



News Notes

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Here this God, the Mind, in its dream experiences again and again what once was experienced; what has been seen and what has not been seen, what has been heard and what has not been heard, what has been experienced and what has not been experienced, what is and what is not, all it sees, it is all and sees. **Prasna Upanishad**

One in many births, a single ocean holder of all streams of movement, sees our hearts. **Rig Veda**

Night was born and from Night the flowing ocean of being and on the ocean Time was born
to whom is subjected every seeing creature. **Rig Veda**

Pondering



The belief in our immortality is only a faith, the belief in our mortality is only a faith. It is impossible for the materialist to prove that our consciousness ends with the death of the body; for he may indeed show that there is as yet no convincing proof that anything in us consciously survives, but equally there is and there can be in the nature of things no proof that our conscious self does not outlast the physical dissolution.

*Memory, Self-Consciousness and the Ignorance,
The Life Divine, Sri Aurobindo*

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House of Mother's Agenda

December 13, 1969

(continued from last week)

Satprem: I'd like to take a leaf out of your book!

Mother: Here! (Mother gives her hands, laughing)

Satprem: Because, even in a mental silence (I am used to always writing in mental silence), but still, even in that silence, I am wary of old formations or reactions coming and expressing themselves in the silence.

Mother: Ah, yes.

Satprem: I am afraid of that.

Mother: Yes, of old things rising up again.

But don't you feel it comes from above?

Satprem: I feel the Force is there and it comes down.

Mother: Well, so then?

Satprem: Well, yes, but later on, after I've written certain things, I wonder if...

Mother: Ah, it gets mixed.

Satprem: I wonder if I should have said that.

Mother: But then, that's the mind's intervention.

Satprem: I don't know.

Mother: It happens to me too. Sometimes I write something, send it, and afterwards I remember what I wrote and say to myself, "Gee! I shouldn't have said that!..." And later on, I realize it's quite fine—it's the reaction that's a mental reaction.

Satprem: That's happened to me several times. The other day, for example, I had to write to C.S. [a German translator]—he'd written me some... very often he writes unacceptable things, but I don't say anything; and the other day, I wrote a rather strong letter to tell him, "What does that mean?" But afterwards, I said to myself, "No, you shouldn't budge," and I didn't send my letter... What's to be done? I don't know.

Mother: That, mon petit... (silence)

Satprem: It's difficult.

Mother: Yes But when you turn above or aspire, or when you're like that, open to the Supreme Consciousness, is it concrete?

Satprem: Oh, yes, it's solid.

Mother: It's concrete? What's needed... You understand, there's only ONE way, it's for the ego to go away, that's all. That's the thing. It's when, instead of an "I," nothing remains there—completely flat, you know, like this (immense, even gesture, without a ripple), with a sort of... not even expressed with words, but a very STABLE expression of, "What You will, what You will." (Words become very small.) Really with a concrete sensation that this [the body] doesn't exist, it's only "made use of," as it were, and there's NOTHING but That. That which goes like this (gesture of exerting a pressure). The impression of That, this conscious immensity which (Mother stretches out her arms)... You eventually see it, you know ("see" it, it's not a vision with pictures, but a vision... I don't know with what! But it's very concrete, much more concrete than pictures), a vision of this IMMENSE Force, this IMMENSE Vibration pressing and pressing and pressing... and then, the world wriggling about underneath (!) and the thing opening—and when it opens, that enters and spreads.

It's really interesting.

It's the only solution, there's no other. All the rest is... aspirations, conceptions, hopes... it's still the superman, but not the supramental. It's a higher humanity that tries to lift its whole humanity upward, but... it's useless. It's useless.

The image is very clear of all this humanity clinging and climbing, striving to catch like that, but actually not giving itself—it wants to take! And that won't do. It has to nullify itself. Then something else can come, can take its place.

The whole secret is there.

For instance, the whole side (all that here, in the Ashram, Y represents) of this humanity that wants to FORCIBLY seize things and lift them here (gesture to the level of the forehead)... It's interesting (there's no denying it, it's interesting!), but it's NOT THAT! It's not that! All those possibilities must be exhausted for something in humanity to understand... that there's nothing but this (Mother opens her hands in a gesture of surrender). There. And then, to let oneself be flattened until one disappears.

Ultimately, that's the most difficult: to learn to disappear. (silence)

Very well, mon petit (laughing), we'll get there!

Volume 10. 1969: Agenda of the Supramental Action Upon Earth

https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_10/1969-12-13-01_e.htm

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

Townhall Speaks

FROM THE WORKDESKS OF FAMC AND BCC

It has been a challenging time for both BCC and FAMC over the last 6 months.

There has been a huge pressure both in terms of compliance in accounting and systems, as well as cleaning up a large number of "individual interpretations of rules". The administrative systems all needed a serious upgrade. BCC was running without any real accounting, just in a large number of financial service accounts and Excel sheets, with no real monitoring and overview. This has now been converted to a complete Tally accounting with IT monitoring modules, which has given us a good overview of all expenses and income of the community.

This work has highlighted a number of problems and issues which we will need to address:

As communicated earlier, a large number of Aurovilians, more than 400, do not contribute their individual monthly contribution of Rs 3800. Despite several mails to each of them, many have not even acknowledged a response. This creates a large hole in the income for the community, and we will have to closely follow up the participation of the majority of residents in the near future.

Aurovilians on City Service maintenance, are until now waived from individual contribution. If an Aurovillian is on half maintenance, they are supposed to contribute half individual contribution. Many seem to forget to contribute this when moving out of city service maintenance. So, to make it more clear and transparent, we will, from the 1st of April 2023, stop the waiver system. Aurovilians on City Service maintenance will receive a larger maintenance including the individual contribution, which will then be transferred back to City Service. There will be no change in the individual maintenance as such, but it will be clearly shown in BCC accounts that you have contributed. This will also make it clearer that the cost of City service maintenance includes the individual contribution. The BCC accounting system will bookkeep the individual contribution for each Aurovillian, so we are better able to monitor this very important income support for BCC.

A number of Aurovilians are "combining" a half or full City Service maintenance with contribution from other work in units. We feel clearly that being on a City Service maintenance means that you can not use it together with other maintenance to get above the full city service maintenance. You will have to choose and stick to one source of support.

A number of services being funded by City Services with a BCC budget for maintenance and recurring cost, are using other income and donations to "top-up" maintenance for some who work in the services. We feel that it is a "practice" that both undermines the BCC budgeting system as well Auroville norms, and we will ask these units to stop this manner of operating.

A large number of unit executives take much higher maintenance than the "standard" maintenance. The existing Code of Conduct does not prohibit this, except that the amount above standard maintenance can only be taken from the 67% percent of a unit surplus, and the unit 33% contribution is not reduced due to this higher maintenance. It is not so easy to make a fixed rule, both this FAMC and earlier FAMCs have worked on this. But it has now reached a level where we have to bring regulation. We do request units to exercise restraint and think about common Auroville values. Half of the extra amount needs to go towards supporting the Collective Economy Development pool. (FS #251965)

We have also observed that some unit holders receive maintenance from more than one unit, bypassing the rule that taking more than a full maintenance can only come from the 67% and not reducing the units 33% contribution.

We do not feel this is correct toward the rules of Code of Conduct, and we would be reviewing this to ensure alignment with Auroville values.

We have analyzed all existing financial liquid assets of Auroville and where they are at. More than half of them are parked in bank accounts outside of Auroville. There may be some few good reasons for this—like receiving and transferring payments—but we are working on solutions so Financial Service accounts will have the same functions and facilities as a bank account. When this is ready we will make a push to bring Auroville financial liquid assets into our own financial system. We already encourage all unit holders to hold as much as possible of their financial liquid assets in the Auroville Financial Service.

Donations given to specified individuals/project by units needs to come from the 67% side of the income and also half of this donated amount channeled is to go towards supporting the Collective Economy Development pool. (FS #251965.)

In Her Service,

$1+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0+0=1$ (Equals One),

Geeta for FAMC

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 175

Dated: 06-04-2023

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:

- Lea SALENS (French) staying in Grace and working at Revelation Forest

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Dhayalan RAMACHANDIRAN (Indian)
- Nethya SRINIVASAN (Indian)
- Samuel BROYE (British)



Lea

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Agnes MARY (French) staying in Happiness and working at MarcsCoffees



Agnes

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. 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, Dheena, Grace, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan, Matilde, Ramanarayana, Sonja and Swadha)

Entry Service Timings

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Tuesday & Thursday—Newcomer kits between 2:30 and 4:30pm
- 0413 2622707, auroville.entryservice@gmail.com

FAMC REPORT FOR MARCH 2023

You must neither turn with an ascetic shrinking from the money power, the means it gives and the objects it brings, nor cherish a rajasic attachment to them or a spirit of enslaving self-indulgence in their gratifications. Regard wealth simply as a power to be won back for the Mother and placed at her service.

In your personal use of money look on all you have or get or bring as the Mother's. Make no demand but accept what you receive from her and use it for the purposes for which it is given to you. Be entirely selfless, entirely scrupulous, exact, careful in detail, a good trustee; always consider that it is her possessions and not your own that you are handling. On the other hand, what you receive for her, lay religiously before her; turn nothing to your own or anybody else's purpose.

"The Mother" by Sri Aurobindo

Funds & Assets Management Committee Report, March 2023

- All assets, buildings, farms, green buffer zone and parks, lands are resources that belong to the Divine Mother to be optimally and diligently used by all. The assets are held in a structure-The Auroville Foundation-amenable to the laws of the land.
- FAMC had reached out to all the residents of Auroville through News and Notes and AuroNet for the positions of Project Leads for 10 sectors that are directly under FAMC oversight. Total 16 people filled out the forms and 5 others contacted us directly. We will keep you posted about the outcome of this process in the near future.
- FAMC has received Rs. 21.50 lakh as a Grant in Aid from Gol for the period of June 2022 to March 2023. Of which, Rs. 6.36 lakh were used for non-faculty salaries and allowance, Rs. 4.61 used for Aurovillian maintenance, Rs. 1.14 lakh were used for running expenses like internet, repairs, stationery, Tally charges, refreshments etc. The remaining money was used for capital assets including computers for project leads and furniture for the new office.
- FAMC along with BCC have begun the review and follow up on the City Services contributions. The team met/ contacted the accountants/ executives of 39 units for clarifications on the unit contributions calculations and reconciliation of the data of FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. So far the collection has gone up by Rs. 17,39,153. We will continue this process in the coming month/s. The exercise will continue for the budget year 2022-2023. Currently we will need to write off contributions from units like Roma's Kitchen and some others. This is because of the delay in collection. In the past and even now the unit contributions collections have been delayed by a couple of years. With centralizing/ digitizing operations, we plan to have these collections available and up-to-date in the near future. We also visited some units at the invitation of their executives to know their operations a little better.
- FAMC team attended the presentation on the process and documentation by the use of digitization of accounts and consolidation with a chartered accountancy firm in Pondy. We were presented with some innovative solutions that can help streamline and simplify our accounting and financial reporting processes across all the units. This will need to be taken up for phase wise implementation once budgets are identified.
- FAMC and BCC visited the ACUR facility, Revelation (Mahakali Park), AHA Kindergarten as a part of "Get to Know Your Services." We will continue this in the coming months.
- Members of the FAMC team along with other working groups met visiting Consul Generals of Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Russia and France on 18 March.
- FAMC and ATDC members met with Buddha Garden, Shambhala plot and Siddhartha Farm managers to together find a water sharing formula. A proper water quality,

use and potential will be studied and solutions proposed. This is a work in progress. We will keep you updated.

- All trusts and unit accounts consolidation is undergoing reviews and changes for meeting necessary Ministry of Education formats as outlined by the CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) review of the 2021-2022 year.
- Farm stewards and Green Zone stewards have been requested to submit annual work plans for each of the assets under their stewardship for a budget overview and planning for the two sectors. The submissions are awaited.
- FAMC team members met Unity Fund team members to review the overall FCRA and donation channel modalities and procedures to be set up going forward.
- FAMC members along with ATDC have met Road Service, Eco Service, Electrical Service. They plan to meet other service providers in the coming week.
- FAMC team along with the Housing Service is reviewing a proper House transfer contribution formula for a logical and operational driven costing equation. A practical, deterministic and statistics based costing formula that includes repairs of the houses, administration and staff budgets, house tax provided to panchayats, repatriation costs that are taken into consideration based on the recent past five year records.
- FAMC along with ATDC is reviewing the land stewardship reforms.
- FAMC has initiated a survey of commercial buildings to review the usage of assets. We will update the community once the work is done.
- FAMC is working on a system and process to make all expenses made from BCC transparent to the community. The same process will be extended to other sub-groups of FAMC.
- FAMC has introduced proper accounting practices to manage the income and expenses of various accounts handled by BCC.
- Ongoing initiatives:
 - Along with ATDC, review of Utsav project, beginning review of Vibrance project and Svaram new campus project
- Items still pending/ongoing –
 - Health Sector consolidation and finance.
 - BCC and SAIER are following up on the school budgets. BCC has received Rs. 75 lakhs from SAIER for FY 2022-2023. Total disbursement from BCC to schools for maintenances and recurring budgets was Rs. 6 crores. This brings a rethink on a proper SAIER operational and effectiveness modalities in comparison to standard Auroville educational norms.
 - 405 residents are not supporting City Services with their monthly contribution. This includes 10 who are unwilling to pay, TOS and non-responders-excluding those above 70 years.
- Units and Trusts issues—Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity manager:
 - Auro Nirmata, a unit under Auroville Service Trust, has been closed.
 - Auroville Carpentry Service, a unit under Auroville Service Trust, has been closed.
 - Maha Travels, a unit under ABC Trust, has been closed.
 - Deepam Candles, a unit under Kattida Kalai Trust—Reappointment of Kalaiselvi MURUGAN as an executive. The other executive is Murugan PERUMAL.
 - Integrated Transport Service, a unit under Auroville Service Trust—Reappointment of Chandresh PATEL and Minhaj AMEEN as additional executives from 09.10.2022.
 - Taboo, a unit under Team Trust—Resignation of Fabien Bontems as an executive. The other executives are Ambra FEIRA and Kumbha GRENIER.
 - AVM BUILDERS is a new unit under Auromode Trust with Veeramani MUNUSAMY and Balaji SUBBARAJU appointed as executives from 16.03.2023 to 15.03.2026.

- Hemplanet, an activity under Kattida Kalai Trust, is graduating into a unit. Tom MO, Sasikanth SOMU and Davide ROTA are appointed as new executives from 16.03.2023 to 15.03.2026.
- Cocoon, an activity under Kattida Kalai Trust, is graduating into a unit. Anbu KUTTALAM PILLAI, Somasundaram MANNATHAN and Ramlekshmi ANBU are appointed executives from 16.03.2023 to 15.03.2026.
- Holistic, a unit under ABC Trust—Resignation of Christine Pauchard and appointments of Mirrabelle LINDEMANN and Hanelore Ingrid ANDRASSY as executives from 16.03.2023 to 15.03.2026.
- Treecare, a unit under Kattida Kalai Trust—Appointment of Bagirath PRAKASH as an executive from 16.03.2023 to 15.03.2026.
- AuroOrchard, a unit under Auroville Service Trust—Appointment of Anshul AGGARWAL as an executive from 24.03.2023 to 23.03.2026.
- Aircon Clean is a new activity under the umbrella entity AVA (Auroville Activities.) Julien Guy BONTEMS is appointed as manager from 16.03.2023.

In Her Service,

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Geeta for FAMC

AUROVILLE FARM SURVEY

Staff members of L'avenir d'Auroville/ ATDC, Auroville Water Service and Auroville Electrical Service are conducting a survey of all Auroville farms and their infrastructure.

We kindly request all farmers' cooperation in this work.

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

Community News

Passing On

ANNA FROM ETERNITY PASSED AWAY



In the morning of Sunday 2 April, Dutch Aurovilian Anna Oijevaar passed away. She was a lively, energetic and much appreciated Aurovilian, who came here first in 1988 and was registered as Aurovilian in '93. She raised five children, Jonah, Jitta, Ofa, Anan and Anadi, and was one of the main initiative takers of the Auroville Lilaloka resource centre for children that came off the ground in 2011.

Anna's children wrote on 2 April

This morning Anna from Eternity passed away. She would have been 72 this year. Many years ago Anna had a dream of an Island to raise her family, a place of new awakening. A place of youth that never ages, where children could grow up to be their unique selves. This journey led them to Auroville. When she stepped out of the taxi for the first time in Eternity, she knew this was the place of her dreams. Anna and Yuval raised their 5 children there and, with the family, established a beautiful oasis on the beach.

She dedicated her life work to Integral education, to Mother and Sri Aurobindo and the Divine.

We are grateful to have had her in our lives and everything she has given to us all.

Her family and her extended family in Auroville and around the world will always hold her close to their heart."

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News and Notes' Adventures

AUROVILLE COUNCIL DISMISSES ROY AND AGNIJATA FROM N&N NOTES

This week we received this rather startling and sullen message from The Auroville Council stating in part, that the N&N team are are;

"hereby removed from their positions for failing to adhere to the requisites of the journal"

And announcing that henceforth;

"hereby prohibited from carrying out any and all work pertaining to News & Notes, including execution of any and all publications, with immediate effect."



Not mentioned in this proclamation are the underlying reasons behind the restrictions imposed upon the N&N which is a dispute that exists between our governing groups composed of Aurovilians, either selected by Residents' Assembly Selection process or Aurovilians selected directly by AVFO. One would think this dispute would be resolved at some point, but hasn't and as it turns out publishing articles by RA selected groups would be in defiance of the AVFO demands which, no doubt, would result in some dire consequences.

This rather astonishing and sobering Council message we just received, reinforces what I had written earlier;

It seems to me that Aurovilians are witness to consequences of 'a strained insistence on conformity and correctness of thought, language and behavior emanating from within Auroville itself which could benefit with some human heartedness, respect, grace and simple but honest communication between Aurovilians.'

All this aside I might add that the statement "this internal community journal of Auroville, named News & Notes"; is not wholly accurate, the N&N is read widely, including governmental departments embedded in Delhi. What is written in N&N can and has in the past led to some unexpected hardships.

Perhaps most importantly to me, personally, is I do not want to be a source of disharmony nor do I want to add to the factionalism which seems to exist in abundance within Auroville and will comply with this command and step aside.

I await someone to replace me in this job, which I rather enjoy, to train someone in the tasks required. This should take about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, as we put a new team together, I will continue to help put together the N&N, which despite everything continues to serve Auroville.

Roy

"Fanaticism is the enemy of truth, for it always fears facing reality. The fanatic has no use for reason or evidence, but relies on his feelings and emotions. His mind is closed to new ideas and his heart is closed to compassion and empathy."

PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR WORK AT N&N

Dear Roy, Dear Agnijata,

We are aware that you have again been harassed with a notice of dismissal by the members of the Auroville Council. News and Notes is an official medium of communication and information for the whole community and serves as a reference for the Auroville Foundation and many outside Auroville.

We request you to continue your work and not succumb to this unwarranted pressure. Should there be any further intimidation please inform us immediately.

With our appreciation and support for your work under these unusual circumstances.

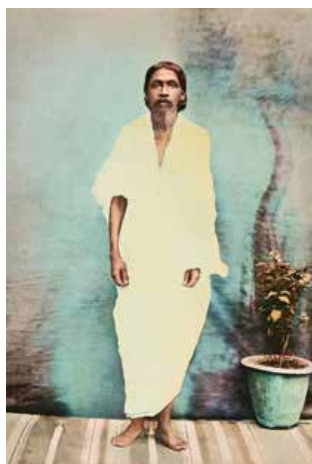
Warmly, *The Working Committee,*
Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha,
Selvaraj, Srimoyi, Tine

Auroville Matters

THE LIFE DIVINE

Man's urge towards spirituality is the inner driving of the spirit within him towards emergence, the insistence of the Consciousness-Force of the being towards the next step of its manifestation. It is true that the spiritual urge has been

Man and the Evolution 879



Largely other-worldly or turned at its extreme towards a spiritual negation and self-annihilation of the mental individual; but this is only one side of its tendency maintained and made dominant by the necessity of passing out of the kingdom of the fundamental Inconscience, overcoming the obstacle of the body, casting away the obscure vital, getting rid of the ignorant mentality, the necessity to attain first and foremost, by a rejection of all these impediments to spiritual being, to a spiritual status. The other, the dynamic side of the

spiritual urge has not been absent, — the aspiration to a spiritual mastery and mutation of Nature, to a spiritual perfection of the being, a divinisation of the mind, the heart and the very body: there has even been the dream or a psychic prevision of a fulfilment exceeding the individual transformation, a new earth and heaven, a city of God, a divine descent upon earth, a reign of the spiritually perfect, a kingdom of God not only within us but outside, in a collective human life. However obscure may have been some of the forms taken by this aspiration, the indication they contain of the urge of the occult spiritual being within to emergence in earth-nature is unmistakable.

If a spiritual unfolding on earth is the hidden truth of our birth into Matter, if it is fundamentally an evolution of consciousness that has been taking place in Nature, then man as he is cannot be the last term of that evolution: he is too imperfect an expression of the spirit, mind itself a too limited form and instrumentation; mind is only a middle term of consciousness, the mental being can only be a transitional being. If, then, man is incapable of exceeding mentality, he must be surpassed and supermind and superman must manifest and take the lead of the creation. But if his mind is capable of opening to what exceeds it, then there is no reason why man himself should not arrive at supermind and supermanhood or at least lend his mentality, life and body to an evolution of that greater term of the Spirit manifesting in Nature.

Submitted by Soham Dev

THE BLUE BIRD

*I am the bird of God in His blue;
Divinely high and clear
I sing the notes of the sweet and the true
For the god's and the seraph's ear.
I rise like a fire from the mortal's earth
Into a griefless sky
And drop in the suffering soil of his birth
Fire-seeds of ecstasy.
My pinions soar beyond Time and Space
Into unfading Light;
I bring the bliss of the Eternal's face
And the boon of the Spirit's sight.
I measure the worlds with my ruby eyes;
I have perched on Wisdom's tree
Thronged with the blossoms of Paradise
By the streams of Eternity.
Nothing is hid from my burning heart;
My mind is shoreless and still;
My song is rapture's mystic art,
My flight immortal will.*



Sri Aurobindo

Awakening Spirit

AMPHITHEATRE—MATRIMANDIR

Every Thursday at sunset, 6 to 6:30pm
weather permitting

**Meditation with Savitri read by Mother
to Sunil's music**

Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

Reminder to all

- The Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- We request everyone: please do not use cameras, laptops, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- Dear Guests, please carry your Guest Card with you. Access only for the Amphitheatre from 5.45 pm and until meditation ends.
Surya & Velmurugan



DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

- Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 6 to 6:45pm
- Thursday, 5 to 5:45pm



Submitted by Arun

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Tuesday, 11 April, 9am—12noon

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on Tuesday, 11 April, at 9am—12noon

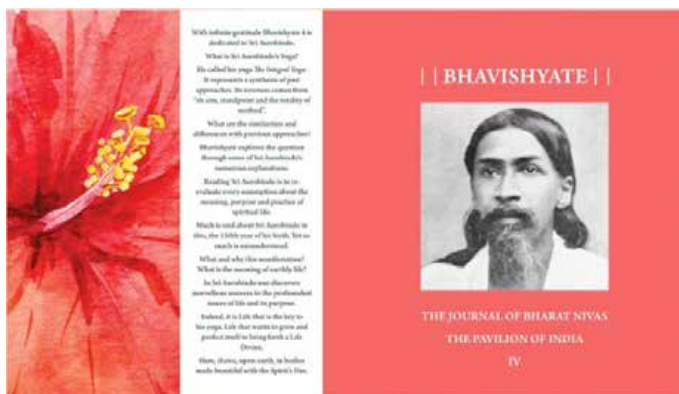
- **Focus:** Self-realization
- **Led by:** Ashesh Joshi
- **Place:** Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele
- **Contact:** 9489147202.

Please be present by 8:45am

All are Welcome, Ashesh Joshi



JOURNAL, BHAVISHYATE 4 Dedicated to Sri Aurobindo



The Sri Aurobindo Centre for Studies, Bharat Nivas is glad to announce the availability of the Journal, Bhavishyate 4—Dedicated to Sri Aurobindo. It explores, through his own words, His Action while clarifying some common misunderstandings about the work of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother. Please note, The Journal is available both in hard copy and in digital format.

- **The printed version** (Hard copy) can be requested/ collected against a small contribution from Sri Aurobindo Center For Studies, Bharat Nivas.
- **For Soft Copy** (pdf version) please email your request to us, bharatnivas@auroville.org.in.

Regards, Vani, BN Culture Team

FOUR GREAT ASPECTS OF THE MOTHER Maheswari, Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, Mahasaraswati



Monday, 10 April 2023, 4pm at Savitr Bhavan.

Duration: 52min.

In this film the Mother reads passages from Sri Aurobindo's book "The Mother", Chapter 6, illustrated by images of flowers with the spiritual significances given by the Mother and with paintings by Usha R. Patel and others. We also see scenes of Ashram life and as well as the Mother interacting with children and sadhaks on darshan days.

Sri Aurobindo wrote: "Four great Aspects of the Mother, four of her leading Powers and Personalities have stood in front in her guidance of this universe and in her dealings with the terrestrial play. One is her personality of calm wideness and comprehending wisdom and tranquil benignity and inexhaustible compassion and sovereign and surpassing majesty and all ruling greatness. Another embodies her power of splendid strength and irresistible passion, her warrior mood, her overwhelming will, her impetuous swiftness and world shaking force. A third is vivid and sweet and wonderful with her deep secret of beauty and harmony and fine rhythm, her intricate and subtle opulence, her compelling attraction and captivating grace. The fourth is equipped with her close and profound capacity of intimate knowledge and careful flawless work and quiet and exact perfection in all things. Wisdom, Strength, Harmony, Perfection are their several attributes... To the four we give the four great names, Maheshwari, Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, Mahasaraswati."

And the Mother gave the following explanation to Mona Sakar, published in "The Supreme": "My voice is not ordinary. This voice, clear, pure, tranquil, is filled with love and light and above all, an infinite compassion which extends towards all those who hear it. This voice is so convincing that it evokes an ardent aspiration in all the hearts. It has a supreme healing power and its vibrations remove the difficulties, and the obstacles vanish as by an enchantment... My voice awakes the calm certitude in all hearts. This voice is consciousness itself, it awakens the consciousness in the

inconscience...This voice...which has pronounced nothing but the Supreme Truth, is charged with an extraordinary force to manifest the Divine Powers."

The film *Four Great Aspects of The Mother* is based on a 1954 documentary by Dr P. Sanyal, edited in 2014 by Aravind Akki, and produced by the Department of Physical Education of Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

- [It is also accessible on the AuroMaa website.](#)

Submitted by Margrit

MATRIMANDIR AND I

Zoom presentation, Saturday, 8 April,
8:30pm Auroville, Unity Pavilion, 11:00am New York



AVI USA will be hosting a Zoom presentation of the short film premiere Matrimandir and I: B Sullivan, on Saturday, April 8, 8:30pm Auroville, 11:00am New York.

Register for the free event here: <https://aviusa.org/MMandI>. Director Serena Aurora and American born Aurovilian

pioneer B Sullivan will join us for an introduction to the series, the screening of 3 episodes and Q&A at the end.

There will be a group viewing of the Zoom event at Unity Pavilion, at 8:30pm, Sunday April 8. Contact Unity Pavilion art 0413 2623576, for additional information. Please arrive a few minutes early.

Thank you, Ioana

Children

CHILDREN'S CAMP— AUROVILLE CHAPTER

25—29 April

SEEDS

A conscious development camp for children of the future

A JOURNEY FROM HABITS TO CONSCIOUS LIVING

CHILDREN'S CAMP

~ AUROVILLE CHAPTER ~

25TH TO 29TH APRIL

"A Child should always remember—the necessity of an Absolute Sincerity. The certitude of truth's final victory. The possibility of constant progress with the will to achieve."

"Ideal Child" by The Mother

- For registration, please [fill out the google form following the link.](#)
- Information: sambhavyoga@gmail.com;
- Call/WA 8277 0804 17
- [Video link of previous camps](#)

Egle for ARA, in collaboration with ARA & Enlight—registered Auroville activities

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Health Care

AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

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

Submitted by Sudha

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AV HEALTH FUND SCHEME

If you still have any medical bills from the past months at home please drop them, **together with your doctor prescription, your PT account number and Email**, in the Health Fund box at Aspiration Health Centre or at SANTE.



As the financial year is going to end, all the pending bills from **April 2022 till February 2023** have to be processed before the end of **March 2023**.

Only the medical bills from **March 2023** can be paid till the end of **April 2023**.

The audit service has told **not to process** any bills from last financial year **after March 2023**.

Please check your cupboards while there is still time!

Best, Stefan, for AV Health Fund

LOOKING FOR CONTACT PERSONS FOR JIPMER MEDICAL FACILITIES

JIPMER offers excellent medical services and surgery but due to the many people it serves, it is challenging to go there, and residents hesitate unless a person familiar with the institution can guide them.



The Auroville Council (Subgroup on Health-related topics together with Health Fund team) is looking for individuals that have experience with registration and admittance to JIPMER to help the Aurovilian patients with this paperwork and guide them in the different Jipmer departments.

- Our aim is to find 2—4 people (Aurovilians, Newcomers) that have needed experience and knowledge, or are willing to get trained.
- If you have some time and can help with this, please write to
 - Auroville Council, avcouncil@auroville.services or
 - Health Fund, avhealthfund@auroville.org.in.

Your help will be much appreciated.

Thank you! Shivaya

Children

TRANSITION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, 13 April, from 10:30am to 12noon



Crafts Centre and all of the

Transition school teachers and students warmly invite you to come to our school on Thursday, 13 April, from 10:30am to 12noon. You will be able to meet the children and see some of the work that they have been doing this year. The Arts and

**Love, the Transition students,
teachers, and support staff,
Shakti**

Theatre

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR JANE BONDA!

27, 28, 29 April, 8pm, Bharat Nivas

Tickets are now available for Miraculous Productions new play—Jane Bonda!



- The play performs on April 27, 28, 29 in Bharat Nivas. The show starts at 8pm and runs for an hour and 20 minutes.

How to book tickets

If you'd like to book tickets for any of the three nights, please use this link:

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jane-bonda-tickets-597426517797>
- **How to book offline:** If you have any troubles with the link or online booking in general, please call our ticket office on 944 3659 885.

indispirit@gmail.com

**See you at the show! Much love, Jesse
for The Miraculous Productions Team**

The Arts

Visitors Center's Right Path Cafe LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS

BOSSA – JAZZ Sunday April 9
7:30 PM



Jade - Ronny - Mehul - Rolf - Shakti - Tommaso

Submitted by Edo

adiShakti
9th EDITION | 5TH - 13TH APRIL
REMEMBERING VEENAPANI

Adishakti Laboratory for Theatre Art Research (ALTAR) proudly presents 2023's The Remembering Veenapani Festival (RVF) from April 5th to April 13th, 2023.

This edition features theatre, dance, and music performances, as well as lec-dems and a new conversation series. With a wide cross-section of entertaining, thought-provoking, and inspiring offerings, the schedule has been curated with audiences across diverse groups in mind. The festival is free to attend.

The Festival Line-up for this year

- **6 April**, A theatrical show by Savita Rani,
- **7 April**, A theatrical show by Aaditya Rawat, who is a Theatriculate fellowship Awardee, this is a fellowship given by Adishakti for Solo Theatre artists.
- **8 April**, A Classical Music concert by Siddhartha Belmannu
- **9 April**, A Dance concert by Anita Ratnam and team
- **10 April**, A Music Concert by Tenma
- **11 April**, A Dance showcase by Bijayini Satpathy
- **12 April**, A Theatre/ Dance Production by Kali Billi
- **13 April**, A Music concert by SAZ

And a new series of conversations with the creators called Adishakti Gupshup in collaboration with **AV Art Service**. Adishakti Gupshup is curated so that there's a bridge between the creators and the audience, to give a glimpse into a creators mind. **Aurovilians Francesca Papale and Grace Gitadelilah** will be initiating the conversations with the invited artists.

- This festival is Free Entry;
- First come first serve;
- Food stalls are available on all days;
- Donations are welcome.

adishaktiprogram@gmail.com, 6383070833 WA,
Submitted by Krishna, Av arts service

TALISMAN: EXHIBITION AT LA GALERIE

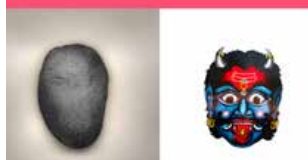
Opening on Saturday, 8 April, 6pm,
Pondicherry, 58 rue Suffren

Talisman is a first-of-a-kind exhibition at La Galerie of the Alliance Française de Pondicherry, curated by the It Matters Auroville art gallerists Bhakti and Sandra. This art exhibition brings eight Auroville artists together through tile, an emblematic medium of Tamil culture.

- We are pleased to invite you to the opening this Saturday, 8 April at 6pm, 58 rue Suffren.

Get more updates on our instagram: @auroville.curated

Bhakti



Activities

SWIMMING CLASS

- Kids 6+ & Adults
- Courses from beginners to advanced level
- To book contact
Mani, +91 8637633696

Submitted by Mani



TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday, Cripa, 6:30pm

- By appointment: Any time you can do class

Information

- Bring water bottle, socks
- Every month new batch beginner
- Minimum commitment 1 month
- Listen more Tango music
- Dance Tango every day by booking for couples or Individuals
- Be on time

For bookings contact us:

- +918637633696, bakisatadance@gmail.com

Mani, @bakisata_dance



SALSA DANCE CLASS

Beginner Class:

Every Tuesday, 6:30pm

- **All Levels:** Every Saturday, 6:30pm
- **By appointment** any time you can do Salsa, Bachata Kizomba

- **Need To Bring:** Socks, Water, Smile
- **Venue:** New creation Dance studio
- **Register before coming:**
+918637633696

Mani, @bakisata_dance



ART WORKSHOPS BY SENIOR ARTIST ABHIJIT ROY

Every Saturday, 2—4pm

Study Room (Sri Aurobindo Centre)

BHARAT NIVAS
PAVILION OF INDIA: AUROVILLE

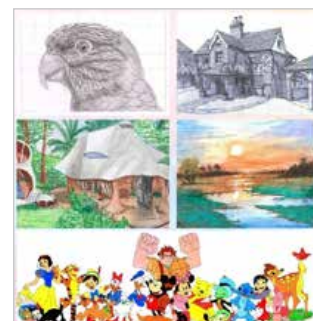
Come along and learn how to sketch paint & draw under following categories of your choice

- Fundamentals of drawing, 10 sessions
- House Portrait, 5 sessions
- Urban Sketching (paint along)
- Water colour landscape (paint along)
- Draw Cartoon Characters (paint along)

Contribution required

For Registration please send an email to bharatnivas@auroville.org.in

Regards, Vani, BN Culture team



RUPAVATHI JOY ACTIVITIES

Bio-region Temple Tour: every Sunday, 9am—12noon, starting from Solar Kitchen

Indian cooking: every Saturday, 2—4pm, at Creativity.

Thai Massage: everyday after 5pm

If you want to participate, please book it in advance:

- +91 8098845200, Voice and WA
- rupavathijoy@gmail.com

Rupavathi Joy

FOOD FOREST TOUR

Every Sunday, 9:30—11:30,
at La Ferme Community
(5min from AV Bakery)

Sign up and infos:

- 9047421044 WA, Sarah
- sarah@auroville.org.in,
- www.youtube.com/myfoodforest

Submitted by Sarah



Gatherings

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A Sunlit Path turns one!

April 14, 2023 @6pm

- Potluck Dinner (please bring a dish to share)
- RSVP (space is limited): 8870988843

A Sunlit Path is turning ONE on April 14, 2023! Please join us to reflect and celebrate over a potluck meal! If you're curious to know more about us, please visit our website www.asunlitpath.org or instagram page www.instagram.com/sunlitpathcommunity.



It has been a joy and privilege to be led on this path of service for the past one year. We have offered a variety of meditative art and healing workshops, retreats, concerts, treatments and gatherings that has opened new doors for many seekers and brought people together to connect more deeply. We thank all the forces that have made all this possible.

We are grateful to be collaborating with an Auroville unit, Abhaya, and contributing to Auroville financially. Aurovillians are welcome to offer at A Sunlit Path and also to contribute via blue sheet or aurocard. In the spirit of service, we have striven to bring prosperity and add value to the community. We are grateful to be here, to be holding space and offering a sense of home and community for many that are longing for it. We hope to meet many more of you, expand our sense of community and be inspired by our collective aspiration and vision.

Thank you, Sudha, for Abhaya Team

CELEBRATE TAMIL NEW YEAR

14 April, 4—8pm, @ Youth Center



YouthLink invites you to celebrate Tamil New Year, also known as "Puthandu" together at the Youth Center! This event will take place on 14 April, from 4 to 8pm, and will be an evening filled with cultural performances, delicious food, and a traditional pooja. Let us learn and celebrate Tamil culture together! We look forward to seeing you all dressed in your best Tamil Traditional attire

Sincerely, Namu, YouthLink Team

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.

*The Sadhana Forest team,
warmly, Shek*

Work Opportunities

INNER CLIMATE ACADEMY IS LOOKING FOR TWO ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

Bioregional Project Coordinator (Bilingual-Tamil/English)

[Inner Climate Academy](#) is looking for a project coordinator to manage their activities in the bioregion, which includes the design, development and management of a fellowship program and other community activities that are being developed with partners in the bioregion. You will be supported by other team members in this role. This is a half time position with half maintenance available.



- [Please see here for more information](#)

CA Facilitation Apprenticeship

Inner Climate Academy is offering a facilitation apprenticeship that will take place over the course of 6 months to one year. This position would be ideal for someone who already has some knowledge and experience of the processes involved in facilitating groups (both on and offline) and would benefit from the opportunity to deepen their skills in the practice. You will be supported through a co-designed learning journey as part of the design, development and implementation of the second cycle of ICA's [Emerging Leaders program](#), where you will be invited to attend and document all design and development meetings and learning sessions. With guidance from our facilitators, you will also be expected to develop learning resource materials for the program.

- Part maintenance available for Aurovillians/Newcomers
- [Please see here for more information](#).
- Contact amy@innerclimateacademy for more details about either role

Amy

Looking For

Looking for a Place to Live

Dear All and one, My friend and brother Dr. Mohamed Sahel Anasari is looking for a place to live in Auroville, at list for the Summer.

If you have anything to offer, please send a WA message to Amir, 9751257709.



Eternal Gratitude, SoHam

Need a Sewing Machine

Having a Sewing Machine which has been taking a rest for too long at home?!? Children of Auroville will be happy to use it and study with it! Thanking you so much for contacting Ulrike Urvasi 9751513906 (WA, Signal and Telegram only) or essence.touch@yahoo.de. Ulrike



The Mother's Flower Garden Needs Pots

The Mother's Flower Garden needs pots to grow flowering plants. If anybody has some pots (any type) and would like to offer them, please contact us at the given address. We will pick them up from your place.

- mothersflowergarden@auroville.org.in
- 8608854330 Rabi,
- 8870089187 Narendra



Mother's Big Book on Flowers

Mother's Big Book on Flowers. If you have the two volumes and open them only once a year or so—would you be happy to let them be studied and used by some children of Auroville? It will be wonderful and suitable to share these inspiring and beautiful books.

Sending you gratitude already! Please contact Ulrike Urvasi 9751513906 (WA, Signal and Telegram only) or essence.touch@yahoo.de.

Ulrike



Need to Purchase Essential Dairy



Annapurna Farm is looking for a person traveling from Germany to Pondicherry-Auroville in the month of April–May 2023. We need to make a purchase for a farm/dairy essential material in Germany; more details such as product description, payment transfer etc can be shared over a private email or contact details.

- Note the product will weigh about 5–6kg
- Please reach to annapurnafarm@auroville.org.in if interested.

Madhuri for Annapurna

Available

Office to Share

We are a small team working on deep linguistic research looking for individuals and small teams interested to share our office with us.

It would suit similar such research activities. All modern office facilities are provided.

- For more information write to: sri@auroville.org.in

SRI team, Saskia, Gali, Martin, Madie, Serve, Rene, Daniel, Ashish



Available Hero Passion Pro I3S

Hero Passion Pro I3S model, vehicle Reg Date 28/12/18, Pondy registration, in very good condition. If interested, please contact: 9150560132 WA, or 8608854330 voice

Rabi



Puppy to Share

Like many puppies, Buju was dumped one month ago in front of Auroville dog shelter (now he's 2 months old). Weak and anemic, he became today strong and full of energy! De-wormed and vaccinated, Buju is now looking to find his forever home. Change a dog's life and yours by sharing your family with the best companion and loving friend. Buju is waiting to hear from you!

90430 05183, Caroline



Second Hand AC

The Heat is coming. Ensure your escape from the hot air! Here is your solution: Second hand A/C. Air Conditioner. Intec brand. Kindly contact Ulrike Urvasi 9751513906 (WA, Signal and Telegram only) or essence.touch@yahoo.de.

Ulrike



Cockatiel Pair

My cockatiel pair is raising 4 babies and I just don't have the space for that many birds. Anyone would love to give them a new home a little later?

Contact me 9361328573 WA

Thank you, Agnes, Hermitage

Help Needed

ECO FEMME

IS IN A PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION

Dear friends, we are reaching out to ask for your help and support because **Eco Femme is in a precarious financial situation**. During Covid, many retailers closed and since then our cloth pad sales have not recovered.



Until now, our sales have sustained our menstrual health education and pad gifting programmes to girls and women in India from low income backgrounds. Going forward, our sales will **not** be enough to reach our goal of supporting at least **15,000 girls** at least for the foreseeable future.

Whilst sobering, we remain optimistic that, with our community both here in Auroville and around the world, we can turn this situation around. **The next 6 months will be critical.**

How you can help

- **Social media:** share about Eco Femme on your social media—you can share your own cloth pad story or any post from our pages ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#));
- **Open House:** invite your friends and family to visit our office on **Thursdays at 10:30am** to learn about cloth pads and sustainable menstruation;
- **Put up a poster:** does your workplace or community have an Eco Femme poster in their bathroom? We can bring them or you can collect them from our office;
- **Review:** leave a review about your experience using Eco Femme cloth pads on [Google here](#);
- **Find retailers:** help us find new retailers in India or overseas—you can share any suggestions by writing to sales@ecofemme.org;
- **Visit us:** invite your friends and family to pass by our office Mon to Fri, 9am—5pm to purchase reusable cloth pads and baby nappies at discounted rates;
- **Volunteer:** If you want to volunteer with us, please write to info@ecofemme.org;
- **Donate and fundraise:** donations can be made via Unity Fund or <https://donations.auroville.org/ecofemme> (write to us and we are happy to help).
- **Talk and share:** about sustainable menstruation and your experience with our cloth pads around you;
- **Get creative:** we welcome any other ideas you may have about how we can turn this around to continue our work in the sustainable menstruation movement and menstrual health education in India.

We hope you can help!
Warmly, Laure, The Eco Femme team



Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, 8 April, 4:30am

I would like to share a taxi to the airport on 8 April, leaving AV at 4:30am. jagrata@ecofemme.org

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To Chennai Airport, 8 April, 6am

Auroville to Chennai International Airport, around 6am on Saturday, 8 April 2023. Please email: ra@auroville.org.in or 7373691028 WA

Warm regards, Radhika

To Chennai Airport, 11 April, 2:15am

Share taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport on Tuesday, 11 April, around 2:15am
please contact Mireille: 7094505208 or +33618709157

With my best regards, Mireille Gehin

*Security***SAFETY & BOUNDARIES AWARENESS(SBA)**

Dear members of the Auroville community, we are thrilled to invite you to a two-week program organized by the Safety & Boundaries Awareness(SBA) from 10 to 23 April. SBA is a collective consisting of Youth-Link, Chrysalis, Matram, CRP3, AVCP, AVSST, Working Committee, Jump Inward—Fakeera, AV Council, and ICC. The aim of this collective is to raise awareness and find ways to prevent sexual harassment within our community.

We recognize that sexual harassment is a serious concern that affects individuals and the community as a whole. Therefore, the program will feature various activities, including talks by experts, movie screenings, and theatre performances. Additionally, there will be workshops where you can learn about practical ways to prevent sexual harassment and support victims.

We are excited to announce the following events:

- **Awareness Campaign on Sexual Harassment & Safety:** Join us on 10 April from 12 to 2pm at Solar Kitchen for an informative session on sexual harassment and safety.
- **Krav Maga Workshop:** Learn practical self-defense techniques at Dehashakti Gym on 15 April from 10am to 12pm.
- **Expressing through Art Day:** Discover the power of art in expressing your emotions on 15 April from 4 to 6pm at Youth Centre.
- **Yatra Dance Performance & Short Skit:** Enjoy a captivating dance performance and short skit on 15 April at 8pm at Youth Centre.
- **Self Defence Workshop:** Learn how to defend yourself in challenging situations on 18 April from 10am to 12 pm at Dehashakti Gym.
- **My Body My Health Seminar:** Join us for an informative seminar on health and wellness on 20 April from 5 to 7pm at Tibetan Pavilion.
- **Discussion on Consent, Boundaries & Voicing:** Engage in a thoughtful discussion on consent, boundaries, and voicing your needs on 21 April from 4:30 to 5:30pm at Tibetan Pavilion.
- **Movie Night—Moxie:** Watch an inspiring movie about standing up against injustice on 21 April from 7 to 9pm at Youth Centre.
- **Seminar on Touch:** Learn about the power of touch and its impact on our well-being on 22 April from 10am to 12pm at Creativity Hall.
- **Chrysalis Game Show:** Have fun and learn about boundaries through an interactive game show on 22 April from 5:30 to 6:30pm at Youth Centre.

We invite you to visit our website at <https://www.youthlink.org.in/about-4> for more information about each event, workshop, seminar, and discussion. Registration is available under the description of each event. There is also a QR code for registration.



We welcome your feedback, questions, and suggestions. Please email us at Youthlink@auroville.org.in.

Join us in creating a safer, more respectful, and inclusive community for all.

Best regards, Ankita for
Safety & Boundaries Awareness Team

*Foods, Goods and Services***AVM BUILDERS**

We are happy to announce that AVM Builders is a New Auroville Unit registered under the Auromode Trust, And We (Veeramani Munusamy and Balaji Subbaraju) are appointed as new executives from 2023-03-16 to 2026-03-15,

I am requesting the Auroville community to give all kinds of work such as Mason's work, house repair, house renovation, Welding, Carpentry, Plumbing, and Electrical to the AVM builders

Veeramani,
9787403996, auromani@auroville.org.in

MARC COFFEE**2 hour, in-depth introduction to cupping**

Would you like to join Marc and the Team on this one week immersive experience? Pre-book your spot now on our [on-line store](#) or send an email to:

- admin@marcscoffees.com
- DM (direct message) us with any questions!

Join us in our classroom in Auroville for a 2 hour, in-depth introduction to cupping! We will learn how to use The Flavour Wheel, cup a limited selection of speciality coffees from around the world and score them, following the SCA (Specialty Coffee Association) cupping protocols. Includes a brewing session of the class' favorite coffee, and fresh beans for everyone to take home!

**Summer Timings and Happy Hours**

SUMMER TIMINGS & HAPPY HOURS

Friday till Sunday we are open from 8am to 10pm

Wednesdays - closed

Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays we are open from 8am to 8pm

25% flat off from 8pm to 10pm

only applicable for coffees, bakes, gelatos and kombuchas.

Matilde

GROUP TRIP TO THIRUVANNAMALAI



I am going to organize a group trip to Thiruvannamalai, every Monday, beginning from 10 April 2023, going in the morning and back in the evening, by a comfortable car or van.

Anyone wishing to join the group, please WA 9090819998. *Thank you. Aum Arabinda*

TRADITIONAL TAMIL COOKING CLASS

An opportunity to experience and explore village cooking methods of the ethnic local recipes unique to villages. The food is cooked in eco-friendly Earthen pots which add to the taste and texture of the food.

- One day pre booking 10am—12:30pm on every Saturday.
- Contact person Kani, 9629297514, Voice and WA



Thanks and Regards, Kani

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'*



LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE INDIA—TRAVEL SHOP

Due to the road construction you can only reach us via the Garden Entrance of Kalpana opposite Humanscapes



Our e-mail address has changed to travelshop@inside-india.com, landline 0413 2623030

- **Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant** will be at our Kalpana office from 10am till 4pm. He can also be contacted anytime by phone or by WA: +91 9894598686, or by email: travelshop@inside-india.com
- **Lufthansa** is pleased to remind everyone that they will increase their frequency from MAA—FRA as per the below schedule:
 - **Effective 27 March 2023:** Lufthansa raise frequency to five flights weekly from the current three flights
 - **Effective 29 June 2023:** Lufthansa will increase our MAA—FRA flight to daily operations
- **Emirates, Etihad and Kuwait airways** have offers to Paris
- **Oman airways** has special fares to Milan
- **Kuwait airways** has offers to Rome
- **Sri Lankan airline** offer on flights to Paris from Chennai baggage of 46 kg in Economy class, flights are weekly three days Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

Keep all Covid vaccination documents as some countries are again requesting to present them. This could be even the case while returning to India. *Submitted by Joster*

NATURELLEMENT ON TOUR

Monday to Wednesday, 10, 11 and 12 April

Dear friends, we will go for a tour! So Naturellement and the Garden Cafe will be closed Monday to Wednesday, 10, 11 and 12 of April. You are welcome again on Thursday when we will be back again with new energy!

The Naturellement Team, Martina



SERVICE: SOUL OF THE SOIL

Offers its services voluntarily in gratis for the below areas only to individuals/ activities who/ which do not have a qualified and experienced in-house resource.



Focus

- Startups: Products and Services
- Concept Note Writing, Project Proposal and Predefined Application Form Preparation, Financial Projections—Guidance only
- Email, Instagram, WhatsApp and LinkedIn Marketing, Business Communication and Content Writing—Guidance only
- Contacts
 - Surajkiran, 9884204918 Voice & WA
 - surajkiranv@gmail.com, Auroville

Regards, Surajkiran

Auroville Poetry

LAUGHING OUT LOUD

For the sincerely aspiring Torchbearers
Of the Double Supramental Avatar
Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:
24 hours every day on this Planet Earth,
With a Homo sapiens body
That has an expiry date:
How are you gonna use it?
Bhakti-Jnana-Karma of Integral Yoga
Loving Surrender-Knowledge-Works
Definitely most appropriate.
Why do you think your Soul
Brought to Auroville your human vessel?
Just to waste it on some unconscious pursuit?
Again and again, life after brutal life?
Find some time for your True Self
And then come back to Your Play
Laughing out loud
Not anymore biased by this or that.
Each unique seen as The One
At play with Its selves
Including you smiling in Samatā,
Proactively unmoved,
Integral part and parcel
Of this Great Cosmic Game.
If Doubt and Fear, Divisiveness and Anger
And all undivine adharmic influencers
Still rear their sneaky heads
Teasing you to be their zombie slaves
Then remember what the Divine Mother said
The Cosmic Power, Shakti Herself:
"The aim of human life is to discover the Divine
And to Manifest IT."

This for the consenting Supramental Torchbearers
Willing servitors of the Divine Consciousness
Psychophysical bridges towards the new species
Is the cutting-edge Yoga of the Cells.

Zech, 2023.04

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 Youtube live videos

- [General Meeting with TDC of Resident Assembly](#)

Please Note: At the moment our website is in trouble, so we couldn't attach the links of our other audio programs. Sorry for the inconvenience.

...and more! on www.aurovilleradio.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

Submitted by Wobbli

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

AUTHENTIC RELATING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 11 April, 5:30—7:30pm

With Prem Shakti @ Bharat Nivas Harmony hall

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

On coming Tuesday we will explore: Making friends with our needs



Shakti

SACRED PORTAL OF NEW MOON

Thursday, 6 April, 7:30—9:30pm

Harmony Hall, Bharat Nivas

Invitation to all the women who are interested to heal and rise together using the sacred portal of New Moon as an opportunity for a Collective Transformation and Nurturing Divine feminine.

- Topic: Coming back home to our bodies
- Towards contribution for the guest and donation for Auroville residents
- For more details contact Prem Shakti, 9489244823 WA

With love and gratitude,
Prem Shakti



MOTHER'S MUDRA

Mother's Mudra's in a Tai-chi Form.

- Every Tuesday at 4:30 at Savitri Bhavan.

On Sundays, after the Savitri reading, by 12, we practice also.

Everybody Welcome. Facilitator: Anandi ayun



"A harmonious collective aspiration can change the course of circumstances".

The Mother

ANGAM TREE

Traditional Massage Therapy Classes

My 30 hours course covers Traditional Bodywork based on principles of ancient Indian medicine science of Siddha originating in Tamilnadu, Southern India. It is one of the oldest systems of medicine in India.



- Varma Massage Therapy
- Varma Touch Therapy
- Varma Orthopedics
- Varma Defense Methods

Angam Tree Wellness Hut is reaching out to people interested in learning massage therapy techniques. Kindly share your profile with us at the below mentioned email address. We will call you for an interview to assess the correct fit between you and the positive intention towards the energy of therapy.

- Contribution based
- angamtree@auroville.org.in

Relaxing and Healing Massages

Angam tree welcomes you at the Auromode campus (right next to Hive coworking space) to receive relaxing and healing massages by Raja and Laure.

- Raja gives Ayurvedic acupressure and deep tissue massage with holistic healing.
- Laure gives Ayurvedic deep tissue oil massage.
- Please contact us to book an appointment:
 - +91 97513 95939 Raja
 - +91 8807434864 tel, +33 695651135 WA, Laure

Submitted by Raja

THREE WORKSHOPS WITH DR. SEHDEV KUMAR



Yoga of Forgiveness

- Saturday, 8 April, 2—4:30pm
@ Vérité, Auroville

From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference

To the Light of Forgiveness is a momentous step

Freedom from Fear

- Saturday, 15 April, 2—4:30pm

From Fear & Festering Revenge

To the Courage of Being is the True Journey of the Spirit

Peace Within: Peace Without

- Saturday, 29 April, 2—4:30pm

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.

Dr. Sehdev Kumar

Professor Emeritus, Canada, Author, Poet, Mediator,
Author of Lotus in the Stone: Explorations in Dreams & Consciousness... etc

Vérité, Auroville, Register: +91 7867805812



ARKA

WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, April 2023

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 (WA), Marco	Monday to Saturday, 8:30—9:30am, by Appointment only
Chakra Breathing Meditation		Friday: 7:30—8:30am by Appointment only
Heartfull Medita- tion	Avanthika, 6380238326	Wednesday 9—10am
Sound Chakras healing	Lakshmi, 8489764602	Only by Appointment

Treatments

Treatment	With Whom	When
Body Logic, Soft Massage And Deep Tissue Massage.	Pepe, 9943410987, by appointment	Monday to Saturday
Cranio sacral, Lomi Lomi Ka- huna massage, Barefoot body massage	Silvana, 9047654157, by appointment	Monday to Saturday
Facial, Manicure, Pedicure, Threading, Waxing, Haircuts, Haircolouring, Hennacoloring	Meha, 9443635114, by appointment,	Monday to Saturday
Shiatsu, Thai Yoga Massage, Osteothai, Somatic Bodywork and Sound Healing.	Marco, +353877420282, WA 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	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards,
Ramana, Arka, 0413 2623799

QUIET HEALING CENTER



www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in

+91 9488084966

Somatic Yoga Class with Linda Lee

- Saturdays: 8, 15, 22, 29 April, 10:30am—12pm

Somatic yoga classes are designed to lay down movement pathways for a seamless flow, which establish stability and safety, and stimulate courage, compassion and contentment.

- Group sessions: Saturdays from 10:30am—12pm
- Individual sessions upon request.
- Prerequisites: no previous experience required!

Watsu Yoga Round with Fred & Roberto

- Wednesday, 12 April, 3—6pm; 3 hours

Watsu Yoga Round is a powerful tool for deep relaxation and inner peace.

- Prerequisites: no previous experience required (also no need to know how to swim)!

Watsu & OBA Basic with Dariya & Daniel

- Tuesday, 18—Sunday 23 April, 1—6pm, 31 hours

Watsu & OBA are aquatic bodywork modalities given in a warm water pool. In this course, you will practice basic techniques and qualities (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) of being and moving another body in water.

- Prerequisites: no previous experience required!

Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) 1: Liquid Joy with Dariya & Daniel

- Tuesday, 25—Sunday, 30 April,
8:45am—6pm, 50 hours

OBA is a deeply relaxing form of aquatic therapy, which takes place in a warm water pool. I

- Prerequisites: Watsu & OBA Basic or Watsu 1 or equivalent course.

Guy



Verité

VERITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @ 0413 2622045,
2622606, 7867805812

or programming@verite.in, www.verite.in

Restorative Yin & Yoga Nidra: Deep Relaxation for Body & Mind with Emma

- Friday, 14 April, 9:30am—12pm

Explore Your Five Bodies (Koshas) Through the Practice of Yoga with Sabrina

- Saturday, 15 April, 9:30am—12:30pm

Freedom from Fear with Dr. Sehdev

- Saturday, 15 April, 2—4:30pm

Prevention & Reversal of Cognitive Decline with Lize

- Monday, 17 April, 2—4:30pm

Mindfulness with Heart—with Moller

- Tuesday, 18 April, 9:30am—12pm or
- Thursday, 20 April, 9:30am—12pm

Optimal Longevity with Lize

- Wednesday, 19 April, 2—4:30pm

HEARTFULL® MEDITATION WITH AVANTIKA**Savitri Bhavan**

- April 4, 11, 18, 25, Tuesdays, 9—10am

Arka Guest House

- April 5, 12, 19, 26, Wednesdays, 9—10am
 - Open and connect to the Light in our own Heart Center (Heart Chakra)
 - Surrender mind energy to Heart chakra to transform mental aspect of human existence
 - Provide a shield of Divinity (the true us) around body
 - Heartfull® Meditation techniques are a proven pathway to systematically turn to the divine.
- Please contact Avantika at avantikaLight@gmail.com for any questions.

Avantika

JIVA**your journey in healing and transformation**

www.auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961
contact@auroville-jiva.com, [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#)

Insta H2H Horse to Human

**ReiKi Healing Sessions with Niyati**

Reiki: The Science to Realize the Absolute. An easy therapy to bring body, mind and soul in unison and as a result bestow on oneself naturalness, awareness and totality or completeness of life & living.

- 9626006961WA, contact@auroville-jiva.com

The Incarnating Soul

- 10, 11, 12 April, 7:30 to 9pm
Webinar with Sigrid Lindemann

A webinar to shed a light on early memories of birth and early infancy, and their lifelong impacts, and even the earlier, the prenatal and karmic imprints in rebirth.

- 9626006961WA, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Exploring Past Lives

- Webinar, 24, 25, 26 April, 7:30—9pm with Sigrid

We invite you to explore the topic of Past Lives in the light of Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers Philosophy, and sharing the value of Past Lives therapy in psychotherapy and energy work.

- 9626006961WA, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in "Natural Horsemanship"

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly
 - Sessions afternoons 4—6pm or mornings 8—10am
 - Contact 9626565134WA, contact@auroville-jiva.com

2 Webinars Natural Horsemanship with Mirrabelle

- Horse Care and Management (5 lessons)
- What we can learn from horses about leadership (5 lessons)
- Contact Mirrabelle directly 9626565134WA, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Integral Regression Therapy

- with Sigrid Lindemann

These 2-3 hr intensive individual sessions are composed for a lasting healing effect.

- 9626006961WA, contact@auroville-jiva.com

Our Venue Sharnga Guest House

www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Submitted by Sigrid

*Languages***संस्कृत सम्भाषणम्****SANSKRIT CONVERSATION COURSES**

नमस्ते We are happy to announce the following Sanskrit Conversation courses.

Sanskrit, Science and Spirituality

- 15 April, 10:30am—12:30pm @ Unity Pavilion

Spoken Sanskrit Course

- 5—14 May, Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas
- 2 hours everyday.
- Kindly submit this interest form and share your preferred time slot: tinyurl.com/sanskritav2023

Sanskrit Teachers Training Program

- 17—28 May, @ T.B.D. Maybe outside Auroville too
- Full-time, Residential

These programs are jointly organized by teams from Auroville Foundation, Bharat Nivas, Samskrita Bharati, Samskritam Auroville, Unity Pavilion and many well-wishers.

- For any questions or suggestions, please feel free to write on devabhasha@auroville.org.in



"I have the deepest respect for Indian languages and continue to study Sanskrit when I have time. The Sanskrit ought to be the national language of India. Blessings."

The Mother, CWM Volume 12 (April 19, 1971)

Thanks, Deven,
For Samskritam Auroville 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.

- **Looking for:** Long-term house-sitting for our volunteer & soon-to-be newcomer, Ramesh, who teaches English at the Language Lab, and Yoga at Serendipity.

Tomatis

We are still processing the existing requests for Listening Tests and Consultations. Apologies to those who have been waiting a while. We are taking new enquiries, so feel free to place your requests with us; they will be added to the list.

To know more about the Tomatis Method, 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/>

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!

Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:30—11:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Total Beginners To start soon	TBA	TBA
	English Conversation	TBA	TBA
French	Beginner Started 11 March 2023	2:30—4:30pm	Saturday
	Beginner for Teens To start 25 March	11am—12noon	
	French Conversation Started 6 March 2023	2-3pm	Monday & Thursday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started 7 February 2023	9:30—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start soon	10—11am	Monday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner To start April 2023	2:15pm—4:15pm	Thursday
	Intermediate To start April 2023	2:15pm—4:15pm	Tuesday
Hindi	Beginner To start 12 April 2023	2:15pm—4:15pm	Wednesday
German	A1.1 Beginner	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner Started 15 February 2023	2:30—3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate Started 22 November 2022	2:30—4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner Started 11 March 2023	10am—12noon	Saturdays
Italian	Beginner Started 13 February 2023	4—5pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Pre-Intermediate To start 4 April 2023	3pm—4pm	Tuesday & Thursday

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!

Contacts

- Phone: 0413 2623661, 2622467,
- +919843030355
- Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

Opening Hours

- Monday—Saturday: 9am—12pm & 2—5pm.
- Location: International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab

Vismai, for Language Lab Team

Cinema

INTERVIEW OF CRISTOF PITOEFF

Cinema Paradiso, 7 April, 4:30pm

Duration: 75 minutes

Cristof, who comes from a well-known French theater family, was one of the pioneers of Auroville. He started, in 1971, with a few friends from aspiration, the foundations of Matrimandir. He also organized weekly meetings with the mother, with members of the aspiration community. Later he moved to the Ashram, where he was one of the pillars of libre progrès (free progress), a revolutionary education experiment started by the Mother. He also translated major works of Sri Aurobindo in french, wrote and directed many plays, and looked after the french section of the Ashram press.

Cristof was an admirable man: simple, always smiling, never judgemental, a luminous instrument of the Mother. We are grateful that his brother Sébastien, a member of the first caravan, who has beautifully edited this film. The interview is mostly in french. simultaneous translation in english with headphones will be provided.

Submitted by Francois



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 14th April

Last Chance to See—Amazonian Manatee

2009/ 59 min / Tim Green

Take a look at the world of wildlife conservation and its impact on our ecosystems. This episode spans the efforts taken to preserve the peaceful Manatee living in the largest river network on our planet, the Amazon. Follow Mark Carwardine and Stephen Fry in this delightful exploration!

Submitted by Shek

AUROVILLE FILM INSTITUTE

Hands On Documentary Film Workshop in Ladakh

- with Richa Hushing & Rivu Laha
- from 5 June to 16 July 2023



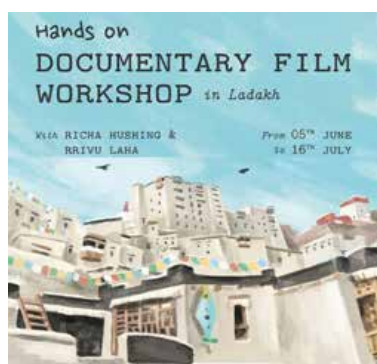
Workshop Overview

The workshop will facilitate and contextualize observations of the evolving urban landscapes, community histories and social memory, aspects of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, while simultaneously examining and experimenting with the creative documentary practice.

Methodology: The workshop will be anchored around the themes of human ecology, urbanization and material culture.

Self reflexivity will be a key aspect of the workshop.

Participants will be facilitated to make their own short films and media artifacts—ready for exhibition at the culmination of the workshop. The films and media artifacts bear a much longer life not only to exhibit and construct discourses on culture of the said region but archive contemporary concerns and movements.



Who Is It For

It is an intermediate level workshop—open for participants from all over India and abroad.

For queries and registration please visit:

- <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2023/02/16/hands-on-documentary-film-workshop-ladakh/>
- +91 9969879319 WA & Telegram

Study Circle

Film Institute @ Auroville is delighted to introduce an open study circle, 6 to 7:30pm at the Auroville Film Institute, India Space, Bharat Nivas.

The Study Circle is designed in concurrence with the ongoing research and academic pursuits of the Film Institute Fellows. The sessions are open for all.

Upcoming Week's Schedule

- Reading of Absurdist literature by the French philosopher, Albert Camus

Monday	10 April	Reading	TMyth of Sisyphus, Albert Camus
Tuesday	11 April	Reading	TMyth of Sisyphus, Albert Camus
Wednesday	12 April	Screening	TMyth of Sisyphus, Albert Camus
Thursday	13 April	Screening	TMyth of Sisyphus, Albert Camus
Friday	14 April	Screening	Essays: Summer in Algiers and The Artist and his Time, Albert Camus

For more information write to:

- support_filminstitute@auroville.org.in
- contact AVFI fellow Kartik: +91 8369339507 WA
- Kalakendra 0413 2622488.

The Alluring Melodrama of Pedro Almodovar Shot By Shot with Anupam Barve

- Weekends: 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23 April
14:30 to 18:30 IST _ ONLINE.

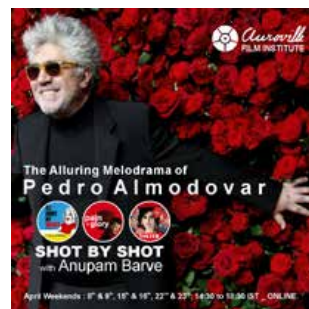
Almodóvar's films have exploded on the screen with recurring themes of desire, passion, family and identity...and over the decades, consistently offered superb renditions of bold colours, irreverent humour and glossy melodrama.

In this 3 weekend series, filmmaker and film academician Anupam Barve will go for a SHOT BY SHOT breakdown and analysis of Pedro Almodovar's directorial craft through three seminal works of his-

- All About My Mother (Todo sobre mi madre),
- Volver
- Pain and Glory (Dolor y gloria)

To know more and register, please visit:

- <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2023/03/22/the-alluring-melodrama-of-pedro-almodovar/>



- or call +91 9969879319 WA & Telegram

Film Institute @ Auroville is thrilled to announce its upcoming workshop

The Mime Of Things

- By Drupad Gaonkar, from 14 to 24 April

The Mime Of Things is a 10 days course on the subjective aspects of objective Things that we encounter in our day to day life and how Mimes use them as Metaphors to create A Poetry of the Physical.



This is part of the ongoing Non—Verbal Adjectives: an exploration of Silent & Non Verbal Art-forms project by Mooladhvani In Movement & Expression and Auroville Film Institute. Those interested are invited to join.

For queries and registration please visit :

- <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2023/03/14/the-mime-of-things/>
- or +91 9969879319 call, message WA & Telegram

Warmly, Richa Film Institute @ Auroville.



At Multi Media Centre Auditorium, Town Hall

Reminder

- Friday, 7 April, "2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY" by Stanley Kubrick, UK, 1968

Friday 14 April, 8pm, "PAINTED FIRE"

- original title: CHIHWASEON

Directed: by Im Kwon-taek, South Korea, 2002

With: Choi Min-sik Ahn Sung-ki Yoo Ho-jung

Overview: A historical drama about the renowned nineteenth-century Korean artist who changed the very direction of his country's art. The film telling the story of the painter Jang Seung-Ub dit Owon (1843-1897) and Korea at the end of the 19th century received the Best Director Award at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival. **Synopsis:** Of modest origins, Jang Seung-Ub is a traditional artist who gains recognition for the mastery of his work, despite his eccentricity and his irresistible love of women and alcohol... The story of his life is set against the backdrop of the struggle for reform in Korea caught up between its powerful neighbors: China and Japan. *Original Korean version with English Subtitles. Duration 1h57'*



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
10 April 2023 to 16 April 2023

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Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. Technically Covid protocols were never taken off of cinema/theatre halls. Since mask is not a requirement anywhere else, we leave it to people's discretion. However, please come prepared. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email.

We are now seeking funds for a new projector. If you are able to, kindly donate at MMC's FS Account for this.

Indian—Monday 10 April, 8pm
LOVE TODAY

India, 2022, Writer-Dir Pradeep Ranganathan w/ Pradeep Ranganatha, Ivana, Yogi Babu, and others, Romance-Comedy, 154mins, Tamil w/ English subtitles, Rated:NR (PG)

Uthaman and Nikita are millennial kids who fall in love and decide to get married. That's when Nikita's father says that he will agree to this marriage only if they manage to love each other after exchanging their phones for a day. What happens when they exchange—forms the main crux of the film.

Potpourri—Tuesday 11 April, 8pm
LUNANA: A YAK IN THE CLASSROOM

Bhutan-China, 2019, Writer-Dir. Pawo Choyning Dorji w/ Sherab Dorji, Ugyen N Lhendup, Kelden L Gurung, and others, Drama, 110mins, Dzongkha-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Ugyen, young teacher in Bhutan, shirks his duties while planning to go to Australia to become a singer. As a reprimand, his superiors send him to the most remote school in the world, a Himalayan village called Lunana. At the end of the long trek Ugyen finds himself exiled from his familiar comforts—and with no textbooks, not even a blackboard. Though poor, the villagers extend a warm welcome to him. But he wants to simply quit and go home, yet he remains and begins to be transformed through the amazing spiritual strength of the villagers. We couldn't screen this film on Thursday 30March'23. We are rescheduling after thorough testing. Please don't miss this amazing film.

Interesting—Wednesday 12 April, 8pm
MARCO POLO: THE CHINA MYSTERY REVEALED

USA, 2022, Writer-Dir. Jonathan Finnigan w/ Michael Yamashita, History-Docu-drama, 73mins, English, Rated: NR (R)

Perhaps no land journey in human history is more famous than Marco Polo's legendary 24 years trek across Asia. In his book, he writes about encountering such wonders as the "singing sand dunes" of Dunhuang, China, "mountains of salt" in present-day Afghanistan, and the glories of the Mongol court of Kublai Khan. While for generations people have been spellbound by Polo's account, recently scholars have questioned its authenticity. Here, a legendary photographer tests the authenticity by following Polo's own book as his travel guide. Film rescheduled from an earlier date.

German—Thursday 13 April, 8pm
DIE STILLE NACH DEM SCHUSS (The legend of Rita)

Germany, 2000, Dir. Volker Schlöndorff w/ Bibiana Beglau, Nadja Uhl, Martin Wuttke, and others, Drama, 95 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan. The film focuses on collusion between the East German secret police and the West German terrorist group (RAF). A character study, a political and historical document and the contrast of East and West. The fictional characters all have close parallels to real-life RAF members. The script was reportedly based on events in the life of Inge Viett.

International—Saturday, 15 April, 8pm
OFFICIAL COMPETITION

Spain-Argentina, 2021, Dir. Mariano Chon, W/ Penélope Cruz, Antonio Banderas, Oscar Martínez, Comedy-Drama, Spanish w/ English subtitles, 115 mins, Rated: R

A billionaire businessman in search of fame decides to make a unique, ground-breaking film. To achieve this goal, he hires a stellar team consisting of famous filmmaker Lola Cuevas and two famous actors Félix and Iván who are enormously talented, but have big egos. Through a series of hilarious tests set by Lola, Félix and Iván must confront each other and their own legacies.

ECO-FILM FEST 2021—VOL 18

With the exception of 2019 we have been screening this series of ecological, environmental and related films, we call Eco-Film Fest since 2004 from 16 to 22 April, coinciding with the Earth-Day. This year too we have a week full of Eco Films scheduled for you from Sunday to Saturday. Please see separate announcements for the full schedule.



Eco-Film Matinee—Sunday, 16 April, 4:30pm:
SURVIVING PARADISE, A FAMILY TALE



Eco-Film—Sunday 16 April, 8pm:
THE BIRD, THE PRIEST AND THE SIXTEEN MILLET THIEVES

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

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

Emergency Services

Ambulance (24/7): Auroville—9442224680

- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health: Health Center—0413 2622123

- Santé—0413 2622803
- Farewell—8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Vandrevalla Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

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.

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.

Disclaimer:

The Bridge

The Foundation Act begins with a simple statement:

Whereas Auroville was founded by the 'Mother' on the 28th day of February, 1968 as an International Cultural Township;

It would seem some have a hard time with the word "International" and what this implies. While others, it would seem have a hard time with the word "Township". It should be noted that the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992 proposes establishing a uniform structure of Municipal Councils, and Nagar Panchayats. This Act allowed them to function as effective democratic units of local self-government. One might think that this, in the context of Auroville, help define what a township means and the meaning of what it means to be a Citizen of Auroville.

Perhaps, it would seem, that some have a difficult time with the idea of "Auroville" itself.

It is interesting to note what the Auroville Foundation Act itself states concerning the relationship between our Governing body and the Citizens of Auroville;

The Powers of the Governing Board is to promote the ideals of Auroville and to coordinate activities and services of Auroville in consultation with the Residents' Assembly for the purposes of cohesion and integration of Auroville;

The purpose of cohesion is to form a united whole. In effect, Unity.

Intuitively we have arrived and gathered here to create a foundation that sits outside the reality of the distorting prism of bureaucracy and the domain of mental regulations. We have been asked to cross a bridge from something tired and old into a realm of vision, into a City of Revelation. Perhaps it is time to redefine who we are and what our intentions truly are.

What is seen and what is not seen, what is experienced and what is not experienced, what is and what is not, — all it sees, it is all and sees. Prasna Upanishad

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