



News Notes

#971 A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville 20 April 2023



By energism of consciousness Brahman is massed; from that Matter is born and from Matter Life and Mind and the worlds.

Mundaka Upanishad.

He desired, "May I be Many". He concentrated in Tapas, by Tapas he created the world; creating, he entered into it; entering, he became the existent and the beyond-existence, he became the expressed and the unexpressed, he became knowledge and ignorance, he became the truth and the falsehood: he became the truth, even all this whatsoever that is. "That Truth" they call him.

Taittiriya Upanishad

An apparition by Mira Alfassa

Pondering



This Something is, as Vedanta insists and as we have throughout insisted, in its manifest nature Sachchidananda, a trinity of absolute existence, consciousness and bliss. It is from this primal truth that we must start in approaching the problem, and it is evident then that the solution must be found in an action of consciousness manifesting itself as knowledge and yet limiting that knowledge in such a way as to create the phenomenon of the Ignorance, — and since the Ignorance is a The Origin of the Ignorance phenomenon of the dynamic action of Force of Consciousness, not an essential fact but a creation, a consequence of that action, it is this Force aspect of Consciousness that it will be fruitful to consider.

*Exclusive Concentration and the Ignorance
The Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

Contents

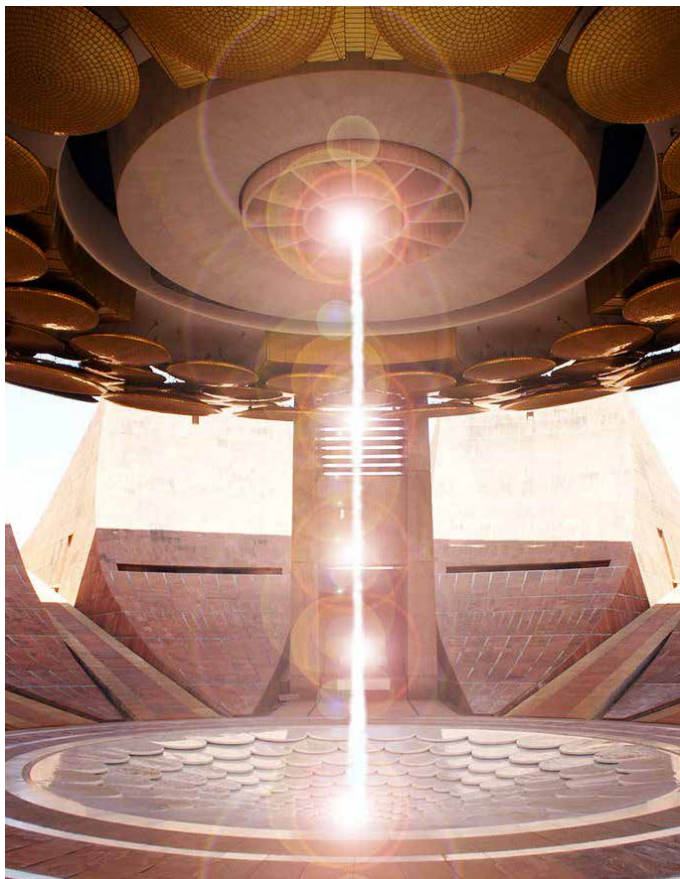
PONDERING	1
HOUSE OF MOTHER'S AGENDA	5
TOWNHALL SPEAKS	6
Working Committee Report	
February to mid-April 2023	6
Darkali Report	6
Meeting With The Consul Generals	6
Roger Anger 100 Year Commemoration	
24 March 1923-2023	6
Please Return The Attendance Sheet That Was Snatched	6
Animal Care Centre—Auroville Dog Shelter	6
Dialogue with Jay Naidoo	6
Complaints Received	6
The Auroville Child Protection Service	6
G20-Y20	6
RoR	7
Termination Notices And Other Threats	7
From The Entry Service	7
Call For Mentors	7
Entry Board Open house	7
Recommendations	7
Entry Service ES # 176, Dated: 13-04-2023	7
Entry Service ES # 177, Dated: 20-04-2023	7
Entry Service Timings	8
COMMUNITY NEWS	8
Passing On	8
Maurice Monier left his body	8
Born in Auroville	8
Aditi Arrives	8
Acres for Auroville	8
Acres for Auroville: Land Campaign	8
Lands for Auroville Unified	9
Auroville Matters	9
Forest Group Meeting: 7 April 2023 Notes	9
Auroville International	9
A clarification from AVI Board	9
Awakening Spirit	9
Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother	9
Amphitheatre—Matrimandir: Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music	10

Dream Divine Series:	
Dr. Alok Pandey's talk about Collective Yoga	10
Daily Peace Meditation	10
Centenary Of The Mother's Return	
To Sri Aurobindo, 1920-2020	10
Health Care	11
Aurodent—Dental Clinic	11
Auroville Dental Centre Protection	11
Working hours	11
To all members of the AV Health Fund Scheme	11
The Arts	11
Bossard— also a Master Ceramic Artist:	
Photo exhibition by Franz Fassbenger	11
Bossard—Site of Arts	11
Living art	11
Live Music Nights	11
Youth Initiatives	12
YouthLink	12
Auroville Youth Work Survey 2023:	
Part 1, Version: 2023-04-13	12
Summary	12
Introduction	12
How Representative is this Study	12
Education Level of Auroville Youth	13
Working Situation of Auroville Youth	13
Activities	14
Tango Dance Class	14
Salsa Dance Class	14
Swimming Class	14
Food Forest Tour	14
Joy Activities	14
Bio-region Temple Tour	14
Indian cooking	14
Thai Massage	14
Trip to Thiruvannamali Organized	14
Honorary Voluntary	14
Gau Seva at Sadhana Forest!	14
Looking for Volunteers	
for the Dog shelter—IACC	15
Auroville Kindergartens Need Volunteers	
To Help For Summer Program	15
Summer	15
Nature Camp	15
Group 1: 1—11 May	15
Group 2: 10—20 May	15

Work Opportunities	15
Prakrit: Production & Quality Manager	15
Help Needed	15
Baraka Needs a Keet Roof	15
Looking For	16
Looking For a Second-Hand Car	16
Looking for a Fridge	16
Available	16
Sony DCRTRV320 Digital Camcorder Available	16
Electrical Bicycle, good for two people	16
Taxi Share	16
To Chennai Airport, 23 April, 11:30pm	16
To Chennai Central, 4 May, 6am	16
From Chennai Central to Auroville or Pondy, 4 May, 10am	16
To Chennai Airport, 27 April, 9pm	16
To Chennai Airport, 23 April, 6am	16
From Chennai Airport, 29 April, 6pm	16
Lost and Found	16
Cell Phone Found in the Forest	16
Foods, Goods and Services	16
Latest News from Inside India—Travel Shop	16
Aircon Air Conditioner Cleaning	17
Eco Femme Open House	17
Poetry	17
Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking	17
What Matters is the Connection	17
Voices and Notes	17
Auroville Radio	17
Last published podcasts	17
Putting the children at the Center: The Auroville Way	18
Everything is Perfect	18
Aspiring to Connect	18
Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts	19
21 Day Morning Awareness in the Body Practice	19
Activities by Lakshmi	19
Sound Chakras Healing	19
Private Transformational Yoga Classes	19
Shiatsu—an Art of Touch	19
Relationships As A Spiritual Practice Workshop	19
Mother's Mudras	19
JIVA	20
Saturdays with Horses	20
ReiKi Healing Sessions with Niyati	20
Integral Regression Therapy	20
Integral regression therapy	20
Mirrabelle offers webinars, classes and workshops in "Natural Horsemanship"	20

2 Webinars Natural Horsemanship with Mirrabelle	20
Exploring Past Lives	20
Our Venue Sharnga Guest House	20
Angam Tree	20
Traditional Massage Therapy Classes	20
Arka Wellness Center & Multipurpose Hall	21
Classes	21
Treatments	21
Ayurvedic Massage	21
Reduce Your Waist to the Minimum	21
Serendipity	21
Activities & Therapies	21
Tea Meditation	21
Regular Classes	21
Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia	21
Three Workshops with Dr. Sehdev Kumar	21
Yoga of Forgiveness	21
Freedom from Fear	21
Peace Within: Peace Without	21
Quiet Healing Center	22
Somatic Yoga Class with Linda Lee	22
Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA) 1—Liquid Joy with Dariya & Daniel	22
Food for Life: Healthy Basics	22
Whole Food Plant Based Cooking Workshop	22
About the class	22
About Food for Life	22
About the instructor	22
How to register?	22
Pitanga	22
Workshops at Pitanga	22
Yoga Workshops in Italian with Adele	22
You Decide How The Sun Rises For You Tomorrow	22
Vérité Workshops	23
Prevention & Reversal of Cognitive Decline	23
Mindfulness with Heart	23
Optimal Longevity	23
Balance your Koshas (Bodies) through the Practice of Yoga	23
Yearnings for Peace: Peace Within, Peace Without	23
Languages	23
News From Auroville Language Lab	23
Tomatis	23
Current Schedule of Classes	23
To join or enquire	24
Contacts	24
Opening Hours	24

Cinema	24
Aurofilm At Multi Media Centre Auditorium	24
Reminder	24
"SOME LIKE IT HOT"	24
The French Pavilion presents	24
From The Iliad To Ilion	24
Eco Film Club	24
Schedule of Events	24
Last Chance to See—Aye Aye	24
Cinema Paradiso	25
Film Program 24 to 30 April 2023	25
Auroville Film Institute Presents	26
The Alluring Melodrama of Pedro Almodovar	26
Hands On Documentary Film Workshop in Ladakh	26
Workshop Overview	26
Who Is It For	26
Study Circle	26
Upcoming Week's Schedule	26
Film-Philosophy with Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives	27
The Long Read	27
Report of the work at Darkali, Auroville on 9 & 11 March, and the Unfortunate Obstructions caused by some residents	27
Meeting With Jay Naidoo, Dr. Jayanti Ravi And A Few Aurovilians	28
Accessible Auroville Public Bus	29
Emergency Services	29



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

**Roy & Agnijata, News & Notes,
Media Centre, Town Hall,**

NewsAndNotes@auroville.org.in, 0413 2622133



House of Mother's Agenda

(continued from last week)

Sri Aurobindo's written work, although a mental expression of a supramental fact, is a practical example of this global vision. It is bewildering to many because it lacks all the angles that make a thought readily understandable; it is so easy to be doctrinaire. Sri Aurobindo literally surveys all points of view in order to draw the deeper truth from each one of them, but he never imposes his own point of view (perhaps because he has none, or has them all!), merely indicating how each truth is incomplete in itself and in what direction it may be widened. The Supermind does not set truth against truth to see which will stand and survive, but completes truth by truth in the light of the one Truth of which all are the aspects... And he spoke of the light of the Thought that carries in it its own opposites. This is what the Mother calls thinking spherically. One always feels terribly dogmatic and mental when speaking of Sri Aurobindo, probably because of the inadequacy of our language, which focuses on one point rather than another and hence casts shadows, whereas Sri Aurobindo embraces everything, not out of "tolerance," which is a mental substitute for Oneness, but through an undivided vision that is truly one with each thing, in the heart of each thing. Perhaps this is the very vision of Love?

This undivided vision is so real that even the world's physical appearance is changed for the supramental consciousness, or, rather, the physical world appears as it really is; the separatist optical illusion we usually live in dissipates; the stick is no longer broken, and everything is related to everything else. The world is not as we see it: Nothing to the supramental sense is really finite: it is founded on a feeling of all in each and of each in all: its sense definition... creates no walls of limitation; it is an oceanic and ethereal sense in which all particular sense knowledge and sensation is a wave or movement or spray or drop that is yet a concentration of the whole ocean and inseparable from the ocean.... It is as if the eye of the poet and artist had replaced the vague or trivial unseeing normal vision, but singularly spiritualized and glorified,—as if indeed it were the sight of the supreme divine Poet and Artist in which we were participating and there were given to us the full seeing of his truth and intention in his design of the universe and of each thing in the universe. There is an unlimited intensity which makes all that is seen a revelation of the glory of quality and idea and form and colour. The physical eye seems then to carry in itself a spirit and a consciousness which sees not only the physical aspect of the object but the soul of quality in it, the vibration of energy, the light and force and spiritual substance of which it is made.... There is at the same time a subtle change which makes the sight see in a sort of fourth dimension, the character of which is a certain internality, the seeing not only of the superficies and the outward form but of that which informs it and subtly extends around it. The material object becomes to this sight something different from what we now see, not a separate object on the background or in the environment of the rest of Nature but an indivisible part and even in a subtle way an expression of the unity of all that we see. And this unity... is that of the identity of the eternal, the unity of the Spirit. For to the supramental seeing the material world and space and material objects cease to be material in the sense in which we now on the strength of the sole evidence of our limited physical organs... receive [them];... they appear and are seen as Spirit itself in a form of itself and a conscious extension.

Global vision, undivided vision, and also eternal vision. Time is conquered. While the overmental consciousness saw "large extensions of space and time," the supramental consciousness completely embraces all three tenses: [it] links past, present and future in their indivisible connections, in a single continuous map of knowledge, side by side.

All time is one body, Space a single book.

Consciousness is no longer the narrow shutter that needed to be kept narrow lest it explode; it is a great, tranquil Gaze: "Like an eye extended in heaven," says the Rig Veda (I.17.21). The ordinary individual consciousness is like an axis, says the Mother, and everything revolves about that axis. If it moves we feel lost. There is this tall axis (more or less tall; it may also be very small) fixed in time, and everything revolves about it. The consciousness may extend more or less far, be more or less high, more or less strong, but it still revolves about that axis. Yet for me, there is no longer any axis—it's gone, disappeared! So it can move to the north, to the south, the east, or the west—forward, backward, or anywhere at all. There is no more axis.

(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

WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT

February to mid-April 2023

Darkali Report

ATDC began the work of clearing the Crown path on the morning of 9 March in accordance with the authorization given by the Joint Commission as per the NGT directive. ATDC assisted the CPWD team in the clearing of the Crown path and began the work of cutting the trees on 9 March in the Darkali area in strict accordance with the report of the Joint Committee, so that the Crown Road, being built by CPWD, may be completed. Very soon, this was obstructed by a set of people who have been holding up this work for decades.

- [Read the report on Page 27](#)

Meeting With The Consul Generals

On Saturday, 18 March several Consul Generals from the South Zone, including Bangladesh, France, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and The Netherlands visited Auroville. The Governor of Tamil Nadu, RN Ravi welcomed them online.

The delegation visited the Matrimandir, the Visitors Center, Savitri Bhavan and the city exhibition in the India Space in Bharat Nivas. They attended Auroville presentations at the Unity Pavilion and participated in the Q&A session. Dr Jayanti Ravi and Working Group members encouraged them to interact with Auroville via cultural projects in the International Zone, a literary festival that is planned for August 2023 and via various volunteer projects.

See also:

- [Consul Generals from Bangladesh, France, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, Singapore, South Korea & Thailand, The Netherlands.—YouTube](#)

Roger Anger 100 Year Commemoration 24 March 1923-2023

In 1965, The Mother invited the French architect, Roger Anger, to prepare the town plan for Auroville. She worked with him through several trials, several models till she was satisfied that Roger had captured her vision with the iconic Galaxy plan, which we are still discovering. Far from being an outdated plan, the Galaxy has revealed itself to be a forerunner of the urbanism of the future with its ability to integrate life in all parts, the human being and a growing Consciousness.

Roger Anger's centenary dovetails perfectly with Sri Aurobindo's 150th & India 75th with his seminal contribution towards a conscious urbanism that will stand out for all time, both for Auroville and for India and the world.

ATDC and the 150th year programs welcomed everybody at India Space, Bharat Nivas, on 24 March, for a commemorative event in honor of Roger Anger's work and legacy for Auroville. This was well attended and many Aurovilians shared their tributes.

See also Roger Anger panels on Auronet

- [Roger Anger 100th Birth Anniversary celebration: his friends share fond memories!—YouTube](#)
- [Roger Anger 100th Birth Anniversary celebration: Dr. Prof. Anupama Kundoo's message—YouTube](#)
- <https://youtu.be/tMxWOoLCGBQ>
- <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.thehindu.com/news/cities/puducherry/auroville-celebrates-centenary-of-its-architect-roger-anger/article66661215.ece/amp/>
- <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.thehindu.com/society/tamil-nadu-auroville-architect-roger-anger-centenary-visionary-simplicity-design/article66641605.ece/amp/>

See also:

- Working Committee Report March to mid-April 2023 on Auronet (auroville.org.in) <https://auroville.org.in/article/95099>

Please Return The Attendance Sheet That Was Snatched

Reminder: In January the 3 main working groups, FAMC-ATDC-Working Committee—gave an update on their work to the community. The meeting was live-streamed and open to all. An attendance register was filled at the entrance. Unfortunately the attendance register was snatched away aggressively from the desk by an unidentified lady. We appeal to the lady once again to return it to us for our records.

Animal Care Centre—Auroville Dog Shelter

The Working Committee received several serious complaints pertaining to the IACC—Integrated Animal Care Center (dog shelter) located between Edayanchavadi and RERS. We invited the present managers of the dog shelter and others to give their views on the present situation and the necessary changes. The process is on-going.

Dialogue with Jay Naidoo

- Unity Pavilion on 27.02.2023

Chairpersons: Dr. Jayanti Ravi and Jay Naidoo

Aurovilians present: Anandi, Anshul, Anu, Aravinda, Aryamani, Auradha Frederick, Jaya, John (Citadines) Manoj, Satprem, Toine, Vikram Mani & Sudha Prabhu

Silent listener: Gabi Gillessen from the International Advisory Council

Organized by: John & Sudha.

- [Read the report on Page 28](#)

Complaints Received

The Working Committee has been receiving several complaints about sexual harassment as well as verbal and physical violence which are being followed up. We have been concerned to learn that in parallel, cases are being diverted to another group, but no reports are given, nothing further is heard of and issues are hushed. This has left people confused and dissatisfied.

The Auroville Child Protection Service

This has an office in the SAIER building but the AVCP (CPS) has stopped taking cases since over a year which many in the community are not aware of and its mail ID has been changed to an outside server. Working Committee met with Honor and Angela regarding the situation. The project was funded by Stichting de Zaiier and endorsed by the Working Committee who would do the external liaison.

At one point an external Child Protection Officer stayed in Auroville and trained the group in Auroville. The team in charge of doing case management stopped taking cases in the second year which was last summer. Honor is stepping down end of April and looking for a professional therapist to replace her but no one has been found so far.

Many projects are in progress. Comprehensive, ethical and safe strategies are needed for such work. The Working Committee met with the 2 members of AVCP to understand the situation and follow up based on the conditions.

G20-Y20

Auroville hosted the G20, Youth Delegation Y-20 in Auroville from the 4 to 6 April. They visited both the Ashram and Auroville. Though planned at short notice both for the youth who came, and for us here, a lot of hard work went in from the Foundation and Auroville groups and Unity Pavilion to make the visit worthwhile for them.

A massbulletin was sent by the Working Committee inviting all to the Plenary session. This turned out to be a vibrant evening of introductions by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, Dr Jayanti Ravi, the Chairman, Governor RN Ravi, GB member Lt Gov Tamilisai Soudararajan and Sri Anirban Ganguli, followed by a surprise cultural programme from Pondicherry.

The youth were open, curious and receptive to the different types of encounters which included an Ashram Playground special meditation on 4 April, being the day of Sri

Aurobindo's arrival in Pondicherry, followed by a Dining Room meal. The next day began with the Crown Walk, a Matrimandir concentration, exploring the city exhibition, a Solitude Farm lunch, a sound bath, and an evening for dancing. The visit concluded with a visit to Sadhana Forest. Many expressed the wish to return and even volunteer. An introduction to the volunteer programme was made followed by Q & A.

RoR

This is in the final stages. However, those who have not filled it up yet must know they are holding up the process.

Termination Notices And Other Threats

We regret to note that the Auroville Council along with some groups have issued to the News and Notes team a letter of intimidation ordering them to step down. Some Council members even visited the N&N office in the hope of coercing them to leave.

A similar letter was sent to the Land Board. Working Committee has asked both groups to continue doing their work which is needed and has our support.

- The Working Committee can be reached at working-com@auroville.org.in

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

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE

Call For Mentors

As you might know, according to the present Entry Policy an applicant needs 2 mentors to start his/her Newcomer process. Mentors are responsible for supporting the Newcomers by helping them integrate into the life of the Auroville Community and its ideals. The mentors are the bridge between Newcomers and the Entry Secretariat and the Entry Board.

As you might have noticed, every week we publish the names of people from all over the world applying to become Newcomers and start the process of joining Auroville.

We really need mentors who can assist the Newcomers through their Newcomer period, offering guidance, supporting and being a solid link to the community.

At this moment, many applicants are waiting to start their process, but we are unable to take them in due to either unavailability or unwillingness of mentors.

Could you please reflect upon the present situation and reconsider whether to take new applicants or come forward to become a new mentor.

The Entry Board is available for you to help understand your roles and responsibilities in a friendly manner. Please write to us on auroville.entryservice@gmail.com if you offer yourself as a part of the Mentor Pool.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

*Thanks, The Entry Board
and the Entry Secretariat*

Entry Board Open house

- Every Friday at 10am—12noon two—three members of the Board will be available to meet people at the Entry Service office.

*Warmly,
The Entry Board*

Recommendations

The following people have been recommended by the Entry Board to join our community. Please share your feedback within 2 weeks for potential Newcomers, Associates and Friends of Auroville and within 4 weeks for Potential Aurovilians, Returning Aurovilians, Youth and Spouse/Partner of an Aurovilian in writing to auroville.entryservice@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

Entry Service ES # 176, Dated: 13-04-20237

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED



Nithya



Rajasegar



Vijaysinh

- 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 Auro-modele and working at Kindergarten



Sarbani

Entry Service ES # 177, Dated: 20-04-20237

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED

- Jeremie FOLLET (French) staying in CSR staff Quarters and working at Kinisi

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED



Gijs



Rajesh



Vivekan



Jeremie

- Gijs VAN DEN BROECK (Belgian) staying & working in Sadhana Forest
- Rajesh SHAH (USA) staying in Maitreye II and working at Ilion Activity
- Vivekan BRUNSCHWIG (French) staying in New Creation and working at French Pavilion

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED

- Mahalakshmi PRABHAKAR (Indian)
- Cibin THOMAS (Indian)

RETURNING AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED

- Sungheui JANG aka Savitri (Korean)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED

- Pramika GUNASEELAN (Indian)
- Parin RASCHIDY (Austrian)

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

Entry Service Timings

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30am—12:30pm
 - Tuesday & Thursday: Newcomer kits, 2:30—4:30pm
- 0413 262-2707, auroville.entryservice@gmail.com

Yours, The Entry Board
Alain, Dheena, Grace, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan,
Matilde, Ramanarayana, Sonja and Swadha
Submitted by William For The Entry Service

Community News

Passing On

MAURICE MONIER LEFT HIS BODY

With sadness we learn of the loss of our brother and friend Maurice Monier, who passed away in the morning of Thursday, 13 April at around 8am in his flat in Citadines. He was born in Saint-Etienne on June 18, 1938 and would have been 85 in June.



In the years 1975/76, he stayed several times at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry before permanently settling in Auroville in 1986/87, where he fulfilled various functions, the main one being to dig wells with the Water Service for the community. Later he participated several years in the Housing Service, after which he actively helped in the development of Aquadyn. His great availability and continuous presence in these services left a lasting impression with those who knew him.

Moreover, Maurice has always been an ardent defender of Auroville and was totally involved in our community. This is important for all because it shows us how people can work together to achieve common goals and a more sustainable future in the direction of Truth.

His departure is a loss for the community of Auroville and for those who loved and knew him. He was very much appreciated and loved by those around him. His ability to be attentive, coupled with a humorous look at things, may have made interactions with him enjoyable and rewarding.

His generosity and discretion were rare and precious qualities, which undoubtedly had a positive impact on the people who knew him. His sincerity and inner depth were also noticed, testifying to an authentic and endearing personality.

The fact that he will be dearly missed by those who knew him is further proof of the positive impact he had on their lives.

*With love to our brother,
from his friends in Citadines*

Born in Auroville

ADITI ARRIVES



We would like to share with our community, arrival of our little one. Aditi, born on 6 April 2023 at 8.05pm in PIMS

Love,
Bharathi & Amudha

Acres for Auroville

ACRES FOR AUROVILLE

Land Campaign

April 2023—24 April: the definitive start
of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother's united work
Mahakali entrance to the Matrimandir



Shakti is the name in Sanskrit for the dynamic principle of power and energy that is behind all manifestation. For the Matrimandir, each of its four entrances bears the name of one of the four great Shakti forces as described by Sri Aurobindo in his booklet "The Mother". They are: Mahakali for Force, Maheshwari for Wisdom, Mahalakshmi for Beauty and Harmony, and Mahasarawati for Skilled Perfection in Works.

The Mother gave these names to be symbolic for our personal understanding and individual consciousnesses, and also as practical forces to be harnessed for the manifestation of Auroville. We see the real results of Shakti all throughout the City of Dawn: in the beauty of its regenerated land, in the wisdom it has been entrusted to safeguard and share, in the sweetness and harmony felt under the Banyan Tree, and in the perfection of the myriad magnificent buildings and gardens that have been created with such skill and care. All are the inspiring results of decades of dedication by Aurovilians and volunteers from everywhere—all are the products of Shakti!

Auroville's Master Plan Area is the site designated from the start for the Shakti force to act and lay the dynamic foundations for Sri Aurobindo's vision of what he said must inevitably come. Great progress has been made, but consolidation of all the land is not yet done. It is A4A's goal to raise the funds for completing the City of Dawn's physical base, vital for Auroville's full manifestation. The Mother encouraged contributions and wrote:

*"The lands for Auroville
are to be bought and can be bought.
The money is needed. Will you help?"*

Let's manifest the future by manifesting Auroville!

Join us to help consolidate its physical base

- Please specify your donations for "Acres For Auroville" via check, bank transfer or online: Donating & Tax Deductibility information: <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/>
- News, videos, and land information: www.land.auroville.org
- Contact: lfau@auroville.org.in

Photo: Doris and Francis

Quote: The Mother's message of May 1970

Acres for Auroville is a collaboration of Auroville International & Lands for Auroville Unified

Love and gratitude,
Mandakini for A4A

LANDS FOR AUROVILLE UNIFIED

Auroville Centre for Urban Research,

Administrative Area, Auroville, Tamil Nadu, India

- **24 April 2023**—The Day of The Mother's Permanent Return to Pondicherry



Auroville is an entirely new approach to individual and collective living. The aims and energy and the goal are all different in the sense that the bedrock of attempt and inspiration is ascent—ascend to the heights of a mountain top. We will not attempt to define or limit what we mean exactly by "mountain top" since each Aurovilian and friend of Auroville can define what it means to him or her personally. For some, the mountain top may mean human unity; to others it may mean Truth; to some others it may mean the psychic being (the inner soul); to still others it may mean the Divine. Some may understand it as new consciousness. But the essential thing is—it is an ascent to something higher than where we are now.

Climbing the high mountains is an uphill task in many ways. Obviously, there are mountaineers of various calibers. Some are strong and climb swiftly. Others move slowly. This analogy applies for the Auroville mountain as well. Some are strong in their soul and are more fit to climb the ascent. Others may not be able to advance quickly along the path. Still others may remain at ground level, just at the foot of the mountain. Given the reality, the most important thing is patience, endurance, and perseverance, born of faith.

The following aphorism of Sri Aurobindo is most relevant to this greatest, grandest and loftiest endeavor that Auroville is: *"I am weary of the childish impatience which cries and blasphemes and denies the ideal because the Golden Mountains cannot be reached in our little day or in a few momentary centuries."*

Sri Aurobindo wrote the first letters of "Golden Mountains" in capitals to point out that what he meant was riches of the infinite, the riches of the supramental consciousness—its joy and peace and endless light.

Auroville is for reaching the Golden Mountains. So the first thing that we should guard ourselves from is "childish impatience". We should have a perspective that we are in this adventure for centuries, and beyond.

Acres for Auroville (A4A) draws its moral support from this understanding and approach. Auroville is indeed far from being perfect, but we have faith and also the perspective of centuries. In that way, we can understand and relativize passing disappointing realities, and so keep our hope alive, strong, and burning bright!

*With trust in Auroville's bright future,
Aryadeep, Mandakini*

- Please specify your donations for "Acres For Auroville" via check, bank transfer or online: Donating & Tax Deductibility information: <https://land.auroville.org/new-banking-information/>
- News, videos, and land information: www.land.auroville.org
- Contact: lfau@auroville.org.in

Auroville Matters

FOREST GROUP MEETING

7 April 2023 Notes

Christoph Bliss\Anusuya, Vikram Infinity, Jean luc Revelation, Wazo Mango field, Dave Silence, Jessamijn Udumbu, G.Vengatesh Abri, Giri. J Fertile east, T.Yaga Kottakarai, Jivatma Existence, Ivana, Ramani Freedom, Andreanna Hermitage, Archana Siddhartha forest, Kumar Adventure, Stefan Evergreen, Julien Revelation, Lea Revelation, Andrey Infinity, Rita Center field, Ancolie Evergreen, Kannianan Pitchandikulam, Alyona Darakali, Edzard Discipline, Amos Evergreen

- Lea is a newcomer starting to volunteer at Revelation forest, Welcome Lea.
- Jean Luc from Revelation, being a professional photographer, would like to initiate a photography documentation of all the green belt assets that appear on the "red list". Anyone that would like to participate in this valuable initiative please contact him directly at: JeanlucBuro@gmail.com
- Thank you to Rolf Brokmeier for his snack donation

Next meeting location in Aurodam

Amos

Auroville International

A CLARIFICATION FROM AVI BOARD



A report was published last week in the last issue of News & Notes (#970, p. 6) including some critical observations regarding Auroville International.

The Board members, along with many members of the various centres and liaisons were very active during their visits this year, meeting people with many different perspectives on the present difficulties in Auroville, and the Board encouraged all AVI members to reach out to those on all "sides" to try to understand the issues and to help foster harmony and collaboration. The fact is that most AVI members have long standing friends in Auroville who they are in close and continual contact with, even when they are away. Many also are ex-Aurovilians who have been supporting the community since the early years.

The International Advisory Council and the AVI Board jointly met with the Foundation Secretary, listened to her account of the present situation and exchanged views. During that meeting the Secretary encouraged the Board to help foster collaboration within the community and to support the Dreamweaving initiative. Following this encouragement by Dr Ravi, the Board invited the two TDC groups to meet with them so that they could better understand the issues which divided them and to encourage collaboration between the groups. Unfortunately the ATDC appointed by the Governing Board refused even to recognize the other group and refused the invitation.

We want to make it clear that the AVI Board is not against the development of the City, nor even against the construction of the Crown Road. However, it believes in a respectful and collaborative approach, which is apparently supported by the majority of the community. AVI groups will continue to fundraise for Auroville projects and to provide support and encouragement for those interested to visit and to join the community, despite the difficulties which many Aurovilians are facing at the present time. The Board is happy to support any initiative involving dialogue and collaboration between all sections of the Auroville community.

Christian Feuillette, AVI Board chairman

Awakening Spirit

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTEGRAL YOGA of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother

Tuesday, 25 April, 9am—12noon

Introduction to the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on Tuesday, 25 April, at 9am—12noon

- **Focus:** The Synthesis of Yoga
- **Led by:** Ashesh Joshi
- **Place:** Mirabelle Education Centre, Auromodele
- **Contact:** 9489147202.



Please be present by 8:45am

All are Welcome, Ashesh Joshi

971 - 20 April 2023

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



DREAM DIVINE SERIES

Dr. Alok Pandey's talk about Collective Yoga

Wednesday, 26 April, 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 make newcomers understand the Aims and Ideals of Auroville, learn about 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, 26 April, 4:30—5:30pm Dr. Alok Pandey will speak about "Collective Yoga" in the Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan. Everyone is welcome

Thank you, Dhanalakshmi,
for Savitri Bhavan Team

DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

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



Submitted by Arun

CENTENARY OF THE MOTHER'S RETURN

TO SRI AUROBINDO, 1920-2020

Monday, 24 April 2023, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.

Savitri
B H A V A N

Duration: 48min.



The impressive documentary slideshow by the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education recounts the Mother's journey in Her own words from childhood till Her final arrival in Pondicherry.

The Mother was born on the 21st of February 1878 in Paris. She was named Blanche Rachel Mirra Alfassa. Her parents had emigrated from Egypt to France a few months before her birth.

Mother learned to read only at the age of seven. But the conscious inner life

began when Mother was five years old. In her room she had a small cushioned armchair and whenever she was

troubled or just wanted to be quiet, she would sit in her little armchair. At the age of five she had the experience of the consciousness above the head, which she felt like a Light and a Force, a pleasant and luminous sensation. And she felt, "That's what I have to live, what I have to be."

Mother had other remarkable experiences as a child. During her sleep she had many out-of-the-body experiences. When she was about thirteen, one such experience went on night after night for almost a year; she went out of her body and rose very high above her house and the city clad in a magnificent golden robe. The radiation of the golden robe gave solace to the suffering and the sick, the children, the old, the women and men. Referring to this experience, she remarked: "Nothing seemed more beautiful for me, nothing could make me happier; and all the activities of the day seemed dull and colorless and without any real life, besides this activity of the night which was the true life for me."

And: "Between 11 and 13 a series of psychic and spiritual experiences revealed to me not only the existence of God but man's possibility of uniting with Him, of realizing Him integrally in consciousness and action, of manifesting Him upon earth in a life divine. This, along with a practical discipline for its fulfillment, was given to me during my body's sleep by several teachers, some of whom I met afterwards on the physical plane". With one of these teachers, she had a special relationship, and she was led to call him Krishna.

Along with these inner activities, the Mother pursued her outer development. Among the arts, her favorite were music and painting. For four years she attended the art studio Académie de Julian and became an accomplished artist.

Throughout this time, her spiritual life was deepening. When Mother was twenty or twenty-one, an Indian man gave her a translation of the Gita: "He said, 'Read the Gita and take Krishna as the immanent God, the inner God-head.... the God who is within you.' Well, in one month the whole work was done! The first time I knew that there was a discovery to make within me, well, that was the most important thing! This had to be put before everything!"

Around 1903, when she was twenty-five, Mother had several visions of a man in Indian dress. Later she found that the man in her visions was Sri Aurobindo.

Then, between 1911 and 1914, Mother had a whole series of inner experiences, which, she said, prepared her for the meeting with Sri Aurobindo. About one of these experiences, she remarked: "The first contact, when you go within and THAT'S IT... that concrete reality, that intensity beyond any possible physical intensity. And then the sense of: THAT'S IT—the Divine..."

In 1910, the Mother saw a picture of Sri Aurobindo. And in spring 1914 she traveled to Pondicherry arriving there in the morning of the 29th of March. She saw Sri Aurobindo in the late afternoon: "...something in me wanted to meet Sri Aurobindo all alone the first time...I had an appointment for the afternoon. He was living in...the old Guest House. I climbed up the stairway and he was standing there, waiting for me at the top of the stairs. ... EXACTLY MY VISION! Dressed the same way, in the same position, in profile, his head held high. He turned his head towards me... and I saw his eyes and I saw in his eyes that it was He." The Mother had met Krishna, the one who she knew she would meet one day in the body. They shared their spiritual experiences and worked together on the monthly philosophical review Arya published in French and in English.

In February 1915, because of the First World War, the Mother had to depart for France. The separation from Sri Aurobindo was painful for her. Then, in March 1916, she sailed for Japan and lived there for four years exploring its unique and profound culture which treated meditation as part of daily life. After four years, in response to her aspiration, it was offered to her in one of her meditations to come

to India and to Sri Aurobindo.

The Mother reached Pondicherry on the 24 of April 1920 and met Sri Aurobindo in the Guest House—the same house where she had first seen him in 1914. The Mother said about this moment: “We were standing side by side like that, gazing out through the open window, and then TOGETHER, at exactly the same moment, we felt “Now the Realization will be accomplished” ...I felt the Thing descending massively within me, with the same certainty I had felt in my vision. From that moment on there was nothing to say—no words, nothing. We knew it was THAT.”

The documentary is available at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram website:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdOn907PRBg>

Submitted by Margrit

Health Care

AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC



Dental Clinic
Auromode, Auroville.

For Appointment please contact us

Email: aurodent@auroville.org.in

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

Working hours

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

Submitted by Sudha

AUROVILLE DENTAL CENTRE PROTECTION

aurodentalcentre@auroville.org.in

(0413) 2622265 or 2622007

+917806880324

Working hours:

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



Submitted by Meera

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!

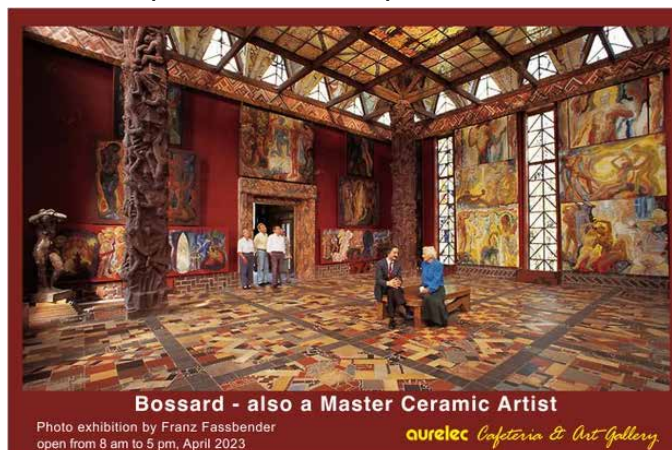
Best, Stefan,
for AV Health Fund

The Arts

BOSSARD— ALSO A MASTER CERAMIC ARTIST

Photo exhibition by Franz Fassbender

April 2023, 8am— 5pm @ Aurelec



Bossard - also a Master Ceramic Artist

Photo exhibition by Franz Fassbender
open from 8 am to 5 pm, April 2023

aurelec Cafeteria & Art Gallery

Bossard—Site of Arts

Bossard Kunststätte, close to Hamburg, Germany, is one of the few remaining expressionists' art houses left in Europe. Founded by Johann Michael Bossard, the Bossard Kunststätte is a unique building, which covers the 30,000 square kilometre area with art. Uniting many artistic areas, such as architecture, painting, sculpture and landscape gardening, he was able to create a truly unique location for art.

Living art

The house itself is filled, with painted walls and ceilings, mosaic floors, sculptures, and even dinnerware. The expressionist style inside the house is clear to visitors today and has remained intact since the house was finished. Next to the house is the so-called 'Kunsttempel' (Temple of Fine Arts), considered one of the most important examples of expressionist architecture. This temple is designed to allow visitors to enjoy both nature and art, and allows visitors to understand central art concepts in Germany

Franz

LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS

Visitors Center's Right Path Cafe
LIVE MUSIC NIGHTS

Muniz & Sons
classic rock treat



SUNDAY • APRIL 23 • 7:30 PM

In collaboration with @KALABHUMIMUSICSTUDIO.AV

ANY ENQUIRY? RIGHT PATH CAFE:
04132 622245 OR +91 90430 04919
@ CAFETERIA AUROVILLE

OUTSIDE VISITORS? KINDLY PARK YOUR CAR,
TWO-WHEELER OR VAN AT VISITORS CENTER
MAIN PARKING AND WALK TO THE CAFE!

Submitted by Edo

Youth Initiatives

YOUTHLINK

• “So, what is YouthLink?”

We’ve been asked this throughout the year by both community members and passers-by. We’ve been asking the question to ourselves as well. Our answers have now become somewhat standardized, “YouthLink is a non-profit youth organization that works to connect, integrate, and empower young people both inside and outside of Auroville.” But what does that actually mean?



YouthLink is a non-profit service under the Auroville Service Trust. We hold gatherings to bring people together, we do awareness campaigns on topics that we find important for the health, safety, and well being of youth in Auroville. We hold educational workshops that further one’s understanding of the world, explore interests, and further individual capacity and capabilities. We’ve launched and aided projects such as the ‘Youth Employment Survey’, Every Soul Is Unique (a children’s theater), the Safety and Boundaries Awareness team, among others.

• Some people ask, “There are others who do this too, so what’s special about YouthLink?”

YouthLink truly embodies the motto, “By the youth, for the youth.” With most of the team members having grown up in Auroville, we have a lived understanding of what was great about growing here, but also what we missed in certain areas. Being connected to the youth community personally, we are able to communicate and recognise the needs of the youth in our community, and we have the necessary connections to link things that must go together: teachers to students, information to curiosity, and opportunities to those in need.

Youth“LINK”, it’s in the name.

Additionally, YouthLink functions a bit like a university; a vocational training ground, if you will. Starting up again post COVID in the spring of 2022, we overcame many obstacles to create a healthy and vibrant team; made up of individuals that are well connected to themselves, their emotions and thoughts, well connected to the team, and well connected to what’s happening in the Auroville community as a whole.

Learning from doing, we are gaining real-life experience in improving our interpersonal skills, how to manage a project, how to organise events, how to facilitate/hold space, and how to make presentations and speeches; as well as more specific skills such as graphic design, social media management, bookkeeping, and survey methods.

All this is happening while we are striving to understand Auroville better—its method of functioning, values, ideals, and realities. And much like a university, one is free to pick and choose where they want to put their energy. Though there is no certification or diploma which one is awarded at the end, the ones who have spent substantial time working in YouthLink are capable, well-informed individuals who can thrive in many environments.

We have gone through the experience of setting up a non-hierarchical, non-profit, functioning service unit. With the help of mentors and facilitators, we have engaged in communication exercises and training, project management training, and team building exercises. We function largely on team agreements, and have a discussion-oriented method of decision-making; the effectiveness is highly augmented thanks to our approach to healthy communication and the conscious decision to move away from power struggles and towards widening perspectives. This, tied with our curiosity and the willingness to go through trial and error, has led to a team that is not afraid to take on challenges, takes accountability both at an individual and organisational level, and is able to make major decisions that are inclusive and well-thought-out.

We hope this gives you a bit of insight on how we function, our intentions, and values.

- You can find more information and details about us on our website: www.youthlink.org.in

Sincerely, Namu

AUROVILLE YOUTH WORK SURVEY 2023

Part 1, Version: 2023-04-13

Done by: YouthLink

Summary

This is a survey conducted by YouthLink on the working situation of youth in Auroville. We conducted an online & offline survey aimed at all youth between the ages of 18-30. We got 116 responses from Aurovilian youth, which accounts for 24% of all youth in Auroville in this age group. A comparison of respondents with the Auroville 2022 Master list on gender, age group and nationality showed that this survey can be considered representative data for the Aurovilian youth.

Auroville youth is highly educated: 90% have a highschool degree, from which 42% already have a master or bachelor degree. 77% are working, 14% are studying or are out of Auroville, and only 9% are looking for work. Nobody said that they are not willing to work.

For the working respondents almost 90% of their jobs are in line with their interests. 39% do not want to continue their job for the next 3 years, the main reason possibly being that they cannot sustain themselves with an Auroville Maintenance.

This is part 1 of the survey, based on quantitative data gathered from the questionnaire. A phase 2 will be conducted with the same set of data, with the addition of interviews.

Introduction

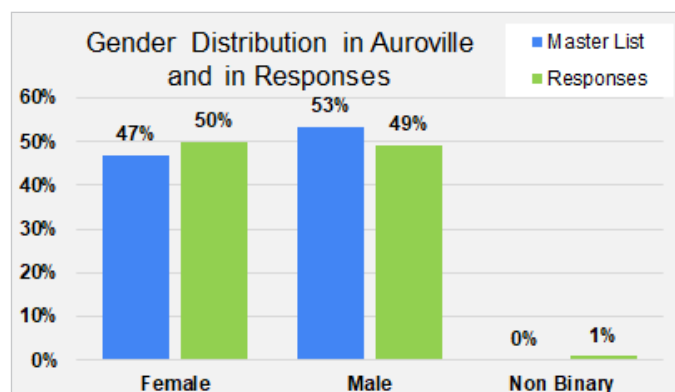
We did a standardised questionnaire on youth in Auroville who are between 18 to 30 years old. The 132 responses we got were either done in an online form (110) or written on a paper form (22). Answers were gathered in February and March 2023. From these 132 came 116 responses from Aurovilians and Newcomers. So we decided to focus on this group for a first analysis.

How Representative is this Study

To analyse how representative this questionnaire is for Auroville youth as a whole, we compared them with basic data from the Auroville Master list from 2022. According to the Master List data, Auroville had 492 youth in the age of 18 to 30 at the end of February 2023.

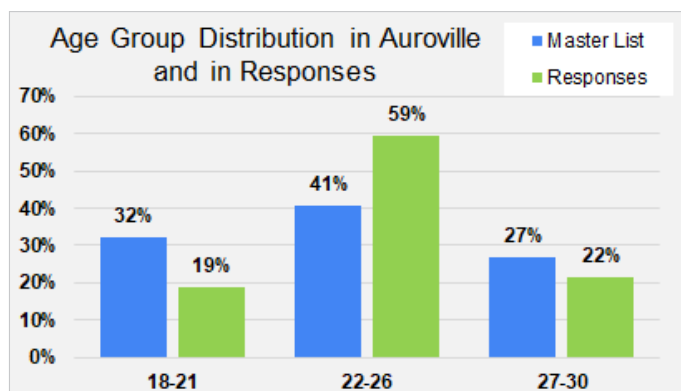
Hence, about 24% of all Aurovilian youth replied to our questionnaire. The answers given were quite complete and a lot of information was given.

We analysed the distribution per gender, age, and nationality between the group of respondents and the Auroville Master List.



Gender distribution in our respondents group is almost equal between Female (50%) and Male (49%) and we included the option Non Binary.

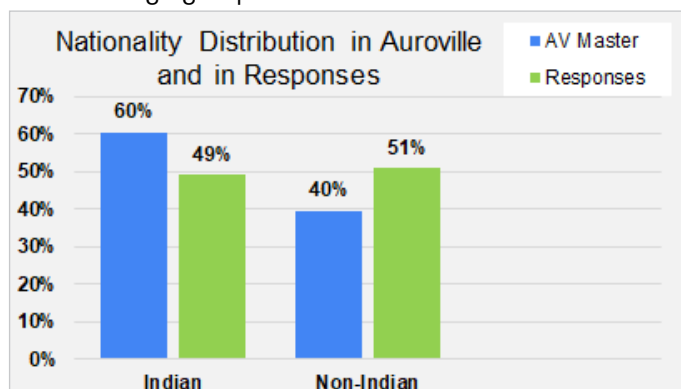
The Auroville Master List of 2022 has a few more Males (53%) than Females (47%) for the selected age group and has no option Non Binary.



Age group distribution in our respondents group shows the most respondents are between 22 and 26 (59%), similar to the pattern in the Master List (41%).

Less respondents are in the younger age group 18-21 (19%) and in the older age group 27-30 (22%).

The Auroville Master List has some more in the younger and older age group.



The nationality in the respondents group shows approximately half are Indian (49%) and half are Non-Indian (51%) whether the Master List shows more Indian (60%) than Non-Indian (40%).

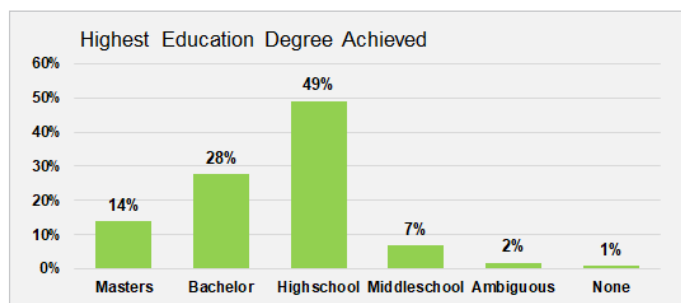
A more detailed nationality comparison of all Non-Indians showed 21 nations named for the respondents and 29 nations in the Master List for youth aged 18-30.

Further inspection shows that the percentage of newcomers in the responses (8%) is comparable to the Master List (7%).

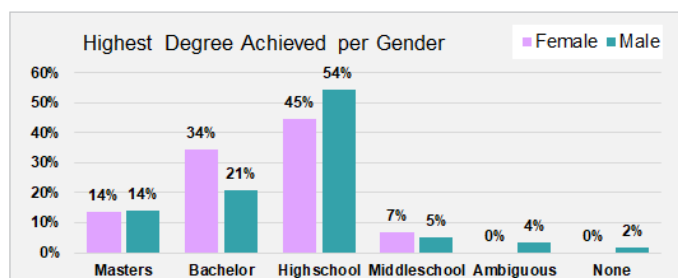
Main differences: the Master list has a higher percentage of Indians (60%) than the respondents group (49%) and related to that a lower percentage in the Master List are currently out of Auroville (15%) than in the respondents group (30%).

Overall conclusion: we consider the respondents of the questionnaire as representative for the Auroville youth as a whole. And we may check in certain cases whether the somewhat lower percentage of Indians has an effect on the findings.

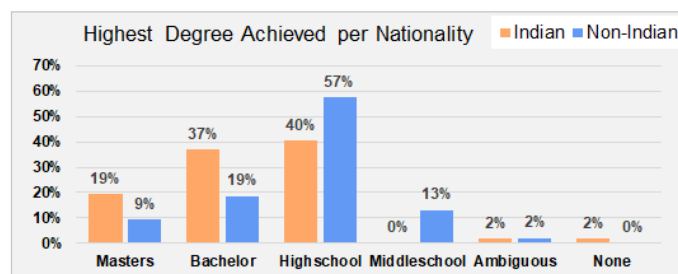
Education Level of Auroville Youth



Auroville youth have a high education level. In the group of 116 respondents, 14% had a master degree, 28% a bachelor, 49% a highschool degree and only 10% are below high-school. Additional vocational training is not considered here.

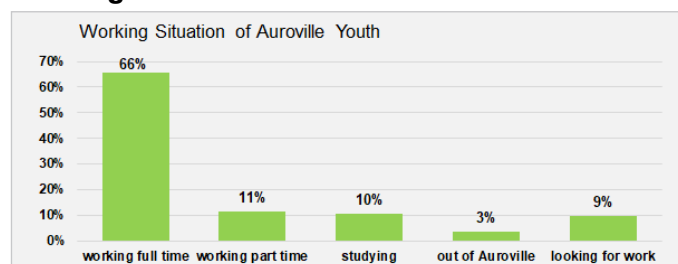


If the degrees are compared per gender, women have the same percentage of master degrees (14%), but more bachelor degrees (34%) than men (21%).

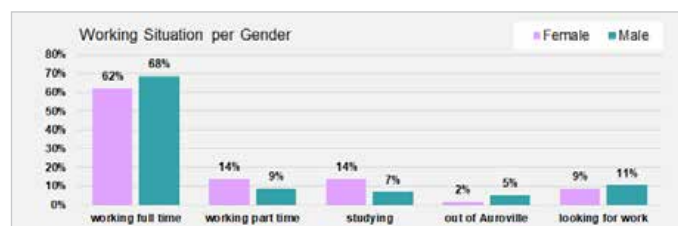


Auroville Indians have higher educational degrees than Non-Indians: 19% Masters versus 9%, and 37% Bachelors versus 19%. In detail, not shown in the graphic: The biggest difference is between Indian females (15% Masters and 46% Bachelors) and Non-Indian Males (4% Masters and 13% Bachelors). The highest percentage of Master degrees is among Indian males: 23%.

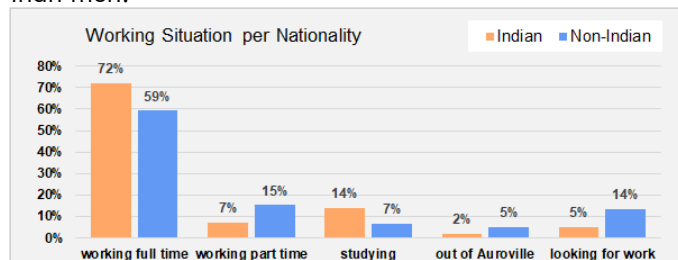
Working Situation of Auroville Youth



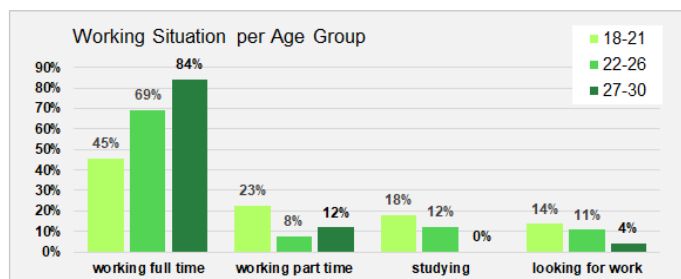
66% of the respondents are working full time, 11% half time, either in Auroville or out of Auroville. 10% are studying and 9% of the respondents are looking for work. 3% of the respondents are not working or studying, but are out of Auroville. So the unemployment rate of Auroville youth can be considered to be at 9%.



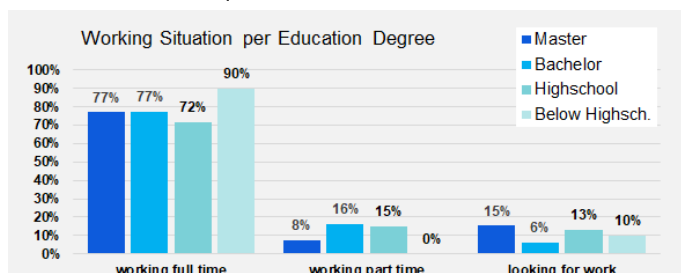
The employment situation for female and male respondents is similar. There are more women than men who are working part time, and more women are currently studying than men.



More respondents of Indian nationality are working full time or studying. More respondents of Non-Indian nationality are working part time or looking for work.



The employment situation per age group is as one might expect: The older the youth is, the more likely they are working full time and the less likely they are studying or looking for work. Being occupied with child care was not considered in the questionnaire.



The education degree does not seem to have a very big impact on the employment rate. Highest ratio of working full time is with respondents below highschool degree, but it has to be kept in mind that this group has only 10 responses.

(to be continued in the next issue)

Sincerely, Namu

Activities

TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday, Cripa, 6:30pm

- By appointment: Any time

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



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



SWIMMING CLASS

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



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

JOY ACTIVITIES

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

Indian cooking:

- Every Monday to Friday, after 5pm at Creativity.
- 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



TRIP TO THIRUVANNAMALI ORGANIZED



I am organizing a group trip to Thiruvannamali every Monday, leaving in the morning and back in the evening. If you wish to join us, please WA @ 9090819998.

Best wishes Arabinda

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 7am onwards, and have a vegan breakfast at 8:45am. Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking.

If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

WA 8525038274 or call 8122274924.

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

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



AUROVILLE KINDERGARTENS NEED VOLUNTEERS

To Help For Summer Program

Meeting on Wednesday, 26 April at 2pm
@ Kindergarten



There will be a Summer Program offered by Nandanam, Aha and Kindergarten (Center Field), happening 3 mornings a week from 8 May until 2 June for the children of the Auroville kindergartens and proposing games, crafts, stories and swimming pool.

The teachers invite volunteers (age 14+) to help them run the program. Please come to the meeting on Wednesday 26 April at 2pm at Kindergarten.

Odile

Summer

NATURE CAMP

Group 1: 1—11 May

• Children:

Nila (Transition, G), Aadi K. (Deepanam, B), Elmo (Transition, B), Kishore Kumar (Deepanam, B), Turiya (Deepanam, B), Ren Suzuki (Deepanam, B), Sara Barde (Deepanam, G), Ekvira Barde (Deepanam, G), Meet (Deepanam, B), Wui Lee (Deepanam, B), Seul-on (TLC, B), Gautier Lefrancq (TLC, B), Yann Lefrancq (TLC, B), Nayomi Tara (Deepanam, G), Aanya Augustine (Transition, G), Aneeka Augustine (Deepanam, G), Lea Park (Deepanam, G), Moksha (Transition, G), Sree Anjali (Transition, G), Malik (Transition, B), Ananthini (Last School, G), Aditi R. (Transition, G), Lola (Transition, G), Ziya Kaloya (Transition, G), Akshita (Last School, G), Giridharan (Aikiyam, B), Nirmalraj (Aikiyam, B), Yogesh (Aikiyam, B)

• Adults:

Danny (Group Leader), Ashwin E. Veronique (Swedam), Anbu (Isaiambalam), Praveena (Last School), Eva (Last School), Rajeev S. Narmada Sarah (volunteer), Mahi

- Meeting at Certitude on Saturday, 23 April at 4:30pm. Please all come!

Group 2: 10—20 May

• Children:

Kai (Transition, B), Elay Botbol (Transition, B), Oliver Mo (Deepanam, B), Luce (Deepanam, G), Tara (Deepanam, G), Avigail (TLC, G), Sophia Azoulay (TLC, G), Iam Danenberg (TLC, B), Isha Novaes (Transition, G), Noah (Deepanam, B), Neelabh (Transition, B), Elora (Transition, G), Ennio (Deepanam, B), Pranav (Deepanam, B), Abhimanyu (Deepanam, B), Vihaan (Deepanam, B), Vibha (Deepanam, G), Lorenzo (Transition, B), Goni Eshal (TLC, G), Atisha Sekar (TLC, G), Mira (Deepanam, G), Sitara (Deepanam, G), Dhiwakar (Udavi, B), Suriya (Udavi, B), Ajayguru (Udavi, B), Vijayan (Udavi, B), Arthi (Aikiyam, G), Isaimathi (Aikiyam, G), Keerthika (Aikiyam, G)

• Adults:

Anan (Group Leader), Aryan, Clare, Kiran B., Kathiravan
Love, Mahi

Work Opportunities

PRAKRIT: PRODUCTION & QUALITY MANAGER

To reach the next step of evolution and continue growing steadily, Prakrit is looking for its new Production & Quality Manager.



- New-Comer/ Aurovilian
- Full Time position: 6 days a week, 8:30am—4:30pm
- Full Maintenance
- English both spoken and written & strong ability to communicate in Tamil
- Engineering background (optional)
- Organizational skills
- Enthusiastic & Dynamic
- Experience in Production Management would be a plus yet is not required
- Problem solving & willingness to work in a fun environment

This role will be the link between our office and workshop, as well as with all other actors in our production. Piloting and controlling our projects will be under your supervision and responsibility.

If you think you have what it takes to join our team:

- +918903196233 WA
- prakrit@auroville.org.in

Thank you for acknowledging, Rima

Help Needed

BARAKA NEEDS A KEET ROOF



This is Achilles of Baraka who needs a new roof for his house in Baraka and another building. Housing Service has been approached but the position of Housing is that they don't support any keet roofs at all anymore. This may be reasonable and make sense from a certain point of view, but it doesn't help me. Some amount has been offered by Housing for an alternative, but for reasons of my own, not mainly romantic or nostalgic ones, I would like to keep a keet roof on two buildings at Baraka, one of them being the house I am living in. As the casuarina structure also needs to be renewed the cost of the whole affair would be about Rs. 2 lakh. I don't have the means for this kind of investment, so I need to appeal to the community at large for help. Any donations can be made to FS account 251064

Thank you, Achilles

Looking For

Looking For a Second-Hand Car

I am looking to buy a second-hand car. If anyone's looking out for selling one, contact me

Sitharth



Looking for a Fridge

Looking for a fridge in good condition. If anyone has one not using or wants to give away, kindly let me know. Thank you in advance.



Dheena, Aspiration, 9047654077, 8489537303,
dinar@auroville.org.in

Available

Sony DCRTRV320 Digital Camcorder Available

Uses Digital 8 format cassettes for movies and Memory Stick for stills

25x optical, 18x digital,
450x total zoom

IEEE 1394 interface

SteadyShot digital image stabilization

NightShot infrared system

Available to anyone who can use it.

Nandita, nandita@sharan-india.org
WA +91 9488483286



Electrical Bicycle, good for two people



Electric Bicycle that is good for two persons or loads up to 200 kgs! Big wheels, best suitable for Auroville and surroundings.

Interested? Please contact Deepak/ Dietrich

Re.sult4@yahoo.com, @ Ganesh Bakery
Happy e-bike-ing! Deepak/ Dietrich



Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, 23 April, 11:30pm

Taxi share to Chennai International Airport 23 April, leaving Auroville at around 11:30pm.

Please contact: +39 3394144058 WA,
elisa.massari1@gmail.com

Thanks, Elisa



To Chennai Central, 4 May, 6am

Taxi sharing on 4 May for Chennai Central which leaves Auroville at 5:30am and taking you from Town Hall or Pondy from the Ashram at 6am

Contact + 91 9429063538, gijubhaidave@gmail.com

From Chennai Central to Auroville or Pondy, 4 May, 10am

If any one wants to share taxi from Chennai Central to Auroville or Pondy on 4 May at 9:30—10am on 4 May please contact Lakshmanan, +91 8489204313, laxmanan@au-roville.org.in.

With regards, Gijubhai

To Chennai Airport, 27 April, 9pm

Anyone willing to share a taxi to Chennai Airport, leaving from Auroville on April 27 around 9pm, please contact Manohar, 9486416179.

Thank you, Manohar

To Chennai Airport, 23 April, 6am

Looking to share a taxi from Auroville to Chennai Airport with 1, 2 or 3 people. Leaving around 6am on Sunday, 23 April. Contact +49 1628074300 WA or +91 90420 58013 mob.

Morganne

From Chennai Airport, 29 April, 6pm

Looking to share a taxi from Chennai airport to Auroville with 1, 2 or 3 people. Leaving around 6pm on Saturday, 29 April. Contact +49 1628074300 WA or +91 90420 58013 mob.

Morganne

Lost and Found

Cell Phone Found in the Forest

Someone obviously French has lost her mobile in the forest, this person can contact me: 0413 2623767 land line, antarcalli@yahoo.fr

Thank you, Antarijyoti



Foods, Goods and Services

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 India state has introduced wearing mask in public spaces and Kerala is recommending it too

Joster

AIRCON AIR CONDITIONER CLEANING



Aircon Clean offer comprehensive Air Conditioner cleaning service known as "Jet Service"

The Jet Service includes not only the filter cleaning but also indoor cooling coils, blades, and blower wheels, indoor cooler drain tray cleaning with AC jet pump.

After a cleaning service your air is fresh and healthy, reducing sickness and helping you live a healthier life. Save up to 30% power usage with a regular cleaning service.

Contact Aircon Clean now

- 9786809518, airconclean.av@gmail.com

Regards, Julien

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'



Poetry

OUT OF THE CRADLE ENDLESSLY ROCKING

Out of the cradle endlessly rocking,
Out of the mocking-bird's throat, the musical shuttle,
Out of the Ninth-month midnight,
Over the sterile sands and the fields beyond,
where the child leaving his bed wander'd alone,
bareheaded, barefoot,
Down from the shower'd halo,
Up from the mystic play of shadows twining and
twisting as if they were alive,
Out from the patches of briers and blackberries,
From the memories of the bird that chanted to me,
From your memories sad brother, from the fitful
risings and fallings I heard,
From under that yellow half-moon late-risen and
swollen as if with tears,
From those beginning notes of yearning and love
there in the mist,
From the thousand responses of my heart never to
cease,
From the myriad thence-arous'd words,
From the word stronger and more delicious than any,
From such as now they start the scene revisiting,
As a flock, twittering, rising, or overhead passing,
Borne hither, ere all eludes me, hurriedly,
A man, yet by these tears a little boy again,
Throwing myself on the sand, confronting the waves,
I, chanter of pains and joys, uniter of here and
hereafter,
Taking all hints to use them, but swiftly leaping
beyond them,
A reminiscence sing.

By 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—pg 165.
The Future Poetry by Sri Aurobindo

WHAT MATTERS IS THE CONNECTION

Mind is disconnected, separative,
It cannot see beyond its ego-self,
So it denies or tries to delete what it can't have,
And surprised when Karma rears its head.

The Supramental is intertwined
And sees everything as Its Self,
Each with a unique purpose
In the past, future and ever-present,
It allows, supports and preserves,
As long as needed yet non-attached,
Otherwise again it's just falsehood
Not the Supreme's unfathomable Truth,
Delight Its Will for all in bliss to exist.

And so the long Cosmic Game of the Only
And Its infinite many continues exponentially...

Not yet but very soon on this new Earth
Divine Love as Paradise manifest.

Zech, 2023.04.11

Voices and Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO



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

[Here you can listen](#) to the stream channel (playing 24/7).

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

Last published podcasts

- [Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga—A Talk by Deepti Tewari \(Sri Aurobindo\)](#)
- [Exploring Education in Arts, Animation and Film-making \(Cinema\)](#)
- [Marlenka's weekly Offering-Ep.85 \(Literature\)](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi- 432 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Teens connect—Ep.5 \(Integral Education\)](#)
- [Marlenka's weekly Offering—Ep.86 \(Literature\)](#)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi- 433 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [Savitri, B. II, C. II, Part 2 \(Integral Yoga\)](#)
- [La Vita Divina—Ep.23 \(Sri Aurobindo\)](#)

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

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

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

Peace and Love

Regards Wobbli

PUTTING THE CHILDREN AT THE CENTER

The Auroville Way

That's the quest. (Question of the hour)

Kireetbhai Joshi would say the children should be at the center of Auroville.

An educationist par excellence, erstwhile chairman of the Governing Board, a visionary of a spiritual society, played a significantly defining role in the direction of Auroville after the Mother left her physical body.

Apart from his role in the forming of the Auroville Foundation Act and being one the chairman of its Governing Boards, he also enabled the setup of Sri Aurobindo International Institute of Education Research, only known to most as SAIER. He enabled significant channeling of grants for the field of education research for Auroville.

During these turbulent times of inflection, the society is at a defining moment of its directional path going forward.

When adults want to caricature, act as buffoons it is labeled as free speech, great. When children are made the medium to create the titillating enactments for **adult entertainment** it has serious consequences, for children, parents, society. It's psychological exploitations both ways, for the adults and the children in the throes of the vital creative energy exchanges.

The innuendos may not be couched in ready verbiage and mental diarrhea in such cases. There are no two or twenty ways about this— either one sees it or not. The society can purge such modalities of free expression using the children or it can continue the downward spiral of no return.

Where is the school board on these kind of deliberations? Where is the SAIER board? Why does it have to be left all the way down to the Bharat Nivas venue holder to have to hear and spend time reviewing such deep rooted, prolonged methods of societal manipulations by adults of Auroville children?

Time for parents, theater performing artists, teachers and society as a whole to bring about performances that make children shine with joy and yet provide them with a sense of beauty, joy, truth and light. Are we so devoid of creative energies of spiritual ethos?

Today, SAIER, its board and the school board together have a budget of over Rs 4 Crores (plus significant grants on top of it— will know that figure soon) all for 500 or so children and 250+ teachers, educationists. Are we together to make a full Integral Education platform available for Auroville? All the way to adulthood for all the children and higher education too?

That is the question.

Chandresh

EVERYTHING IS PERFECT

But only for a moment.

Because this evolutionary existence
By the One Absolute Consciousness-Force
Is a progressive perfection.

We still hear folks seeking enlightenment. Some even refusing it. But in our highly advanced liquid crystal light-displayed infotech age this "enlightenment" thing is becoming passé. The mainstream understanding now is that We are That whom we seek. None other than the One Divine Consciousness-Force. We are One. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Unity in Diversity.

Only still in mortal transitional human bodies, and a humongous global mess.

The Game is not yet finished.

So for the enlightened uniques the buzz words are now Change, rEvolution, Transformation, Transmutation, Conscious Evolution, Metamorphosis, Emergence, a New Being.

The Child of Mother India, Auroville, this City of Dawn of the Double Supramental Avatar of the Future Sri Aurobindo

and the Mother should be in the forefront of this conscious evolutionary process in all progressive aspects of life:

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

That was in one of our main foundational documents, [To Be A True Aurovilian](#), the Vision in Action from the Mother in 1970:

53 years ago.

Most are lagging big time. Stuck in a space-time trap. Anyway, this ever hastening and intensifying Supramental evolution does not wait for any laggards, and things are unfolding fast...

To the Supramental Warriors and Torchbearers: kudos!

To anyone still resisting change: the Sunlit Path of Surrender

Om Namo Bhagavate, Zech, 2023.04.16

*I saw the Omnipotent's flaming pioneers
Over the heavenly verge which turns towards life
Come crowding down the amber stairs of birth;
Forerunners of a divine multitude,
Out of the paths of the morning star they came
Into the little room of mortal life.
I saw them cross the twilight of an age,
The sun-eyed children of a marvellous dawn,
The great creators with wide brows of calm,
The massive barrier-breakers of the world
And wrestlers with destiny in her lists of will,
The labourers in the quarries of the gods,
The messengers of the Incommunicable,
The architects of immortality.*

Sri Aurobindo, Savitri,
The Book of the Divine Mother,
Canto Four: The Vision and the Boon
Zech

ASPIRING TO CONNECT

I, Vijaysinh, want to thank the Auroville community Sincerely, humbly and with great sense of gratitude for welcoming and announcing me as a newcomer.

I have been here in Auroville since December 2021. During this period I have met various Aurovilians and had happy dialogue with them. I got an opportunity to stay in three different communities-Savitri Bhavan, Arka and now I am residing in Vikas community.

First time I visited Sri Aurobindo Ashram Pondicherry and Auroville when Matrimandir was under construction in 1998. This visit introduced me to the works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother.

These days I'm interacting with Youth of Bioregion through one of the educational institutes in Auroville. This interaction is purely for educational purposes which covers the subject of Integral Yoga and the works of Sri Aurobindo.

So far Auroville has achieved a lot of milestones in this journey of fifty five years and yet there is a long way to go in this process of transformation. I'm willing to contribute my strengths in this collective journey wherever is needed.

I'm looking forward to connecting with individuals and groups who are in the field of education, research and development, science, physical well being and yogic philosophy. I'm sure this collaboration would guide me to learn and grow in my newcomer process and will help me to understand this collective experiment in reference to the evolution of mankind.

vijaykunjalsad@gmail.com, +91 9974171108WA
Submitted by Vijay

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

21 DAY MORNING

AWARENESS IN THE BODY PRACTICE

From 1 to 21 May, every morning, 7:30—8:30am



Here you have a proposal to cultivate every morning together the capacity to watch our many selves, from THAT part in us that do not get identified with nothing passing by.

- From 1 to 21 May we will meet every morning one hour from 7:30 to 8:30am

On those 21 days, there will be a combination of practices from "Yoga Nidra", to go into deep relaxation, "Awareness of the Subtle Physical Body", which will enhance in us while we move blindfolded, our capacity to move through darkness with ease and a very important aspect from ATB, to keep cultivating and developing our "Attention"

- If you would like to join us, please write to me at atbcon-rosa@gmail.com

This space is mainly for Aurovilians, Newcomers or people who are long time living and contributing in Auroville.

Please if you know of someone who could be interested, share the info now, only registered people who join for the whole experience will have a place. We want to build up something together, a safe space to release and let go, to grow in receptivity, to Be.

Rosa

ACTIVITIES BY LAKSHMI

Sound Chakras Healing

Guided vibrational sound journey using (Tibetan Bowls and Tuning Forks therapy) to help to Reduce Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Insomnia, stimulating the natural cellular healing process, Rebalancing the emotions & Reconnecting with your true essence.



Benefits: Peace, Calm and Quietude, Mental clarity, Revitalizing, Improve sleep, Emotional and mental balance, Inner silence, Deep relaxation, Grounding

- Individual session
- Couple session
- Small group (max 4 people)

Please contact me for an Appointment

- Lakshmi 8489764602 or lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

Private Transformational Yoga Classes

- Transformational Yoga
- Pranayama to release Fear, Anger and Anxiety
- Pranayama to achieve Peace, Calm, Quietude and Clarity
- Breathwork

Transformational yoga is inspired by Mother and Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga

It is an innovative and highly effective yogic system, which synthesizes techniques of Hatha, Raja, Mantra, and Kundalini Yoga to bring about rapid transformation within the mind, body and spirit. Powerful, yet gentle, everyone can reap the benefits of this purifying yoga practice.

Please contact me for an Appointment

- Lakshmi 8489764602 or lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

Activity offered under Abhaya, an activity of ASSA, under Artisana Trust

Thank you, Lakshmi

SHIATSU—AN ART OF TOUCH



A six days seminar to deepen or begin (with a small additional preparation) Your Journey in Shi-atsu—thumb-pressure Shiatsu brings with its practise stress reduction and peace, vitalisation of life force or Ki as well as a potent chance to grow strong for and with

certain challenges on all levels of our being through touch.

This time we will take a closer look into areas of the body: meridian passages along neck, shoulders and pelvis as well as study rotations and stretching possibilities. Come, experience and explore conscious and calm Perception, inner Sensing and Awareness of Touch in connection with the study of 12 Classical Meridians and 5 Elements, Health Wisdom, strengthening and harmonizing exercises and ways to move for your daily practice.

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

- Monday, 22 and 29 May 2023, 2—4pm, Budokan. Introduction to Shiatsu and the Course. Open for All Interested.
- 3, 4, 5 and 7, 8, 9 June from 9am—5:30pm at Budokan Auroville on Dehashakti Sports Ground.

Shiatsu—because Health matters! Contribution required for ensuring future seminars. Kindly give from your heart.

Do contact Ulrike Urvasi at mothersworkforthemother-swork@gmail.com, 9751513906 (WA, Signal, Telegram)!

Certificate given on Completion of the Course

Ulrike

RELATIONSHIPS AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, 25 April, 5:30—7:30pm

With Prem Shakti @ Bharat Nivas Harmony hall



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 through playful practices that leaves us more alive and resourced, so we carry the light into the world.

- For more information 9489244823 WA Prem Shakti

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 ayün



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, WA 9626006961

ReiKi Healing Sessions with Niyati

Reiki energy works with the chakras of the body, healing the tangible & intangible aspects of life. What Reiki can give in abundance is awareness: Awareness of your body, of your mental health, of your emotional health. When you have some mental and emotional issues you're fighting, it's like your companion, bringing back your natural flow.

- Book a session for a healing experience.
- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

Integral Regression Therapy

These 2—3 hr intensive individual sessions are composed for a lasting healing effect. These deeply transforming sessions integrate Inner Child Work, Trauma Therapy, Energy Work, Past Life Therapy on the basis of Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's Integral Yoga

Therapist Sigrid Lindemann, an International faculty in Advanced Homoeopathy (Sensation Method), transpersonal regression therapist and supervisor, <https://tasso.ekaa.co.in> Founder of Integral Regression Therapy

- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626565134

Integral regression therapy

- Intro Session 22 April 10am—1pm in AV, Prayatna
- 7—9pm ONLINE
- Individual therapy sessions of 2—3 hrs are offered by Sigrid on request.

Integral regression therapy and energy work based on Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's integral Yoga, integrating trauma therapy, past life regression therapy, inner child work, NLP, and a client centric approach.

- ["Integral Yoga applied: Heal and transformation with Integral Regression Therapy"](#)

Training in Integral Regression Therapy An in-depths training is offered through a series of 4 webinars detailing the theoretical backbone of this deeply healing modality. Therapists wishing to integrate this approach in their psychotherapeutic or body-mind-healing work shall come for 3 practice workshops in between theory modules in Auroville, the practice and personal experience will enable them to practice facilitating the 2hrs therapy sessions, and their own personal transformation.

- The first of 7 modules consisting of 2 webinar sessions will take place May 2023
- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

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

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

Natural Horsemanship focuses on body language of horse and human, which is universal, by effectively using intention and centered presence to communicate clearly, with purpose, and without violence. This is the key to building a vocabulary with the horse, your partner. Experience yourself beyond words! 7 horses and ponies of all sizes and temperaments are curious to know you!

- Sessions afternoons 4—6pm or mornings 8—10am
- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626565134

2 Webinars Natural Horsemanship with Mirrabelle

Horse Care and Management, 5 lessons: Basic needs, Basic anatomy, Feed needs, Deworming, Basic medical terminology

What we can learn from horses about leadership, 5 lessons

- History of horses and humans, and its significance
- Basic needs: similarities and differences
- Different kinds of intelligence and what they mean
- Non-verbal communication and energy levels, how to find neutral
- Setting yourself up for success, value-based Teamwork!
- Contact Mirrabelle directly on WA 00919626565134 or via contact@auroville-jiva.com

Exploring Past Lives

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

In this short introduction you will gather an insight into the hidden source of some of your present day beliefs, psychological movements and even inexplicable bodily pains as well as glimpses on transforming these.

Sigrid Lindemann introduces "Exploring Past Lives" as an element of Integral Regression therapy, a deeply transforming modality integrating Inner Child Work, Past Life Therapy, Trauma therapy and Energy Work on the basis of the philosophy of Integral Yoga. Sigrid has developed Integral Regression Therapy, integrating her therapeutic experience of past 20 years.

- contact@auroville-jiva.com, WA 9626006961

Our Venue Sharnga Guest House

www.sharnaguesthouse.in

Submitted by Sigrid

ANGAM TREE**Traditional Massage Therapy Classes**

Angam Tree is focused on the U. N. Sustainable Development Goal: SDG 3 "Good Health and Well-being", which is a Global Goal achieved via action. Our work in therapy and healing is focused on educating people to the importance of healthy living and lifestyle. To together achieve a better and sustainable future in wellness for each individual and their communities



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
- Course modules
 - Varma Massage Therapy
 - Varma Touch Therapy
 - Varma Myology
 - Varma Defense Methods
- Contribution based

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

Warm regards, Angamtree
 Raja Narayanasamy,
 +91 9751395939



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.
Heartfull Meditation	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 Kahuna 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
Chinese Fire Cupping and Moxibustion Therapy	Chun, 8098900708	Monday to Saturday
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina: 9791719387, +39346225804, WA	Monday to Friday (Morning)
Acupuncture, Only by Appointment	Dr. Mohammad Sahel, 9994208068	Monday to Saturday
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry. Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards,
Ramana, Arka, 0413 2623799

AYURVEDIC MASSAGE



Contact Elene: +91-7904143719 for Ayurvedic Massage

Anitya is a community project registered under LEAD, Auroville

Best, Elene

REDUCE YOUR WAIST TO THE MINIMUM

Tuesday, 25 April, 5:30pm @ Anitya Community

Laure has been living a nearly zero-waste lifestyle for 5 years. During this one-hour talk, she will:

- Share an easy methodology in 5 steps to reduce your waste to the minimum,
- Show and explain how she keeps her waste low in Auroville,
- Answer all your questions.

Laure, +91 8807434864 mob.
+33 695651135 WA



SERENDIPITY

(Ex. Joy Community in front of Center GH)

Center Field, Auroville— 605101

Mobile/WA: +91 9385623342

Email: serendipityauroville@gmail.com

<https://serendipityauroville.org>

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



Activities & Therapies

Tea Meditation

- Sunday, 23 April, 11am, with Jass

Tea is an ancient drink that has been hailed for its beneficial effects for ages. The story goes that centuries ago some monks threw these leaves in a pot of hot water and discovered that after drinking the infusion they could meditate much better! And so tea and meditation have always been intertwined. In this session we will explore the traditional Chinese way of serving tea, 'Gong Fu Cha', drinking quality Chinese tea in a silent and mindful manner.

- For more information call +91 7339459425
- On Donation basis

Regular Classes

Traditional Sanskrit Mantras with Sonia

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

In the recitation of Sanskrit Mantras the sound is very important and the specific pitches and strict rules of intonation and syllabic length should be learned according with the tradition of the great masters of the past, who figured out how to use the voice to calm the mind and attune the practitioner to the more subtle levels of the "sadhana" or spiritual path. Through the harmonic rhythm, repetition and participation in the singing, the mind reaches more clarity, concentration and tranquility.

Submitted by Sara

THREE WORKSHOPS WITH DR. SEHDEV KUMAR

@Vérité, Auroville

Yoga of Forgiveness

- Saturday, April 8, 2—4:30pm

Freedom from Fear

- Saturday, April 15, 2—4:30pm

Peace Within: Peace Without

- Saturday, April 29, 2—4:30pm

Can there be Peace Within if there is Discordance in the Family? Can there be Peace in the World if our Leaders are driven by Arrogance and Fear? Can there be Peace in our Hearts if demonic forces of Injustice and Inequality keep flourishing in the World unheeded? Let us aspire for an Integral Vision of Peace that celebrates Love, Harmony & Dignity at all levels In the Phenomenological & Spiritual Universe Alike



• **Register:** +91 78678 05812

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*

Submitted by Sehdev

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

+91 9488084966

Somatic Yoga Class with Linda Lee

• **Saturday, 22 & 29 April, 10:30am—12pm**

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

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

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

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

Developed by Kaya Femerling & Nirvano Martina Schulz, OBA is a deeply relaxing form of aquatic therapy, which takes place in a warm water pool. It combines elements of soft stretching movements, aquatic deep tissue massage, and joint release, as well as energy and breath work in a unique way above and below water. Especially designed movements allow your whole spine to swing and energy to flow again. This form of aquatic therapy invites you to experience the healing energies of water in a new way. Chronic physical pain as well as emotional tensions can be released. Special positions may remind you of how you felt to be held as a child.

During this 6-day course with mainly underwater work, we will approach water in a playful and friendly way and learn the various techniques of this wonderful work. OBA offers an opportunity for profound relaxation and letting go, building trust, being nurtured and held, expanding inner and outer boundaries, releasing emotions and traumas – ultimately, for freeing body and mind in a unique flow.

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

Submitted by Guy

FOOD FOR LIFE: HEALTHY BASICS

Whole Food Plant Based Cooking Workshop

• **April 23, 4—6pm, Auroville**

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.

- **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?

- archie.saraf@gmail.com, or +91 8628955394 call/WA, Archana at , Auroville (in-person class)

Warm Regards, Archana

PITANGA



0413 2622403/ WA 9443902403

info@pitanga.in

Workshops at Pitanga

Yoga Workshops in Italian with Adele

- The first workshop in a series of 3 will happen coming **Saturday, 22 April, 4:30pm—6:30pm**

Theme: Yoga for neck and shoulders.

"Release tension and abandon the weights you carry by regenerating yourself."

- 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

- 2-days workshop by Ange Blanchflower
- **Tuesday, 2 May and Wednesday, 3 May, 9am—12:30pm**

Please sign up by sending an email to Pitanga sharing your name and contact phone number: info@pitanga.in

A few places are left. Let us know if you are interested in joining. 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



Vérité

VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

0413 2622045, 2622606, 7867805812

programming@verite.in

www.verite.in

Prevention & Reversal of Cognitive Decline

- With Lize, Monday, 24 April, 9:30am—12pm

Declining brain function need not be a part of aging. It is entirely possible to prevent, and reverse, age related decline and dementia, through specific lifestyle changes and targeted nutrition and supplements. These same strategies will help to ensure optimal brain function, at any age.

Mindfulness with Heart

- With Moller
- Tuesday, 25 April, 9:30am—12pm or
- Thursday, 27 April, 9:30am—12pm

Mindfulness meditation takes us into the heart of our innate ability to be aware. When exploring this form of awareness meditation, we gradually discover the wisdom, compassion and mutuality present in every living moment of our lives. Although we may generally be unaware of these refined human qualities, mindfulness meditation elicits in us a process of awakening into who we truly are—beyond words, dogmas and limiting self-beliefs. We gradually begin to fathom the depth of our human potential, and through the practice gain confidence in the sustainability of our own clarity and wisdom. No special talent or qualification is required for effective Mindfulness meditation. We learn as we go along.

Optimal Longevity

- With Lize, Wednesday, 26 April, 9:30am—12pm

“Die young, as late as possible”. Strategies to live long, with good physical health and quality of life, as well as with satisfaction, meaning and purpose. Learn strategies for a long, healthy and meaningful life!

Prevention & Reversal of Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes

- With Lize, Friday, 28 April, 9:30am—12pm

Actionable strategies to reverse the symptoms—increased blood pressure, high blood sugar, excess body weight, abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels—but also the cause of metabolic syndrome and prevent its progression to diabetes.

Balance your Koshas (Bodies) through the Practice of Yoga

- With Sabrina, Saturday, 29 April—9:30am—12:30pm

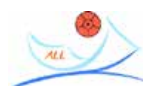
According to the Taittiriya Upanishad (Yajur Veda), the human being is composed of 5 sheaths called “Pancha koshas”, from gross/physical to the more subtle bodies. In this workshop, Sabrina will guide you through 5 different yogic practices to balance each of your 5 koshas: 1 asana sequence, 1 pranayama set, 1 mantra japa, 1 pratyahara practice and 1 meditation. Hence you will experiment and explore the effects of each practice. This will give you tools to bring back to your everyday life, that help to maintain harmony and balance in your being. Expect to feel a deep sense of grounding, balance and inner peace.

Yearnings for Peace: Peace Within, Peace Without

- With Dr. Sehdev, Saturday, 29 April, 2pm—4:30pm

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

Languages



NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB

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

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

Tomatis

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

- For more information about the Tomatis program, please have a look at the following links:
 - <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
 - <https://www.aurovillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTI3m0>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBM-lywZNdZcAng/videos>
 - <https://www.listenwell.com/>

Current Schedule of Classes

Lan- guage	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:30—11:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Total Beginners To start soon	TBA	TBA
	English Conversation	TBA	TBA
French	Beginner Started 11 March 2023	2:30—4:30pm	Saturday
	Beginner for Teens Started 25 March 2023	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 Started 13 April 2023	2:15pm—4:15pm	Tuesday
	Intermediate To start April 2023	2:15pm—4:15pm	TBA
Hindi	Beginner Started 13 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 2023	10am—12noon	Saturdays
Italian	Beginner Started 13 February	4—5pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Pre-Intermediate To start 4 April 2023	3pm—4pm	Tuesday & Thursday

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

To join or enquire

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

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

Contacts

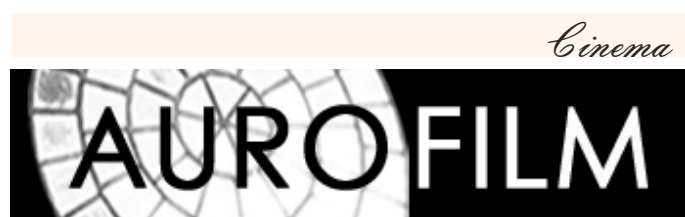
- Phone: 0413 2623661, 2622467,
- +919843030355
- Email: info@aurovillelanguagelab.org

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



At Multi Media Centre Auditorium, Town Hall

Reminder

- There will be no Aurofilm screening on Friday, 21st. Enjoy the Eco film festival...

Friday 28 APRIL, 8:00pm

"SOME LIKE IT HOT" United States, 1959

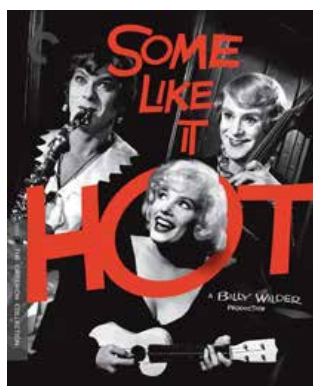
Directed by Billy Wilder

With: Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Joe E. Brown

Synopsis: Unexpected witnesses of a settling of scores perpetrated by the Mafia, two jazz musicians from Chicago, Joe and Jerry, are forced, in their flight, to join a female jazz group under the guise of Josephine and Daphne. Their cover is perfect until "Josephine" falls in love with the singer, Sugar, a former playboy falls in love with "Daphne" and a Mafia godfather decides to eliminate them! A romantic comedy, pastiche of gangster movies, the film has achieved critical as well as commercial success. A classic, it is considered one of the greatest comedies of all time! In 1989, the Library of Congress selected it as one of the first 25 films for preservation in the United States National Film Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant!"

Original English version with English Subtitles.

Duration 2h



THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS

From The Iliad To Ilion

Saturday, 22 April, 5pm, Town Hall—Cinema Paradiso

- A film by the Ilion-Auroville team, in English with French subtitles, duration: 53 min + Q&A

The documentary "From the Iliad to Ilion" was made by a team from Auroville for the 150th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo. It traces the journey of a seeker who unravelled the coding keys of Greek mythology



and enabled him to understand its hidden meaning, previously unknown to all. This discovery reveals the link between Homer's Iliad and Sri Aurobindo's poem Ilion. The documentary then helps us to understand why Sri Aurobindo devoted his time to this 5,000 lines poem about the destruction of that city, Ilion, better known as Troy and what message he wanted to share with humanity at large.

Thank you, Vivekan

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, 28 April

Last Chance to See—Aye Aye

2006 / 59 minutes / Tim Green

Mark Carwardine and Stephen Fry enter the island heaven of Biodiversity that is Madagascar. They try to catch a glimpse of the peculiar looking yet endearing Aye aye, a nocturnal lemur found only in the forests of Madagascar, that are sadly dwindling due to human expansion.





CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
24 April 2023 to 30 April 2023

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

We continue to have issues with our projector. It is time for us to look for a new one. If you are able to kindly donate at MMC's FS Account for this.

Indian- Monday 24 April, 8pm
CHUP: REVENGE OF THE ARTIST

India, 2022, Writer-Dir. R. Balki w/ Dulquer Salmaan, Shreya Dhanwanthary, Sunny Deol, and others, Crime-Romance, 135mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: A (R)

In this unique, highly acclaimed film, a psycho-killer is on the loose targeting top movie critics, and he could be just about anyone. A disgruntled filmmaker, a miffed actor or simply an ardent cinema lover. The film raises many questions of the ethics of criticism. Can an Artist's fate be decided by the opinions of a few? Artists are artists because of their sensitivity. But then, can art exist and evolve without any critique?

Potpourri—Tuesday 25 April, 8pm
RARE BEASTS

UK, 2019, Dir. Billie Piper w/ Billie Piper, Leo Bill, Kerry Fox, and others, Comedy-Romance, 87 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Mandy is a mother, a writer, a nihilist. Mandy is a modern woman in a crisis. Raising a son amid a female revolution, mining the pain of her parent separation and professionally writing about a love that no longer exists, she falls upon a troubled man, Pete, who is searching for a sense of worth and belonging.

Interesting—Wednesday 26 April, 8pm
BEFORE THE FLOOD

USA, 2016, Dir. Fisher Stevens w/ Leonardo DiCaprio, Ban Ki-moon, Alejandro G. Iñárritu, and others, Documentary, 96mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Using his celebrity status to draw attention to the problem of global warming, one of the most important and pressing issues of our time, actor and United Nations Messenger of Peace, Leonardo DiCaprio, travels the globe to witness firsthand the effects of an impending environmental disaster. By visiting ancient melting glaciers and levelled Indonesian tropical forests, DiCaprio unearths an urgent situation and the world's dependence on fossil fuels, going as far as to visit President Obama himself for an in-depth interview. But, can this crusade inspire the climate-change deniers?

Korean—Thursday 27 April, 8pm
MARATON (Marathon)

Korea, 2005, Dir. Yoon-Chul Jung w/ Cho Seung-woo, Kim Mi-sook, Lee Ki-young and others, Drama, 117mins, Korean w/English subtitles Rated: NR (PG)

This hit inspirational movie follows an autistic young man, who finds solace only in running. His mother is the caring force that never gives up on him. Even though both Mother and son suffer from family and financial issues, they manage to find a former marathon champion—now a lethargic old man—to serve as his coach for an upcoming marathon.

International—Saturday, 29 April, 8pm
WOMEN TALKING

USA, 2022, Writer-Dir. Sara Polley w/ Rooney Mara, Claire Foy, Jessie Buckley, and others, Drama, 104mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

Canadian author Miriam Toews, who grew up in a small Mennonite community had a strong empathetic response to a real life event of violence against women in a Mennonite community in Bolivia. This resulted in a book, based on which this film is made. It is not about recounting the events but presents an imaginative response. Though the backstory, we see a community of women come together to figure out how they might move forward together to build a better world for themselves and their children. They have three options, do nothing, stay and fight, or leave the community.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 30 April, 4:30 pm:
STRANGE WORLD

USA, 2022, Dir. Don Hall w/ Jake Gyllenhaal, Jaboukie Young-White, Gabrielle Union, and others, Fantasy-Adventure, 102 mins, English, Rated: PG

This action-packed adventure introduces a legendary family of explorers, the Clades, as they attempt to navigate an uncharted, treacherous land alongside a motley crew of animals and creatures.

WOODY ALLEN @ Ciné-Club Sunday 30 April, 8pm
MANHATTAN

USA, 1979, Dir: Woody Allen w/ Diane Keaton, Mariel Hemingway, and others, Comedy—Romance, 96 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated:R.

The film opens with a montage of images of Manhattan accompanied by George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. While attempting to begin a new novel, 42yrs old Isaac, a successful television comedy writer, struggles to describe his main character's view of Manhattan and its inhabitants.

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,
mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in

AUROVILLE FILM INSTITUTE Presents



The Alluring Melodrama of Pedro Almodóvar

SHOT BY SHOT with Anupam Barve

- April Weekends: 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23;
- 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 colors, irreverent humor 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 Almodóvar'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 (whatsapp & telegram)

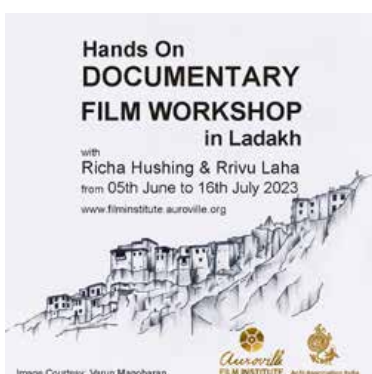
Hands On Documentary Film Workshop in Ladakh

With Richa Hushing & Rivu Laha

- From 5 June to 16 July 2023

Workshop Overview

Context: Located across a trans-Himalayan high-altitude desert, Ladakh today, as the northern frontier of India, balances a popular imagination between a pristine monastic spirituality and international borders. 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. Alongside inputs on conceptualisation, pre production, production and post production of short films, the workshop will include a curated landscape tour around ideas of making: from historical conservation sites, to contemporary restoration of architecture, wall painting and artifacts, to engagements with contemporary art practice across visual and material culture and recent liaisons between design and craft, plotted along historical trade routes and contemporary borders. Based out of the old town in Leh and a nearby village Phey, the sites of exploration would extend to Skurbuchan, Photoksar in western Ladakh, Ensa, and Turkuk in the Nubra Valley, Puga in Changthang.

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

The workshop hopes to draw participants from both the region and beyond, having diverse professional backgrounds and interests including: anthropology and other social sciences, film, art, architecture and design. The trans-cultural-disciplinary participation aims at a productive exchange of ideas and insights setting up a diversity and inclusive experience of collective learning.

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/>
- or call, message +91 9969879319 WA & Telegram

Warmly, Richa, Film Institute @ Auroville

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

Monday	24 April	Screening	Two Men and a Wardrobe (1958, 14min), Roman Polanski Two men come out of the sea, bearing between them a huge, heavy wardrobe. The wardrobe has two doors and a mirror in between, a mirror that sometimes reflects the subsequent encounters. The Fat and the Lean (1961, 16mins), Roman Polanski A small and thin barefoot slave (played by Polanski) plays a flute and beats a drum to entertain his large master who rocks in a rocking chair in front of his mansion.
Tuesday	25 April	Screening	Au Hasard Bresson (1967, 32 mins), Theodor Kotulla Documentary Short Film about the filming of 'Mouchette'. A must watch for all the admirers of Robert Bresson's work.
Wednesday	26 April	Screening	Notre Musique (2004, 80mins) Jean Luc Godard Introduction by DebKamal Ganguly The film reflects on violence, morality, and representation. A blend of fiction and non-fiction forms; where Godard plays himself in the film.
Thursday	27 April	Screening	The Killer (1956, 22 mins) Andrei Tarkovsky A student film by the Russian film director Andrei Tarkovsky and his fellow students Marika Beiku and Aleksandr Gordon. It is based on the short story The Killers by Ernest Hemingway.
Friday	28 April	Screening	A donkey's wandering, (2022, 30 mins) Swanand Kottewar produced as a part of AVFI workshop 'Separation' by Kamal Swaroop Palash; in his chaotic work calls and routine, spots a donkey standing in the middle of a busy street. In a curious connection, he starts looking for his whereabouts over the weekend. Curiosity translates into responsibility, as their bond grows closer in a material and preoccupied world.

- Viewing of short and non conventional forms of films.
- For more information write to support_filminstitute@auroville.org.in or contact AVFI fellow Swanand, 8956126016 WA

Film-Philosophy with Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives

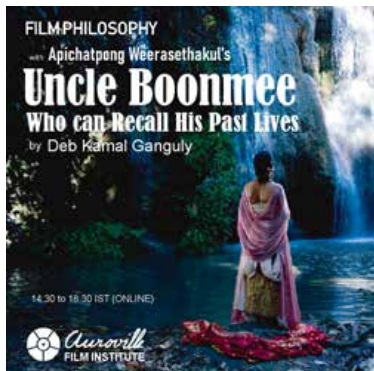
Over the 1st weekend of May:

- 6 & 7; 14:30 to 18:30 IST_ Online.
- To know more
 - <https://filminstitute.auroville.org/2023/04/13/film-philosophy-with-uncle-boonmee-who-can-recall-his-past-lives/>
 - call/message +91 9969879319 WA & Telegram

Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives illuminates cinema's link to the preservation of human memory through its exploration of reincarnation.

Debkamal Ganguly, through slow viewing and deep analysis of this film, explores the new configuration of 'poetic' in terms of implosive moments of 'silence and murmurs of the self', not only for the characters on the screen, in the film, but for the engaged viewers as well.

Apichatpong is one of the most important auteurs of the New Asian Cinema. 'Uncle Boonmee Who can Recall His Past Lives' is a Palme d'Or winner, renowned for its enchanting and unsettling visions of the present-day reality infused with the mystic realms.



Thank you,
Richa

The Long Read

REPORT OF THE WORK AT DARKALI, AUROVILLE on 9 & 11 March, and the Unfortunate Obstructions caused by some residents

The ATDC began work of clearing the Crown path on the morning of 9 March in accordance with the authorization given by the Joint Commission as per the NGT directive.

Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC) was constituted by the Governing Board under Section 16 and 17(e) of the Auroville Foundation Act 1988. The ATDC began assisting the CPWD team in the clearing of the Crown path and began the work of cutting the trees on 9th March in the Darkali area in strict accordance with the report of the Joint Committee, using local workers and chainsaws, so that the Crown Road, being built by CPWD, may be completed.

Very soon, this was obstructed by a set of people who have been holding up this work for decades. People came on the work site, unauthorized, and began placing their bodies in between the chainsaws and the trees, to physically obstruct the work as well as putting themselves and the workers in immense danger. There is also photo evidence that they took away a chain saw and sat on it. One of the obstructers had put her hand in the way of the chainsaw, nearly causing an extreme incident. The work could not continue due to this severe law and order situation given the lack of women police forces as most of the people obstructing were women.

On the 11th of March, a group of 50 men and women were organized to clear the trees and help in warding off

the obstructionists and allow the men subcontracted by the CPWD to do their work of clearing the Crown path.

As video records show, once again, these women pounced on a worker to grab his chainsaw, a very dangerous act, while the man tried to get his machine back. All this while, another woman accused him falsely of being drunk, even though a member of the ATDC could be heard saying he was a worker trying to do his work, not a drunk. Such methods of false accusations are well known in certain types of activism.

The phone of the ATDC member was grabbed and thrown away (also on video record) and it was only after one person from the Auroville Foundation arrived that the phone could be recovered.

The women were then placed between the workers and the obstructing women so that the work could be carried out. The trees listed by the Joint Committee have been cleared. Those that are to be transplanted will be done next week by the CPWD with special machines that are required for such work.

It is of great dishonor to Auroville to see the kind of messages being circulated by the so called RA-WCom that continues to discredit and defy all process and everyone except itself and heap false and sometimes infantile accusations to provoke fear mongering, more confusion and division on which it thrives. Their letter is even signed with the name of a member who received a Leave India notice and is out of the country.

Some examples of the dramatic accusations include: "a hired masked mob equipped with chainsaws" who "refused to say who they were working for" or that "some members of this hired mob are reportedly drunk"

Let us be clear: chainsaw operators usually cover their nose and mouth to avoid the flying debris. They are not masked men. They are not required to answer questions regarding who they were working for in the face of aggression. Nor were they drunk and they continued to work hard and effectively though the morning once work could resume.

The OSD, Auroville Foundation, Mr Palani, was similarly aggressed by this group demanding that he show the work order and answer questions without any intention to help the work, only to obstruct it.

The stories that have multiplied across social media and other reports, vehemently paint the ATDC, the Auroville Foundation and its Governing Board and Secretary with a black brush, accusing them of all wrong doing. All actions taken by the Foundation are approved by the Governing Board and in accordance with the Act. Recent High Court verdicts on the various Writ Petitions files have reiterated that the Residents Assembly is an advisory and consultative body and decisions taken by the Governing Board, which is a statutory authority, is final.

Auroville has waited for nearly three decades to see the Crown manifest. Every time it has met with the same severe resistance and obstructions by a faction, specially continuous and systematic since December 2021. It now pushes new and young people, mostly women, that too, mostly Indian women on the front ranks, while the main players stay invisible to create more false accusations about human rights, saving the environment and start new court cases.

Auroville needs to break away from this vicious cycle of obstructions, extravagant lies and fear mongering which that has vitiated the atmosphere and move towards a constructive, harmonious and imaginative realization of the city.

**The Working Committee &
the Auroville Town Development Council
Submitted by Tine**

MEETING WITH JAY NAIDOO, DR. JAYANTI RAVI AND A FEW AUROVILIANS

Venue: Unity Pavilion- Hall of Peace

Date: 27. 02. 2023

Time 3:30 - 6:00

Chairpersons: Dr. Jayanti Ravi and Jay Naidoo

Aurovilians present: Anandi, Anshul, Anu, Aravinda, Aryamani, Auradha Frederick, Jaya, John (Citadines) Manoj, Satprem, Toine, Vikram Mani & Sudha (NC)

Silent listener: Gabi Gillessen from the International Advisory Council

Organized by: John & Sudha

Jay Naidoo, who was a freedom fighter and minister in the cabinet of President Nelson Mandela in South Africa, was in Auroville from February 4 to 10, and met several Aurovilians, students, youth, as well as the secretary, Dr. Jayanti Ravi. He came back during the last week of February, and met with some members of the community on February 26 along with his wife Lucie Pagé and colleague Gogo Rutendo. As Jay requested to meet the secretary again, she responded with an invitation for him to come with six Aurovilians each from different groups. They met in the Peace Hall, Unity Pavilion with the Secretary, Auroville Foundation. People were not informed that Gabi would also be present.

The Secretary stated that nothing in the room would go out in the public domain so that people could speak freely and it was not being filmed. So the report in circulation by one of the members present, without the knowledge of others came as a surprise. It was also incomplete and with some errors. This report integrates other points stated by all present and covers the different perspectives discussed in the meeting.

The general atmosphere was peaceful, with people letting each other speak without interruption. Everyone could express what they felt in their hearts, and could take all the time they needed for that. Everyone's cooperation in maintaining such an atmosphere was acknowledged and appreciated. It was noted that Jay followed each Aurovillian's sharing with a story from his own experience, at certain times which came from an authentic space of lived experience. He recounted his childhood under extreme conditions of apartheid from the age of four, of hearing Steve Biko as an eleven year old, and Nelson Mandela when he emerged from prison and pushed not for revenge but reconciliation. That process was necessary and ongoing, though not yet resolved. He spoke of his connection with Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, the existence of Auroville and how important all this has been for the hope he held.

Dr. Jayanti Ravi opened the meeting with a welcome and shared that the Mother had whispered gently in her ear that she should bring us together for this meeting, so that we may all move forward together, forgetting the past and not disturbing the scab that was forming over the existing wound, but rather that we should each reflect on what we could personally contribute to the future of Auroville.

Jay Naidoo then shared some advice on how to conduct this session. He mentioned a few points of his own experience in South Africa.

Aravinda started the discussion by mentioning that in order to move forward, Aurovilians should be assured of safety and security. He then spoke of the urgency regarding Maël's situation.

Frederick addressed the issue of Maël who had received a "Leave India Notice" whereby he had to leave the country on or before the 1st March 2023. He demanded that Dr. Jayanti Ravi to write a letter to the concerned people in Delhi, asking them to grant more time to Maël, so that he could try to clarify the situation and, with the help of Aurovilians and the concerned authorities, to have the notice revoked. Auradha and Amy supported this suggestion. Frederick insisted that Dr Ravi should do it the same day and he offered to stay with her for as long as it took for it to be done.

Dr. Jayanti Ravi explained that she functions within a framework and that she would need to consult members of the Governing Board.

Anandi commented on Maël's situation saying that his friends could advise him to introspect on the reason why he got this notice and that his way of speaking on the situation publicly may have been taken bad by the Gol. Maybe if he could recognize this, it will help him.

Frederick added that he had gone to many people with folded hands seeking forgiveness for what had happened in the past.

Anu said that she had watched Maël growing up and knew both his parents. She felt that Maël had been made into a scapegoat to serve other people's agendas and people close to him had failed to guide him from going in the wrong direction. She added that one of the best ways to come together in this space of karmayoga is through working together for the realization of Auroville.

Toine noted that considering the global situation today the world might need the example that Auroville has to offer even more urgently today than it did at the time of its foundation in 1968. He related this comment to the need for unity.

Manoj expressed that while speaking of violence, we should not only speak of physical violence, but also of the vast amounts of verbal violence that precede it. While physical violence is shocking, verbal violence often goes unaddressed. Verbal violence happens first and accumulates and eventually manifests as physical violence. He has noticed over two decades as a moderator of AuroNet, regular verbal violence justified and glorified as free speech and transparency. He also talked about words having consequences and felt that certain words used by Maël in his video were not appropriate and did not reflect Auroville's ethos. Human unity underlies that there is an underlying unity and what appears to be the other is our own self. The world is a mirror and what we find disturbing in others is our own shadows.

Satprem replied that if there was verbal violence, it came as an answer to the physical violence which was perpetrated first by the AVFO. The sequence of events/ expression of violence should not be reversed. Furthermore, it was not so much the residents expressing verbal violence, but people in favour of the AVFO.

Amy expressed the importance of information being made available to the community in an open and transparent way. She gave the example of the content of Maël's recommendation letter not being disclosed. She also gave the example of the Governing Board meeting minutes not being made available. She volunteered to participate in the essential work of providing the community with information. Amy also expressed that she was not OK with all the pressure on Aurovilians and the feeling of insecurity.

Dr. Jayanti Ravi answered that the GB minutes were available on their website and could be consulted by anyone * (see Satprem's note below). Amy volunteered to participate in the essential work of providing the community with information.

Jaya responded in agreement with the importance of transparency and sharing of information and offered to work on this aspect and that she now saw the necessity to take up communication. She also expressed her struggle with the pressure she is experiencing and shared her commitment to following her personal truth in future.

Auradha expressed her concern for the survival of the community's "central fund of goodwill", which has been the engine driving the development of Auroville as we know it. The present climate does not allow for the generous contribution of Inspiration, commitment and dedication to projects and activities of all shapes and sizes that make up the richness of our community. Rebuilding harmony between the GB, the IAC and the RA is vital for Auroville to progress and flourish.

Amy professed that she was not so much in being a bridge or building bridges. She was more interested to see the mutuality of the different Auroville Foundation bodies in their functioning which was lacking. The Residents Assembly was left out of decisions.

Anu gave the example of the Residents Assembly's pattern of standoffs with the Governing Board and most Secretaries since the beginning. She recalled the tenure of the first Secretary, Mr L.K. Tripathi when the Office Order No. 5 was introduced to ensure a clear process. It had resulted in a big upheaval and all-out war against him then. Now no one blinks about Office Order No 5 and all FAMCs process it. That antagonistic relationship has continued which does not help mutuality to grow. In one of the Governing Board minutes Dr Karan Singh had noted, in response to questions from an Aurovilian, that unless Aurovilians overcome their antipathy towards the Foundation and fully cooperate with the Governing Board the problems stated cannot be resolved. If truly mutuality is wished the residents also need to make a first step.

In response to the need of proposing projects that everyone can work together, Anshul emphasized that there are already many essential projects in Auroville that do not have enough help, like farming. One of the reasons Auroville farms are limited in their production is not enough Aurovilians working on the farm. He gave the example of PTDC Kitchen having to close down for 2 days/week because there are not enough Aurovilians interested in working there. He asked how it would be possible to use these opportunities of work to come together.

On this topic, Satprem expressed that if the farms could not produce enough food, it was not appropriate at all for the AVFO to exchange Djaima farm and Auro Annam, but rather to propose a development plan to stimulate farming.

Anshul re-iterated that the problem is not the area of land, but people working on the land. Anshul also observed the lack of self-criticism on either side, which creates a culture of 'sides' that are always correct from their perspective.

Mr. Naidoo intervened on several occasions giving his personal experience and his fight for freedom in his country. He sees things very differently now, more the need for an internal peace within oneself and with one's family.

Anandi remarked that we are not here for freedom but for surrendering to the Divine.

Relating to the aspect of unity in Auroville and wanting to go beyond the present crisis, Satprem expressed that to come back to unity, everyone should be willing to talk to each other, share information and be willing to work together. He expressed his frustration with the ATCDC and that he had not been able to do any work in Auroville for over 13 years. He mentioned that the AVI Board members wished to meet the ATDC appointed by the secretary, along with the TDC selected by the Residents' Assembly, but that the ATDC appointed by the secretary refused to meet with the Residents' Assembly TDC, saying "We will not meet with them. This group does not exist".

Dr Jayanti Ravi remarked that the pioneers of Auroville had left everything behind to come to Auroville even though they had other options for a comfortable life.

Toine said that for him, and probably most others, coming to Auroville was not a sacrifice. Not coming to Auroville in response to the inner call would have been a sacrifice.

The meeting ended in a friendly way. The Secretary asked all those present to hold hands, while lighting a candle. Some declined. She mentioned that this meeting should not be the first and last one of its kind, but that people should meet more often and be able to speak peacefully to each other.

The report circulated concludes with a private exchange between Anu and Satprem, outside the meeting, which is incorrect. Here is the correction. Anu spoke with Satprem to clarify his last 2 points. One, that contrary to what he had stated, ATDC had not refused the AVI Board and had in fact answered their questions. They had only pointed out that as the AVI Board refused to honour the invitation of the Working Committee to a joint meeting with them and the FAMC, they would all meet in the future.

Submitted by Tine

Accessible Auroville Public Bus

avbus@auroville.org.in, +91 94430 74825



Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

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



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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

Emergency Services

Ambulance (24/7): Auroville—9442224680

- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health: Health Center—0413 2622123

- Santé—0413 2622803
- Farewell—8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Vandrevalla Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108