



News Notes

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This Self is a self of Knowledge, an inner light in the heart; he is the conscious being common to all the states of being and moves in both worlds. He becomes a dream-self and passes beyond this world and its forms of death. . . . There are two planes of this conscious being, this and the other worlds; a third state is their place of joining, the state of dream, and when he stands in this place of their joining, he sees both planes of his existence, this world and the other world. When he sleeps, he takes the substance of this world in which all is and himself undoes and himself builds by his own illumination, his own light; when this conscious being sleeps, he becomes luminous with his self-light. **Brihadaranyaka Upanishad**

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**

Pondering



Our subliminal self is not, like our surface physical being, an outcome of the energy of the Inconscient; it is a meeting-place of the consciousness that emerges from below by evolution and the consciousness that has descended from above for involution. There is in it an inner mind, an inner vital being of ourselves, an inner or subtle-physical being larger than our outer being and nature. This inner existence is the concealed origin of almost all in our surface self that is not a construction of the first inconscient World-Energy or a natural developed functioning of our surface consciousness or a reaction of it to impacts from the outside universal Nature

The Cosmic Illusion, The Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo

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House of Mother's Agenda

The Supramental Consciousness

It is quite difficult to define the supramental consciousness in mental terms, for it is non-mental by definition, and it defies all our three-dimensional laws and perspectives. The word itself may mislead us, because it is not an epitome of human consciousness, but another type of consciousness. We might try to approach it by distinguishing two aspects, one of consciousness or vision, and one of power. But this means becoming caught in the mental trap again, because these two aspects are inseparable; this consciousness is power, an active vision. Often, when Sri Aurobindo and Mother tried to describe their experience, their remarks would echo one another in English and in French: Another language would be needed, *une autre langue*.

The Supramental Vision

The supramental vision is a global vision. The mind dissects little fragments and opposes them to one another. The overmind connects everything with a single beam, but its beam terminates in a single point, and it sees everything from its own particular point of view; it is unitary and universal either by way of excluding all other perspectives or else by annexing them. The Supramental, or Supermind, sees not only the whole of things and beings within a single vision, connecting all the beams together without opposing anything, but it also sees the point of view of each separate thing, each being, each force; it is an all-encompassing view that does not terminate in a single, central point but in myriads of points:

a single innumerable look...

The supramental being sees things not as one on the levels surrounded by a jungle of present facts and phenomena but from above, not from outside and judged by their surfaces, but from within and viewed from the truth of their centre. Therefore, we cannot understand anything about the Supramental if we do not constantly refer it to another dimension. But we can understand that it is the very vision of Wisdom, because each thing, each being, each force on the earth moves toward a special absolute, expressing it more or less accurately and often perversely, but despite all the flaws and perversions it obeys an intimate law that impels it towards the one truth of its being—even the leaves on the same tree are all unique. If it were not for that absolute and unique truth at the center of each one of us, we would crumble. This is also why we are so attached to our own smallness and stumblings, because we do sense the truth that is behind them, growing behind them, as if protected, Sri Aurobindo said, by that very smallness and all those stumblings. If we got hold of the whole truth at once, we would turn it into some gnome in our own present image! Truth has nothing to do with thought or good deeds, though these may be steps on the way; it has to do with a vastness of being. And the growth process is slow and difficult. *Errors, falsehoods, stumblings! they cry. How bright and beautiful are Thy errors, O Lord! Thy falsehoods save Truth alive; by Thy stumblings the world is perfected.* But the mind, which sees only the present surface of things, seeks to trim off all the rough edges, purify by exclusion, and reduce its world to a uniform, righteous and equitable truth. It decrees, "This is good, that is bad; this is friendly, that is hostile." It might want to eliminate all the Nazis from the world or all the Chinese, for instance, thinking they are quite unnecessary calamities. And the mind is right, by definition, since it is designed to be reasonable and since it, too, expresses a mental or moral absolute that has its place and purpose. But this is not the whole truth; it is only one point of view, as Sri Aurobindo called them, with a consciousness that is vision and power. Finally, this is why we lack power, for if we possessed power, we would, with the best of intentions, precipitate a catastrophe through ignorance or short-sightedness. Our shortcomings are necessary shortcomings. Not only does the supramental consciousness capture all the points of view, but also the deeper forces at work behind each thing as well as the truth within each thing: it is a *Truth-Consciousness*—and because it sees all, it automatically possesses Power. We are powerless because we do not see. To see, and to see totally, necessarily means to have power. But the supramental power does not obey our logic or morality; it sees far into space and time, and it does not try to do away with evil in order to save the good, nor does it work through miracles; it frees the good that is within the evil, applying its force and light on the dark half so it consents to its luminous counterpart. Wherever it is applied, the immediate effect is to touch off a crisis; that is, to place the shadow in front of its own light. It is a stupendous evolutionary ferment.

(to be continued next week)

Satprem, *The Adventure of Consciousness*, Chapter 15, *The Supramental Consciousness*
https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#053

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

Townhall Speaks

L'AVENIR D'AUROVILLE/ ATDC

Application Announcement 06-04-2023

A. The following Building Applications have been received and approved (information only):

PROJECT NAME—Nithiya & Velmurugan BA—NO 2611

- Applicant/s: Nithiya & Velmurugan
- Location/area: Discipline / Green Belt
- Area for which approval is sought: 68.17 sq.m

Project brief: 1st floor was not built in compliance with the NOC provided to them on November 20, 2012. Nithiya applied with Housing Service for a stewardship agreement. At this point the background of the asset was requested by Housing Service, and L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC agreed to regularize the asset and to issue the approval certificate in order for the Housing Service to give the stewardship agreement. However, a Completion Certificate needs to be obtained by Nithiya & Velmurugan (as will be the case for all assets in Auroville) as requested by L'avenir d'Auroville/ATDC, which will require further details to be furnished.

PROJECT NAME—Idoya—BAA—NO. 2580

- Applicant/s: Idoya Tobar
- Location/area: Maitreye / Residential Zone
- Area for which approval is sought: 74.72 sq.m

Project brief: Idoya would like to build an apartment—studio on the top of Monica's studio in Maitreye 1 to gain a residential space for herself. The studio is proposed on the first floor of an existing building, so this does not increase the footprint, and helps with densification.

PROJECT NAME—Aurorachana Storage Space—Hall—Phase 1—BAA—NO. 2590

- Applicant/s: Clemens Gruttmann
- Location/area: Hope / Outside Master Plan
- Area for which approval is sought: 206 sq.m

Project brief: Import and export facility in Hope is used for many years for many people and units in Auroville. The new hall will improve the storage facilities and movement of goods also in the future for the city. People are coming and going on a regular basis in Auroville and we are providing the logistic service for many of them. B. The following Building Application has been received and approved (feedback requested before the 20th of April 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

PROJECT NAME—Jayamoorthi—BA—NO 2610

- Applicant/s: Jayamoorthi & Premalatha
- Location/area: La Ferme / Outside Master Plan
- Area for which approval is sought: 23.15 Sq.m

Project brief: Existing storeroom is in the condition of falling off & don't have parking to park the bikes.

C. The following project has received Preliminary Design Approval (feedback requested before 20 April 2023 to application-avenir@auroville.org.in):

PROJECT NAME—Morning Star Women Wellness— PDA—NO 2597

- Applicant/s: Paula Murphy
- Location/area: Crown / Residential Zone
- Area for which approval is sought: 457.07 Sq.m

Project brief: Currently there is no delineated space for birthing and women wellness in Auroville. Morning Star will be the first building in Auroville to focus on women wellness and childbirth. According to a survey taken in 2016, 41% of women felt Auroville is not a welcoming place for pregnant women.

Constructive feedback guidelines:

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

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

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

At the service of Truth,

Lieve for L'avenir d'Auroville / ATDC

WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT

January—February 2023

Joint Group Meeting to the Community

A presentation of work by the Working Committee, ATDC and FAMC to the Community was held on 10th January and had a good attendance. The presentation was live streamed and was followed by an hour long session of Q&A when a maximum of questions were taken up. Unfortunately the start of the meeting was marred by disruptions of a certain group who then staged a walk-out. One of the members forcibly snatched the attendance sheet on her way out. We request this person to kindly return the attendance sheet for our records.

G-20 visit of the delegates on 31.1.23

G20 delegates of various countries visited the International Township of Auroville in the morning of 31st January 2023. They were welcomed at the Visitors Centre, followed by visits to the Auroville City Exhibition at Bharat Nivas, Matrimandir, concluding at the Unity Pavilion with a presentation on Auroville.

The G-20 event was a great success and there was a good interaction with the delegates. We would like to thank the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, the Governing Board and the Government of India for putting Pondicherry and Auroville on the G20 map in connection with Sri Aurobindo's 150th year. It has generated interest, exposure of the Auroville experiment and possibilities of further collaborations.

Development: Crown

The surface slabs for the Crown road have arrived and the infrastructure channels for water, electricity, optical fibre etc are being installed.

Development: Solar Kitchen Parking

The new large parking space at the solar kitchen, created with the old crown pavers, is nearing completion and adds a new dimension to the multifunctional solar kitchen cum shopping complex.

3-day Spiritual Summit on Science, Spirituality and Human Awakening honoring the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo

The conference took place at the Unity Pavilion from 13.2.23 to 15.2.23, inaugurated by the Tamil Nadu Governor and Chairman of the Auroville Foundation Mr R.N. Ravi, and Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry and member of the Governing Board Tamilisai Soundararajan. The International Advisory Council members Dena Merriam, H.P. Rama and Gabi Gillissen participated, joined by distinguished national and international speakers and guests.

Please see attached the YouTube links of the International Spiritual Summit:

- 13 February 2023:
<https://youtube.com/live/ARyC0wGatW4?feature=share>
- 14 February 2023:
<https://youtube.com/live/AU0PgUMthlY?feature=share>
- 15 February 2023:
<https://youtube.com/live/Hp1Wiggml54?feature=share>

Auroville Festival 23

The Birthday Week Festival started on 21.2.23 on Mother's Birthday. For one week, ending at Auroville's birthday on the 28th of February. This year's festival theme is Sincerity, the first quality of the Mother's symbol, every day from 7 am to 7 pm, with a morning meditation with the Om choir and an exploration of the 4 aspects of the Divine Mother as described by Sri Aurobindo through talks, panel discussions, music and diverse cultural performances and poetry and Tamil culture. There was a special focus on the city, each day, exploring different parts of the master plan spiritually and materially. Other events of note were the inauguration of the Mother's Flower Garden.

The Auroville Festival was organized by AWARE, a unit under Auroville Services Trust, which plans to organize the festival activities under this umbrella each year.

Here is a full playlist of all videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUaYD31CqjoWEuTWtsTwthjZsLIDUynx0>

Visit of the German consul Mrs Michaela Kuchler from Chennai on 6.2.23

Mrs Kuchler was welcomed in Auroville by Dr Jayanti Ravi, Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, joined by 4 German Aurovilians. It was Mrs Kuchler's first visit to Auroville and she had many questions regarding the aims and objectives of Auroville, and the city to be built. She also informed herself of the visa situation. She was particularly interested to hear about the present conflict in the community since some German Aurovilians had voiced their concerns and complaints to her. We explained the situation as best as we could and recommended the article.

<https://awareauroville.com/auroville-the-way-forward/> which details the reasons why the community is split at present.

We informed Mrs Kuchler about the G-20 event, gave her the Auroville introduction and the International Zone and shared different aspects of the Volunteer programme.

Ambassador of Norway visit

Mr Hans Jacob Frydenlund, the Ambassador of Norway from New Delhi, visited Auroville on the 14th of February 2023 with his staff and a 30+ member strong delegation from the Ministry of Earth Sciences. The Ambassador and the delegates were shown an introductory Auroville video at the Visitors Center, followed by a visit to the Matrimandir and the Auroville model city exhibition in Bharat Nivas. In Savitri Bhavan the Ambassador was given a brief presentation on The Mother and

Sri Aurobindo and Auroville followed by a warm interchange and Q & A.

FIR filed by PKS

On 04.01.2023 one P.K. Subramani who encroached on about 8 acres of Auroville land in the greenbelt masterplan near ABRI corner/Evergreen situated next to the tar road, filed a FIR against Aurovilians. Unfortunately Land Board members and staff and a member of the Working Committee who had gone to check what was happening are also named in the FIR and we hope to rectify this. On the subject day none of the persons against whom the FIR is filed were present at the site of the property in Irumbai R.S. No. 426/1E. The allegations mentioned in the FIR are false and fabricated. The FIR needs to be quashed. A request has been made to the Auroville Foundation to get Anticipatory Bail and also to file a quash petition at Madras High Court. A legal case has been filed by the Auroville Foundation against PKS in regards to the land encroachment.

International Advisory Council (IAC) and meeting with city support group and the 3 working groups

On 17 February a group of Aurovilians and members from the 3 working groups met with 3 IAC members Dena Merriam, H.P. Rama, and Gabi Gillissen.

The IAC members had met with Aurovilians at a 'Residents Assembly' which only welcomed the closed members of a group and a large number of Aurovilians were unaware of it. An Aurovillian judged to be 'on the other side' was asked to leave and not allowed to attend. On following the YouTube link after the meeting many residents reached out to the Working Committee to organize a meeting with the IAC given the misleading image presented and the complaints made against the Secretary the GB and GOI. The Working Committee then invited the IAC members who were still in Auroville to share a different perception of the events, answer their questions and provide them with facts. The gathering re-assured them with evidence and reasons regarding the Mother's city, facts about the Crown and that it has to be built according to the Galaxy plan worked out with Roger Anger, the chief architect. Many doubts regarding the actions of the Foundation could also be clarified and it was expressed that Auroville needs to get back to its objectives as a city and a society along the Mother's guidelines.

Mother's flower garden inaugurated in the Mahalakshmi Park (near Solar Kitchen)

A new beautiful flower project was inaugurated on Mother's Birthday 21-2-23. The project will plant and exhibit all the flowers which were given spiritual names by The Mother and bring an awareness of the unique spiritual qualities of flowers and their consciousness in Auroville's life and culture. Ref: "Spiritual Significance of the Flowers" published by SABDA.

Auroville International (AVI) not in a collaborative space

Auroville International members met in Auroville in February. They once again refused a joint call by the Working Committee to meet the 3 working groups to start a process of collaboration. We will need to find other means to communicate with them and a policy that will put the relationship of the AVI with Auroville on an unbiased, transparent and collaborative ground that assists Auroville in its growth and its unity. At present they seemed aligned with the group that continues to boycott or obstruct Auroville's development and other Aurovilians and actively campaign against the Secretary, Auroville Foundation and remain hostile to all those who support the development of the Crown.

Kind regards, Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Srimoyi, Selvaraj, Tine (The Working Committee)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE - ES # 176

Dated: 13-04-2023

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](mailto:entryservice@gmail.com). We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Nithya VELU (Indian) staying in Inspiration and working at Coffee Ideas
- Rajasegar MOORTHY (Indian) staying in Humanscapes and working at auroville.Com
- Vijaysinh Laxmidas RAMAIYA (Indian) staying in Vikas and working at Archives

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- Lakshmi KRISHNAKUMAR (Indian)
- Logeshwari JAYAMOORTHY (Indian)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Sarbani GANGULI (Indian) staying in Auromodele and working at Kindergarten

Yours, The Entry Board

NOTE: This list was sent in the last moment, when N&N issue was finalised for print. The full version of the same list with the photos of the announced Newcomers and Aurovillian we will print again in the next issue.

Community News

Gratitude

WATER MATTERS MELA GRATITUDE



The Water Matters Mela—All for Water for All, Auroville Team thanks all the organizers in all the participating zones for the Water Festival 2023, who together successfully carried out water awareness programs and festivities from Feb 2nd to March 22nd period.

This year was celebrated with talks, cultural events, workshops, and visits to over 165 schools that welcomed the Neer Koodam (Ceremonial water pot) and took the water pledge throughout the larger watershed area. A big thanks to the area coordinators; Sarvesh Kumar in Marakkanam, Probir and PandyCAN team for Pudukcherry, Arul In Cuddalore, Raghu (Sri Aurobindo Society) in Bahoor, AVAG in Vanur, Auroville Team in Auroville. As well as the supporting organisations, leaders, Panchayat presidents and the participants that all together helped make the 2023 Water Festival such a success.

In Auroville our 5 day event would not have been possible without the assistance of our donors who came forward so generously to support this event. Nandri, Merci, Thank you and Dhanyavaad!

A big thanks to the speakers that gave their time and expertise; Joss, Guilio, Jonah, Aurofilio, Wasteless Team -(Dinegar, Mukta, Lucia), Suhasini, Paul B, Arun and Island, Lucas and Rajesh, Krishna, Alok, Deepika, Arul of Nansey Restoration, Prabakaran from Poovulagin Nanbargal, Gopika and Nadaka for a magical sunset music performance.

Thanks to the Auroville schools that participated in welcoming the Neer Koodam and taking the water pledge: TLC, Transition, Aikiyam, Udavi, Isai Ambalam (plus Eerie Cleaning!), Deepanam, Thamarai. As well as the Sanjeevi Nagar and Alankuppam primary Govt schools.- Thanks to Sudha and Segar of Mohanam for coordinating and Lisbeth and Mira for assisting.

A big thank you to AVAG and the Self Help Group leaders that carried out Neer Koodam visits and programs in the Vanur Zone at: AVAG women's Seminar, Thiruchitrambalam High School. Nessel Middle School, Kodur Middle School, Kozhuvuri Middle School Bommayapalayam Middle School, Periya Mudaliar Chavadi Middle School, Poothurai High School, Kaluperimpakkam High School and in the closing ceremony in Auroville.

All of the above could not have done it without the help of the volunteers that came forward so selflessly- Thank you to: Amos, Amy, Anne R, Ancolie, Ankita, Arun, Aureore, Azhagappan, Barathi (Fertile), Biggie, Deepthi, Fabienne, Ganesh, Grace -Douceur, Grace -Pump house, George, Hamin, Ilango, Imsoon, Johnny, Joon, Julien, Kirtan, Kripa, Lakshmi V, Lee, Lisbeth, Lison, Marie, Malia, Marc, Marco S, Miya, Mihong, Moghan, Moris-AVAG, Pala, Pashwa, Pragati, Rakhal, Raju, Raimana, Regina, Rose, Sandeep, Segar, Seul-gi, Sudha, Sukrit, Tiare, Tom, Vikram CS, Vivekan, PY University student volunteers—Ankur, Chandni, Khamcheng, Kunwolee, Neethu, Rajat, Shipra.

Thanks and appreciation to: Pour Tous Water, Right path Cafeteria -Visitors Centre, Road Service, AVES, Annapurna farm, Korean Pavilion, Tibetan Pavilion, French Pavilion, TLC.

We hope to take forward future activities in the field of water governance, awareness and better water management together.

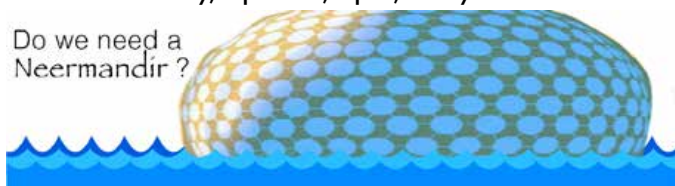
*Thank you, Renu and Olivier
for the Water Matters Mela team,
All For Water For All—Water Festival 2023*

Community Sharing

A SHIFT TO BETTER SEE OUR WATER ISSUES and address them holistically and integrally

Tuesday, April 18, 4pm, Unity Pavilion

Do we need a
Neermandir ?



How serious are the water issues facing Auroville and the entire region? Why are we not able to see them clearly? Can they be solved? We need a new way to raise water consciousness.

Can we frame our water issues differently—so they are not about water? Then we can adopt a vast, enormous, beautiful vision of a society that is water-conscious, whose foundations are built on looking at water reverentially. We can embark on a community-wide yogic journey towards the divine, to uplift all humans and all life in the region.

- On Tuesday, April 18, at 4pm, at the Unity Pavilion Rajesh Shah will be sharing his thoughts on creating water security by changing our consciousness and developing our ability to act collectively.

*Everyone is welcome,
regards, Arun*

INFORMATION RELATED TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Dear Community, as part of our ongoing effort to ensure safety in our community, we would like to share again important information about available support for situations related to sexual harassment in Auroville.

If someone feels they have experienced sexual harassment in some form and needs personal support and advice, they are encouraged to contact Maatram (maatram@auroville.org.in, +91 90877 09434). In addition, if anyone has concerns or suspects that sexual harassment has taken place they may approach the CRP3 team (crp3.auroville@gmail.com) for advice. (The CRP3 team consists of representatives from Maatram, AVSST, Auroville Council, Working Committee and resource persons and addresses situations of conflict that include violence of some kind, under Section 3 of the Auroville Conflict Resolution Policy).

There is an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) that exists and is active in Auroville specifically to address complaints of sexual harassment towards any resident, volunteer, employee, etc. The ICC functions under the POSH Act and under an internal policy, according to the situation.

Please be aware that the ICC:

- will only start a process if and when a complaint is submitted directly to them either by the complainant or by a representative designated by the complainant. A process will not be initiated by the ICC on its own;
- is bound to absolute confidentiality throughout the process as per Section 16 of the POSH Act and Section 7 of the Internal Policy.)

We encourage everyone to please ensure that these sensitive situations are held within a process that aims at integrity, confidentiality and fairness towards all involved.

Please feel free to contact us for any questions or clarifications.

*In community,
Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant,
Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli*

REFLECTIONS ON THE BCC

Dear Community, we are writing to share our reflections on the important socio-economic issues raised in the AVFO BCC—FAMC communication of April 2 and the AVFO BCC Interim Report of March 2023, as we have insight into these issues given our previous experience as BCC members.

We are concerned that these communications do not reflect a movement towards the ideals of Auroville, nor an attitude of care for the economic realities that people face at present. Instead, these communications are focussed on imposing rules and conditions. We do not feel that this approach can foster a new economy that embodies the spirit of Auroville. On the contrary, it is a move away from inspiring us all to contribute to the collective. We feel that the community trust and engagement that we built up in recent years is being undermined.

We are also concerned that the BCC work has been taken up by 3 individuals with no prior experience, and Tally. This is not in keeping with the BCC mandate, which calls for 11 members to ensure diversity and representation.

Some specific concerns we would like to raise from their recent communications are:

The decision not to increase the wages of Auroville employees: Even at the height of the Covid-19 lockdown, the then BCC and FAMC decided to increase wages as per government guidelines. This decision was based on solidarity with the bioregion and the important role local employees play in Auroville's economy.

The decision to restrict Maintenances: The Mother's founding vision for Auroville was a society in which individuals would participate (in work, kind or money) and whose basic needs would be taken care of by the collective. The current reality is that Auroville is not providing for the basic needs of all Aurovilians. The restrictions on Maintenances that are being imposed (such as not allowing individuals to work two jobs and be remunerated for both) only makes it harder for those with less financial means to be a part of this community. We do not see any solutions proposed to address this issue and arrive at the economy The Mother envisioned.

The approach to individual contributions: It is important to distinguish between a contribution and a tax. Previous BCC teams had a subgroup that managed the collecting and waiving of individual contributions, taking into account financial hardship and other forms of contribution. For example, contributions are waived because the individuals are working for free, or previously made large donations to Auroville (and are now aged), or are between jobs and without resources. The current approach seems to be to administer the individual contributions as a tax, without understanding or honouring this human element. In the past, we have noted that requesting individual contributions has resulted in increased requests for Maintenances (to pay the contribution!), therefore we do not believe that this approach will increase the income to City Services. Furthermore, the current proposal of transferring the individual contribution amount to individual accounts as a Maintenance 'surplus' that would be immediately transferred back to City Services would only inflate the Maintenance, while not representing an increased Maintenance or increased income to City Services.

Given the comments made on the lack of accounting / monitoring of expenses of previous BCC teams, we wish to communicate that our BCC team monitored the income and expenses of services receiving a CS budget on a monthly basis. We also had an accountant working with us and publishing detailed monthly reports of contributions and disbursements of the City Services fund. We have observed that the current AVFO BCC is not publishing financial reports as detailed as ours were.

With care for our collective, Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Hans, Mahi, Sacha, Suryamay, Verena

SOME NOTES ON THE MINUTES OF THE 60TH MEETING OF THE GOVERNING

Environmental Clearance for Auroville Universal Township

- The minutes mention the Board's approval to get the Environmental Clearance for Auroville Universal Township as per the National Green Tribunal judgment, under Item 8 (b) of the EIA Notification, 2006 with the support from ABC Techno Labs India Private Limited, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs. 44/- lakh.
- We observe that the NGT Order of April 28, 2022, mentions that the Auroville Foundation "is directed to prepare a proper township plan either in respect of 778 Ha which is in their possession now or in respect of 1963 Ha which was visualized by the MOTHER by identifying the locations where each zone will have to be located, where the roads will have to be laid showing the location of the ring roads with their width and further road, if any, to be constructed, the nature of industries and other activities which they are expected to establish in the township and if it is not going to be implemented as one phase, how many phases in which they are going to complete the project and then apply for Environmental Clearance (EC) as it will fall under Item 8 (b) of the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time." (emphasis added).
- As the NGT directed that an application for Environmental Clearance has to be made of the township plan, the formulation of which is the prerogative of the Residents Assembly as per section 19.2.c of the Auroville Foundation Act, [The Residents' Assembly may formulate the master plan ... for the approval of the Governing Board], which has not yet been done, we do not understand why the Board, which has the right to prepare and effectuate the Township Plan as per section 17.e of the Auroville Foundation Act [The powers and functions of the Governing Board shall be to prepare a master-plan of Auroville in consultation with the Residents' Assembly and to ensure development of Auroville as so planned] is asking ABC Techno Labs to help get Environmental Clearance at this time.

Auroville Integrated Information System

- We would appreciate it if the community is informed about the status of the envisaged Auroville Integrated Information System (AIIS) to integrate all the units of Auroville.
- Some questions that have come up: Which Auroville residents are/will be involved in the collaboration with the IIIT Tiruchirappalli for the approved period of 2 years? Who is being commissioned to make this program and at what cost? Who will be managing the data and ensuring responsible handling of the data?

Auroville Smart City project

- In the interests of transparency, the community needs to be informed about the status of the Smart City proposal of AVF and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Bangalore, with the support from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and also informed about which Auroville residents are involved.

Regulations of Standing Order / ATDC

- We would appreciate it if the 'Regulations of Standing Order of January 2011' referenced in the minutes would be publicly accessible, e.g. by publication on the AVF website.
- The issue of whether the Board has acted within its powers to constitute the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC) as per Standing Order dated 01-06-2022 is pending in court.

Organization and Governance Committee

- All the recommendations of the Organization and Governance Committee need to be shared with the Residents' Assembly as one of the statutory authorities of the Auroville Foundation.
- It is to be noted that there are a number of topics that have been taken up by the OGC and recommendations made by the Governing Board that have already been discussed at length within the Residents' Assembly over the years, with various actions taken and mechanisms put in place in an ever-evolving reality.

Proposal for construction of 1000 persons studio model flats

- The proposal for construction of a 1,000 persons' studio model flats needs to be shared with the Residents' Assembly and follow transparent processes as has been usual practice until recently.
- In accordance with section 19.2.a of the Auroville Foundation Act, it is the prerogative of the Residents' Assembly to allow the admission of persons in the register of residents ... in accordance with the regulations made under section 32. Given the slow population growth of Auroville, information is required about who would occupy these studio model flats, and on what conditions.
- We do not believe that the Board has the right to create a special category of people, whether 'honorary Aurovilians' or even 'volunteers', to join Auroville who would not be subject to the conditions for living in Auroville and whose names would not be entered into the Register of Residents.

With hope, Aravinda, Bharathy, Chali, Hemant, Mael (TOS), Sauro, Valli

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, I-pads, 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

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Tuesday, 18 April, 9am—12noon

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on Tuesday, 28 February, at 9am—12noon

- **Focus:** Intimacy with the Divine
- **Led by:** Ashesh Joshi
- **Place:** Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele
- **Contact:** 9489147202.
- Please be present by 8:45am

All are Welcome, Ashesh Joshi



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 24 APRIL DARSHAN DAY The Mother's Final Arrival at Pondicherry

Savitri
B H A V A N

Monday, 17 April 2023, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Duration: 37min.



Dr Alok Pandey reflects upon Vedanta and Tantra, the best aspects of Western and Eastern culture and the unique relationship between the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. He discusses in detail the role and potential of the Purusha and the Shakti.

Sri Aurobindo as the Supreme Purusha is the witness self; in the Gita, it is the Purushotama. He stands and silently sanctions all that is happening, and yet he is unmoved.

Here, in this world, the Purusha has so far been a diminished godhead, and the Purusha within—"not bigger than the thumb of man". But now it is going to change: the Purusha has to recover and discover its godhead, the Ishvara. The Purusha will go to the birthplace of the godhead and will discover its supramental godhead and supramental personality.

On the other hand, the Mother presents the Divine Shakti, the power that is going into the creation. She organizes all the processes and details of life and inspires the art of culture. So far, the Shakti has been acting through limited and divided consciousness. It is what we call nature or Prakriti, which mostly acts mechanically, is partly conscious and partly unconscious, and yet behind it stands perfect consciousness, which limits itself to the needs of each species. Prakriti is the diminished form of Mahashakti and also has to gain and regain her own glory and splendor. Nature in us is toiling and struggling in darkness and is yearning to return to its spiritual home and oneness, light, truth, bliss, sweetness, and love.

The evolutionary need to bring the Spirit and Nature together is impelling. And for this great work and realisation Sri Aurobindo and the Divine Mother have come together. During their meeting on 24 April 1920, on the Mother's final arrival to Pondicherry, both immediately felt that "now the realisation will be accomplished". The Mahashakti, the Mother, totally surrendered to Sri Aurobindo, and the Supreme Purusha, Sri Aurobindo, instructed and installed the Divine Mother as the guiding and moving force who would henceforth govern and direct our human race along the pathways that are intended and willed by the Divine.

The union of the two Avatars, Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, of Purusha and Shakti, was needed for the Supramental to descend on earth. And in the new evolutionary process, the Mahashakti sits on the right side of the Supreme Purusha and executes the will of the Divine.

The film is also available on YouTube, AuroMaa:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cd_HBqh_i8k

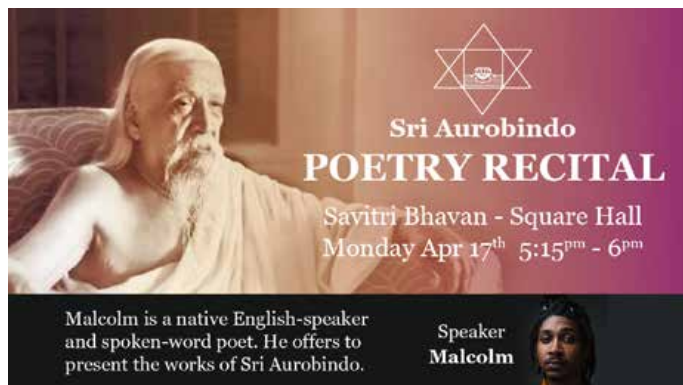
Submitted by Margrit

DAILY PEACE MEDITATION Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

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

Submitted by Arun





Dear lovelies, this Monday at Savitri Bhavan, Malcolm offers to present the poetic works of Sri Aurobindo. He is a native English-speaker and spoken-word poet. The programme will be in the Square Hall from 5:15pm until 6pm. All are welcome. Musicians who play meditative music and would like to participate are encouraged to attend. See you there.

Submitted by Malcolm

INTEGRAL YOGA PRACTICE SHARING CIRCLE

The Dream Divine Series

Wednesday, 4:30—5:30pm, Sangam Hall, Savitri Bhavan

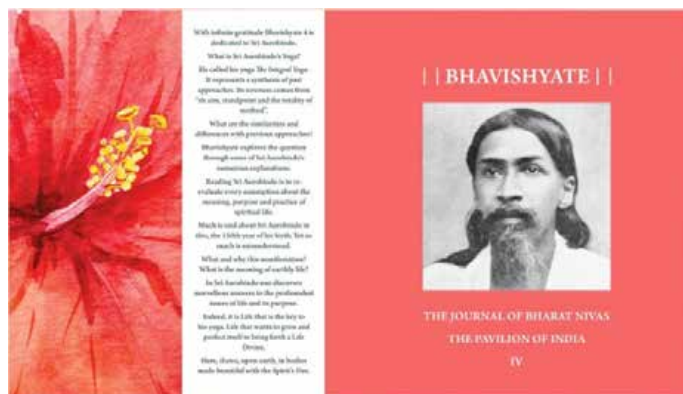
Directed especially at newcomers, Savitri Bhavan has launched a project called 'The Dream Divine Series'. The goal of the project is to introduce newcomers to the Aims and Ideals of Auroville, to the Life and Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, and the Integral Yoga.



- There will be a weekly session every Wednesday 4:30—5:30pm. The series will include presentations, films, talks, etc., followed by questions and answers.
- On Wednesday, April 19, at 4:30pm, at the Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan, Manoj will conduct the 'Integral Yoga Practice Sharing Circle'. Everyone is welcome

Thank you, Dhanalakshmi for Savitri Bhavan Team

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*

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)

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

TIBETAN DOCTOR TO VISIT AUROVILLE

21 and 22 April 2023

@ Pavilion of Tibetan Culture, International zone

Greetings to you all, this is to inform you all that the Tibetan Doctor and the team are confirmed to come on 21 and 22 April 2023 for their monthly visit.



- On 21st there will be a full day consultation, 8:30am—1pm and 2—5pm
- On 22nd only half day consultation. 8:30am—1pm.

To get your appointment kindly call only our land line +91 (0) 413 2622 401.

Wishing you a good day.

Best regards, Ankita, Tibetan Pavilion

AUROVILLE DENTAL CENTRE PROTECTION

aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

(0413) -262-2265 or 262-2007

+917806880324

Working hours:

- Monday to Friday, 9am—1pm & 2—4:30pm
- Saturday, 9am—1pm



Submitted by Meera

MAATRAM

April 2023

We provide consultation with professionals trained in Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Neuro/Bio feedback therapy, Integral eye movement therapy, NLP, EMDR, Art therapy, self-work with clay etc



Therapists schedule for Open Consultation Hour (OCH)

	9—10am	4:30—5:30pm
Monday	Saif	Palani
Tuesday	Rashmi	-
Wednesday	Palani	Tia
Thursday	Chetna	-
Friday	Gopa	Tia

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

To see a therapist by appointment, please email/call Maatram or reach out to the individual therapist directly

Other activities conducted by Maatram

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

Contacts

- Message or call: 9087709434
- E-mail: maatram@auroville.org.in
- Website: maatram.org.in
- Location: Mitra Youth Hostel near Town Hall.

Warmly,
Megha, for Maatram

The Arts

HANDPAN SOLO CONCERT

Friday, 14 April, 7:30pm, Cripa



Submitted by Juan Andres

PITANGA



(0413) 2622403/ WA 9443902403

info@pitanga.in

Exhibition

IN FOCUS, Photography Exhibition

- 15—21 April
 - By students of Deepanam School (Hope & Faith)
 - Supported by Yuvabe
- Saturday, 15 April at 4:30pm: you are warmly invited to the Opening of the exhibition

About this exhibition

Photography is a powerful medium of self-expression and communication, allowing us to capture the beauty and essence of the world around us. With the aim of encouraging more young ones to explore this medium, students of Deepanam School were taken through a photography workshop that introduced them to the basics of digital image making.

Over the course of 7 sessions, the students were introduced to photography concepts like Shutter speed, Aperture, ISO, Composition styles, Principles of art. They were also introduced to the many different fields of photography, like landscape, architecture, portraiture and more.

IN FOCUS is the culmination of the workshop, where we are displaying our young photographers' skills and creativity, and celebrating the unique perspectives of this next generation of artists!

We hope our students inspire more children in the community towards self expression and following their creative passions.

Submitted by Andrea, on behalf of Pitanga

Youth Initiative

YOUTHLINK NEWSLETTER

YouthLink now has a bi-monthly newsletter!

You'll get an inside look at our upcoming events, big projects, and how we're making a difference in the community. Plus, you'll be the first to know about any new opportunities to get involved.



- We have updated our website (youthlink.org.in) and we made it super easy to join the newsletter, just enter your email and name in the contacts page and voila you have our awesome newsletter.

Alternatively,

Reach out to us at youthlink@auroville.org.in or send us a message to our number 8940725128 with your email address if you're interested in receiving our newsletter to your email.

Spread the word, spread the love ;)

With gratitude, Namu for YouthLink Team

Activities

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



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

SWIMMING CLASS

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

Submitted by Mani



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

PHOTO CIRCLE MEETS

Friday, 14 April, 5pm

@ Centre d'Art Multimedia Room, Citadines

Dear photographers, this month Photo Circle meets on Friday, 14 April at 5pm in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines. It will be the last meeting before summer break.

The Photocircle brings together Auroville's photographers.

We share our own work, we show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques. Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images. Everybody's welcome.

Thank you, Marco



ADVANCED ANALOGUE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

27, 28 & 29 April

Prerequisite: Basic Analogue Photography

Details

- **27 April, 9am— 12noon:** Exposure— Exploring light: exposure relationship.
2— 5pm: Photo shoot (in your own time)
- **28 April, 9am— 2pm** Photo Shoot (in your own time)
2—5pm: Film developing.
- **29 April, 9am— 12noon & 2— 5pm:** Photo Printing: Exploring masking, multigrade filters, burning & dodging.

Towards contribution for guests. The workshop is free for Aurovilians, Newcomers and registered volunteers, who are residing in Auroville. Registered Volunteers are requested to provide the details of their registration with SAVI Auroville.

- All the material for the workshop is provided except the analogue camera.
- Analogue/Film cameras are available to the participants against a contribution.
- Regarding the Analogue camera and any specific questions about the workshop please write directly to the teacher, Sasi:

- sasi@auroville.org.in, +91 91593 55809 WA

Number of participants is limited to six. While subscribing for the workshop please share your full name and your mobile number. Kindly write a few words about yourself and your interest in Analogue Photography.

- **Registration Contact:** centredart@auroville.org.in

Sergey, for Centre d'Art



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

ART WORKSHOPS BY SENIOR ARTIST ABHIJIT ROY

Every Thursday & Saturday, 2—4pm

Study Room (Sri Aurobindo Centre)

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



Fundamentals of drawing,
10 sessions

Contribution required

• For Registration:

bharatnivas@auroville.org.in



Regards, Vani, BN Culture team

Festivals

AUROVILLE SATURDAY EVENING MARKET

15 April, Saturday, 4—7pm

Mohanam Campus, Isai Ambalam Road

Come and join us with your friends and family for a fun filled local craft artisan market, Indo African drumming circle, Karaoke & open mic, dosa & momo at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre this Saturday. Support the local community to share their skills and products and experience a cultural exchange.



Regards,
Guru for Mohanam

TAMIL PUTHANDU VIZHA

13 April, Thursday, WTHC, Bharat Nivas

Tamil Puthandu, also known as Tamil New Year, is a festival celebrated on the first day of the Tamil month of Chithirai, by the Tamil people in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, and other parts of the world with significant Tamil populations. Tamil Puthandu is a significant Tamil cultural festival and it reflects the rich cultural heritage of the Tamil community.

On Tamil Puthandu, we invite the Auroville residents to visit WTHC, enjoy the cultural programmes and exchange greetings with each other.

- 2:30pm Flower Decoration / Kolam-making
- 4:00pm Uriadi
- 4:30pm Rope Pulling Snack & Refreshments will be provided
- 6:30pm Children's Dance Programme at BN Auditorium
- 7:30pm Community Dinner at Solar Kitchen

All are invited.

Thank you, Regards,
Aurosangam and WTHC 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 81 22274924.

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

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

for the Dog shelter— IACC

The dog shelter goes through a transition phase, and as every year in summer, people are going out for vacations or have completed their volunteer time, and thus the work crew has shrunk.

Besides the existing IACC support group, two Aurovilians (Eva, Shivaya) have offered support on a management level.

For daily running of the shelter help is dearly needed, in the mornings and/or afternoons.

Volunteers will help with feeding, hygienic care, daily managerial chores, assisting experienced personnel (Aurovilians and employed people) and by giving loving presence and company to the many dogs.

There are also all kinds of jobs and tasks where one is not directly in contact with the dogs .

- If you have some time and want to help, please contact +91 9489601312 phone/WA.

Looking forward to welcoming you at the Shelter!

Shivaya, for the Shelter support group



Work Opportunities

HR HUB INITIATIVE

HR Hub Initiative is a service which helps individual Aurovilians and Newcomers in search for suitable work by connecting them to Auroville units and services who are looking to fill positions and in turn to find the right individuals to step in.



We invite the Auroville Services/Units to use our service; if you are in need to find someone to fill out a work position in your unit, we can help you by screening and finding suitable applicants.

We also invite Aurovilians and Newcomers that are in search of a work opportunity to write to us and apply through our service so that we can connect you with the Units/Services of Auroville in need.

At the moment we do have a number of candidates in search for suitable working opportunities.

If your Unit/Service is in need of people, feel free to contact us; we might be able to connect you with Aurovilians/Newcomers who are searching for work.

Please contact us for more information: hr.hubauroville@gmail.com

Kind Regards, Sara for HR Hub Initiative

LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT MANAGER

Surya Performance Lab is a dynamic professional dance-theater group based in Auroville. It is an activity under the Auroville art service that creates shows, does tours, workshops, and artistic research.



We are now creating a new show, and we are looking for an assistant manager who can help us promote our show, communicate and take care of social media, update our website, write content, and sell our show to festivals and other structures.

Fluency in English is required, and knowledge of Tamil and/or Hindi is appreciated but not mandatory. Skills and experience in communication are expected.

- It is a part-time job.
- Volunteers, newcomers, and aurovilians are welcome. Surya Performance Lab can offer a contribution.
- Contacts: suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in, cell: 8903869078

Thank you for your support and Seva.

Thierry and Philippe

Looking For

Life Divine reading and study Group

Hi everyone, I would like to meet with anyone anytime who wants to read and study Life Divine.

robertdemito@yahoo.com, Robert



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

For the Sanskrit Research Institute,
Saskia, Ashish, Gali, Daniel, Rene, Martin



Three Kittens Looking for a Home

3 little cute kittens looking for a new home Well trained hunters by their mother who shows them the wild ways.

Contact via sms 9443362528 WA, Telegram

Thank you, Prema, Sincerity



Available

External HD for sale

External hard discs available for sale (1TB-2TB) filled with a great compilation of movies, TV series and documentaries in English.

Please contact +91 8940543874 by phone, text to or WA for more information.



Claude

Mac Mini Available

We have a Mac Mini mid 2010 available for a contribution. Hard drive 500 GB. Processor: 2.4 GHZ Intel Core 2 Duo. RAM: 8GB 1067 MHZ DDR3. Graphics: Geforce 320M 256MB. Mac OS High Sierra (10.13.6)

0413 2622637, Nandita



Glen Slow Juice

Looking for a healthy and delicious way to kickstart your mornings? Available: Glen slow juicer has very low power consumption and makes orange juice without making it bitter. This juicer is only one month old and has been rarely used. With its powerful motor and high-quality parts, it is perfect for extracting all the nutrients and flavor from your favorite fruits and vegetables. And it has a full 2-year warranty.

For more information please contact me.

• 7639999317, dineshsicos@auroville.org.in Dinesh



Housesitting Is Available

For more information contact

- +919384460764
- Taher@auroville.org.in

Best regards, Tahir



Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, 19 April, at 11:30pm

Taxi share to Chennai International Airport 19 April, leaving Auroville at around 11:30 pm.

- Please contact: 0413 2902282, paulette@auroville.org.in



Paulette

To Kodai, 15 April, 6am

Sharing taxi with space for one more person without luggage, around 6am on Saturday, 15 April 2023

Please contact: +49 1746718558 WA/ Signal

Warm regards, Katharina

Help Needed

FUNDING TO TRAVEL TO BHUTAN

Dear ones, we would like to thank those who have responded to the request to help fund the journey of Kalou and her student to take part in the Mallakam World Championship in Bhutan at the beginning of May.

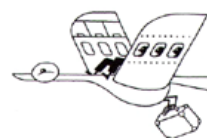
As we have previously communicated, Kalou and one student from the advanced group at the Eluciole Circus school have been invited to participate in this prestigious event. The Federation will be covering all arrangements there, including board & lodging etc, but we will need to cover the costs of the flight tickets. We have applied for funding grants but these have not yet been confirmed.

We still require quite some funds to cover the ticket fares of approximately Rs 50,000/-.

We would be grateful for the support of anyone who can offer any financial assistance, no matter of what amount, to help us to materialize this amazing opportunity

We would be so grateful if you could please transfer your donations to FS account 252157 and specify "Mallakam Bhutan"

With much care,
Kalou from Eluciole circus school



Lost and Found

Golden Key Found

We found a golden Key with an orange ribbon on the way between Swayam and Pitanga. Please contact 9751513906 WA, Signal, Telegram



Ulrike

Foods, Goods and Services



Hemplanet
GOOD FOR YOU. GOOD FOR THE PLANET.

Grand Opening
HEMPLANET STORE

Experience the power of hemp at our grand opening! Come discover our high-quality products and enjoy exclusive discounts at our new store in Kullapalyam (after Coffee Break).

20TH APRIL 2023
4:20 PM

@hemplanet_auroville
www.hemplanet.in

Submitted by Tom

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 2623030



Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant

- Will be at our Kalpana office from 10am—4pm.
- He can also be contacted anytime: +91 9894598686, phone or WA
- or by email: travelshop@inside-india.com
- **Emirates** offers daily flights to Toronto via Dubai from 20.April onwards
- Starting 1 June 2023, **Lufthansa** will resume regular flight operations with the popular Airbus A380 after a three-year interruption. The world's largest passenger aircraft will fly daily from Munich to Boston. Starting 4 July 2023, daily flights to New York (JFK) will be added to the A380 route network.
- **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. Keep in mind that one Indian state has introduced wearing masks in public spaces and Kerala is recommending it too.

Joster

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'

Auroville Poetry

WELCOME TO AUROVILLE

Welcome to Auroville
The City of Dawn
Where every moment
Is an Unfolding Movement
Towards the Divine Manifestation.
Try your best to go with the flow
As the triple-time Eternal Now
Is fast-forwarding to tomorrow.
With past experiences, to the Divine:
O Lord, Thank You
We are nothing without You.
This marvellous life experience
Are Your Blessings and Grace.
This ongoing adventure is fascinating
And we are awaiting while working
This "Something Else" that is coming.
This "coming" to some, we know
Who have not yet discovered You,
Is quite new, painful and unnerving.
So again, in this intensely felt reminder
Just remember: Surrender.
The eternal gratitude is to the Divine,
Not to any bloated human and its ego
That is now useless and about to go.
This false-separative is being replaced
By the Truth-Unity Consciousness
Expressed by a superhumanity
That is not attached to the past,
Preparing as willing servitors,
Consenting and conscious,
This Becoming the Marvellous,
A totally new species,
The embodiment Itself of the Divine:
The Supramental being.
So rejoice and in Samatā carry on...
On Earth coming very soon
A Life Divine.

Zech,
2023.04.05

I DREAMED IN A DREAM.

I Dream'd in a dream, I saw a city invincible to the
attacks of the whole of the rest of the earth;
I dream'd that was the new City of Friends;
Nothing was greater there than the quality of robust
love—it led the rest;
It was seen every hour in the actions of the men of
that city,
And in all their looks and words.

Walt Whitman

Whitman; this giant of poetic thought with his energy of
diction, this spiritual crowned athlete and vital prophet of
democracy, liberty and the soul of man and Nature and
all humanity. He is a great poet, one of the greatest in the
power of his substance, the energy of his vision, the force
of his style, the largeness at once of his personality and his
universality.

Recent English Poetry—165
The Future Poetry,
Sri Aurobindo

Voices and Notes

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Dear Aurovilians, please check the latest pod-
casts of your favourite radio! Stay tuned!

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[Here you can see](#) on-air schedules.

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- [Teens Connect—Ep. 4 \(Integral education\)](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi— 431 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Flamenco Guitar—Live Concert by Ashaman \(Music\)](#)
- [Marlenka's weekly Offering—Ep.84 \(Literature\)](#)
- [I just wanna write—Ep.7 "Neal Gaiman embracing your own voice" \(Creative writing\)](#)
- [Sri Aurobindo and Subramania Bharathiyar \(Tamil culture\)](#)
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- [Tamil Culture—\(Tamil culture\)](#)
[தமிழர் பண்பாடு](#)
- [Soul Tracks—Se04 Ep29 "Matt signs off ... for a while" \(Music\)](#)
- [Exploring the spirit—"Sri Aurobindo's Yoga in Auroville" by Loretta \(City life\)](#)
- [The Auroville Harmonies—Women's Choir, live concert \(Music\)](#)

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Peace and Love

Regards, Wobbli

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

TRADITIONAL MASSAGE THERAPY CLASSES

Angam Tree has for its Integral Yoga SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being. Focused on various aspects of healthy life and healthy lifestyle. My 30 hours course covers Traditional Bodywork based on principles of ancient Indian medicine science of Siddha Varma Kalai originating in Tamilnadu, Southern India. It is one of the oldest systems of medicine in India.



• The certificate course has three levels:

- Basic: 10 Hours
- Intermediate: 20 Hours
- Advanced: 30 Hours
- It covers the following modules:

- 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.

angamtree@auroville.org.in, +91 9751395939

Contribution based

Warm regards, Raja Narayanasamy

RELATIONSHIPS AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Workshop, Tuesday, 18 April, 5:30—7:30pm

Bharat Nivas, Harmony hall

RELATIONSHIPS AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE



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

JOIN US IN HARMONY HALL, BHARAT NIVAS
THIS TUESDAY 5:30-7:30PM



Open to everyone



+919489244823



Volunteers & Guests ₹300
Aurovilians & NCs
Donation-based

The intention of this offering is to create a safe container for heart centered, authentic expression and transformation in the presence of the others. The session gives an opportunity to connect to oneself and another and to see and experience the divine expression through each other. This workshop is for anyone, not only couples.

- For more info contact the facilitator:
Prem Shakti 9489244823

Submitted by Prem Shakti

FOOD FOR LIFE: HEALTHY BASICS

8—29 April, 4:00—6:00 pm

Whole Food Plant Based Cooking Workshop



Food for Life:
Healthy Basics

08-29 April 23
4:00 - 6:00 pm,
Auroville

Four-class series for health-promoting dietary strategies that are both budget friendly and accessible.

Includes

Cooking Demo

Sample Meal

Recipe Handout



Let's get together and learn, that surprising though it may sound, healthy food can be both exciting as well as delicious! Participants in the workshop have a choice to register for individual sessions or for the entire 4 part series, which is highly recommended. We will cook a light dinner together and at the end of the class also eat together.

- The Power of Your Plate 08 April
- How Foods Fight Diabetes 15 April
- Foods for a Healthy Weight 22 April
- How Foods Fight Heart Disease 29 April

About the class

This four-class series presents health-promoting dietary strategies that are both budget friendly and accessible. Nutrition education components will help participants to connect diet and disease outcomes while they are simultaneously learning about easy-to-prepare plant based recipes. Each class features a cooking demonstration with samples of delicious and health-promoting dishes, along with handouts of easy and affordable recipes participants can prepare at home.

About Food for Life

The Food for Life program is a collaborative effort of physicians, researchers, and nutritionists who have joined together to educate the public about the benefits of a healthful diet for improved health and disease prevention. Based in Washington, D.C., Food for Life is a program of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

About the instructor

Archana Saraf is a Food for Life instructor for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. She started her journey with the plant-based lifestyle in 2010 and since then she has been experimenting and advocating the power of plant based lifestyle. She is passionate about growing food, healthy cooking, and sustainable living.

How to register?

- Send an email to archie.saraf@gmail.com, or call/WA Archana on +91 8628955394
- Venue: Auroville (in-person class)

Submitted by Archana



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, Osteitis, 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, Conditioning Self Inquiry. Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards,
Ramana, Arka, 0413 2623799

970 - 13 April 2023

JIVA

your journey in healing and transformation

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



Saturdays with Horses

We are launching a new activity for children for Saturday mornings: connecting to horses, games and arts & crafts activities, with parents coming along.

More soon...

- contact@auroville-jiva.com, 9626006961 WA



Inner Child Work

- 15 April, 10am—1pm with Sigrid Lindemann Online
It is an additional tool to foster self confidence, and let go of early belief systems. Inner Child Work can be practised as a session itself, or woven into a counselling or therapy session.
- **Venue:** Integral Health, Prayatna
- **Registration:** contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

ReiKi Healing Sessions with Niyati

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.

Book a session for a healing experience.

- contact@auroville-jiva.com, 9626006961 WA

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 share the value of Past Lives therapy in psychotherapy and energy work.

- contact@auroville-jiva.com, 9626006961 WA

Integral regression therapy

- **Intro Session** 22 April, 10am—1pm at Integral Health, Prayatna
- 7—9pm ONLINE

Integral regression therapy and energy work based on Sri Aurobindo and The Mothers integral Yoga, integrating trauma therapy, pastlife regression therapy, inner child work, NLP, and a client centric approach.

- **Individual therapy sessions** of 2—3hrs are offered by Sigrid on request.
- The first of 7 modules consisting of 2 webinar sessions will take place May 2023,
- contact@auroville-jiva.com, 9626006961 WA

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

Our Venue Sharnga Guest House

www.sharngaguesthouse.in

Submitted by Sigrid

PITANGA



(0413) 2622403/ WA 9443902403

info@pitanga.in

Workshops at Pitanga

Yoga Workshops in Italian with Adele

- **Saturdays 4:30—6:30pm**
 - **22 April: Yoga for neck and shoulders.** Release tension and abandon the weights you carry by regenerating yourself.
 - **29 April: Blossom in Spring...** through the practice of yoga we experience self-confidence and open our hearts to life.
 - **6 May: Improve your balance.** Practice dedicated to rediscovering physical, mental and emotional balance.
- Workshop lessons held in Italian language. Pre-registration is not required. You are welcome to drop-in.
- **Adele** is a Newcomer and trained in Shivananda yoga, Aerial yoga, Vinyasa yoga.

You Decide How The Sun Rises For You Tomorrow

- **Tuesday, 2 May and Wednesday, 3 May**
- **9am—12:30pm**

2-days workshop by Ange Blanchflower

- Please sign up by sending an email to Pitanga sharing your name and contact phone number: info@pitanga.in
- Participation is limited.
- Please bring a pen and paper with you.
- **About the Workshop**

"The current situation is overwhelming many of us. This workshop introduces the ideas behind a tried and tested method that enables you as an individual to create a clearly defined goal and define a step by step pathway to achieving this—which will empower you to consciously create the reality in which you live. "Own your Mind" gives you the tools you can use to create the life you want to live." By Paul B.

Submitted by Andrea, on behalf of Pitanga

WORKSHOPS WITH DR. SEHDEV KUMAR

@ Vérité, Auroville

Freedom from Fear

- **Saturday, April 15, 2—4:30pm**

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

- Fear of Losing Face
- Fear of Loneliness
- Fear of Love & Intimacy
- Fear of Failure
- How can one live with full intensity and with all ebbs and tides, without knowing what fears the mighty river of one's life?

Peace Within: Peace Without

- **Saturday, April 29, 2—4:30pm**

With dr. Sehdev Kumar, Professor Emeritus, Canada, Author, Poet, Mediator, Author of Lotus in the Stone: Explorations in Dreams & Consciousness, Kabir: Ocean in a Drop, 7000 Million Degrees of Freedom

- **Register:** +91 7867805812

Submitted by dr. Sehdev Kumar



VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

Please contact Verite @ 0413 2622045, 2622606, 7867805812

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

Prevention & Reversal of Cognitive Decline

- With Lize, Monday, 17 April, 2—4:30pm

Declining brain function need not be a part of aging. It is entirely possible to prevent and reverse.

Mindfulness with Heart

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

Mindfulness meditation takes us into the heart of our innate ability to be aware.

Optimal Longevity

- With Lize, Wednesday, 19 April, 2—4:30pm

Learn strategies for a long, healthy and meaningful life!

Prevention & Reversal of Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes

- With Lize, Friday, 21 April, 9:30am—12pm

Actionable strategies to reverse the symptoms and also the cause of metabolic syndrome and prevent its progression to diabetes.

Purify your Koshas (Bodies) through the Practice of Yoga

- With Sabrina, Saturday, 22 April, 9:30am—12pm

This purification practice is the doorstep to connect with deepest layers of your being, reach mental clarity and accelerate your spiritual development.

Please note the following class cancellation

- Saturday, 22 April, Chakra Dance Meditation with Nirmal

Update on regular events section

Nataraj Dance & Meditation

- With Vega, Wednesday, 19 & 26 April, 5—6.30pm

These 90-minute sessions follow Osho's Nataraj Meditation format with occasional enhancement of the soundtrack using live instrumental music.

- Contact 0413 2622045, 7867805812 WA or email programming@verite.in.

Chakra Dance Meditation

- With Vega (no class 22 April), Saturday 5—6:30pm

This meditation session includes body warm up, different breathing techniques focused on the chakras, and dance to release stress and be prepared for a silent sitting meditation.

- Contact 0413 2622045, 7867805812 WA or email programming@verite.in.

Thushar, Programs Coordinator

MOTHER'S MUDRAS

Mother's Mudras 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 ayūn

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



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(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

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<https://serendipityauroville.org>

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



Activities & Therapies

Tea Meditation

- Sunday, 16 April, 11am with Jass

In this session we will explore the traditional Chinese way of serving tea, 'Gong Fu Cha', drinking quality Chinese tea in a silent and mindful manner.

- For more information call +91 7339459425 on Donation basis

Regular Classes

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

- Thursday, 10:30— 11:30am, Drop-in class and
- Friday, 5— 6pm, Regular Students

Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the singing, the mind reaches more clarity, concentration and tranquility.

Therapies

Bach Flowers Remedies with Stefania

- On appointment only, +91 9486363442

These remedies are made out of watered-down extracts from the flowers of wild plants, containing its healing energy.

Conscious Life Counseling with Stefania

- On appointment only, +91 9486363442

This exploration offers a flexible and safe framework for introspection and self discovery, which aims at personal and spiritual growth.

Shiatsu Massage

- With Sara and Simona, on appointment only
 - Sara, +91 9443617308
 - Simona +91 9489511648

Shiatsu is a manipulative therapy developed in Japan and incorporating techniques of anma (Japanese traditional massage), acupressure, stretching, and Western massage in order to maintain physical and mental well being, treat disease, or alleviate discomfort.

Expressive Arts

- With Anjali, on appointment only, +91 9560026678

The key purpose of Intermodal Expressive Arts sessions is to build our relationship with an art process in an experiential and embodied way through multiple art forms such as visual, writing, photography, dance, movement, music, or drama. The sessions typically last for 60-90 minutes.

Tarot Reading

- With Anjali, on appointment only, +91 9560026678

Tarot, oracle and angel cards are tools of divination and exploration which can be used to gain insight, work through life's challenges and understand ourselves on a deeper level.

Pranic Healing

- With Anjali, on appointment only, +91 9560026678

Pranic Healing is a revolutionary and comprehensive system of natural healing techniques that uses prana (life energy) to treat illness and improve well-being.

Sara for Serendipity

ECSTATIC DANCE WITH TAHIR & RO-FREQUENCY

Saturday, 15 April, 5:30—7pm @ Cripa.

Ecstatic Dance is a Freeform Conscious Dance. As soon as you enter the space, you are invited to let go of judgments and expectations and allow yourself to feel your emotions, sensations, body, mind, and spirit. a safe space for movement and expression

For more information, contact.

• +919384460764, Taher@auroville.org.in

Best Regards, Tahir



Languages

SANSKRIT COURSE

We welcome you for this event in partnership with the Samskrita Bharati team.

"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)

**Sanskrit, Science and Spirituality**

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

- Isn't it enough to mentally understand Sanskrit, why speak?
- What are the benefits of having everyday conversation in Sanskrit?
- How does the sound of Sanskrit change the vibrations in the atmosphere?
- Why did The Mother want to make Sanskrit a living language?

Along with the team members from Samskrita Bharati, we will explore the nuances of why and how speaking in Sanskrit language supports in the inner and outer progress. The team will share the insights from scientific as well as spiritual perspective. This will also give participants a chance to have an interactive session with the team and decide about joining in one or both of the following two Sanskrit courses in May 2023:

Spoken Sanskrit Course

संस्कृत सम्भाषणम्

- 5— 14 May, 2 hours everyday, Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

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
- Residential and full-time (5am— 10 pm with rest breaks)

Having attended any 10-day Spoken Sanskrit course by Samskrita Bharati is a pre-requisite for attending this teachers training program

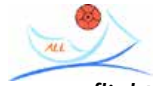
These programs are organized with support and good wishes from the Auroville Foundation, Bharat Nivas, SAIER, Samskrita Bharati, Samskritam Auroville, Sanskrit Research Institute, Unity Pavilion and many well-wishers.

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

Warmly,

Aravinda, Radhika and Deven

For Samskritam Auroville and Vidyamandir team

NEWS FROM**AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB**

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

Tomatis

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.

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

- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurovillelanguage.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyy-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	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	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	2:30—3:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate Started 22 November	2:30—4pm	Tuesday
Japanese	Beginner, Started 11 March	10am—12noon	Saturdays
Italian	Beginner Started 13 February	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

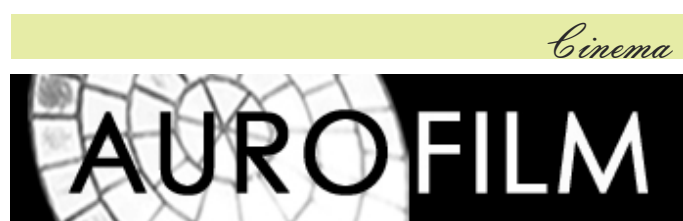
- Phone: 0413 2623661, 2622467,
- +919843030355
- Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

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



Presents at MULTI MEDIA CENTRE AUDITORIUM

Reminder

- **Friday, 14 April "Painted Fire"** original title: CHIH-WASEON by Im Kwon-taek, South Korea, 2002
- **There will be no Aurofilm screening on Friday 21st.** Enjoy the Eco film festival. Rendez-vous the week after!

Aurofilm present a "CINE-master class"

- Sunday 16 April, 5—6:30pm
- Aurofilm, Kalabhoomi (next to CRIPA)

If you like to discuss, share and learn more about films and Cinema, we invite you to our Cine-Master classes! Welcome to this chapter led by Philippe May on:

- "2001: A Space Odyssey" By Stanley Kubrick (1968)

Overview: The visionary and controversial director Stanley Kubrick pushes here the limits of his art. "2001" is one of the very few classics that define milestones in the history of Cinema. It is probably the most influential sci-fi film ever made, to which any other movie of the genre would be compared to, even 55 years after its release.

Beyond the fascination most viewers might experience, it is a complex movie and even the story line is difficult to grasp, at the borders of science, fiction and metaphysics. After an overview of the historical and cultural context, the thematic and basic level of understanding of the story line will be explained. Then we'll go through the highlights and analyse details of the movie with the support of archive footage, interviews, revelation of special effects, etc.

The film being screened a week before at MMC (Friday, 7 April) Philippe's presentation will start directly, without the projection of the movie. An open discussion will follow!

Philippe, IT engineer, Auroville forester
and discernant film-lover
Best regards, Surya

AUROVILLE FILM INSTITUTE

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

- Weekends:
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

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 urbanscapes, 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.

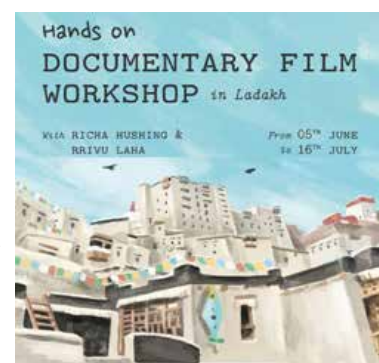
Participants will be facilitated to make their own short films and media artifacts—ready for exhibition at the culmination of the workshop. The films and media artifacts bear a much longer life not only to exhibit and construct discourses on culture of the said region but archive contemporary concerns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

- Cinema must be something different—not controlled. It must be the equivalent of life, like any art, but certainly not copied or simulated." Robert Bresson

Monday	17 April	Screening	The Cutting Edge: The Magic of Movie Editing , Wendy Apple This documentary offers anecdotes of interviews by Hollywood Film-makers, Martin Scorsese, Steven Spielberg, Rob Cohen, etc. coming from their vast experience in filmmaking
Tuesday	18 April	Screening	Au Hasard Balthazar, Robert Bresson Believed to be inspired by a passage from Fyodor Dostoyevsky's novel The Idiot, the film follows a donkey as he is given to various owners, most of whom treat him callously.
Wednesday	19 April	Screening	Pickpocket, Robert Bresson Michel, a young boy, develops pickpocketing as a hobby and is arrested immediately. His friend Jeanne offers him support so that he can quit the bad habit but it's too late for him to quit.
Thursday	20 April	Reading	Transcendental Style in Film: Bresson, Paul Schrader. After an experience of watching film, dwelling into the cinematic language and understanding the style of Bresson through text of Film Director and Critic, Paul Schrader.
Friday	21 April	Reading	Transcendental Style in Film: Bresson, Paul Schrader. After an experience of watching film, dwelling into the cinematic language and understanding the style of Bresson through text of Film Director and Critic, Paul Schrader.

*Continuing the journey of Transcendental Style in Film through the text of Paul Schrader; as this week we enter into the films of the French Film Director; Robert Bresson For more information write to:

- support_filminstitute@auroville.org.in
- contact AVFI fellow Swanand: 8956126016WA
- Kalakendra 0413 2622488.

Warm Regards,
Richa, +91 9969879319

N&N Guidelines



Hard deadline for submissions

TUESDAY 3pm

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

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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CINEMA PARADISO—ECO-FILM FEST 2023
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
16 April 2023 to 23 April 2023



Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is operating on 100% capacity. Since Covid cases are on the rise again, please come prepared with your masks. We may need to get back to stricter Covid protocol.

Eco-Film Fest Since 2005, every-year except for 2020, we bring you Eco-Film Fest, a week-long series of ecological, socio-environmental film exploring various aspects of sustainable living, starting on the 16th and finishing on the 22nd, the Earth-Day. The UN has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets. In India, we got to know about Lahari Bai, a 27-yr old Baiga tribal woman, from a forest hamlet in Madhya Pradesh, who over years has created a 'Millet Seed Bank'. We start our series honoring the theme - millet. Millets represent the diversity we need in our lives - in our habitat, agriculture, forest, gut, creatures that live around us - for our health and that of this planet.

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

UK, 2022, Dir. Renée Godfrey & Matt Meech w/Regé-Jean Page, Documentary, 78mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

As the Kalahari Desert faces a worsening dry season, prides, packs and herds of all kinds must rely on the power of family to survive. A beautiful nature film to kick-start the week.

Eco-Film—Sunday 16 April, 8pm
CHIDIYA, PUJARA AUR SOLAH RALA CHOR
The bird, the priest and the sixteen millet thieves

India, 2022, Dir. Milind Chhabra, Documentary, 58mins, Nimadi- Bheeli-Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

Rala seeds (Foxtail millets, locally called Thinnai in Tamil) are an integral part of the lives, rituals, myths, and legends of central Indian natives. Shifting between the ballads and the present times, the film follows the life cycle of Rala to tell the story of grains, fields, rains, pests, market, diet, and the dwindling cultivation of this indigenous crop. *This film w/ such a fascinating name and tale to share, is brought to us by the SPS Community. The director will be present online for a short engaging interaction after screening. Don't miss!*

Eco-Film—Monday 17 April, 8pm
DANCING TREES

P SE PYAAZ, P SE PAISA, P SE PAANI (P for pyaaz - onion), P for paisa - money, P for paani -water)

Dancing Trees: Serbia, 2022, Dir. Stahinja Savić w/ Jadranka Andjelic, Dijana Milosevic, and DAH Theatre, Docu-theatre, 32mins, Serbian w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G). This award-winning short depicts a theatre project where performing artists reflects on deforestation which has its effects on health and climate change.

P-Se Pyaz: India, 2022, Dir. Laxminarayan Devda w/ Milind Chhabra, Documentary, 57mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: G -- In the fragile hydrogeological region of Narmada valley, affluent farmers lease land from marginal farmers to grow onion, a trend soon followed by the local farmers as well. Onion is a water guzzler. What impact does it have on the depleting water table? We will watch the film and interact online with the director post screening to find out.

Eco-Film—Tuesday 18 April, 8pm
ON SACRED GROUND

USA, 2023, Dir. Josh Tickell & Rebecca Harrell Tickell w/ William Mapother, David Arquette, Amy Smart, and others, Drama, 86mins, English, Rated: NR (PG-13)

The story follows Daniel, a journalist and Afghanistan War veteran, and Elliot, an oil company executive as they find themselves on opposite sides of the fight during the construction of the contentious Dakota Access Pipeline that runs through the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. We thank the filmmakers for sharing this film with us.

Eco-Film—Wednesday 19 April, 8pm
MAMODY, THE LAST BAOBAB DIGGER

Madagascar-France, 2022, Writer-Dir. Cyrille Cornu w/ Thüryn Mitchell, Documentary, 50mins, Malagasy w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

In the southwest of Madagascar, the Mahafaly plateau is an extremely arid land. Here, the rains fall only a few times a year. In these very difficult living conditions, the inhabitants of the small village found a unique ingenious solution to store water in alignment with Nature. We thank the director, currently on an expedition in Madagascar, for sharing this amazing film with us. A definite, must see!

Eco-Film—Thursday 20 April, 8pm
COLONIES OF CONFLICT

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. Rajani Mani, Documentary, 74mins, English-South Indian languages w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

This acclaimed film explores the state of wild bees, specifically the migratory South Asian honeybee - *Apis dorsata*/ Rock Bees, in a fast-developing landscape. It examines the from the bee's perspective where the world is hell bent on eradicating them - spelling disaster to nutritional security and biodiversity of our ecosystems. The film also explores the story of men and women who are working to reverse the tide. The director who has shared the film, is out on a shoot but is keen to join for a post-screening Q&A if possible. You can't miss this!

Eco-Film—Friday 21 April, 8pm
THE INVISIBLE EXTINCTION

USA-China-Norway-Venezuela, 2022, Dir. Steve Lawrence & Sarah Schenck, Documentary, 80mins, English w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Superstar scientists Marty Blaser and Gloria Dominguez-Bello - passionate partners in life and in the lab- show us how overuse of antibiotics and elective C-sections are destroying the healthy bacteria in our bodies, and fueling the stratospheric rise in obesity, diabetes, asthma, and food allergies. Our dynamic duo is on a mission to protect and restore our missing microbes before it's too late. *This is an official premiere screening in India. Already cutting-edge research show that some medical solutions explored in this film may not work for all. However, central message remain robust: nurturing a healthy gut-microbiome, is key to our health and wellbeing. Don't miss!*

Eco-Film—Saturday 22 April, 8pm
ALL THAT BREATHES

India, 2022, Dir. Shaunak Sen w/ Salik Rehman, Mohammad Saud, Nadeem Shehzad, and others, Documentary, 97mins, Hindi-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

In Delhi, one of the world's most populated cities, two brothers fall in love with a bird - the black kite. From their makeshift bird hospital in their tiny basement, the "kite brothers" care for thousands of these mesmerizing creatures that drop daily from the city's smog-choked skies. As environmental toxicity and civil unrest escalate, the relationship between this family and the neglected kite forms a poetic chronicle of the city's collapsing ecology and rising social tensions. We are so thankful to the film-team for sharing with our community. Aman the producer and Nadeem Shehzad will be present online for a post-screening Q&A. What an opportunity! One of the most touching and amazing films you simply cannot miss!



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Children's Matinee - Sunday, 23 April, 4:30 pm:

MATILDA: THE MUSICAL

UK, 2022, Dir. Matthew Warchus w/ Alisha Weir, Emma Thompson, Lashana Lynch, and others, Comedy-Drama, 115 mins, English, Rated: PG

An extraordinary girl with a sharp mind and vivid imagination takes a daring stand to change her story - with miraculous results. An adaptation of the Roald Dahl book and stage musical.



WOODY ALLEN @ Ciné-Club Sunday 23 April, 8pm ANNIE HALL

USA, 1977, Dir. Woody Allen w/ Diane Keaton, Tony Roberts, and others, Comedy-Romance, 95 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

The story of comedian Alvy Singer is recounted through a series of flashbacks that examines where his relationship with the titular lady all went wrong. Annie Hall is a aspiring nightclub singer and Alvy is a struggling writer and one day the two meet, hit it off together and eventually fall in love.

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

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

Thanking You, MMC/CP Group Account# 105106,
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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, 21 April

Last Chance to See—Northern White Rhino

2006 / 59 minutes / Tim Green

Traveling across Uganda and Kenya, Mark Carwardine and Stephen Fry attempt to catch a glimpse of the extremely rare Northern White Rhino. They experience some enviable wild-life encounters in this humorous and heart-warming episode.



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Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Svaram Musical Center	7:00	8:50	14:50
Veite Guest house—Junction	7:02	8:52	14:52
Town Hall—Main Parking	7:06	8:56	14:56
Solar Kitchen (Round About)	7:10	9:00	15:00
Certitude Enterance	7:12	9:02	15:02
New Creation Road	7:17	9:07	15:07
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	7:19	9:09	15:09
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	7:23	9:14	15:14
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	7:26	9:17	15:17
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	7:36	9:30	15:30
Ashram Road Junction	7:38	9:33	15:33
Ashram Dinning Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dinning Hall	8:00	12:15	18:10
Ashram Road Junction	8:02	12:17	18:12
Lotus Hotel—S.V Patel Salai	8:07	12:22	18:17
Quiet Healing Center—Junction	8:17	12:32	18:27
ECR Junction—Aroma Guest House	8:20	12:35	18:30
SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	8:25	12:40	18:35
New Creation Road	8:27	12:42	18:37
Certitude	8:32	12:47	18:42
Solar Kitchen—Round about	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town hall Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Verite Guest House—Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

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

Emergency Services

Ambulance (24/7): Auroville—9442224680

- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health: Health Center—0413 2622123

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