting?

There’s a nonprofit in the US called the Mankind Project. It is a renowned organization that offers personal development programs for men. I have made contact with a facilitator in India to offer their program to us online. The program fees are going to be significantly less for India participants than what’s offered in the US.

- [Take a look at this.](#)

The program will begin in December, the dates and times will be customized for our group. I have 8 who have expressed an interest, are there any others who would like to take part? This will give us deep insights on men’s work at a practical level, and also allow us to spread it wherever we are.

- An online intro call with the facilitator will be on Sunday, 13 November, 5—6pm. Message me for the joining link.

Vikram, 9843948288



**ARKA
WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL**

Regular activities, November 2022

Classes

Classes	With Whom	When
Acro Yoga	Damien 9047722740	Monday to Saturday
Pilates	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30-8:30am. Wednesday 4:15pm Friday 5:30pm, Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30-8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5-6:30pm.
Qigong Yang Style, self-massage	9600094875, +353877420282 (WA), Marco	Monday to Saturday, 8:30-9:30am, Friday: 7:30-8:30am By Appointment
Heartfull Meditation	Avanthika, 6380238326	Tuesdays 9:30am to 10:30am
Heartfull Meditation	Lakshmi, 8489764602	Only by Appointment

Treatments

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, by appointment 9943410987	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage.	Silvana, by appointment 9047654157	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacolouring	Meha, by appointment, 9443635114	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork.	Marco, WA +353877420282 9600094875	Monday to Sunday
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina: 9791719387, +39346225804, WA	Monday to Friday (Morning)
Acupuncture	Dr. Mohammad Sahel, 9994208068 Only Appointment	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry. Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks, regards, Marco

**HEARTFULL® MEDITATION
WITH AVANTIKA**

Tuesdays 9:30—10:30am, at Arka



“Those who feel the unquenchable thirst for something different will be protected in a cocoon of Light to traverse all perils of the convulsions of the old and dying world—for in part of their being they already belong to that Light, to the New World. And all one has dreamt to be the most beautiful, the most marvellous, the most fantastic is nothing compared with what will be realised.”

The Mother

- Open and connect to the Light in our own Heart Center (Heart Chakra)
- Surrender mind energy to Heart chakra to transform mental aspect of human existence
- Provide a shield of Divinity (the true us) around body



Savitri, whom Sri Aurobindo taught initial Heartfull meditation techniques, lost both her parents in a plane crash near Mumbai, India in 1978 when she was seventeen. Her sister was murdered in California four years later. Her father was an Indian Muslim and mother an American Italian Catholic. The Muslims said that her mother couldn't go to heaven as only Muslims went there upon death and vice versa. It confused and pained her and she became an atheist. Later, she heard a voice within that said it had come to teach her how to love herself. This teacher taught her how to cocoon herself with the Light from her own heart centre for love and protection. Later it taught her mental centering to surrender her mind energy to her Heart chakra for transformation. Four years later, the voice revealed that it was Sri Aurobindo who had taught her these techniques.

Savitri has brought down many more techniques since then through her devotion to Truth to help the human form move towards Light. Sri Aurobindo has also trained her to bring down different Lights.

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

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

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

Please contact Avantika at avantikaLight@gmail.com for any questions. She is a Purna Yoga teacher at 500 hour level. She has translated some parts of Savitri in Marathi and Hindi.

She has studied Rigveda in Sri Aurobindo's Light with Nishtha, an Aurovillian who teaches Rigveda like an alive poetry rather than some fixed dogma.

Thank you, Avantika

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Heartfull® Meditation Classes with Avantika Nirupama

- Sunday 13, 20 & 27 November 2022 (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

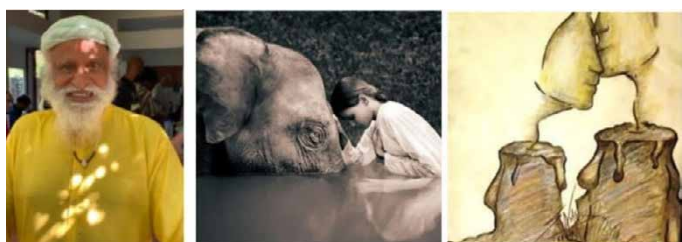
- Connect to the Light in your own Heart Center
- Surrender mind energy to your Heart Center to transform the mental aspect of your existence
- Surrender pelvic energy to your Heart Center to transform the vital aspect of your existence

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

YOGA OF FORGIVENESS 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”

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.

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Thank you, Sehdev Kumar,
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Speaking From The Heart, Based On Non Violent Communication, with Vega

- Friday, 11 November, 9:30am—4:30pm & Saturday, 12 November, 9:30am—1pm

Learn the basics and principles of non-violent communication, a practice that helps to restore connection to and communication from the heart, which is within our nature.

Explore Your Bodies (Koshas) Through The Practice Of Yoga, with Sabrina

- Friday, 18 November, 9:30am—12:30pm

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

Shaucha: Yoga To Purify Body, Energy And Mind, with Sabrina

- Saturday, 19 November, 9:30am—12pm

According to the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, Shaucha (Purity) is the doorstep that connects with the inner voice, in order to reach mental clarity and accelerate spiritual development. You will learn a variety of yogic tools such as asanas, pranayamas, mudras, mantras and meditation to purify and detoxify the physical body, the energetic system and the mind. (Please have a light breakfast, or come with an empty stomach).

Anatomy For Yoga Practitioners: Study Of Movement, with Rebeca

- Saturday, 19 November, 9:30am—12pm

We will explore and deepen our understanding of human body movement, anatomical planes and axes, as well as range of motion of the joints drawing some clinical examples. This is a theoretical and practical workshop to improve awareness on how asanas are achieved and how we can adapt them to our individual needs for optimal and safe practice. A session open to all, specially designed for yoga teachers or yoga practitioners.

Update On Yoga Session Timing

- Holistic Yoga with Sabrina: Wednesdays, 9—10am

Many thanks, Thushar and Radhika



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New activities starting

Yoga Nidra class with Rosa

- Thursdays 11:30am—12:30pm

Yoga Nidra is a powerful technique in which you learn to relax consciously, the state of dynamic sleep. For absolute relaxation you must remain aware.

Yoga Nidra is a systematic method of inducing complete physical, mental, and emotional relaxation.

In this state the mind is exceptionally receptive.

“Through the practice of Yoga Nidra, we are not only relaxing, but restructuring and reforming our whole personality from within. Like the mythological phoenix, with every session we are burning the old samskaras, habits and tendencies in order to be born anew. This process is not only much quicker than other systems which work on an external basis only, but the results are also more reliable and permanent.”

Swami Satyananda Saraswati

Restorative Yoga with Nadia A.

- Thursdays 7:30—9am, starts November 17

Deeply relax in the yoga poses, with your body comfortably supported by props.

This restful practice emphasizes the meditative aspect of yoga—the union of body and mind—and brings you back into the still, quiet centre, deep inside.

Props will be used to hold you comfortably in yoga poses designed to bring ease, comfort, and rejuvenation to mind, body, and spirit. When the body relaxes in a pose, the mind can also consciously let go and relax, thus tensions from both body and mind are released.

Welcome to our drop-in classes. No prior registration is necessary.

Class: Energy Meridians Exploration with Andres

Fusion of Qi Gong, Shiatsu, Acupuncture

- Mondays 5 -6:30pm, Saturdays 8—9:30am

- Starts: Saturday, November 19

Energy management within the body is a skill; you can develop it!

Topics

- To develop awareness and management of the space around and within us.
- Study of energy-meridians-path-ways according to TCM
- Qi Gong exercises for development of ability to work on specific energy lines
- Manual application of Shiatsu, Thai massage and Tui Na with knowledge of acupuncture points.

Technique: This interactive exploration is deeply rooted in traditional training for acupuncturists, Qi Gong practitioners, manual therapists, martial artists and anyone interested in energy work.

Benefits: By practicing these exercises soon you will develop the ability to perceive more subtle energy in the surrounding, of other people and yourself with the purpose of harmonizing psychosomatic health.

Facilitator: Andres Lokuta, acupuncturist, manual therapist, and Qi Gong master, practicing since 1996.

- This is not a drop-in class. Regular commitment is necessary.

Individual Session:

Energy Meridians Exploration with Andres

- For appointments with Andres, please contact the reception
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 - email info@pitanga.in,
 - or WA 9443902403

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

See you at Pitanga, with a smile !

Submitted by Andrea, on behalf of Pitanga

SHIATSU—AN ART OF TOUCH

A 3-weekends Seminar to begin your journey!

Shiatsu’ literally means ‘thumb pressure’—yet it also stands for stress reduction and peace, vitalisation of life force or Ki, the ability to address certain challenges on all levels of our being through touch:



Come, experience and explore conscious and calm Perception, inner Sensing and Awareness of Touch in connection with the study of 12 Classical Meridians and 5 Elements, Health Wisdom, strengthening and harmonizing exercises and ways to move for your daily practice.

This is the first of four Seminar-Series spanning over the next 2- 3 years for a complete Shiatsu Practitioner training.

- Fridays 1:25pm—3:30pm (alternatively to the Fridays: Wednesday, 23 November, 8:25am -1am)
- Saturdays 8:55 to 4pm and
- Sundays 10:55am to 4:30pm
- 11, 12 & 13; 18, 19 & 20; 25, 26 & 27 November

Friday, 11 November, 1:25pm and Wednesday, 23 November, 8:25am: Introduction to Shiatsu and the Course and more. Open for All Interested, at Budokan Auroville at Dehashakti Sports Ground

- Shiatsu—because Health matters!

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

Do contact Ulrike Urvasi at mothersworkforthemother-work@gmail.com, 9751513906 WA, Signal, Telegram

See you this friday!

Certificate given on Completion of the Course

Ulrike

Healing Trauma
 Personal-transformation Workshop

Next workshop:
Saturday, November 12, 10:30 - 12:30
 Tibetan Pavilion

Distressing events create emotional shock that sit within us until the trauma is cleared.

This workshop offers a series of healing tools combining Byron Katie's process, embodied sensing, qigong, tapping and sound clearing.

You are free to work within yourself with no expectation to share unless you feel to.

Please bring a pen and any A5+ sized book to lean on.
 Registration: Kaia @ 84891 09804.
 By donation: to the Tibetan Pavilion.

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Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

Mirrabelle 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! Mirrabelle 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. Mirrabelle 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

Intro to Past Life Therapy with Sigrid

- 19, 20, 21 November, 7:30 to 9pm



We invite you to explore the domain of past lives in these 3 online sessions, through the lens of the experienced therapist and practitioner, Sigrid Lindemann. In this introduction to PastLife Therapy, you will get a profound and rich

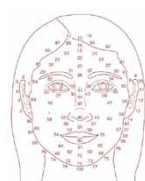
understanding of the hidden source of our present-day beliefs, psychological movements, motivations and inexplicable bodily phenomena.

Sigrid Lindemann is firmly grounded in the insights and wisdom of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, and has been developing “Integral Regression Therapy” on this base. Inner Child Work, Trauma Relief and Past Life Therapy are integrated in intense, yet transforming personal sessions.

A hybrid training in “Integral Regression therapy” is offered from Dec 2021 onwards.

Contact: WA 9626006961, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Acupuncture, Qigong, Shiatsu with Andres



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

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

Our Venue Sharnga Guesthouse

- www.sharngaguesthouse.in

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

YEP We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAV> 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

- We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion and soul, for conscious evolution. Acupuncture, Shiatsu, QiGong, TaijiQuan, Energy work, Fasting Natural Horsemanship, Horse Assisted Therapy, Medical Clowning, Yoga Nidra, Gentle Birth & Pregnancy, Integral Regression Therapy, Trauma Therapy, Advanced Classical Homeopathy Systemic Constellation & Family Constellation

AUTHENTIC RELATING GAMES

Tuesday, November 15, at 5:30—7:30pm

With Prem Shakti

@ Bharat Nivas Harmony hall

AUTHENTIC RELATING GAMES



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

**JOIN US IN HARMONY HALL, BHARAT NIVAS
15TH NOVEMBER 5:30-7:30PM**

open to all (not only couples)	BHARAT NIVAS भारत निवास The Pavilion of India, Auroville	bring a friend or partner
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The intention of this offering is to create a safe container for heart centered, authentic expression that leaves us more alive and resourced, so we carry the light into the world.

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

It is an approach to cultivating more genuine, fulfilling, and mutually rewarding relationships.

Please bring comfortable clothes and your presence.

*With love & authenticity,
Prem Shakti*

Languages

JOIN OUR LAST THOOYA TAMIL CLASS

Join our last Thooya Tamil class for beginners happening at the Youth Center! Taking place from the 1st to the 15th of December & taught by Sandeep. Thooya Tamil is an integral part of Indian Culture and Dialect. Thooya Tamil meaning 'Pure Tamil' is the officially recognized form of Tamil and is used from news stations and books to simple conversations.



- This class starts at 5.30pm until 7pm.
- No class on Saturday and Sunday =)
- To register email us at youthlink@auroville.org.in or come to our office in Town hall at 9:30am—12pm or 2—4pm to sign up.

Warmly, Aurore from Youthlink team

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

Tomatis

There are spaces available for both language & therapeutic programmes!

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

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTiG0y-sBMlly-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

Current Language Courses at ALL

New: German with Verena

• A1.1 Beginner German

Great news for German Learners!

Verena will soon start a new A1.1 Beginner German Course! Verena has been trained through the Max Mueller Bhavan, Chennai/ Goethe Institute, and she brings a variety of interactive tools and offbeat approaches to her classes. We have always got excellent 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, 11am to 12:30pm. Course starts on November 14 comprising 36 hours of teaching over three months. Register soon! Limited spaces.
- **A1.2 Beginner German:** This course is for students who have already taken a Beginner Course with Verena in the past or have a basic knowledge of German. The course is meant to deepen the basics previously learned and further advance the learner's German language skills.
 - Classes will take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 9am to 10:30am. Course started on October 31 comprising 36 hours of teaching over three months.

New: English for Total Beginners with Rupam

If you can read this, then obviously this course isn't for you! But, if you know someone who could use some basic, everyday English in their daily lives, feel free to pass this along. This one-month semi-intensive course will begin with the alphabet and take the students through basic nouns, verbs, and simple sentence structures.

- Classes will take place Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 11am to 12 noon. Enquire now to register!

New: French with Jean-François

Jean-François's first round of French courses concluded recently and we received fabulous feedback from his students! He will start new batches in November. We usually fill up spots fairly quickly, so you are advised to register early!

Jean-François is offering four 3-month (24-hour) courses:

- **Beginner French:** This course is for all those wanting to join a French course but finding themselves too busy through the week! Our Beginner French Course is deliberately planned for Saturdays! The classes are highly interactive delving into French vocabulary of everyday life and the basics of grammar. By the end of the course, you would be able to make simple sentences useful for interaction, and talk about your work, hobbies, daily life, etc. in a simple way.
 - This course started on November 5. Classes will take place Saturdays, 2:30 to 4:30pm.
- **Beginner French for Teens:** This course is for students between 13 and 16 years of age. The course is based on exercises that use many mediums like videos, games, role-playing, etc. to make learning both fun and effective. By the end of the course, students will have an immersion in the French language and will be able to express themselves in a simple way.
 - The course will start on November 12, and classes will take place Saturdays 11am to 12noon. We have 3-4 spots left.
- **French Conversation (Pre-Intermediate):** For those of you who know a bit of French, this is the perfect course to get more fluent, expand your vocabulary, and speak without inhibition in a diverse & fun group! Each lesson covers a theme of daily life (work, family, hobbies, shopping, projects, etc.) and is aimed at developing the students' ability to express themselves and interact in French. Jean-François will also review the grammar useful for basic conversation.
 - This course will start on November 21. Classes take place Mondays & Thursdays, 2 to 3pm.
- **French Conversation (Intermediate):** This course is for those who have a good level in French. In this course, the basics of public communication like expression, understanding, argumentation, meeting participation shall be deepened. Jean-François would explore a range of topics like food, sports, travel, philosophy, news, literature, economics, social sciences, theater, and more. At the end of the course, students will also have reviewed the grammar useful for interaction.
 - This course started on November 3. Classes take place Mondays & Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30pm.

New: Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan

Our teacher, Murugesan, is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil Course. This course is for those who wish to enrich themselves with the complex beauty of the Tamil written alphabet and speech. Murugesan will explore the difference between spoken & written Tamil, and focus on developing listening & reading skills through songs & lyrics. Grammar will also be taught with an emphasis on practical usage. The new batch will start in November.

- Classes will take place Mondays & Thursdays, 10 to 11am. The course will start as soon as we have a minimum of 5 students. It will run for three months comprising 24 hours of teaching.

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.

- Ramesh will run two groups:
 - Mondays & Thursdays 2pm to 3pm and
 - Tuesdays & Fridays 3:30 to 4:30pm.
 - This will be a monthly course.

Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam

Rupam continues to offer morning English classes. Her classes are a mix of discussion on current topics, and grammar as necessary. You are welcome to try out a class and see if it fits your needs. However, please note that this is not a drop in/walk in class but is meant for students committed to joining the course.

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

Spoken Tamil with Saravanan

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 Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30am to 10:30am. The course started November 1 and will run for three months comprising 24 hours of teaching.

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

To join or enquire:

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

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

The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday—Friday:

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

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

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Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) Of Classes
English	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15—11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Total Beginners To start soon	11am—12noon	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
	English Conversation Group 1: Starts 7 November	2—03pm	Monday & Thursday
	English Conversation Group 2: Starts 8 November	3:30—4:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
French	Beginner, Started 5 November	2:30—4:30pm	Saturday
	Beginner for Teens To start 12 November 2022	11am—12noon	
	French Conversation 1 To start 21 November	2—3pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation 2 Started 3 November	3:30—4:30pm	
German	A1.1 Beginner To start 14 November	11am—12:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	A1.2 Beginner Started 31 October	9—10:30am	
Hindi	Beginner, Started 10 September 2022	10am—12pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started 1 November	9:30—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start November 2022	10—11am	Monday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner: Group 1 Started 3 October	2:30—3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Beginner: Group 2 Started 3 October	3:45—4:45pm	
Japanese	Beginner To start December 2022	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 7 November 2022 to 13 November 2022

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Indian— Monday 7 November, 8pm:
KAAGAZ (Document)

India, 2021, Dir. Satish Kaushik w/ Pankaj Tripathi, Monai Gajjar, Mit Vashisht, and others, Biography-Comedy, 109mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Based on true event, in this film Lal Bihari approaches a bank for a loan, to keep his business afloat. Soon after, he realizes he has been declared dead on-paper by the government. He ends up struggling to prove his existence since he faces red-tapism everywhere he goes.

Potpourri—Tuesday 8 November, 8pm:
TORTILLA SOUP

USA, 2001, Dir. Maria Ripoll w/ Hector Elizondo, Jacqueline Obradors, Tamara Mello, and others, Drama, 102mins, English-Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In this rather upbeat remake of Ang Lee's famous film Eat Drink Man Woman, in this version is about a Hispanic family in the USA. Three grown sisters, Maribel, Leticia and Carmen try to cope and live with their father Martin; a veteran chef who is slowly losing his sense of taste. Martin has one simple rule: be at home for Sunday dinner and attendance is both mandatory and non-negotiable. A rift in the family develops when the sisters develop relationships, and an obnoxious woman sets her sights on Martin's affections. But Martin surprises his family in this own way.

Interesting—Wednesday 9 November, 8pm:
ACASA, MY HOME

Romania-Germany, 2020, Dir. Radu Ciorniciuc w/Gica Enache, Vali Enache, Rica Enache, and others, Documentary, 86mins, Romanian-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

In the wilderness of the Bucharest Delta, in Romania, nine children and their parents lived in perfect harmony with nature for 20 years until they are chased out and forced to adapt to life in the big city. It is a powerful film that illustrates bittersweet truths about freedom and society.

Selection—Thursday 10 November, 8pm:
THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI

USA, 2017, Writer-Dir. Martin McDonagh w/ Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell, and others, Comedy-Crime, 115mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: R

In this award winning darkly comic drama, after waiting for months without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move. She painting three signboards leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby, the town's revered chief of police. When Dixon, one of his officers, an immature mother's boy with a penchant for violence, gets involved, the battle between Mildred and Ebbing's law enforcement is only exacerbated. A film to watch!

International—Saturday, 12 November, 8pm:
THE NORTHMAN

USA-China, 2022, Writer-Dir. Robert Eggers w/Alexander Skarsgård, Nicole Kidman, Claes Bang, and others, Action-Adventure, 137mins, English-Norse Old w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

The Viking Age. With a mind aflame with hate and revenge, Prince Amleth, the wronged son of King Aurvandill War-Raven, heads to cold, windswept Iceland to retrieve what was stolen from him: a father, a mother, and a kingdom. And like a war dog picking up the enemy's scent, Amleth embarks on a murderous quest to find the hateful adversary, whose life is forever woven together with his by the threads of fate. Now, in the name of Valhalla, no one can stop the Northman, not even God.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 13 November, 4:30 pm:
RIO 2

USA, 2014, Dir. Carlos Saldanha w/ Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway, Jemaine Clement, and others, Animation-Adventure, 100 mins, English, Rated: G

Blue macaws Blu, Jewel and their three children are comfortably settled in the city—perhaps too comfortably. After learning that she and Blu may not be the last blue macaws after all, Jewel decides that their little family should visit the Amazon jungle—where they stumble into Jewel's father, and an old enemy.

Howard Hawks Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Sunday 13 November, 8pm:

GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES

USA, 1953, Dir. Howard Hawks w/ Jane Russell, Marilyn Monroe, and others, Romance-Musical, 91 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Lorelei Lee is a beautiful showgirl engaged to be married to the wealthy Gus Esmond, much to the disapproval of Gus' rich father, When Lorelei goes on a cruise accompanied only by her best friend, Dorothy Shaw, Esmond Sr. hires Ernie Malone, a private detective, to follow her and report any questionable behavior that would disqualify her from the marriage.

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Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
 Film Program
 14 November 2022 to 20 November 2022

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Indian— Monday 14 November, 8pm:
APARAJITO (The undefeated)

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Anik Datta w/ Jeetu Kamal, Saayoni Ghosh, Debashis Roy, and others, B&W, Drama, 138mins, Bengali w/English subtitles, Rated: G

No, this is not Ray's second film of the Apu-trilogy made in 1956. Instead, this recent biopic is a tribute to master filmmaker Satyajit Ray in his birth centenary and it's inspired by the story behind the making of Ray's iconic film 'Pather Panchali'. Ray in this film is Aparajito Ray. A well-researched film that brings to screen many facts about making of his first film, which is not commonly known. A film to watch for anyone interested in Ray.

Potpourri—Tuesday 15 November, 8pm:
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL

USA, 2007, Dir. Craig Gillespie w/ Ryan Gosling, Emily Mortimer, Paul Schneider, and others, Comedy-Drama, 106 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Extremely shy Lars finds it impossible to make friends or socialize. His brother and sister-in-law worry about him, so when he announces that he has a girlfriend he met on the Internet, they are overjoyed. But Lars' new lady is a life-sized plastic woman. On the advice of a doctor, his family and the rest of the community go along with his delusion.

Interesting—Wednesday 16 November, 8pm:
THE COLOR OF CARE

USA, 2022, Dir. Yance Ford w/ Oprah Winfrey, Neel Shah, and others, Documentary, 80mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

The film explores how people of color suffer from systemically substandard healthcare in the United States and how Covid-19 exposed the tragic consequences of these inequities. In the process of highlighting the issues in the USA, the film makes one reflect upon the discrimination based on color, caste, class that exists around us. A film to watch and reflect upon.

Selection—Thursday 17 November, 8pm:
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA

USA-Mexico-UK-Colombia, 2007, Dir. Mike Newell w/ Javier Bardem, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Benjamin Bratt, and others, Drama, 137mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Based on a famous novel by the Nobel-laureate Gabriel García Márquez by the same title, the story is based in Colombia. In flashback the story reveals love affair of Florentino, a telegraph boy, and Fermina, the daughter of a mule trader. Despite offering his love to Fermina, one day she decides that their relation is an illusion and marries Urbino, a physician. Florentino continued to carry a torch, finding solace in the arms of women, loving none. After Urbino's fall, are Florentino's hopes delusional?

International—Saturday, 19 November, 8pm:
GHAHREMAN (A hero)

Iran-France, 2021, Writer-Dir. Asghar Farhadi w/ Amir Jadidi, Mohsen Tanbandeh, Sahar Goldust, Drama, 127mins, Persian w/English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Rahim is in prison because of a debt he was unable to repay. During a two-day leave, he tries to convince his creditor to withdraw his complaint against the payment of part of the sum. But things don't go as planned.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 20 November, 4:30 pm:
PHINEAS AND FERB:
CANDACE AGAINST THE UNIVERSE

USA, 2020, Dir. Bob Bowen w/ Ashley Tisdale, Vincent Martella, Dee Bradley Baker, and others, Animation-Adventure, 86 mins, English, Rated: G

Candace resents her inventor brothers Phineas and Ferb for having more fun than she does—until she gets abducted by aliens. Now it's up to the inventors and their friends to find a way to go to space and rescue her.



Howard Hawks Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Sunday 20 November, 8pm:
RIO BRAVO

USA, 1959, Dir. Howard Hawks w/ John Wayne, Dean Martin, and others, Western, 141 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Few films have followed Western traditions with as much exhilarating craftsmanship, narrative and stylistic economy as Rio Bravo. The movie is a prescribed Western yarn in Hollywood terms, a familiar setup about a singular lawman taming the Old West. From start to finish, rich, intricate characters populate a fast-paced and flawlessly constructed motion picture, perhaps the most enjoyable and satisfying of its genre.

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Cinema



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

- **Reminder:** Friday, 11 November, "Vision—From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen" (Vision—Aus dem Leben der Hildegard von Bingen), by Margarethe von Trotta, Germany, 2009
- **Friday 18 November, 8pm: "Children of Heaven"** (original title in Persian: Bæccâhâ-ye âsmân)

Directed by Majid Majidi, Iran, 1997

With: Mohammad Amir Naji, Amir Farrokh Hashemian, Bahare Seddiqi

Synopsis: Ali is a nine-year-old boy who lives with his family in a poor neighborhood in Tehran, Iran. One day, he goes to have his little sister Zahra's shoes repaired at the shoemaker, but loses the package on the way home. Back home, he doesn't dare say anything to his parents, who are poor and barely have enough money to pay the rent. His sister agrees to keep the secret, but refuses to go to school in a slipper. They then decide to share Ali's pair of sneakers to go to school. Will the plan succeed?... The film was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1998. Sweet and touching film!

Original Persian version with English subtitles. Duration: 1h29'.

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 18 November: My passion for trees

2017/ 58 minutes/ Judi Dench

Oscar-winning Dame Judi Dench is one of Britain's best-loved actresses, but few people know that Judi holds another great passion, a deep love for trees. This programme, filmed over the course of a year, is a magical study of the changing seasons and their effect on Surrey, the most-wooded county in Britain. Judi has long been fascinated with trees, ever since she was a child. She shared her passion with her late husband, actor Michael Williams, and together they nurtured a collection of trees at the bottom of their six-acre garden.

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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

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- Kottakuppam Police Station—0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station—0413 2677368

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