



News Notes

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Picture by Kripa

Pranic energy is the life of creatures; for that is said to be the universal principle of life.

Taittiriya Upanishad

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

Swetaswatara Upanishad

Pondering



When we study this Life as it manifests itself upon earth with Matter as its basis, we observe that essentially it is a form of the one cosmic Energy, a dynamic movement or current of it positive and negative, a constant act or play of the Force which builds up forms, energises them by a continual stream of stimulation and maintains them by an unceasing process of disintegration and renewal of their substance

All this is the play of Life;

Life, The Life Divine, Sri Aurobindo

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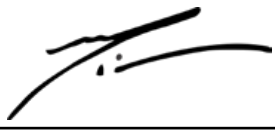
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House of Mother's Agenda

"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)

Once as she sat in deep felicitous muse,
 Still quivering from her lover's strong embrace,
 And made her joy a bridge twixt earth and heaven,
 An abyss yawned suddenly beneath her heart.
 A vast and nameless fear dragged at her nerves
 As drags a wild beast its half-slaughtered prey;
 It seemed to have no den from which it sprang:
 It was not hers, but hid its unseen cause.
 Then rushing came its vast and fearful Fount.
 A formless Dread with shapeless endless wings
 Filling the universe with its dangerous breath,
 A denser darkness than the Night could bear,
 Enveloped the heavens and possessed the earth.
 A rolling surge of silent death, it came
 Curving round the far edge of the quaking globe;
 Effacing heaven with its enormous stride
 It willed to expunge the choked and anguished air
 And end the fable of the joy of life.
 It seemed her very being to forbid,
 Abolishing all by which her nature lived,
 And laboured to blot out her body and soul,
 A clutch of some half-seen Invisible,
 An ocean of terror and of sovereign might,
 A person and a black infinity.
 It seemed to cry to her without thought or word
 The message of its dark eternity
 And the awful meaning of its silences:
 Out of some sullen monstrous vast arisen,
 Out of an abysmal deep of grief and fear
 Imagined by some blind regardless self,
 A consciousness of being without its joy,
 Empty of thought, incapable of bliss,
 That felt life blank and nowhere found a soul,
 A voice to the dumb anguish of the heart
 Conveyed a stark sense of unspoken words;
 In her own depths she heard the unuttered thought
 That made unreal the world and all life meant.
 "Who art thou who claimst thy crown of separate birth,
 The illusion of thy soul's reality
 And personal godhead on an ignorant globe
 In the animal body of imperfect man?
 Hope not to be happy in a world of pain
 And dream not, listening to the unspoken Word
 And dazzled by the inexpressible Ray,
 Transcending the mute Superconscient's realm,
 To give a body to the Unknowable,
 Or for a sanction to thy heart's delight
 To burden with bliss the silent still Supreme
 Profaning its bare and formless sanctity,
 Or call into thy chamber the Divine
 And sit with God tasting a human joy.
 I have created all, all I devour;
 I am Death and the dark terrible Mother of life,
 I am Kali black and naked in the world,
 I am Maya and the universe is my cheat.
 I lay waste human happiness with my breath
 And slay the will to live, the joy to be

That all may pass back into nothingness
 And only abide the eternal and absolute.
 For only the blank Eternal can be true.
 All else is shadow and flash in Mind's bright glass,
 Mind, hollow mirror in which Ignorance sees
 A splendid figure of its own false self
 And dreams it sees a glorious solid world.
 O soul, inventor of man's thoughts and hopes,
 Thyself the invention of the moments' stream,
 Illusion's centre or subtle apex point,
 At last know thyself, from vain existence cease."
 A shadow of the negating Absolute,
 The intolerant Darkness travelled surging past
 And ebbed in her the formidable Voice.
 It left behind her inner world laid waste:
 A barren silence weighed upon her heart,
 Her kingdom of delight was there no more;
 Only her soul remained, its emptied stage,
 Awaiting the unknown eternal Will.
 Then from the heights a greater Voice came down,
 The Word that touches the heart and finds the soul,
 The voice of Light after the voice of Night:
 The cry of the Abyss drew Heaven's reply,
 A might of storm chased by the might of the Sun.
 "O soul, bare not thy kingdom to the foe;
 Consent to hide thy royalty of bliss
 Lest Time and Fate find out its avenues
 And beat with thunderous knock upon thy gates.
 Hide whilst thou canst thy treasure of separate self
 Behind the luminous rampart of thy depths
 Till of a vaster empire it grows part.
 But not for self alone the Self is won:
 Content abide not with one conquered realm;
 Adventure all to make the whole world thine,
 To break into greater kingdoms turn thy force.
 Fear not to be nothing that thou mayst be all;
 Assent to the emptiness of the Supreme
 That all in thee may reach its absolute.
 Accept to be small and human on the earth,
 Interrupting thy new-born divinity,
 That man may find his utter self in God.
 If for thy own sake only thou hast come,
 An immortal spirit into the mortal's world,
 To found thy luminous kingdom in God's dark,
 In the Inconscient's realm one shining star,
 One door in the Ignorance opened upon light,
 Why hadst thou any need to come at all?

(to be continued next week)

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri—A Legend and a Symbol
 Book 7: The Book of Yoga, Canto 6: Nirvana
 and the Discovery of the All-Negating Absolute

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/2829/0039_e.htm

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

Townhall Speaks

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SELECTION PROCESS 2023

Dear Residents, as requested by the Auroville Council, we would like to invite you to take part in the next Selection Process for the Auroville Council, Admission Committee (aka Entry Board) and FAMC.

- According to the [selection process procedure](#) (PWG) an Auroville resident can either nominate him/herself or nominate others to become Working Group members. All Aurovilians and Confirmed Aurovilians can participate in the selection process.
- For more details (list of outgoing members, mandates, job description, requirements for candidates), [please use the link](#).
- Watch [video about selection process](#).

How you can nominate yourself or others:

- **Online:** please the following link:
 - https://auroville.formstack.com/forms/working_group_nominations_2023
- **In person:** a printed nomination form is also available from the RAS sounding board in Town Hall. Please fill in your form and hand it over to the RAS members / resource persons (at the RAS office) every Thursday between 10am and 12pm.

Please note, when nominating another person, the approval of the nominee must be sought prior to the nomination. If application is not complete, the RAS may seek clarification or additional information. If still incomplete the application may be discarded at the discretion of the RAS.

Nominations will close on Saturday, 24 December 2022

When

The selection is planned for Sunday, 29 January 2023 (full day, timings will be confirmed in our future communications) at Bhumika Hall.

We Are Looking For

- Silent observers, facilitators and other volunteers...

For the selection process, an Organisational Team will be created by the RAS comprising RAS members, silent observers, facilitators and other volunteers formed, according to the skills required for the process. Members of this team shall have no direct link with the potential candidates or selectors.

If you would like to join the Organisational Team, please contact us: raserviceauroville@gmail.com

Selection Group

In the meantime, RAS is forming the Selection Group. According to the PWG 2022 (see above), the total number of Selectors should be 40, and previous members of "the Selection Group can be requested to be part of any new selection process for up to one year from the date of completion of this process, without the requirement for being selected randomly". 11 Selectors of the Selection Process event 2022 confirmed their availability for the event. Remaining 29 names will be drawn completely at random from Aurovilians on the Master List. We will then contact them, providing the information they need to understand the Selection Process, and check if they will be willing to participate (the RAS is responsible for this process, and independent observers will witness the procedure to ensure that it is fair and transparent).

Candidates for working groups and/or members of the Organisational Team cannot be in the Selection Group.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact the Residents' Assembly Service at raservice-auroville@gmail.com

Best regards, For the Residents' Assembly Service,
Giovanni P, Sathish A, Tatiana S

NOTE FROM BCC

Communication

Dear Friends, for your maintenance needs, please send your queries through

- the website collective.auroville.org.in or
- use emails bcc.care@auroville.org.in.

Or for City Services Contributions

- at ccontributions@auroville.org.in.

If you do need to see us personally, we can attend to you on the following timings

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 2:30—4:30pm
- Saturdays: 10am—12:30noon.

Here are the answers to some of your FAQs

- **What is the Kind part of my maintenance?**

It goes directly to your FS account. This amount can be used for any product / service of an AV unit.

- **What is the In-kind Scheme?**

It is a scheme to take care of your grocery needs. Depending on your choice, It can go to PTDC where it is transferred at the start of a month. Or it can go to PTPS/HERS, where you purchase goods from your Kind/Cash account and then it get reimbursed from your In-kind scheme. It lapses at the end of the month.

- **When does my maintenance come to my account?**

At the beginning of a month. i.e. for the month of December 2022 it will come on 1 or 2 December.

- **Can my Lunch Scheme amount be transferred to my Kind/Cash account?**

Sorry, it cannot be done. It is possible to change it to In-kind Scheme.

- **Does my child maintenance depend on the place I work?**

No, it is independent of the place of work. City Services take care of it.

- **Why was my maintenance stopped this month?**

Many types of maintenance have a cut-off date where we pause and recheck—like age slab for children, TEM and Bridging Maintenance.

Thanks, BCC, Naren, Ocean, Radhika, Rupali

AUROVILLE COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

November 2022

Council Communications to the Community

- 07/11 [Update](#) on provisional amended RAD policy
- 10/11 AVC [October report](#)

Joint communication of all 4 WGs

(WCom, FAMC, TDC, AVC) of the RA:

- 05/11 RA WGs: [On slanderous and disrespectful contents](#)
- 07/11 RA WGs: [Collective meditation on Tuesday, 8 November](#)
- 25/11 RA WGs: [Reminder: Survey on restorative processes](#)

Challenges

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. A month where those working and watching the room were exposed to additional difficulties such as the power supply being cut multiple times. However, the room is still available for the RA Working Groups which are going on with their work, thanks to all those that spend their time there guarding the room.

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
- 2 members are available to listen to your matters or topics you wish to bring to the Council table

Various Council topics and announcements

- **12/11 “Call for AV Organisation” Group**—the group met for the first time in Bhumika Hall on that Saturday morning. 14 interested persons attended and the meeting was facilitated by Elisa and Henrike to help establish the framework for this group work. The group decided to continue with the facilitation and has met every Saturday morning in the AV Council room. 3 additional participants have joined the group since. The Council will keep the community informed on the progress made.
- **01/11 Land Board member resignation.** Helena informed the Council of her resignation from the Land Board. We sincerely thank Helena for her service to the community and wish her all the best for the future.
- **19/11 FAMC member resignation as of Dec. 1, 2022.** Ranjith informed the Council of his resignation from the FAMC of the Resident Assembly. We sincerely thank Ranjith for his service to the community and wish him all the best for the future.
- **29/11 Council member resignation.** Julia, a Council member since the last selection process, has decided to leave the Council at the next selection process. We truly enjoyed working with Julia and wish her all the best, knowing she will remain a reliable resource person for the Council.
- **30/11 Council member resignation.** Shivaya, Council member for the past 5 years has decided to step back from the Council work at the next selection process. Shivaya has been an essential element of the Council over the past years and we sincerely thank her for her presence and heartfelt actions over the years she served the community of Auroville. We wish her all the best for the future.
- **28/11 Town Hall team, appointed by the AVFO, has asked PCG (Project Coordination Group) to vacate by Dec. 1, 2022, giving the PCG team 2 days to find a new space without offering an alternative.** PCG has been working in the Town Hall since its construction. You can still reach them through email at aurovillepcg1521@gmail.com until they find another suitable space.
- **Entry Board Group dynamics.** During the past month the Council made multiple attempts to meet with the Entry Board (EB), in parts or as a whole, to discuss certain challenges in their group functioning. Until now we have not managed to meet with all the members of the EB. They wish to have a discussion with us only after their planned facilitated meeting amongst themselves, to address their challenges. We will address the matter during the month of December.
- **Next Selection Process 2023** for the main working groups. The dates for the next Selection Process are fixed for the weekend of the 28/29 January 2023. The RAS will send out their call for nominations to the community, naming the positions to be filled for our main Working Groups, on Dec. 10, 2022. The nomination period will run through to the 24/12, followed by a two week feedback period. The selection process will follow the RA ratified PWG Selection Process.
- **Mandate and Policy Service (MPS).** Last month we reported on the creation of the MPC—Mandate and Policy Council. We have since changed the name of this Council Subgroup into MPS, as it will not be a decision making body, but rather a service with the administrative tasks of the Mandate and Policy sector of Auroville. We will soon be sharing an open online folder with the community, containing PDFs of all up to date Mandate and Policy information available in Auroville. Current members of this subgroup are: Philippe (AVC), Suryan (AVC), Svenja (AVC), Lazlo, Ayesha (Admin). More members might be

integrated as and when the workload increases. If you wish to reach out to this subgroup you can write to avc.mandatepolicyservice@gmail.com.

- **Council Work and Vision.** The team has looked at its work commitment and team dynamics, and has noted particular terms that need to be shared with the selectors at the next selection process. We also looked into new ways to support and give voice to the residents in these difficult times and make the Council work more meaningful and efficient for the community as a whole. What do we want to change and how? We found that we wish to be a platform for creating more bridges between groups and individuals, who come from all perspectives.
- **Council Mandate Work.** We are looking into the Council Mandate and will be pursuing this task further.

This months’ joint meetings

- **18/11 Meeting with representatives of Maatram, Health Fund, RA BCC, AVSST and Ambulance team.** We discussed the necessity of closer relations with the main hospitals (PIMS, JIPMER, SRI SAI KRUPA) used by Aurovillians in case of emergencies and the financial implications involved. In order to get more clarity on the Aurovillian needs, a subgroup was formed to urgently look at the matter. Balaji and Shiva from the Council will lead this subgroup.
- **21/11 Meeting with the Working Committee of the RA.** We discussed topics with regards to the upcoming Selection Process in January ‘23 and looked at the terms of office for all main Working groups. The new process to be put in place with regards to the RA resolutions after each RAD was also discussed. Further it was decided that the new MPS (Mandate & Policy Service) will start keeping track of policy and mandate non-compliances from the beginning of the events in December 2021 till to date.

Other meetings:

- **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 AV”**—ongoing—at least 1 Council member attends the weekly meetings.

Conflict Resolution Council (CRC) Subgroup

(for AVC: Balaji, Julia, 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.

- The CRC met with a representative of the Mediation Coordination Team to discuss non-disclosure agreements between parties and the Council. This discussion is to be continued and the outcome will be announced to the community.

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
 - Maatram: maatram@auroville.org.in
 - AV Safety & Security team: aurovillesafety@gmail.com

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

WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE RESIDENT ASSEMBLY**WORKING COMMITTEE**
of the Residents' Assembly
AUROVILLE FOUNDATION

Dear residents, we would like to update you on topics which we dealt with last month, in November 2022. Please feel free to visit or email us if you have any questions. Our Open House hours are from 10 to 12 on Tuesdays, in the former Koodam Office opposite the Auroville Library, and our email address is workingcom@auroville.services.

Legal matters• **History.**

A history of the legal matters, and the reasons that brought the Working Committee of the Residents' Assembly to the courts, was shared in our previous report (for the months of August to October 2022). [It can be read here.](#)

• **On court hearings and judgments**

On 13 October 2022, a judgment was passed in the Hon'ble Madras High Court on a case related to the TDC. Subsequently, overly simplistic interpretations were made by the Secretary's "Media Interface" team and others on social media and in various communication channels. Our [massbulletin on 19 November](#) clarified that simplistic legal interpretations are often biased, and do not do justice to the complexities at play. This is not the end of the legal road, it will take time and there may be ups and downs so it is important to be patient and stay centered with trust.

The RA Working Committee regularly follows-up on legal matters with the help of resource persons, and we have full confidence in the work of our lawyers.

Land exchanges

During the month of November, we were informed of new land exchanges being negotiated or having occurred. One of these is the proposed land exchange with AuroOrchard, and our sources confirm that land exchanges may also be planned with other Auroville farms. We are extremely concerned about these land exchanges, because:

1. Of the potential destruction to lands (such as AuroOrchard) bought by the Mother herself for the purpose of creating food security for Auroville as well as the loss of decades of work rejuvenating the land.
2. These land exchanges do not follow any proper process: the stewards of the lands are not consulted; there is a lack of proper evaluation for the lands being exchanged; the Residents' Assembly and its relevant representatives, in this case the RA FAMC and the RA Working Committee, are not consulted.
3. These land exchanges are being done by a 'Land Board' which is not recognised by the Residents' Assembly as per the RA Resolution of 26 August 2022.
4. These land exchanges are not in compliance with the instructions received from the Ministry of Education, and other relevant authorities.
5. These land exchanges are often negotiated at rates which amount to heavy financial losses for Auroville. This is a disrespect to the donors of the lands and it will make it nearly impossible to purchase land at the market price in the coming years.
6. These land exchanges could be linked to several cases of corruption, which not only endangers the financial security of Auroville but also its reputation.

The RA Working Committee has been in regular contact with the Governing Board and several officials. We are looking into the most appropriate next set of actions in solving this extremely concerning matter.

Crown Road works and related safety issues

Following a communication related to resuming the "Crown

works", posted on 26 November by those working for the Office of the Secretary, we contacted the relevant authorities and were verbally assured that tree cutting along the Crown should not be permitted. [Our massbulletin dated 29 November](#) asked anyone who observes trees being cut in the Crown area to please contact one of us immediately.

We are extremely concerned by the safety issues created by the current unauthorized works, with several accidents having already been reported to us. Our concern primarily relates to the many children who use the now-motorized cycle paths on a daily basis to go to school.

Visas

Over the past weeks, there has been once again an alarming rise of visa issues for a number of Aurovilians. The Secretary of the Auroville Foundation has resumed issuing short-term recommendations for long-time Aurovilians, has refused to give a letter for a new Aurovillian on the grounds that he is not doing valid work for Auroville (he is part of an RA selected working group) and has given a letter to another Aurovillian that included a false statement of that resident was engaged in 'anti-government' activities. We are following up on the matter. If you are facing any visa-related issue, please write to workingcom@auroville.services.

Governing Board**and International Advisory Council**• **Visit and speech of the GB Chairman Shri R.N. Ravi**

After our first meeting with the Chairman on 19 October in which we presented and discussed [clear suggestions and appeals](#), Shri R.N. Ravi called for a meeting with the residents of Auroville on 7 November 2022. The RA Working Committee reached out to the community through mass-bulletins, posters and videos so that many could attend; and residents were hopeful that this would be the beginning of a dialogue. Approximately 600 residents attended. However, after his speech, in which he repeated many claims and opinions echoing the Secretary's narrative, the Chairman did not listen to the questions, concerns and suggestions of the residents and left the room, insisting on email submissions only. This lack of a two-way dialogue left many people disappointed. The following day, a meditation was called by the RA Working Groups in which the Governing Board members, though invited, did not attend.

• **Letters to the GB Chairman**

Following his speech and invitation to reach him via email, a group of residents wrote [an open letter](#) to the Chairman. This collective letter was approved by the 150 residents present at a General Meeting [on 14 November](#), and signed by a further 477 residents (Aurovilians, Newcomers and Auroville youth). The RA Working Committee first communicated this letter to the Chairman on 14 November, and then again with the updated number of signatures [on 25 November](#). Additionally, many residents also wrote individual letters to the Chairman with their heartfelt concerns, suggestions and aspirations, which we also shared. These letters are deeply touching, and we are in the process of compiling them anonymously for wider circulation.

• **61st meeting of the Governing Board**

The 61st meeting of the Governing Board took place on 8 November 2022. The RA Working Committee, and the other RA working groups, were not given time to present despite requests. The Minutes of Meeting (MoM) for the 60th and the 61st meetings of the Governing Board have yet to be communicated to us or shared with the Residents' Assembly. The non-publication of these MoM is a grave breach of procedure, as the normal practice has previously been to share them shortly after the meeting takes place. The normal practice includes the Working Committee sharing its observations on the latest MoM before the next GB meeting, which could not happen this time since we do not have access to the MoM of the 60th GB meeting.

• **International Advisory Council**

On 8 November, there was an online meeting with both the International Advisory Council and the Governing Board, during which Raghu Ananthanarayanan presented his interactions with

residents towards a process of “Deep Dialogue”. This presentation was later shared with residents in an open meeting, followed by a second meeting to allow for more residents to be informed. Members of the IAC met with members of the Auroville International Board on 15 November. A summary of this meeting has been shared with us, and [can be found here](#).

- **Communications with the GB, IAC and AVF Secretariat**

We have sent several communications to the Chairman, the Governing Board, its Secretary, and/or to the IAC. We share them here for the sake of transparency:

- 01.11.2022: [To the Chairman. Requesting a time during the upcoming GB meeting \(no response received\)](#)
- 03.11.2022: [To the Chairman. About the Crown road construction by CPWD \(no response received\)](#)
- 04.11.2022: [To the Chairman. About his upcoming visit to Auroville \(no response received\)](#)
- 05.11.2022: [To the Chairman. Request to meet \(no response received\)](#)
- 05.11.2022: [To the Chairman. Visa issues continue \(no response received\)](#)
- 07.11.2022: [To the GB & IAC inviting them to a community meditation \(no response received\)](#)
- 11.11.2022: [To the Secretary. Serious accusations of “anti-government works” of an Auroville resident; ongoing distress with the visa situation \(no response received\)](#)
- 14.11.2022: [To the Chairman & GB. Open letter from residents of Auroville \(no response received\)](#)
- 16.11.2022: [To the Chairman & GB. Letters and proposals from residents of Auroville \(no response received\)](#)
- 23.11.2022: [To the Secretary. Residents awaiting entry into the RoR \(no response received\)](#)
- 25.11.2022: [To the Chairman & GB. Updated number of signatories to the collective letter \(no response received\)](#)
- 25.11.2022: [To the Chairman & GB. Halt and Reverse Land Exchanges... \(no response received\)](#)

Register of Residents (RoR)

- **Entering of new Aurovilians into the RoR**

Following a request to the Entry Service, we received a list of Aurovilians who were confirmed by the Entry Board in the past one year, and signed the B-Form, but are still waiting to be entered into the Register of Residents maintained by the Office of the Secretary. The list includes over 90 individuals, and is incomplete according to the Entry Secretariat, since they lost some data when their email address was taken over. We estimate that approximately 130 Aurovilians who have completed their Entry Process are still waiting to be added to the RoR. There is no clarity as to why the Office of the Secretary is not fulfilling its duty.

- **RoR update and home visits**

It has now been about six months since the Office of the Secretary announced the updation of the RoR on questionable grounds, and the job is still not completed. There has been no recent communication as to why this simple process is taking so much time, especially after such an amount of human resources has been put into this task.

Media and Communication

- **Press & Social Media**

Our Media cell, called “Auroville Media Liaison Service” (AMLS), creates new written and video content, and continues to liaise with journalists. If you know of any visiting journalists or press-related people interested in Auroville, please write to workingcom@auroville.services and media@auroville.services and we will follow-up. It is important to ensure that the perspective of the residents are heard and considered. We regularly suggest visiting journalists to also meet with those appointed by the Secretary, for both perspectives to be fairly represented. We expect the same courtesy in return.

- **Webinars, workshops, events**

It is important—now more than ever—that we, as the Auroville International Community, show to the world what has been achieved over 54 years, what is still unfolding today, and what direction we aspire to in the future. For this to happen, we need a team of people who could initiate and coordinate regular events, such as webinars. Please let us know if you would be interested to explore this opportunity further.

- **Massbulletins**

We remind everyone that a massbulletin by and for the Residents’ Assembly and its representatives has been set up via email and Telegram. If you are not yet receiving it and would like to, please write to avmassbulletin@auroville.services.

A folder with all the massbulletins we have sent or participated in for the month of November 2022 can be found [at this link](#).

- **Internal communications being blocked**

There continues to be a block between the @auroville.org in email domain and the @auroville.services domain, and the RA Working Committee continues to be blocked from posting its announcements on AuroNet. Our requests to the Secretary and Chairman on this topic have been ignored. We are still looking into the matter.

- **New projects**

We would be happy to welcome ideas, projects and offers that would continue to enhance a better communication flow and more transparency, both within the community and with external entities. Please approach us if you have any project to offer, and a willingness to carry it forward.

Maintenances & budgets

Since the BCC was taken over by the Office of the Secretary, the maintenances and budgets of many community members and essential services is at risk. The RA Working Committee is struggling to cover its recurring expenses, and members who have been put on bridging maintenance, are likely to stop receiving their maintenance at the end of December. Alternatives are being explored, and financial help is welcome. Please contact the RA BCC at bccoffice@auroville.services with your suggestions and/or willingness to support.

Other ongoing matters

- **Meetings with central, state and local officials**

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

- **Land encroachment at Abri/ Ami/ Evergreen**

After receiving positive news from the DRO on the 2 November, the court hearings have been postponed several times. We are following-up on the matter and will keep the community informed as and when new information is available.

- **Housing issues**

More cases of harassment involving the Secretary’s ‘Housing Service’ have been reported to us. If you are impacted or know anyone that is, please contact the FAMC selected by the RA (famc@auroville.services) and the Housing Board (housingboard@auroville.services)

- **Safety & Security**

Several thefts have been reported to us and to the Auroville Safety and Security Team (AVSST). See here the announcement posted by AVSST in this regard.

We are regularly dealing with various cases related to the safety and security of Auroville residents and volunteers, jointly with the appropriate groups and services. We also received the AVSST yearly report, which can be read here. We extend our gratitude to AVSST for the work they are doing.

As and when required, coordination with the police is also being done thanks to some of our members, to our liaison officer, and to additional resource persons.

• **Interactions with other working groups**

We continue to attend weekly joint meetings with the Auroville Council, the RA FAMC and the RA TDC. In addition, we have other joint meetings with some of these groups—and others, such as recently the RA BCC—as and when needed.

• **Survey on restorative processes between RA, GB and IAC**

A short survey for residents to fill out was launched in October 2022 and received about 230 submissions. The survey is now closed and the results are being processed. The aim of this survey is not to make any decision, and its results are not binding us. It was designed simply to get a sense of how people feel about some kind of reconciliation process being explored at some point.

• **Wednesdays for Auroville**

Working Committee members continue to attend these meetings as a presence and to give updates as needed and requested.

• **Open house timings**

Some of our members are present every Tuesday, 10am—12noon in our office (no 1 Crown road, opposite Auroville Library) to receive queries, suggestions and comments from community members. In addition, feel free to send us any questions, concerns and suggestions you may have by writing to workingcom@auroville.services.

• **Office hours, certificates and administrative documents**

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

- Our office is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 1pm, and from 2:30 to 4.30pm.

We all feel that the churning Auroville is going through can be intense and unsettling. At the same time, there is a great potential for growth and progress towards a more beautiful and thriving Auroville. We thank all those who have offered us their support and encouragement. Together we shall overcome and grow truer to our real selves, individually and collectively. We continue to dedicate ourselves to fulfilling the mandate given to us by the Residents' Assembly, for the co-creation and manifestation of Mother's Dream.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF ANY MAINTENANCES

Dear community, we have noted the statement from the 'FAMC' selected by the Secretary's office, in which they mention that the provision of maintenances to members of the RA selected working groups "raised questions about whether Auroville should be funding "its own resistance" to "City the Earth Needs" and its Master Plan". We would like to state and clarify that the "resistance" is not against the 'City the Earth Needs' but against the take over and the destruction of the values on which the 'City that the Earth needs' is founded and to be built. This unprecedented situation of a 'double governance' is generated by people who are attempting to drive out the legitimate representatives of the Residents' Assembly, and assume the administration of the working groups without a mandate and without any accountability to the Residents' Assembly.

We strongly object to the withdrawal of any maintenances to Aurovilians who are still working for Auroville in any capacity, and even more so in essential services of the Auroville community.

*Sincerely,
the Working Committee selected by the RA,
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael, Sauro, Valli
The FAMC selected by the RA,
Amy B, Bobby P, Danny, Elodie, Mita R, Palani*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 160

Dated: 15-12-2022

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:



Edoardo Sandhiya Sedhupathi

- Edoardo FASSI (Italian) Staying and working at Infinity
- Sandhiya SARAVANAN (Indian) staying in Udavi School and working at C3STREAM Land Design
- Sedhupathi KARUNANITHI (Indian) staying in Surya Nivas (Auromodele) and working at Bread & Chocolate

NEWCOMER RESTARTING THE PROCESS

- Reka MAHESH KUMAR (Indian) staying in Srma Staff Quarters and working at Tanto Srma

CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Kaviya Geetha PALANIVEL (Indian) born on 26/08/2007 (daughter of Palanivel RANGASAMY)
- Nandini PALANIVEL (Indian) born on 11/01/2010 (daughter of Palanivel RANGASAMY)

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Camille Candida LEON (USA)
- Bhuvana PACHAIYAPPAN (Indian)
- Prerana DAS (Indian)
- Rajeswari ARUMUGHAM (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Lucas Louis Vincent POLLET (French) staying in Aurobrindavan and working at Last School & Palmyra



Lucas

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Ankita SHETH (Indian)
- Saranya RAMAKRISHNAN (Indian)
- Thuamzading VALTE aka Dingbawi (Indian)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community News

Auroville Matters

THE NEXT STEPS OF THE 'DEEP DIALOGUE FOR HARMONY'

Dear Friends, trust you are safe and well in these rains.

As many of you are aware, Raghu Ananthanarayanan has been invited by Dena Merriam, Chairperson of Auroville's International Advisory Council (IAC) with the approval of the Governing Board and Auroville Foundation Office to facilitate a deep dialogue for harmony in Auroville. After speaking with several Auroville residents and both sets of Working Groups currently existent, Raghu had made a presentation to the Governing Board (GB), International Advisory Council (IAC) and Auroville Foundation Office (AVF) team, sharing his first-level understanding of the current situation in Auroville. Subsequently, this presentation has been shared with the community as well and he has had two rounds of conversations with those wanting to engage with him on his presentation.

- You can find the video recording of the presentation, interactions with some community members after the presentation and all other related [documents in this folder](#).

He feels that the conditions don't seem ready yet for the various Working Groups to sit together along with the GB, IAC and Foundation team and engage in a deep dialogue. However, there are several Auroville residents who are willing to engage in a deep dialogue process for healing and shared understanding. So he is suggesting a "Heart Weaving" process with a small group of willing residents to come together and explore what dialogue, healing and harmony could be in this context. The hope being that if a small group of us could sincerely embark on this journey, then perhaps it might shift the larger energy dynamics in Auroville.

Dena and Raghu will be in Auroville on December 14—16. They invite all Auroville residents interested in the Heart Weaving process for an exploratory conversation on what the process could be on December 14 (timings and venue to be announced). The attendees of this meeting are not obliged to sign up for the process. After the meeting, those who've decided to be a part of Heart Weaving will have a meeting with Raghu alone on December 15 as a group.

If you are interested in the Heart Weaving process and would like to attend the exploratory conversation on December 14th, then kindly send us an email at: synthesis.auroville@gmail.com

- Alternately, you could also [fill up this online registration form](#).

We'll get back to you with further details like venue, timings etc once they become clearer.

ॐ आनन्दमयं चैतन्यमयं सत्यमयं परमे।

Sincerely,
B, Bridget, Deven, Devi N,
Helen, Jyoti K, Min,
Naveen V, Sehdev K, Suzie
on behalf of the Synthesis, an informal group.

(We have assisted with facilitating the interaction between Raghu and the Auroville community. With the meeting on December 14, the responsibility we assumed comes to an end. If the Heart Weaving process goes forward, it will be anchored by a new team.)

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)
Submitted by Arun

POERTY RECITAL

Peace, Love & Soul, Malcolm

DAILY MEDITATION

9am—4pm, Monday to Saturday

The Hall of peace in Unity Pavilion welcomes any person that wish to tune themselves with Peace.

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.
Sri Aurobindo Savitri

Submitted by Arun

**SPIRITUAL HISTORY OF INDIA
IN THE LIGHT OF SRI AUROBINDO
Evolution Fast-Forward Part 4**

Monday, 19 December 2022, 4pm, at Savitri Bhavan.



Duration: 67 min.

This film traces the spiritual evolution of India over the past 4,000 years, seen through an original Indic perspective based on Sri Aurobindo's research. It discusses the past and future of India's spiritual self-discovery, the progress of its civilization and the evolution of consciousness. The chapters of the film include Age of Intuition which corresponds to Vedic times, Age of Reason, Age of Devotion, Age of Power and Age of the Body.

"In the India of Vedic times we have the record left of the other line of achievement, that of spiritual self-discovery;... We may say that here in India the reign of Intuition came first, intellectual Mind developing afterwards in the later philosophy and science." (Sri Aurobindo, Letters on Yoga— I, Spiritual Evolution and the Supramental, p.267)

The **Age of Intuition** resulted in the composition of the **Vedas** and was the age of mysteries and the earliest dawn of spiritual awakening and evolutionary transformation of human nature. The Vedic experience was orally transmitted across generations and coded as mantras. Sri Aurobindo refers to this ancient mantric knowledge as *Devabhasha*—the language of gods. The Rishis discovered the flame of aspiration, or *Agni* arising from their innermost depth and on the physical plane the expressions of this aspiration became Vedic mantras.

The next phase of the evolutionary process was the **Age of Reason**. Sri Aurobindo says: *"The Vedic age was followed by a great outburst of intellectual philosophy which yet took spiritual truth as its basis and tried to reach it anew, not through a direct intuitive or occult process as did the Vedic seers, but by the power of the mind's reflective, speculative, logical thought; at the same time processes of Yoga were developed which used the thinking mind as a means of arriving at spiritual realization, spiritualising this mind itself at the same time."* (Ibid., p. 267) A powerful movement of revival of the truth of the Veda developed in the form of the Brahmanas and the Upanishads around 1500 BCE- 800 BCE and the Vedanta in 900 BCE-1600 CE. The Brahmanas focused on conservation of the forms of Vedic ritual while the Upanishads sought to recover the lost or veiled knowledge by meditation and spiritual experience of the soul. The two Indian epics, the Ramayana of Valmiki and the Mahabharata of Vyasa further explored the ideals of spiritual progress and self-realization and applied them in the social life of Indian people. And the Bhagavad Gita brought in a whole new synthesis of knowledge.

After the bright and powerful **Age of Reason**, the center of consciousness of the Indian civilization shifted further down to the heart. Thus, the **Age of Devotion** arrived giving emotional dimension to India's spiritual culture, 700 CE-1600 CE. The emergence and growth of regional Bhakti movements and their evolutionary impulse reverberated across the Indian subcontinent over the whole millennium.

In the **Age of Power**, around 600 CE onwards, the center of consciousness shifted further downward. This corresponded to the emergence of Tantra and the compilation of the Puranas, of myths and legends. The focal point of spiritual realization came to the forefront in the Tantra through the practice of *Bija mantras* or seed sounds. Over the centuries, Tantras and Puranas mingled and gave rise to the most vital and enduring movements of the classical age of India. They open the common mind to the higher and deeper levels of truth and experience. Indian cosmology and epistemology deeply impacted various cultures across Asia. It was the universality of Indian art, science and technology that attracted, and India's spiritual influence spread far and wide.

After spiritualizing the mind, emotions and dynamic energy, the center of consciousness of the Indian civilization shifted further down around 1100 CE which gave rise to the **Age of the Body**. This shift brought forth the body consciousness and its spiritualization as the next stage in India's mission. It emerged naturally as the continuation of the ongoing development of Tantra and the knowledge of the chakras. Hatha yoga was developed and systematized based on ancient wisdom. For a Hatha yogi the body is not merely a mass of living matter but a mystic bridge between the spiritual and the physical being.

About the transformation of power and body consciousness Sri Aurobindo stated: *"Then followed an era of the development of philosophies and Yoga processes which more and more used the emotional and aesthetic being as the means of spiritual realization and spiritualised the emotional level in man through the heart and feeling. This was accompanied by Tantric and other processes which took up the mental will, the life-will, the life of sensations and made them at once the instruments and the field of spiritualisation. In Hatha Yoga and in the various attempts at divinisation of the body there is also a line of endeavor which attempts to arrive at the same achievement with regard to living matter; but this still awaits the discovery of the true characteristic method and power of spirit in the body."* (Ibid., pp.267-268)

To accomplish this task Sri Aurobindo and the Mother incarnated as two Avatars to find the characteristic method and power of spirit in the body and on all levels of existence. Sri Aurobindo declared: *"Our Yoga is in its principle a taking up and summarizing and completing of this process, an endeavor to rise to the highest possible supramental level and bring down its consciousness and powers into mind, life and body."* (Ibid., p.268)

This informative film in motion graphics animation by Sopanam, Auroville can also be seen on YouTube by searching for **Evolution Fast Forward**.

Submitted by Margrit

For Your Information

OPEN HOUSE IN DEEPANAM SCHOOL

Tuesday, 20 December, 9—11am

Dear Community, we warmly invite you for the Open House in Deepanam School!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Warmly, Mahavir
for Deepanam School



Health Care



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)

The Arts

**PIANO CONCERT OF THE ITALIAN PIANIST
GLORIA CAMPANER
Music of Bach and Chopin**



Cripa, 21 December, 7:30pm

The Italian Pavilion of Auroville and the Italian Embassy Cultural Center in New Delhi invites all of you for a piano concert of the Italian Pianist Gloria Campaner who is performing one more time in Auroville in Cripa on 21 December at 7:30pm. Music of Bach and Chopin

Highly acclaimed for her “extremely deep musicality, remarkable fluidity, nuancing and sense of style” (Walter Arlen, Los Angeles Times), Gloria Campaner is considered one of the most interesting pianists of her generation. Born in Venice, she began her piano lessons at the age of four and continued her studies with Bruno Mezzena, Konstantin Bogino and Prof. Fanny Solter (Konzertexam at Hochschule für Musik— Karlsruhe).

Gloria has been the first-prize winner in more than twenty national and international piano competitions and in 2014 she has been awarded the Borletti-Buitoni Fellowship in London.

Her debut CD featuring solo piano works by Schumann and Rachmaninov was released by EMI in 2013; in 2017 she recorded Rachmaninov 2nd Piano Concerto with Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale della Rai Orchestra and M° Valcuha (Warner). Followed by other two albums released by Warner Classics , one in 2018 dedicated to Schumann Piano Concerto live at Teatro la Fenice in Venice and a studio recording of Chopin 24 Preludes , out in 2021.

Her most recent recording out in autumn 2022 is instead dedicated to Beethoven Emperor Piano Concerto and released by Sony , the album got also nominated for the International Classic Music Awards 2023

Gloria is a devoted chamber musician and has played with many distinguished names, such as Ivry Gitlis, Ana Chumachenko, Sergei Krylov, Quartetto di Cremona, Tamsin Waley-Cohen, Johannes Moser. Angela Hewitt among others. Gloria performed with world-renowned jazz pianists Franco D’Andrea, Stefano Bollani and Leszek Możdżer, and worked with Dutch choreographer Joost Vroenenraets in world-premiere for the new Renzo Piano Auditorium in L’Aquila and Teatro Olimpico in Rome, Italy. The show has been filmed by prize-winner director Luca Scarzella, with whom Gloria has a long lasting collaboration.

She is also committed to artistic collaborations in the fields of classical/electronic fusion, and with contemporary com-

poser such as Wolfgang Rhim, Jörg Widmann, Rodion Schedrin and Giya Kantcheli. World-premières include new works dedicated to her by Márton Illés, Marcello Abbado, Vittorio Montalti and Giovanni Sollima.

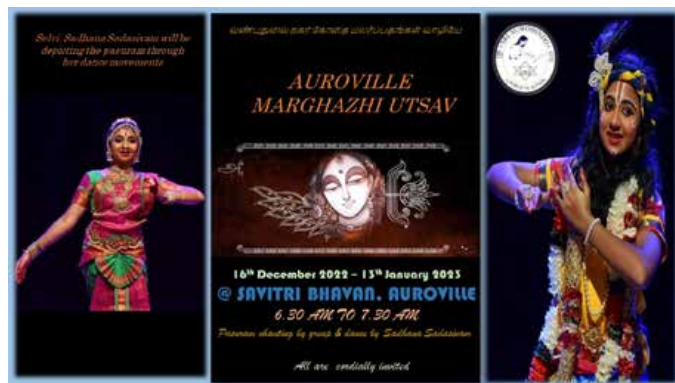
Recent engagements include solo recitals in Italy, Germany, USA, South America, China and Japan, and collaborations with Quartetto di Cremona, Johannes Moser, Tamsin Waley-Cohen in chamber music; she had her debut with English Chamber Orchestra in London and Johannesburg Philharmonic she debuted in Rome for Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia chamber the Filarmonica della Fenice ; in 2018/19 she toured Japan, Usa, Middle East and participated at West Cork Festival and Marlboro Festival; she toured with Leszek Możdżer and with the amazing duo Igudesman & Joo.

In 2018 she has been appointed artistic director of the Associazione Musicale Bellini in Messina and ‘Guest Piano Professor’ at Mandela University in Port Elizabeth (South Africa)

Gloria is deeply involved in charity, social and human rights projects as well as in music-awareness education around the world. She also founded her own educational project named C#—See Sharp: a creativity workshop for young musicians and performing artists helping them to overcome situations of stage fright , anxiety, and public performance’s psychophysical stress.

Thanks, Carla and Sauro

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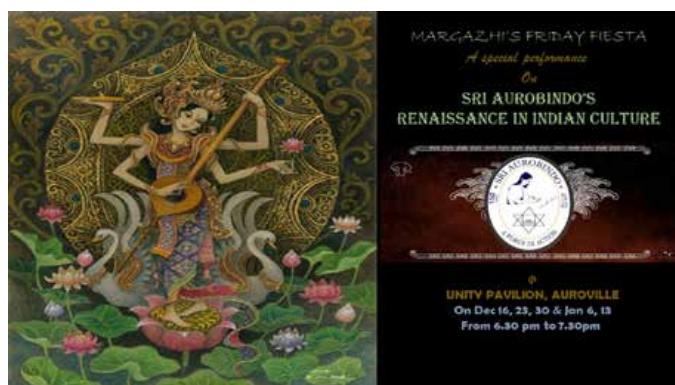
**16 December 2022 to 13 January 2023,
6:30—7:30am**

Festive season in Auroville... Welcome dear friends to take part in *Sri Andal’s Hymns to Lord Ranganathan* that is to be recited and expressed through dance gestures for the lyrics on all 30 days of the Tamil month Margazhi (from 16 December 2022 to 13 January 2023).

Warmly, Uma Maheswari, Kalpana

FRIDAY FIESTA

**December 16, 30 and January 6 & 13, Unity Pavilion
December 23, Savitri Bhavan
Timings: 6:30—7:30pm**



There will be a musical & dance performance on all 5 Fridays of Margazhi. All are Welcome!

Warmly, Uma Maheswari, Kalpana

CENTRE D'ART GALLERY EXHIBITION "UNSEEN REALITIES"

Centre d'Art Gallery, Auroville invites you to an exhibition "Unseen Realities" by Aparna Ashok

- **When:** Exhibition opening on Monday, 12 December, at 4:30pm
- **Exhibition Dates:** 12—24 December
- **Gallery hours:** Monday to Saturday, 2—5pm. Sunday is closed
- **Where:** Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville.

Please Park at town hall.



Introduction

How can you ever know who you are, if you feel like you don't belong?

"Unseen Realities" is an exhibition that draws our attention to feelings of confusion and estrangement ethnic minority groups are often left with, whilst trying to navigate life in a predominantly white society.

Drawing on personal experience, the narrative around the work addresses intimate feelings of 'otherness' faced as an Indian living abroad. The installations invite the viewer to actively participate and engage with the work and also consider the role of white supremacy in creating underlying tensions and discourse between concepts of social and personal identity and cultural racism.

Perhaps you identify with the narrative or see parts of yourself in the subjects. If we take a closer look at the workings of society, is it fair for us to constantly feel this urge to change ourselves and to please others to fit in? Why must we have to wear a mask and live a lie?

Artist Biography

Aparna Ashok commonly known as Chaos, is a Multisensory artist, self-portrait photographer and performer who constantly finds herself shuttling between Chennai, India and the UK. She is driven by research and curiosity about the complexities of human experience and identity.

Before graduating with an MA in Visual Communication from the Royal College of Art, Aparna completed her BA in Visual Arts at Stella Maris College in Chennai, India.

Aparna's work centres around social benefit through the creation of scenarios and opportunities for interaction. She often finds herself working with themes pertaining to identity, death and rituals. Her practice is rooted in creating curated designed experiences

Warm regards, Centre d'Art Atelier, Citadines, centredart@auroville.org.in, www.centredart.in

Physical Activities

LA PISCINE MONTHLY SCHEME



We, the team of La Piscine, are working hard to keep our beautiful community pool up and running for you, for us, for the children of Auroville and for all the children from the outreach schools who come in the afternoons to learn how to swim and to spend some joyful time at the pool.

Today, we want to take the opportunity to inform you about a monthly scheme at La Piscine. As you might be aware, we stopped the former scheme when Covid hit and we were (and still are) struggling to cover the expenses of the pool. On a side note: we are happy and grateful that you all bear with us and that you have supported us with the recent price alignment.

Now that the guest season is approaching, we came up with a monthly scheme for guests who would like to come for a swim.

In this context we also came up with a **monthly scheme** for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Volunteers.

• Aurovilians and Newcomers	Rs 1750
Children under 12 years	Rs 875
• Volunteers	Rs 4000
Children under 12 years	Rs 2000
• AV Guests	Rs 5500
Children under 12 years	Rs 2750
• Guests	Rs 7500
Children under 12 years	Rs 3750

We will run this scheme as a 3-month trial and will revise it and update you accordingly. We feel this is an investment in your health and well-being worth every rupee. And, the more people sign up, the lower the contribution will be after 3 months. So please, don't hesitate to sign up and be part of the team.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the pool.

Lila for La Piscine Team

SWIMMING CLASS

Any age kids and Any age adult by appointment.

Mani,
+918637633696

AUROVILLE AIKIDO

Auroville Aikido with Murugan and Surya at AV Budokan (Dehashakti) is happy to share again their Practice schedule:



- **Adults** every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday early morning 6—7:30am (+ Wednesday, 5:45—7:15pm, with advance call).
- **Beginners** most welcome, best on Wednesday & Saturday.
- **Girls/Women's** class: Sunday 9:30—10:30am.

To progress with the practice, integrate and feel the benefits, all students are expected to be regular and attend a minimum of 2 classes a week.

- For **Children** classes (Cristo, Surya, Philippe G.) and other info, please contact us:
 - budokan@auroville.org.in and mobile phones 8300189062 (Surya) 9952812843 (Murugan)

WALK WITH US

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.

Contact +91 99580 84473, WA only
Regards Arun



TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday group class, Cripa, Auroville



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

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SALSA DANCE CLASS

Every Tuesday group class

New Creation Sports Ground, Auroville



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

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Other Activities

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.
- Free of Charge

Geetha 7094688421, Veronique 9488512678

CREATIVE WRITING PLAYGROUND



Creative Writing Playground weekly updates: this week you can find a new short episode of I "Just Wanna Write!" on AVRadio, titled "one word a day".

To follow other exercises and insights on creative writing, please subscribe to my blog Creative Writing Playground.

It's for Aurovilians and Newcomers only and it's for free. You can find it on gatedreams.com. Enjoy! Francesca.

Francesca

ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP at the Centre d'Art, Auroville by Sasikanth Somu 29, 30 and 31 December 2022

Program & Timings:

- Thursday 29th, 2—5pm: Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- Friday 30th, 9am—12:30pm: Film photo shoot, 2—5pm: Develop your roll of film.
- Saturday 31st: 9am—12.30pm & 2—5pm: Printing Contact Sheets & photos in the darkroom.

The workshop fee for Guests is Rs.2500 plus GST 18%. The workshop is free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and registered volunteers, who are residing in Auroville. Registered Volunteers are requested to provide the details of their registration with SAVI Auroville.



- Registration Contact: centredart@auroville.org.in

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.

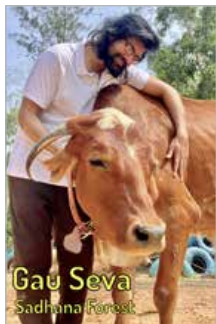
While subscribing for the workshop please share your full name and your mobile number. Kindly write a few words about yourself and your interest in Analogue Photography.

Warm Regard,
Sergey, for Centre d'Art

+91 4132622699,
centredart@auroville.org.in
www.centredart.in

Honorary Voluntary

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



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

If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR "CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"

December 23—24



Unity Pavilion needs volunteers to join us to help in Christmas celebrations on December 23—24 2022

We need your support in the following areas:

- Coordinate the different events on the day
- Table facilitators for paper cutting needed for decorations
- Stick cuttings on the glass doors
- Decorating the main hall
- Placing and arranging Christmas trees
- Help in the kitchen, cutting and preparing for snacks. Organizing snacks
- and of course to dance, sing and share love...

We need volunteers from the community to join us to make this truly a celebratory community event.

We need to meet together on December 21 to know about the different activities etc. and welcome all.

Please get in touch with us via e-mail: unitypavilion@auroville.org.in or call Unity Pavilion 0413 262 3576.

Unity Pavilion, ph. 0091-413-2623576

Web site: unitypavilionauroville.com

Looking For

Looking for a Children's Bicycle



Does anybody have a children's bicycle, that is no longer used but in good condition, to give away to the son of an Aurovilian couple?

If you wish to make a child happy, please contact manohar@auroville.org.in, 9486416179

Thank you, Manohar

Non-dry clay for modeling

Hello everybody! Any spare clay to create sculptures? Please let me know. Any amount is welcome. Ivana/ Roof Studio.

7094344154, ivana.frousova@yahoo.co.uk

Looking for a Tamil-speaking Male Assistant

Looking for a Tamil-speaking male assistant for a 90-year old for 5-6 hours everyday (3/ 4 pm to 9pm) including a few hours on Sundays. The person is medically fine, but just weak from old age and would need some physical support. He suffers from dementia, and hence would need someone who can engage with him sensitively and patiently. If interested, please WA 8762058675 or email sriram.sangeetha@gmail.com for further details.

Warmly, Sangeetha

Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, December 22, 9pm



I'm going to Chennai airport on December 22 from Auromode. Leaving at 9pm but I could leave up to a couple of hours earlier too. If anyone wants to join the ride, contact me!

Laure, ph. +9188074 34864, WA +33695651135

Help Needed

REMEMBERING VEENAPANI FESTIVAL, 3—9 APRIL



Greetings from Adishakti! We are back with the 7th edition of the "Remembering Veenapani Festival", 3—9 April 2023. We have 7 performances this time, and we are proud to announce that one of these performers is our own Fellow of the Theatricalte fellowship

We would like to give 1 lakh each to our performers and the estimated cost is 8.5 lakhs and we would like to raise 8.5 lakhs to meet our cost. We have raised almost 4.5 lakhs as of now and would be grateful to you as our well-wishers and friends and those who love and celebrate the work that we do to raise the rest of the amount. Make sure to spread the word and share it on your social media and also with your dear friends and family.

- You can donate to us at this crowdfunding platform [using the link](#).
- [A few words are here](#).

Please ignore this message if you have already donated.

Regards, Vinaykumar, Artistic Director

SEEDS OF UNITY

An offering by Auroville for Auroville... for all who cherish HER dream, community, and a celebration of togetherness on this land coming together with no particular agenda but to celebrate our community with People Food Music. A free food offering of local food for 1000 people, pooja and havan, dance, fire, music, stories and art from our community and a live concert by Emergence. At Solitude Farm Auroville, 23 December @ 5—10pm



This is a non-commercial event and is open to all. This is another call to our community to help with various aspects of the festival:

- venue preparation and cleaning
- decoration, stage preparation
- welcome entrance
- food preparation/ serving and cleaning.
- video of the event.
- fundraising

There is lots to do and we would love to have you join the team. Please get in touch with us on 9843319260 WA or 9361618654 (Priscila) WA

There is a beautiful energy emerging around this event. Many people are coming together who don't necessarily work together or even know each other! Celebration has an amazing power of adhesion within a community and we would love you to be part of it! The creation of the event working on a collective level can bring about beautiful healing for us all!

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Links to videos about the event

- <https://youtu.be/49k5m4QRors>
- <https://youtu.be/1EDh-Gf7LVs>

Love, Seeds of Unity Team

NEW CREATION BASKETBALL COURT SEEKS FUNDS

Dear All, we are appealing for your support.

On the **New Creation Basketball Court**, every day there are classes, team practices, pickup games, and tournaments involving Aurovilians, our neighbors from around Auroville and Pudhucherry, including people playing on wheelchairs. **Around 15,000 people per year play or attend games on this court**, and it's been a place of bonding and personal growth for our community and our neighbors, many of whom would otherwise not have a chance to play basketball or other organized sports. It's truly an inclusive place where age, gender, nationality or skin color don't determine who gets to play.



The court is made of concrete. Many players have suffered from high impact injuries, including concussions and chronic knee and back issues. These injuries could be avoided with safe rubberized interlocking tiles, which are available and best suited to the climate here in Tamil Nadu. No one is charged money to play on the New Creation court. This creates equal opportunity for anyone to join, regardless of background or financial situation. The Auroville community budget doesn't cover capital improvements; we rely on the generosity of well-wishers.

That's why we are writing to you today. We want our children and adults and all the kids/adults from the local villages to be able to play basketball safely. Can you help?

The amount needed is around 40 lakhs INR. We will be grateful for any contribution of any size that helps us move toward the overall goal.

• **Our financial service account is 251457.**

If you know someone from outside Auroville who might be interested to donate, [please share this link](#) and people can donate in any currency!

Thank you for considering!

Gratefully, Atchu, Shenbagam, Virya, Saravanan, Jothi and Savitri

WATER—THE QUINTESSENTIAL SOURCE OF ALL LIFE ON EARTH.



Let's come together to learn and celebrate at the 2nd Water Festival in 2023. Deepen our relationship with our neighbor's and the environment, trickle initiatives, drip drop activities and flow together to celebrate and build a united and resilient world.

In line with the Citizens Assembly initiative of 2021, Auroville can take this occasion to put into practice the values and expertise showcased there. Auroville plans on hosting the final week of the water festival 2023 together with PodyCan and All4Water4all.

- **When?** From 2 February (World Wetlands Day) to 22 March (World Water Day).
- **Where?** The 7 week long festival will be held in different locations of the watershed basin area that stretches from Marrakanam to Cuddalore and which includes Pondicherry, Villupuram, Auroville and Cuddalore (PVAC bioregion).
- **Why?** One watershed—One community. We all depend on this essential resource we are all responsible for its good health.

- **What?** Closing week in Auroville Mar 16-22 exhibitions, talks, entertainment and Valedictory functions of all the water protectors and participants.

How can I help?

We need: Volunteers to assist in organisation of: Transport, Logistics, Fundraising, Events, Media and Documentation, networking and more. If you would like to give a talk, put up an exhibition, organize an education or provide entertainment on the theme of water.

- If you wish to contribute financially you can donate to FS account 251257

watermattersmela@gmail.com, Renu

ANAND NEEDS SUPPORT

Dear friends, this is to inform you that **Anand** had a severe heart attack a few weeks ago and had to undergo angioplasty surgery in PIMS.



On top of the ongoing medical expenses, the family of Anand had to take another burden to pay for the angioplasty surgery. The Auroville health fund has told us that the maximum limit that they can help for Anand is **Rs 1,50,000** and it was offered for his operation planned for December. Now, as the angioplasty surgery had to be done, the doctor has advised to postpone that operation for the one portion of his skull to January or February 2023. So the amount **Rs 1,50,000** (One lakh and fifty thousands) offered for his skull replacement operation will be paid for his angioplasty operation bills.

We are requesting the community again to come forward to help Anand and his family to pay for the operation that is expected to happen in January or February. They do not have enough fund as they have already spent a lot beyond their capacity so far.

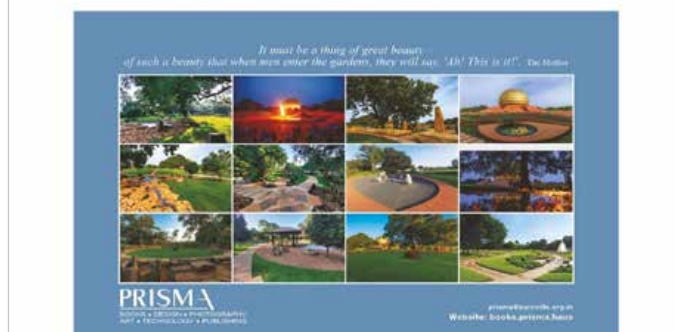
The minimum expected amount for the operation for his skull replacement is **Rs 2,50,000** (Two Lakhs and Fifty thousands).

Anand needs support, please give your contribution to the **FS account 251019.**

Thank you, Matrimandir executives and coordinators

Foods, Goods and Services

2023 YEAR DESKTOP CALENDAR NOW IN STORE



Fresh from the print is Auroville's desktop calendar featuring scenes of tranquility and beauty in the renewed Matrimandir Gardens, seen through the lens of talented photographers Pietro, Tine and Franz.



With this beautifully-made year planner at your desktop, you will be immersed in unique viewpoints of the ever evolving Matrimandir Gardens, quite unlike what you have seen before.

- The 2023 Calendar is now available locally at these bookshops in Auroville and Pondicherry: Auroville Visitors Centre, Savitri Bhavan, Prisma at Aurelec, VAK Bookshop and Sabda.
- Price Rs.260.

GIVE A LOW-WASTE, REUSABLE, REFILLABLE GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS!

9am—5pm, Monday—Saturday, Maroma campus in Aspiration

Why not give someone a refillable gift this Christmas? The Maroma outlet at Maroma Aspiration, now offers a refillable-bottle service for several shampoos, a shower gel, dishwashing liquid and liquid hand soap.



MAROMA

- Bring your own container or use one of ours

Customers can now buy a selection of Maroma shampoos, a shower gel, dishwashing liquid and liquid hand soap in refillable containers. Customers may either bring their own container or buy one of the Maroma containers available at the outlet.

- Better for you, better for the environment
- The outlet is open 9am—5pm, Monday—Saturday and is located in the Maroma campus in Aspiration, just turn left past the Health Centre if you're headed towards Ponds. It's the little road almost opposite Pour Tous.

The positive environmental impacts of buying/supplying products in reusable, refillable containers cannot be overstated globally. Every time you reuse a container, it means one less plastic bottle in landfill or in the sea.

Jesse, for the Maroma Team

ARPANAA BRINGS ARTISTS TO AUROVILLE

Dear friends, Arpanaa, a service that brings artists to Auroville. It is supported by City Services and currently managed by Geeta and Yogini from Kalpana community. We receive artists from everywhere in the world who want to make an offering of their art to Auroville. Today, we are happy to include Riju on this journey of Arpanaa along with us.

- Riju has the helpwork experience of several years in organizing and coordinating cultural events and has also managed performing arts and cultural programs for seven years in Bharat Nivas.

We Look forward, together, to bringing many more happy offerings to you from the world of art.

Warm regards, Geeta (Kalpana) and Yogini (Kalpana), for Arpanaa, a service under City Services.

NATURELLEMENT IS OPEN ON SATURDAY THE 24TH



Dear friends, we will keep open on Christmas Eve up to 10pm, offering one vegetarian and one vegan option.

Book well in advance to make sure to get a table!

Best by email, naturellement@auroville.org.in

There will be music, decorations and a complimentary hot Christmas punch and traditional vegan Christmas sweets...

Welcome! The Naturellement Garden Cafe team

NEWS FROM POURTOUS ASPIRATION COMMUNITY

PourTous யூத்ராஸ் For All

PourTous news

- PourTous will be open until **6pm on Saturday, 24 December**
- We are experimenting with more fluent and sustainability focussed ordering—please have patience with us
- **Milagro organic spices** will replace the non-organic Keya spices at lower prices
- Naturellement Xmas cake is available again
- We got you all some **Christmas gifts** in the stationery & paper section
- We now offer the products of the doctor at the **Tibetan Pavilion** at Aurovilian prices.
 - Tibetan Arthritis Oil Rs.154.56
 - Tibetan Aru Balm for cold & flu relief Rs.78.00
 - Tibetan Hair Oil Rs.218.00
 - Tibetan Loong Tea for calmness & relaxation Rs.218.00
 - Tibetan Massage Oil MTK Rs.142.00
 - Tibetan everyday tea Raab-Ga Yangzin tea Rs.190.00
 - Tibetan Shampoo Rs.326.00
 - Tibetan Soothing Balm Rs.65.00
 - Tibetan Hypertension Control Tea Rs.177.00
 - Tibetan Tripa Tea Balances body heat & quenches thirst Rs.204.00
 - Tibetan Headache reliever tea Rs.109.00
 - Tibetan Stress Healing Incense Rs.87.00
 - Tibetan Incense 40 sticks Rs.90.00
 - Tibetan Chee Nyii anti-diabetes tea Rs.177.00

For more information please check

- <https://mentseekhang.org/>

Community Canteen news

- We are updating the menu after our first month opening
- All day idli from 7:30 till last order at 2pm
- Instagram @pourtousav WA Newsgroup: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BZaCVoCDK5wCuNBlpGRSIL>
- **Fries are back!** Double fried Flemish style **finger chips** with **homemade mayonnaise @ 50Rs**
- **Poori** (Wednesday & Friday) & **Pongal** (Thursday & Saturday) @ 30Rs
- Meal lunch @ 95Rs with rice, dahl, rasam, poriyal, curd & papad
- Plain, Banana & Apricot lassi @ 70Rs
- **Tomato, cucumber, red cabbage salad @ 50Rs** with mayonnaise or vinaigrette dressing
- **Mint Cooler @ 50Rs**
- **Watermelon juice @ 70Rs**
- **Samosas @ 25Rs** a piece
- **WIFI** is not working yet at the Canteen because our antenna didn't function correctly—can anybody help us with an antenna?

*We hope to welcome you all soon!
Kumaran & Joel & the PourTous team*

AUROMODE HIVE OPEN HOUSE

Friday, 16 December, 10am—5pm

Dear All, Auromode Hive would like to invite you to an Open House on Friday, 16 December from 10am to 5pm. We will have free internet! All are welcome to try out our coworking space, Free of Charge!!!



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

Dhesh, on behalf of the 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



Under the revised guidelines of the health ministry, the submission of self-declaration forms on the online Air Suvidha portal stands discontinued.

The E-Visa portal got upgraded and it is now possible in the UK and Canada to apply for the same. Maybe the situation with E-Visa in other countries will also improve due to the same upgrade. If not working we recommend to get the Visa directly from the Indian Embassies.

Aircraft of most of the Airlines are fully booked and it's advisable to make bookings well in advance. Lufthansa will have daily flights from April onwards.

For travelers who accept flexible flight dates: there is a chance to get international flight tickets for only about 15% higher price than in the past. But if one books late and has a fixed itinerary it could be 40% or even double.

- **Srilankan airways** special fare is available to Narita, Paris and London.
- **Vistara airline** competitive fares are available to Paris, Frankfurt and London.
- **Qatar airways** good fares are available to Stockholm, Munich, Zurich, Rome and Milan.
- **Etihad airways** special fare is available to Rome, Milan, Paris, Frankfurt and London.
- **Oman airways** has special fares to Zurich, London and Paris.
- **Emirates offers** flights to Paris, Amsterdam, Milan and Rome.

Announcement

We have started to receive International Tourists again and need one person who has knowledge in the field of Touring business. If interested please contact joster@inside-india.de

Joster, Inside India

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'

RAPID CARE SERVICES

Dear Community, thank you very much for your support of Rapid Care Services.

We have a well-experienced and equipped team to resolve all your repairs and maintenance requirements.

Our team is prepared to take up all aspects of the repairs and maintenance activities in our community.



RAPID CARE SERVICES
One call to solve all your problem

List of services provided by Rapid Care Services

- Aluminum channel work
- Welding
- Carpentry
- Masonry
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Insect Treatment
- Fencing
- Electrical
- Washing machine repair & installation,
- A/c repair and installation,
- Inverter repair and installation,
- Dth repair and installation and
- Furniture purchase assistance

By choosing Rapid Care Services you are supporting an Auroville activity managed by youth and contributing to the community while growing the Economy of Auroville.

Kindly do give us an opportunity and call us for all your repairs and maintenance needs.

Best regards, Arun & Balaji
Arun, 7639810621,
Balaji, 8270071581

rcsrapidcareservices@gmail.com
rapidcare@auroville.org.in

Auroville Poetry

BALA KRISHNA

Bala Krishna
Lips over flute
Lures
Nea
Dwells

He refuses to go
I refuse to let go

A mutual attachment

∞

Peacocks pass by
Leaving feathers
For the enchanted
Or accidental seeker
To pick them up
Adore and adorn

*With joyful Gratitude,
Anandi Zhang*

LETS DANCE, THE MUSIC IS ALWAYS THERE

Embrace the spirit
Of the Dancing flame
Be unstoppable
Play the nameless game
Let's be carefree
like a Flying sparrow
Ready to break free
Like a Crying widow
With every step
May we see Flying colours
Feel the tender care
That the divine showers
Dancing with the
Blooming flowers
Glowing within
Like heavenly stars
Feeling free
To enjoy this bliss
Enjoy the Caressing wind
Like Lovers first kiss
Celebrating the courage
Of the Birds building nest
Feeling amazed by the
Buzzing bees zest
Let us be
Like the Dancing tree
Always smiling because
We are Young Wild & Free

By Romeo

A NEW BEING EMBODYING THE DIVINE

From a shared quote of the Mother [1] popped a poem:
“...all that brings with it or creates peace, faith, joy, harmony, wideness, unity and ascending growth comes from the Truth; while all that carries with it restlessness, doubt, skepticism, sorrow, discord, selfish narrowness, inertia, discouragement and despair comes straight from the falsehood.”

In the Play of the Two who are One
Comes the synthesised realisation
From the eternal battle
Of the gods and the titans
The asuras and the devas
The essence of Yin and Yang
The dynamic dance of the opposites
From Truth to truths to falsehood
The Absolute and the relative:
That We are all One.
And in this Oneness of us all
Falsehood has its unique role
Forces of progress as catalysts
In the churning of Matter to awaken us
From the inert slumbering stone
To the present transitional mental human
To a New Being embodying the Divine.
How then to understand all this?
Thus the need for a change of consciousness:
The Supramental Truth-Unity Consciousness.
And the easiest and most joyful process to this
Is the Sunlit Path of Surrender
The Bhakti to The Supreme Whomever.

Om Namo Bhagavate

Zech, 2022.12.08

1. CWM, Volume 12, On Education, page 302:
https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/12/vol_12_e.pdf

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

- [Audible Weed Walk—Ep.99 Mandous Mandate: climate action with weedy greens!](#) (Food Education)
- [Kadhai Ketpoma—Ep.12 \(Literature\)](#)
[“நீ நதி போல ஓடிக்கொண்டிரு”](#)
- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita Divina—Cap. 13](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Marlenka’s weekly offering—ep.74](#) (Literature)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—421](#) (Integral Yoga)

Last Youtube live videos

- [Delta programme presentation, by Richard Rudd](#)
- [Deep Dialogue for Harmony in Auroville, with Raghu Ananthanarayanan—Round 2](#)

...and more! on www.aurovillerradio.org

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

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

Peace and Love

Regards, Wobbli

IMAGINE AUROVILLE

A series of actions which have profoundly shaken our community started a year ago, in December 2021, with the bulldozing of the International Youth Center, the Bliss Forest, and parts of Darkali. Much has happened since then, and I would like to dedicate the below text (written last month) to all that we have gone through. This is a homage to the youth that never ages, to the pioneering spirit of Auroville, to the light hidden within the struggles that we are yet to overcome fully.

Imagine Auroville

I remember growing up in an Auroville where the freedom of playing barefoot on the red earth with my friends was taken for granted, and all Aurovilians were like aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters. I remember the Genius Brothers' shows, the concerts, and all of these community moments we had at the then 'Information Centre'—now sadly renamed the 'Visitors' Centre'. I remember the rainy days—unstoppable monsoons in the canyons and the growing forests. I remember how, when the gold discs started covering the Matrimandir, it was such a mystery in the eyes of a kid, to see all that gold, all that light, assembled together on giant wheels of Dawn—and the excitement of climbing on the petals.

Many memories have been lost in time; but I remember a warm, cozy feeling—the sense of safety, of liberty and the innocence we all had while walking along the cycle paths.

Today, most of what I hear fellow Aurovilians say reflects their sense of fear and insecurity. Brothers and sisters of all generations fear the loss of their homes, of what they built over the years with all they had, of the dreams they brought when they first arrived. Many of us fear the twisting of our values, the denaturation of Auroville's aims and purpose, its reappropriation for the benefit of a parallel reality, of a different agenda. We all fear the destruction of Mother's Auroville, a project of the Divine dedicated to the evolution of consciousness through and by a unique diversity of cultures, approaches, qualities and flaws—which are all required for the experiment to unfold fully.

Yes, in today's Auroville, fear is everywhere present—and despair is slowly catching up. Of course hope remains—and laughter, joy, and love. But for many, the horizon is covered with clouds. It isn't as if the horizon had gone; but it is momentarily cramped behind a traffic jam of rainy thoughts.

Now let's ask ourselves: what could be hidden behind the clouds?

What if all of this was leading us to a truer Auroville, to something even more beautiful—and a horizon of Dawn, in which the clouds are nothing else but a play of the Divine, an ethereal fragment of life dancing with the rising sun?

Imagine an Auroville in which we are subjected daily to heavy-handed intimidation tactics; only serving to remind Aurovilians to remain still and centered and help one another to find beauty in all that life brings before us.

Imagine an Auroville in which hidden forces try their best to twist, little by little, the ideals of the project; only serving to remind Aurovilians to remain true to what brought them here, to their individual and collective aspirations.

Imagine an Auroville in which all seems to be torn apart, not only roads but also people and dreams; only serving to remind Aurovilians to remain faithful in the Mother's Will, in Her loving presence and Grace.

Imagine an Auroville in which forces of division try to aggravate wounds of separation; only serving to remind Aurovilians that deep within, they speak the same silence and sing the same presence.

Imagine an Auroville in which forces of Falsehood try to spread the belief that it is all over; only serving to remind Aurovilians that all is a play of the Divine and that darkness will dissolve with a pinch of love, with a zest of lightness and laughter.

Imagine an Auroville that is faced with moral and physical violence, with an intensity never seen before; only serving to remind Aurovilians to become these battalions of gymnasts that Mother dreamt of, masters in the depths of inner aikido, who convert all attacks into a springboard for growth and true progress.

Yes, Imagine.

Imagine the true Auroville, the Auroville that is already here—sometimes boldly, and sometimes with the shyness of a new consciousness still seeking itself.

We are not moving away from the dream; and the challenges at play have the infinite potential of making us spring towards our true selves—individually and collectively.

So let's not be afraid.

We are before the unexpected, a never-seen alchemy of light and chaos. Our inner attitude is what matters the most: "... we may find when all the rest has failed

Hide in ourselves the key of perfect change." (Book II, Canto X)

With the dissolution of fear, only light remains. That, and the Divine's laughter present everywhere like a living concerto of blooming flowers.

Nothing else matters.

Maël Shanti, Quiet, 17.11.2022

DON'T YOU SEE...?

"From time to time, some... scold others, that's very funny! They scold them, they catch hold of them, say a thing or two (in their own way) to those which want... (Mother draws a tiny circle) to go on with the old habits: ...

"You fool, what are you afraid of? Don't you see it's the Lord doing this to transform you?"

"Ah!..."

The Mother's Agenda, November 22, 1967*

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_08/1967-11-22-01_e.htm

This Is What Cells Actually Look Like:

- <https://youtu.be/9euW5iCjKDo>

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"It's not a donkey, poor thing!

(Mother laughs)...

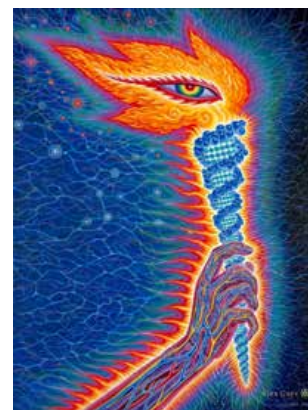
We'll see...

We'll see." *

"The whole earth must prepare itself for the advent of the new species, and Auroville wants to work consciously to hasten this advent."

Go, go Auroville!

Zech, 2022.12.12



KALI YUGA

The Kali Yuga, according to the great seers of yore, is the era in which we live. It has the characteristic to be an era of Total falsehood and unconsciousness.

In this dark age, despite the delusive Techno-glittering appearances, Falsehood is King and integral illusion is His lovely Queen.

The prime minister sustaining their long reign is Death, governing openly or insidiously the whole world. I would like, gently, to remind you that the modern XX century has been the bloodiest so far... it has been the vast battlefield of innumerable carnages', slaughters and clever, global deceits committed mostly by men (not so many women) in love with their mundane powers and Bank accounts.

Until now, our fanciful new century, in this domain has not shown any respite in this mortal painful trend. I don't want to bother you with a long list of modern disasters and horrors, paper is not cheap. But, for sure Falsehood (unless we practice sincere integral yoga for quite some time) is still the great Master of our lives. Mother created Auroville (about 55 years ago) as an Alternative Sunflower seed to these black Venomous, poisonous weeds which have invaded and destroyed our garden of life. Hoping that truth, Love, Bliss and Beauty will spread the world in such a Tsunami of light that it will give birth (at last) to the new fantastic, formidable, prodigious, Sublime new era of Satya (The Age of truth) a world of Pure and perfect Harmony with the Absolute, wonderful Divine consciousness.

To reach this point of collective realization it is not necessary to say that these petty disputes about the Galaxy or not are out of context.

"To be empirical is to let oneself be guided by (spiritual) experience, not by the Sophists, not by the charlatans, The priests and the Demagogues."

Willard Mayer "About the empirical being."

"The Great wild animals kill only by obligation, men kill by interest, and to entertain them self"

Soham

All these derisory, delirious setbacks of huwo/men civilization are due to that, they did not use the right instrument to govern themselves. The Soul. Instead, they wandered, here and there, like blind men guided by blind men (sometimes women). The mental is the great blunder, it acts as if it does not know and with such arrogance! But:

"The reason for Ignorance, its necessity, becomes clear enough once we have seen that without it the object of the manifestation of our word would be impossible, could not be done at all, or not completely, or not in the way in which it should be and is done."

Exclusive Concentration and the Ignorance, Book II ChapXIII, Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo

But, please, don't forget, we are not alone, There is also an infinity of worlds all over our basic perceptions.

Love, Soham

P.S. Don't forget also that Death does not exist, we are all immortal, it's just God's trick to help us to aspire to spiritual freedom and eternal Bliss.

Addendum—The last cheap from B.I ChapXXIII:

"In the fulfillment of our psychic being as in the consummation of our parts of mind and life, it is the relating of it to its divine source, to its correspondent truth in the Supreme Reality, that is the indispensable movement; and, here too as there, it is by the power of the Supermind that it can be done with an integral completeness, an intimacy that becomes an authentic identity; for it is the Supermind which links the higher and the lower hemispheres of the One Existence. In Supermind is the integrating Light, the consummating Force, the wide entry into the supreme Ananda: the psychic being uplifted by that Light and Force can unite itself with the original Delight of existence from which it came: overcoming the dualities of pain and pleasure, delivering from all fear and shrinking the mind, life and body, it can recast the contacts of existence in the world into terms of the Divine Ananda."

COPYRIGHT SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF AUROVILLE

Auroville Today is the grips of litigious operational dynamics as regards communal affairs in any and all fields of endeavor. I guess as an experiment in Human Unity, this too needed to wring its essence out for extracting the essential oils from our roots of inconscience.

Not dwelling on the subject broadly of how some of the residents have taken on the judicial corridors for their seeking of justice for this enflowering of the Divine anarchy, I would like to focus on the specific area of intellectual property or IP as it is generally known in the outside world. When visitors coming to the Visitor Center get exposed to the very limited version of Auroville, they imbibe the messaging that flows out from our brochures, videos and other platform setup for their "feel".

Once in a while we also get feedback from those passing by that makes us pause for reflection. What we produce, what we put out for display and sale has its own commercial dynamics for undue exploitation by duplicating the business idea and items. And we have to integrate that into our collective learning.

A discussion on copyright policy in Auroville that had ensued in September 2009 triggered by a comment from a visitor to Outreach Media on his visit to the Visitor Center is linked here for the brief view from our history.

- <https://auroville.org.in/node/7516>

In our distant past, there were designs and products developed by Aurovilians. There have been open angst on the use and benefiting personally there off which had ramifications on our societal development for decades on how these entrepreneurs construed the fruit of their self-expression of productive endeavors. Some issues came out in the open, some were quietly completed and not discussed on our public fora. Some we may still not be aware of in the society that we have engendered so far.

Personal expression of self in form, be it art, design, product, unique service delivery, books, films, photos etc. are all means of exchange that fall in the purview of Intellectual property in the outside world. What about us?

And then on the technology side there are programs and applications developed for the community services to help bring efficiency, transparency, accountability and other governance issues that a spiritual society may wish to roll out to serve best the willing Servitors who have gathered here. We are always striving for ever changing targets for perfection.

In the very recent present, the community has taken on a large-scale exodus to shift itself out to other foreign system domains for its e-governance. Some persons feel the operations, the privacy, the decades of its way of life is threatened and thus need judicial protection. The digital data, the tools for the functioning of the society are now open to IP property interpretations of legal advice. The larger context of Auroville, the continuing learning and ameliorating of our means and methods to self-govern and support the growth are now put to scrutiny by the battery of lawyers who sit on judgment. Instead of integrating, morphing our current setup, limited as it is, into a next level of larger capacity, features and moving us towards a knowledge or spiritual society, our community has been subjected by some to an interpretation of Intellectual property rights within Auroville.

From Lakshyay

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If the above is what we abide by as committed Aurovilians, I think we need to seriously revisit Auroville's copyright doctrine. If Auroville belongs to nobody in particular, how can the ideas, insights, and innovations that come out of Auroville be with strings attached?

We need to declare outright openly that the outcomes, outputs, and outflows borne out of our personal or collective endeavors are the offering to the Divine that has provided the collective means and platform for our growth and our field of blossoming.

Submitted by Chandresh

COSMIC PERFORMANCE

In every cloudless night it is possible to see the grandiose spectacle above Auroville. Two Greek goddesses participate in it: Cassiopeia and Andromeda—the mother with daughter. The astronomers like Greek mythology, they gave Greek names for some constellations. In 1968 Auroville hadn't forest and electricity; the starry sky was better for observation.



There is a German proverb: "einmal ist keinmal", one time is nothing. But in Siberia once I saw an earthly performance with the participation of Cassiopeia and Andromeda; I never forgot it.

On the swamp there were the flowers with divine beauty, Cassiopeia and Andromeda. The botanists liked Greek mythology too.

At first glance the celestial objects aren't moving. But if we see in a telescope it is possible to understand that their immobility was an illusion, Maya. Some years ago there was an American telescope in Aurelec. If somebody used electricity, its tube moved after the catching star or planet.

At that time a Japanese girl lived in Aspiration community. It seems her name is Hanako—Flower Child. She was a student of Tokyo University, Art Department. In India Hanako studied the ancient sculptures. I asked her: "Do you want to see the starry sky through a telescope?"—"Yes".

We took our cycles and moved from Aspiration to Aurelec. There are many extraterrestrial marvels in the sky, for example Jupiter's satellites. But after time I understood that for Hanako it is more interested in the starry sky as a whole but not its details.

The girl explained that in Tokyo, there are many high buildings and a lot of light at night. Previously she lived near Osaka and often saw the stars or 'étoile' in French.

Auroville isn't Tokyo, we have a greater possibility to see this great cosmic performance. Are we using these possibilities? It is possible that for many people motorbikes are more interesting than heaven. Hélas! Technique and money are the demons of contemporary mankind. Cosmic consciousness is the panacea from these contaminous infections. Awake, friends! Per aspera ad astra—"through hardships to the stars"!

Boris

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

ANANDI'S MUDRAS AND BLISS

Postponed till December 24



Due to an Anandi's moped accident and the weather our classes will be suspended till Saturday, 24 December, at 4:30pm in Savitri Bhavan.

Waiting for all, new and old students to say goodbye to 2022 under Her Mudras and Bliss. Anandi-ayun



ARKA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, December 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, Only by Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30-8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5-6:30pm.
Qigong Yang Style, self-massage	9600094875, +353877420282	Monday to Saturday, 8:30-9:30am, by Appointment only
Chakra Breathing Meditation	(WA), Marco	Friday: 7:30-8:30am
Heartfull Meditation	Avanthika, 6380238326	Tuesdays 9:30am to 10:30am
Sound Chakras healing	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. Only by Appointment	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, Only by Appointment	Dr. Mohammad Sahel, 9994208068	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry. Also in French	Antarijyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards, Ramana, Arka

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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Somatic Yoga Classes with Linda Lee

• Saturday, 17, 24 and 31 December, 10:30am—12noon

Somatic yoga classes are designed to:

- learn how to use Somatics as a preparation for yoga asanas;
- experience ease, comfort, joy and stability that flows from inside out;
- include somatic preparations for Sun Salutations;
- lay down movement pathways for a seamless flow, which establish stability and safety, and stimulate courage, compassion and contentment.

• Group sessions: Saturdays, 10:30am— 12pm

• Individual sessions: on request

Heartfull® Meditation Classes w/ Avantika Nirupama

• Sunday, 18 and 25 December, 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

Woga® (Yoga in Water) 1 & 2 with Dariya

• Saturday, 17—Sunday, 18 December, 9am—5pm, 16 hours

Woga is the union of two words: water and yoga. It is based on yoga poses and stretches modified for warm water.

Thanks to decrease in gravity, water allows greater ease of movement, unblocks articulations, lengthens and melts muscles, and removes negative tensions, thereby preventing stress, insomnia and anxiety. Water yoga is based on classic yoga poses and stretches, modified for standing in pool water, which is waist-to-chest high. You do not need to know how to swim. Sessions are structured like their yoga equivalents on land: breathing, warm-up exercises, a series of poses, and a relaxation period. The difference is that you are in a warm water pool!

Focus of Woga 1&2 is Hatha Yoga in water (asanas in standing position, on the wall, in floating position, and under water), pranayama and meditation.

• Prerequisites: no previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim).

Watsu® & OBA® Basic with Dariya and Daniel

• Monday, 19—Saturday, 24 December, 1—6pm, 31 hours

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). Watsu, the part where the client’s face stays always on the surface, introduces the qualities and body mechanics required to work with someone in water in order to create a profound state of both physical and mental relaxation. During the OBA part the receiver is also brought under water (with nose clip), which offers a unique experience.

In this course, you’ll practice basic techniques and qualities (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) of being and moving another body in water. You’ll experience floating other people and being floated, on the surface and under water, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit. Participants in this course often appreciate the group space, which fosters deep, meaningful and nurturing connections.

• Prerequisites: no previous experience required.

Watsu® 1 Transition Flow (TF) with Dariya & Daniel

• Monday, 26—Friday, 30 December, 8:45am—6pm 34 hours

In this follow-up course, you’ll be taught to connect the basic movements and positions you have learned in Watsu Basic with long, gracefully flowing transitions and to adapt this work to people of different sizes, shapes, and dispositions. You’ll also learn about your own body mechanics and how to support and move each person as effortlessly as possible. On land, you’ll be introduced to both Co-Centering and Tantsu, and explore what being held means to you and others.

• Prerequisites: Watsu Basic

Guy for Quiet Healing Center



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• Saturday, 24 December, 9:30am—12pm

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Yearnings for Peace

Peace Within, Peace Without, How Harmony, Tranquility, Beauty & Generosity are essential expressions of Peace Within and Peace Without—with Dr. Sehdev

• Saturday, 24 December, 2—4:30pm

Disharmony, tension, fear, and depression are various expressions of a life that is not at peace with itself. In this state of peacelessness, all our life energies are slowly dissipated. Peace Within—peace in our hearts, bodies, and minds, and Peace Without—in our families, nations, and in the world at large, are all of one piece. Through one’s own life experiences and encounters, this workshop explores Peace as the most scintillating force in all its existential and spiritual manifestations.

Thushar, Programs Coordinator,
Vérité Programming

AUROMODE YOGA SPACE

Hatha Yoga with Live Tibetan Singing Bowl Every Saturday, 4—5 pm



Balaganesh along with Jean luc invite you for this special yoga session. Singing bowls along with simple hatha Yoga poses helps everyone to receive the yoga instruction on a deeper level, increasing their ability to move through weakness, fatigue, pain, mind-chatter and emotional tension. Singing bowls produce frequencies that easily change beta brainwaves into the theta meditative state through a process called “entrainment”. In addition, since the body is primarily water, vibrations produced from the bowls can travel through the physical form to relax muscles, bones and organs.

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- Ask us for more information
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We invite you to join us for this Yoga Alliance—200 Hr Yoga TTC intensive

- Learn Hatha and Vinyasa flow with introduction to other styles enhancing your expertise in Asanas
- Learn Yoga darshan of Patanjali Yoga Sutras and other Indian philosophy texts
- Learn Anatomy & physiology for injury free practise
- Enhance and challenge your own personal practice.
- Work between 9:30am to 3pm every day, if you have to
- Joy of being a student in Auroville ,a place of unending education ,progress & reaffirm your love for life & yogic lifestyle
- Consider this TTC more like a student training course-How to be a constant student of the greatest subject of all—Your Life
- We include Kalaripayatu, karla kattai, satsangs, sound healing ,local culture ,temple tours and much more in this intensive.



Ask us for more information:

- WA only + 91 9892699804
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- balaganesh.siva@gmail.com

Best Regards, Balaganesh Siva



ATB TRAINING WITH AMIR & LISON



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- **ATB3:** on 14—16 December, Saturday to Monday.

Daily from 9am—5pm at the ATB hall in Transition School. Open to people that are familiar with ATB or similar practices.

- To see more information about this module: awarenessthroughthebody.org or atbwithamir.com
- Signing up through email:
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Thank you, Amir



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Yoga Of Forgiveness



Verite, Saturday, 17 December, 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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Peace Within: Peace Without

- Vérité, Saturday, 24 December, 2— 4:30pm

Can there be Peace Within if there is Discordance in the Family?

Can there be Peace in the World if our Leaders are driven by Arrogance and Fear?

Can there be Peace in our Hearts if demonic forces of Injustice and Inequality keep flourishing in the World unheeded?



Let us aspire for an Integral Vision of Peace that celebrates

Love ∞ Harmony ∞ Dignity

At all levels

In the Phenomenological & Spiritual Universe Alike

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These hours are also a good way of tuning in and preparing for the up-coming Seminar "Shiatsu and the Five Souls" in the beginning of 2023.

We are looking forward to hearing your questions, wishes, and aspirations.

Contributions required for ensuring future seminars. Kindly give according to your resources.—Do contact Ulrike Urvasi at mothersworkformotherswork@gmail.com or 9751513906 (WA, Signal, Telegram) for necessary registration or questions.

- Wednesdays, 8—9:30am and Fridays, 2—3:30pm at Budokan, Aikido Hall, Dehashakti

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- Friday, 23 December, 4—7 pm
- Saturday & Sunday, 24 & 25 December, 9am—5:30pm at Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall
- Info meeting 21 December, 5—5:30pm. at Sharnga Guest House Terrace

Trainer: Sigrid Lindemann Certified Faculty in Hypnotherapy, Regression Therapy and Classical homeopathy, Germany and Auroville

Venue: Sharnga Guesthouse Yogahall, www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Register with Sigrid, 09626006961 WA, contact@auroville-jiva.com

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

Languages

THOoya TAMIL CLASS

9—23 January, Monday to Friday, 5:30—7pm

Join our first Thooya Tamil class 2023 for beginners happening at the Youth Center! Taking place on 9—23 January 2023 & 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 timings: 5:30—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 and 2—4pm to sign up.

Aurore from Youthlink team

NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

Tomatis

Thank you to all those who have contacted us. We will get back to you one by one!

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

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

Current Language Courses at ALL

New: Intermediate Spanish with Susana

Our long-time teacher, Susana, is offering an Intermediate Spanish course for students who are already familiar with the various verbal modes in Spanish language (Infinitive, Indicative, Conditional, Subjunctive, and Imperative). The course will focus on polishing the conversational skills of the students and will also dive into the rules of grammar. This is a monthly course.

- This course started on 22 November and classes take place every Tuesday, 2:30pm to 4:00pm.

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, 11:00am to 12noon.

German with Verena

• A1.1 Beginner German

Verena's A1.1 Beginner German Course started this week! 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 take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 11:00am to 12:30pm. Course started on 28 November comprising 36 hours of teaching over three months.

• 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 take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 09:00am to 10:30am. Course started on October 31 comprising 36 hours of teaching over three months.

French with Jean-François

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 take place Saturdays, 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

• Beginner French for Teens

This course is for students between 13 to 16 years of age. The course is based on exercises that use many mediums like videos, games, role-playing, etc. to make learning both fun and effective. By the end of the course, students will have an immersion in the French language and will be able to express themselves in a simple way.

- The course started on November 12, and classes 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 started on November 21. Classes take place Mondays & Thursdays, 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

• 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, 3:30pm 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, 10am 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.

New: Beginner Italian

Great news for Italian learners!

Our new Beginner Italian course is slated for early January, 2023! As always, spaces are limited. You are welcome to enquire with us and reserve your spot!

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 runs two groups:

- Mondays & Thursdays, 02:00 pm to 03:00 pm and
- Tuesdays & Fridays 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

This is 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!

A note to present and past students

- *If you've borrowed any of our books, please bring them back! We are cataloging our reference library.*
- *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.

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

Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab
Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

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	11:00am—12noon	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
	English Conversation Group 1: Started 7 November	2—3pm	Monday & Thursday
	English Conversation Group 2: Started 8 November	3:30—4:30pm	Tuesday & Friday
French	Beginner Started 5 November 2022	2:30-4:30pm	Saturday
	Beginner for Teens Started 12 November	11am—12noon	
	French Conversation 1 Started 21 November	2 -3pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation 2 Started 3 November	3:30pm—4:30pm	
German	A1.1 Beginner Started 28 November 2022	11am—12:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	A1.2 Beginner Started 31 October 2022	9—10:30am	
Hindi	Beginner To start soon	10am—12noon	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started 1 November 2022	9:30—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start soon	10—11am	Monday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner To start January 2023	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	
	Intermediate Started 22 November 2022	2:30—4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner To start February 2023	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner To start January 2023	TBA	TBA



**THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS:
Notre-Dame on Fire**



Saturday, 17 December, 5pm, Cinema Paradiso

A film directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud, in French with English subtitles, duration 110 min

Notre-Dame On Fire offers a blow-by-blow recreation of the events that took place on April 15, 2019, when the cathedral suffered the biggest blaze in its history. While the population watches in horror as this disaster jeopardizes an irreplaceable world cultural heritage site, hundreds of firefighters try the impossible — to control the fire and save what can still be saved.

*Vivekan,
French Pavilion team*

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, 23 December
Avoiding apocalypse—Alternatives to Fossil Fuels**

2019 / 50 minutes / Spark

More than ever, humanity is dependent on fossil fuels, with world consumption of petroleum, natural gas, and coal rising a little every year. Inevitably, reserves are going to give out, and humanity isn't ready. But scientists are already working to find substitutes.

Warmly, Shek



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

Reminder: Friday 16 December "OTTAAL" (The Trap)
by Jayaraj—India/Kerala, 2014

Friday 23 December, 8pm: Special Program For Christmas Time, Starts at 7:30 pm

- "Snowman" and "Minuscule: Valley of the Lost Ants"

19:30 Snowman, Directed by Dianne Jackson, UK, 1982

Synopsis: On Christmas Eve, James, a little red-haired boy, builds a snowman that comes to life, they take a motorcycle ride in the surrounding countryside, then they fly away and the snowman takes James to the North Pole to meet Father Christmas... General Audience, 26' min

Overview: Animated film and symphonic poem based on Raymond Briggs' 1978 picture book of the same name. It was nominated for Best Animated Short Film at the 55th Academy Awards.

The story is told through pictures, action and music, scored by Howard Blake, and is wordless, with the exception of the central song "Walking in the Air". The orchestral score was performed in the film by the Sinfonia of London.

20:00 Minuscule: Valley of the Lost Ants,

Directed by Hélène Giraud, Thomas Szabo

Music by Hervé Lavandier, France Belgium, 2013,

Synopsis: A colony of black wood ants is actively working for its survival. One day, black ants come across the remains of a picnic: it's the rush for abandoned food. One of the ants ventures to explore a large metal box left ajar. She discovers a real treasure there: the box is filled with sugar. The black ants unite to carry the box, much bigger than themselves, to a safe place. But the treasure attracts attention of others, not always friendly... General Audience, 1h 29m

Overview: The film is a live action animated film based on the television series *Minuscule: The Private Lives of Insects*. This film is a sound film with a synchronized soundtrack featuring music and sound effects and with little to no spoken dialogue. It won the César Award for Best Animated Feature Film at in 2015.

Merci beaucoup, Surya and Susana





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
19 December 2022 to 25 December 2022

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. Maintaining standard Covid protocols, i.e. temperature check, registration, and Mask (and not scarves) etc. are a must even now. Please come prepared. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email.

We continue to have issues with our projector. It is getting repaired, and we will continue the program with an older alternative. Clearly it is time for us to look for a new one. If you are able to kindly donate at MMC's FS Account for this.

Indian— Monday 19 December, 8pm
MONICA O MY DARLING

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Vasan Bala w/ Rajkumar Rao, Huma Qureshi, Sikandar Kher, and others, Comedy-Crime, 129mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

A young robotics engineer with a well-paying job, got engaged with the CEO's daughter and have life all set. But his affair with a female colleague, Monica—turn his world topsy turvy as he finds himself getting blackmailed. He finds unexpected alliances and is unwittingly involved/accused in a series of murders. How long will this state of affairs continue and will he come out unscathed? A neo-noir film, with good story telling.

Italian—Tuesday 20 December, 8pm
HUNGRY HEARTS

Italy, 2014, Dir. Saverio Costanzo w/ Adam Driver, Alba Rohrwacher, Roberta Maxwell, and others, Drama, 109 mins, English without subtitles, Rated: NR

This award-winning film highlights the relationship of a couple, met in the NYC, who is put to the test when they encounter a life-or-death situation. Mina believes that her newborn son is somehow special and needs to be "protected" from supposedly corrupting influences such as doctors, red meat or sunlight. This results in the child's attenuated growth is a side-effect. Her husband Jude tries to make her see his point of view but fails.

Interesting—Wednesday 21 December, 8pm
JANANI'S JULIET

India, 2019, Dir. Pankaj Rishi Kumar w/ Documentary, 53mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated: U (G)

Kausalya lost her husband Shankar when they were attacked by her own family. They had married against their families wishes. Deeply disturbed by a spate of 'honor killings' in India, Indianostrum, a Pondicherry based theatre group sets out to introspect the implications of caste, class and gender. They adapt Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. What emerges in the process is a critical reflection and commentary of the contemporary Indian society where love struggles to survive. *This film, which was India's official entry to the Oscar, and has received many national and international awards, has been shared with us by the director who will be present for a brief Q&A session after the film.*

Korean—Thursday 22 December, 8pm
AI KAEN SEUPIKEU (I can speak)

Korea, 2017, Dir. Hyun seok Kim w/Moon-hee Na, Lee Jehoon, Cheol-min Park and others, Comedy-Drama, 119mins, Korean w/English subtitles Rated: NR (PG-13)

The film tells the story of an elderly woman who constantly files complaints with the local office about the wrongs that she sees around her each day. Along the way, she forms an unlikely friendship with a junior civil service officer who begins to teach her English. Though the film is a comedy, the genre serves as a vehicle to discuss the deeper topic of Korean comfort women during World War II. *The Korean Pavilion in Auroville, is going to bring some such wonderful film to you each month.*

International—Saturday, 24 December, 8pm
ELVIS

USA-Australia, 2022, Writer-Dir. Baz Luthermann w/ Tom Hanks, Austin Butler, Olivia DeJonge, and others, Biography-Music, 159mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

This acclaimed film follows the true events in the life of the rock 'n' roll star Elvis Presley. The film delves into the African-American roots of the musical genre he popularized, the complicated relationship between him and his manager, Colonel Tom Parker, the impact his fame had on his family, and offers a heartbreakingly visceral depiction of his final years.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 25 December, 4:30pm
ABOMINABLE



USA-China, 2019, Dir. Jill Culton w/ Chloe Bennet, Albert Tsai, Tenzing Norgay Trainor, and others, Animation-Adventure, 90mins, English, Rated: PG

After discovering a Yeti on the roof of her apartment building, teenage Yi and her two friends embark on an epic quest to reunite the magical creature with his family. But standing in their way are a zoologist and a financier who want to capture the beast for their own gain.

Bruno Ganz Film Festival @ Ciné-Club
Sunday 25 December, 8pm

MIA AIONIOTITA KAI MIA MER
(Eternity and a day)

Germany-Greece, 1998, Dir. Theo Angelopolous w/ Bruno Ganz, Isabelle Renauld and others, Drama, 137 mins, Greek w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.



A dying author prepares to leave his beloved family home by the sea and settle things with his daughter; his feelings of despair are interrupted, complicated and finally, to some extent, banished by memories of happier times with his wife and by an encounter with a young Albanian orphan.

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

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

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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 Entrance	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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- Student Pass Rs.1200 per month/ 24 days round trip.
- Rs.150 Round trip for Aurovilians & New comers
- Rs.200 Round trip for guests.
- Bus passes are available at Auroville Vehicle Service, Town Hall, Auroville, 0413 2623302

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- India Emergency Response Service (24/7):** 108

Guidelines



Hard deadline for submissions
TUESDAY 3pm

The content of News & Notes is a reflection of the growth process of this community towards its ideals of Harmony, Goodwill, and Truth.

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

How to submit material:

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

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