



News Notes

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Aurodam

This Self is to be won by the Truth and by an integral knowledge.

Mundaka Upanishad

Hear how thou shalt know Me in My totality ... for even of the seekers who have achieved,
hardly one knows Me in all the truth of My being.

Gita

Pondering



It is no doubt a fact that once truth or good manifests, the conception of falsehood and evil becomes a possibility; for whenever there is an affirmation, its negation becomes conceivable.

As the manifestation of existence, consciousness and delight made the manifestation of non-existence, inconscience, insensibility conceivable and, because conceivable, therefore in a way inevitable, for all possibilities push towards actuality until they reach it, so is it with these contraries of the aspects of the Divine Existence.

But also it may be that this awakening is a spiritual necessity of the evolution itself, a step towards the growth of the being out of the Ignorance into the truth of the divine unity and the evolution of a divine consciousness and a divine being.

The Origin of Falsehood and Evil, The life Divine, Sri Aurobindo

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House of Mother's Agenda

(continued from last week)



All consciousness is power, and the higher we ascend, the greater the power, but also the farther away we are from the earth. Thus if we wish to apply our overmental power, say, to the affairs of this world, it must be brought down from one level to another and overcome the determinisms of all the intermediary levels before it can reach the depths, Matter. Finally, there remains only a dulled and weakened overmental reflection, which must then fight against more and more heavy and rebellious determinisms. This is why the spiritualists have never been able to transform life. The Supramental is the supreme Consciousness-Force in the very heart of Matter, without any intermediary. It is the 'sun in the darkness' of the Veda, the meeting place of the highest Heights and the deepest Depths. Therefore it can change everything. As the Mother has said, 'The true change of consciousness is one that will change the physical conditions in the world and make it into an entirely new creation.'

Let us say immediately that the supramental power does not work either through miracles or violence—the very notion of miracle is absurd, as Sri Aurobindo has often repeated: *There is really no such thing as miracle*, there are only phenomena whose processes we do not understand. For one who sees, there is only an intervention by the determinism of a higher plane in the determinism of a lower plane. Perhaps the mind appears to be a miracle to the determinism of a caterpillar, yet we all know that our mental miracles do follow a certain process. The same applies to the Supermind: it does not upset any existing laws, but simply leaps over them (or within them?), to a dimension where they no longer exist, much as the caterpillar's laws no longer exist for man. Let us be more specific: the habitual repetition of certain vibrations that have coagulated, so to speak, around a person result in imparting to him an apparently stable structure; that person then claims to obey the 'law' of his nature. But this so-called law is no more inevitable than choosing a certain route to go home rather than another; it is merely a question of habits. The same holds true for the entire cosmos: all our supposedly absolute physical laws are also coagulated habits, with nothing absolute about them whatsoever, and they can all be undone provided one is willing to take another route, that is, change to a different consciousness. *An ordinary law*, Sri Aurobindo wrote, *merely means an equilibrium established by Nature; it means a balance of forces. It is merely a groove in which Nature is accustomed to work*

in order to produce certain results. But if you change the consciousness, then the groove also is bound to change. There have been a number of 'changes of grooves' in the course of our evolution, beginning with the introduction of Life into Matter, which changed the material groove, then the introduction of Mind into Life, which changed the vital and material grooves. The Supermind represents a third change of groove, which will change Mind, Life, and Matter. This change has already begun; the experience is in progress. Essentially, the supramental process works to free the consciousness contained in each element. It does not upset the universal order, nor does it violate anything; it only applies its power to cleave through the darkness so that it may radiate its own light. 'He has cloven wide away the darkness, as one that cleaves away a skin, that he may spread out our earth²⁷⁵ under his illuminating sun,' says the Rig Veda (V.85.1). Because the same divine solar consciousness is everywhere, the world and every atom in the world are divine; the Lord of all the universe is also 'the One conscious in unconscious things' of the Rig Veda. Matter is not a crude substance incapable of change except through the assault of our hands or our heads (which have scarcely produced anything but monsters); it is a divine substance that can respond instead of resisting, and change instead of enslaving us in its old habit of gravitation and decay. But Matter is a clouded or sleeping Divinity, a 'somnambulist,' as Sri Aurobindo calls it, a 'lost, buried sun,' says the Veda. *The Inconscient is the Superconscient's sleep.... The apparent Inconscience of the material universe holds in itself darkly all that is eternally self-revealed in the luminous Superconscient.* The Supramental, then, will use its own light to awaken the corresponding light—the same light—in Matter:

The truth above shall wake a nether truth.

For the law is eternally the same: only like can act upon like. Only the highest power can free the nethermost power.

(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#055

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

Townhall Speaks

LETTER ON NEWS AND NOTES

Dear Community,

The News and Notes team has been putting out a weekly edition week after week, every month, for years. Roy has been at the editorial desk more than once. It's a lot of work each time. So it was strange, to say the least, when the last two editions, with all their work, were literally stolen, almost as soon as they were sent out, and published dressed up under a different cover.

This was done without informing the editors, let alone asking for their permission. None of those who sent in their articles or reports to News and Notes were asked for permission for this masquerade edition.

Seriously, can human unity and inclusiveness be enforced in such a manner? We trust this will not be repeated.

News and Notes remains open to different points of view as the editors have said. We hope it will remain above abusive accusations and false content, in the true Spirit of Auroville.

*Warmly, The Working Committee,
All the best and thanks from us, Anu*

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 180

Dated: 11-05-2023

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

NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:

- Chetana DEORAH (US) staying in Maitreye I and working at Matrimandir

NEWCOMERS CONFIRMED:

- Jeremie FOLLET (French)

AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Abhijit ROY (Indian) staying in Prosperity 2 and working at Aurofilm

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Agnes MARY (French)
- Pablo Andrés PACHECO DEZA (Chilean)

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

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

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

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

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

Yours, The Entry Board, (Alain, Grace, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan, Matilde, Sara, Sonja and Swadha)



Chetana



Abhijit

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
Warmly, Suvedha For The Entry Service

Community News

Passing On

DEBORAH

One of the very first Aurovilians, USA-born Deborah Lawlor, left her body in Los Angeles in the evening of Tuesday, 2 May.

Deborah, and her husband Robert, were pioneers in Forecomers at the end of the 1960s and presented the first harvest from Auroville to Mother. They were responsible for the first infrastructure of the community, named 'Forecomers' by Mother and, with a background in dance and theater, they famously presented a torchlit drama in the Forecomers canyons during which Deborah danced. The pair also built a first check dam in the canyon by hand.

Having returned to the USA in the mid-70s, Deborah eventually moved to Los Angeles where she co-founded [the Fountain Theatre](#), known for its festivals of flamenco dance and with which she worked for three decades.

Her artistic skills and outgoing nature made her loved by many, and those of us who were around at the time, will never forget her colorful and highly artistic rendering of the then still budding Forecomers community.

Dance on, dear Deborah!



Matrimandir Notes

MATRIMANDIR THE SOUL OF AUROVILLE

"Greetings from Auroville to all men of goodwill. Are invited to Auroville all those who thirst for progress and aspire to a higher and truer life..." announced the Mother at Auroville's inauguration on 28 February 1968.



While she sent out an invitation to all people of goodwill who aspire to a higher life to come to Auroville, her directions for accessing the Matrimandir was not quite the same. In September 1965 She instructed the chief Architect, Roger Anger and wrote on his report:

"The park of Unity must be surrounded by some kind of an isolating zone so that it is solitary and silent. One has access to it only with permission."

Later, during his visits to the Mother's room Roger would note down in his diary her directions about accessing the Matrimandir. We reproduce here some of these notes:

• **June 1971: About Matrimandir**

Sri Aurobindo has shown/taught that it is in Matter that the Divine must be manifested; he has insisted on the understanding of this concept of the Mother as Creator.

Matrimandir is here to teach people that it is not by escaping from the world while ignoring it, that they will realise the Divine in life. Matrimandir must be the symbol of this Truth.

I don't want it to be made into a religion; with all my force I refuse. We don't want dogmas, principles, ritual, absolutely not, absolutely not.

AV Archives; AMW, p. 390

• **August 1972: About admissions to Matrimandir:**

Not for the visitors in principle.

Reserved for Aurovilians but not everyone will be admitted. The first condition for those who want to go there is to ask. Those who have contributed to the construction will be admitted in the first place. If there are doubtful cases, they should be referred to me. All those who have a doubtful presence won't go.

If there is the slightest doubt, the case will be presented to me. People must be known for their qualifications.

Roger's notes; facsimile at AV Archives; AMW, p. 441

We find more on the same subject in her conversation with Satprem:

"But then, people will not come for "regular meditations" or anything of the kind (the internal organization will be taken care of later): it will be a place for concentration.

Not everyone will be allowed in; there will be a time of the week or the day (I don't know) when visitors will be allowed to come, but anyway without mixture. There will be a fixed time or a fixed day to show the visitors, and the rest of the time only for those who are... serious – serious, sincere, who truly want to learn to concentrate.

[...]

Then, people will be let in in order to concentrate- [laughing] to learn to concentrate! No fixed meditations, nothing of the sort, but they will have to stay there in silence – silence and concentration.

[...]

And SILENCE. No talking inside!

So I think that is good"

Mother's Agenda, pp. 15-24;
CWM, XIII, p. 286; AMW, p. 249

Shortly before he passed away, Roger Anger was invited by the Visitors' Reception team of Matrimandir to speak about what he recalled of the Mother's indications regarding organisation of visitors' reception to Matrimandir. The most important thing that was communicated by him to the team was his memory of the Mother telling him to be always conscious of the fact that anyone who goes, is lead, into the Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir comes into the presence of the 'Universal Mother' and therefore it should not be done just anyhow. Care must be taken to prepare all before entering the Matrimandir.

We understand from the above that while Mother welcomed all people of goodwill to participate in the project of Auroville in accordance with the Charter, when it came to the Matrimandir she wanted that it is the individual's aspiration for, their relationship with, the Divine that would determine entry into the Matrimandir, the Soul of Auroville.

The question arises, in the absence of her physical presence, how to determine who is worthy of such a privilege.

The official access policy has been created following the indications and guidelines of the Mother. It welcomes anyone who wishes to visit the Matrimandir at the hour designated to them. There are different categories of visitors including official guests, volunteers, donors and so on. Great care is taken to ensure that all have the possibility to enter the Matrimandir for their personal concentration at

the hour/s designated to them. Teams of Aurovilians are engaged in taking care of the different aspects of this work and changes and improvements are implemented as and when needed as an evolving process.

Thanks, For MM Executives, Antoine

Auroville Matters

AWARE  *Auroville*

- information about Auroville, by Aurovilians, for humanity as a whole!

Awareauroville.com is a community-driven service unit that aims to create awareness about Auroville's values and projects to the world. We seek to engage and inspire individuals to participate in the growth and development of this unique and progressive community.

Opportunities for Newcomers and Aurovillians

Programme Organiser-Community Engagement (P/T)

Our programs are proactive initiatives to take Auroville forward in its goal of creating a sustainable, holistic and spiritual community. We need individuals who are self-driven to organize community interactions—with newcomers, volunteers, bioregion, donors, youth, children—which are aimed at exchanging ideas, collaborating at tasks, mobilizing resources and advancing work toward the progress of Auroville.

Fundraiser (P/T)

We are seeking a motivated and driven Fundraiser to join our team and help us secure funding for our mission. You will be responsible to build and maintain strong relationships within the various groups of Auroville and also to engage with donors and supporters who are passionate about Auroville's Vision.

Campaign Manager (P/T)

We are seeking a talented and strategic Campaign Manager to join our team and help us develop and execute campaigns and initiatives to promote Auroville's values and projects to a global audience. The Campaign Manager will be responsible for leading campaigns across a range of channels, including digital, social media, and offline marketing.

- Reach us at: aware@auroville.org.in,
- WA 98100 52574 OR 88888 60442

Warm regards, Nilima.

Awakening Spirit

AMPHITHEATRE—MATRIMANDIR

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

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

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

Reminder to all

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

Surya & Velmurugan



EXPLORING THE SPIRIT: On Personal Practical Solutions for Environmental Issues

On the occasion of Sri Aurobindo's 150th Birth Anniversary Bharat Nivas Presents a new series on Auroville Exploring the Spirit: On Personal Practical Solutions for Environmental Issues by Laure

- **Venue:** Bhumika Hall Bharat Nivas
- **Day:** Saturday, 13 May,
- **Time:** 5 to 6 pm

Regards, Vani,
BN Cultural Team



DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

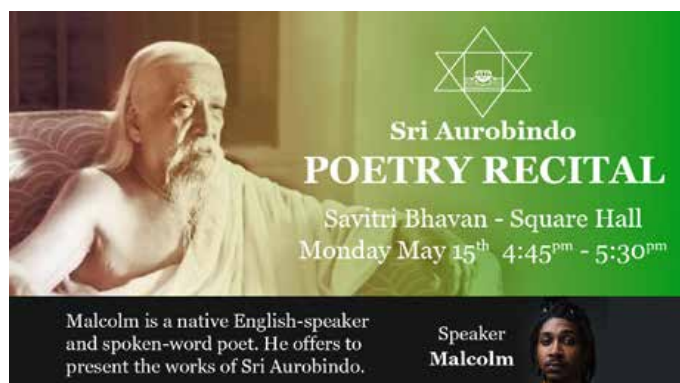
- Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 6 to 6:45pm
- Thursday, 5 to 5:45pm



Submitted by Arun

POETRY RECITAL

Monday, 15 May, 4:45—5:30pm @ Savitri Bhavan



Dear lovelies, this Monday at Savitri Bhavan, Malcolm offers to present the poetic works of Sri Aurobindo. He is a native English-speaker and spoken-word poet. The programme will be in the Square Hall from 4:45 until 5:30pm. All are welcome. Musicians who play meditative music and would like to participate are encouraged to attend. See you there.

Peace, Love & Soul, Malcolm



BRAHMANASPATI KSHETRAM
The Mother Sri Aurobindo Centre

**Calendar of Regular Events
for May 2023**

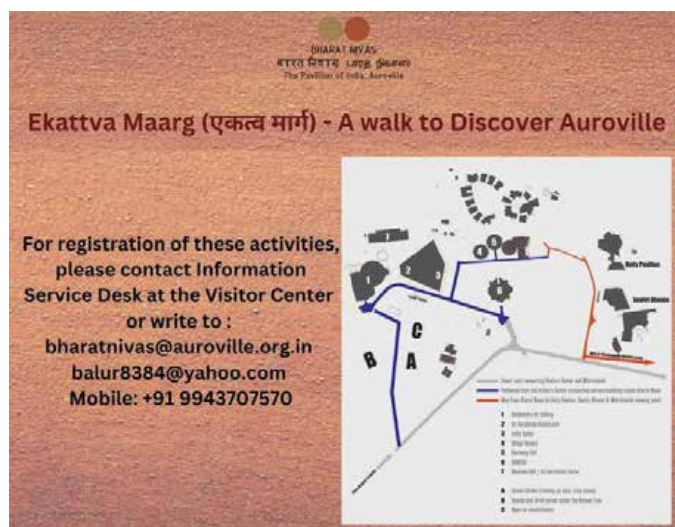
- **Thursdays, 6:—6:30pm:** Meditation
- **Tuesdays, 5:30—6:30pm:**
Reading 'The Mother's Questions & Answers—Vol. 7' in English by Rama Narayana
- **15 May, Monday: 4—5pm:**
Reading 'The Sunlit Path' in English & Tamil by Dhanalakshmi

Many thanks, Tixon
No.3/134, Kalathu Mettu Street,
Edayanchavadi, Auroville
Kshetram2014@auroville.org.in



Ekattva Maarg

एकत्व मार्ग A WALK TO DISCOVER AUROVILLE



Bharat Nivas, the India Pavilion, is excited to connect with neighboring pavilions through the revival of the Auroville Discovery Walk. Our goal is to promote human unity by creating physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual connections among people from diverse backgrounds.

The Auroville Discovery Walk includes a loop with destinations that starts at the Visitor's Center, including the Tibetan Pavilion, Unity Pavilion, Savitri Bhavan, Bharat Nivas, and the Matrimandir viewing point. As you take this walk, we invite you to indulge in the Sound bath, enjoy snacks under the Banyan tree, and take the time to individually discover and deepen your experience of Auroville.

Our docent-led, guided tours will give you insight into the history and significance of each destination along the loop, as well as introduce you to a range of current and upcoming events based on the diverse experiments and practices across disciplines in Auroville and the bio-region.

At Bharat Nivas, you can engage with Kalakendra art and multi-disciplinary exhibition hall, attend a workshop on Kolam Yoga by Grace in the Sri Aurobindo Auditorium Foyer, book a session on Sound bath and other craft based activities, watch movies on Auroville, register for various talks or explore the India Space to learn more about the city's model and design. You can register for all events and workshops at the Visitor's Center. While the Auroville Discovery Walk is free, a small contribution is requested for the craft based workshops and for the guided Tours.

Join us in experiencing Auroville through this connected pathway and discover the rich diversity and unity that defines our community.

For registration of these activities please contact

- Information Service Desk at the Visitor Center
- or write to: bharatnivas@auroville.org.in
- balur8384@yahoo.com
- Mobile: +919943707570

EKATVA MAARG: Fridays and Saturdays

Sound Bath

- Time: 11 & 3pm, Duration: 1 Hour
- Venue: Harmony Hall
- Contribution: required

The Sound Bath is a unique experience offered by Svaram Musical Instruments and Research. The experience offers participants a journey with sound through different soundscapes created by art-



ists and artisans using a variety of instruments aimed at promoting a deeper and harmonious connection to our own being and a relaxing experience.

Experience Kolamyoga

- Time: 4:30—6pm
- Duration: 1.5 hours
- Contribution: required
- Venue: Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Foyer



Welcome to experience the making of a Kolam. A two-dimensional representation drawn with your own unique physical proportions on the earth's surface with the help of sacred powders. You will be guided into an ancient pictorial language creating a personal prayer, acknowledgement of codes, symbols, pictorial or abstractions of life, its forms and shapes. You will taste the vast reservoir of Powers, Beauty, Harmony and Knowledge that resides within us all.

Coconut Shell Craft Workshop

- Time: 10—12:30pm & 2:30—5pm
- Duration: 2 hours
- Contribution: required
- Venue: SAWCHU/Shilpa Kendra



Experience and learn the art of designing unique crafts made from eco-friendly material (i.e.) Coconut shell which are environmentally friendly and sustainable. In this workshop you create either pendant, earring, key chain or bowls through new and unique techniques and you will carry your product with you as a souvenir.

Incense Making

- Time: 10am—12pm & 3—5pm
- Duration: 2 hrs
- Contribution: required
- Venue: SAWCHU/Shilpa Kendra



Experience and learn the art of making two different types of incenses (Agarbattis and cone shaped incense) Which are combustible. In this workshop you will be able to make your own best natural incense in an easy way and you will carry your product with you as a souvenir.

Regular Movie Screening

- Time: 10am—12pm & 2—3pm
- Duration: 2 hrs
- Venue: India Space



They will be a regular movie screening on Auroville, Sri Aurobindo's Five Dreams & Genius of India at India Space. All are welcome.

All about sustainable living in Auroville by Laure

- Time: 3—4pm, Duration—1 hour
- Contribution: required
- Venue: India Space



During this interactive session with Laure, she will share her tips and tricks to live a sustainable and healthy life, what Auroville does in terms of sustainability and she will answer all your questions too. This workshop is also available on demand for a group of minimum 5 people.

Draw Along—Art Workshop

- Time: 2—4 pm, Duration—2 hours
- Contribution: required
- Venue: Sri Aurobindo Centre, Study room 1



Come along and learn how to sketch paint & draw on the spot along with the artist and carry your creation with you as a souvenir.

Cynotype Printing

- Time: 11am—12:30pm, Duration: 1 hour
- Contribution: required
- Venue: Kala Kendra Art Studio



Nature of workshop: It is to illuminate the urgency of incorporating health, both that of mind and body in equilibrium with elements of nature, as a collective and as an individual.

Please check at the registration desk about the possible day and time for this activity.

Japanese Mud Art Workshop

- Time: 10:30—11:30am & 3:30—4:30pm, Duration—1 hour
- Contribution: required
- Venue: Kala Kendra Art Studio



Please check at the registration desk about the possible day and time for the activity.

Classical Mime Show By iMIMEgination Team

- Time: 11—11:30am & 11:45am—12:15pm & 2:30—3pm & 3:15—3:45pm
- Duration—1 hour
- Contribution: required
- Venue: Progress Hall



Workshop on demand is available for a minimum group of 6 people. Please check at the registration desk about the possible day and time for the activity.

Regards, Vani, BN Cultural Team

Art for Land

ART FOR LAND PRESENTS

Blissful Rhythms of the Spirit

5 May to 31 July, 10am—12:30pm and 2—4:30pm

Dance with Soham

5 May to 31 July, Every Friday, 4—5:30pm
@Unity Pavilion

Art for Land Presents

Blissful Rhythms Of The Spirit

"Inaudible to our deaf mortal ears the wide world rhythms wove their stupendous chant to which life strives to fit our rhyme beats here, melting our limits in the illimitable tuning the finite to infinity"
- Sri Aurobindo

Dance with SOHAM
Every Friday May 5th to July 28th
Time: 4pm - 5.30pm

"Life is worth living at one condition: You have to reinvent yourself thoroughly everyday"
- Soham

Exhibition Timings:
From May 5th to July 31st
10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm
NOTE: Closed on Sundays & Public Holidays

Address:
unitypavilion@auroville.org.in | Unity Pavilion
International Zone, Auroville | 0413 - 2623576

NOTE: Closed on Sundays & Public Holidays

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rhyme beats here, melting our limits in the illimitable tuning the finite to infinity" Sri Aurobindo

- Life is worth living at one condition: You have to reinvent yourself thoroughly everyday
- Lose yourself in the ineffable beauty of the stars

Soham

Youth Initiative

SAFETY & BOUNDARIES AWARENESS PROGRAM REPORT

The issue of sexual harassment is prevalent across the globe, and Auroville is no exception.

In light of this, YouthLink took the initiative to host an awareness campaign on sexual harassment in October 2022. To follow up on this campaign, we recently hosted a networking event to connect all units and services working in this field to work collaboratively towards education and awareness in the community. From this event came the (Safety & Boundaries Awareness) SBA program, which links all services within Auroville that work towards addressing issues related to sexual harassment.



SBA's goal was to increase awareness, build an emotional support network, optimise prevention, provide education within the community, and to ensure that Auroville becomes safer for all. We were excited

to offer an awareness program from 10 to 22 April, featuring a variety of events and workshops.

Among the workshops being offered were: Krav Maga, Self-defence, the anatomy and physiology of sex and STDs and a workshop on boundaries & consent. Our events included an Art Day on the theme of healing, classical dance and theatre performances by Yatra, a movie night displaying Moxie and a game show by Chrysalis.

In addition to our program, 'Bravely Speak Out,' a street theatre performance on child protection was presented in various locations in villages around Auroville throughout April. It was created by Yatra Arts Media in collaboration with Auroville Child Protection Awareness and supported by AVI Germany.



Interaction & feedbacks

We are happy to say that we had a successful exchange with the community that sparked lively conversations and ignited a sense of inspiration amongst those involved. The program's execution was met with an influx of positive feedback, as people shared with us various initiatives they are undertaking in their personal and professional lives as a result of our program.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to those that collaborated with us throughout this journey, as well as to the community for being welcoming and receptive despite the complexities surrounding this topic. One of the most remarkable feedback points we received was the growing demand for us to create more educational opportunities on these issues, particularly within schools. It is our shared belief that a generation that is aware of these topics, and willing to produce change, is the only solution to progress.



Our community is a diverse tapestry of cultures, complicating the means for admissible information transfer within educational institutions. Though we have yet to find a permanent solution to this challenge, it is crucial that we initiate conversations that link us to the world at large and widen our perspectives. Our program has allowed for taboo topics to be discussed, and we all hope that each of us continues to spread awareness and bring more light to our lives and those of others.

With love, YouthLink team.



- Please note the Safety and Boundary Awareness program was an educational program only. For immediate action in case of sexual assault or harassment, contact AVSST at 9443090107 or ICC at icc@auroville.services for support in registering a sexual harassment complaint.

*Warm regards,
Lucrezia & Youthlink team*

ARE YOU A FAN OF SOUTH INDIAN CUISINE?

20 May, 9:30am—1pm @ Botanical Garden

Youthlink invites you for a cooking workshop where you will learn how to prepare a full South Indian meal, including Kara kuzhumbu, poriel, dosas, chutney... and followed by lunch all together!



- This workshop is happening at the Botanical Garden on 20 May, 9:30am—1pm and taught by Shivakala.

To register email us at youthlink@auroville.org.in

- or come to our office in Town hall
- between 9:30am—12pm and 2—4pm.

*Thank You,
Nivetha for YouthLink*

AUROVILLE YOUTH INITIATION PROGRAM (AVYI)

YouthLink is launching a new initiative called Auroville Youth Initiation program (AVYI) specifically for youth between 16 to 25 under the category of 'Children of Aurovilians'. This program is to give our potential youth Aurovilians the opportunity to learn more about Auroville, their peers, and themselves; so that they can make a more informed decision on joining the Auroville community as full fledged members.

It will be a four day program from the 29th May to the 1st of June (Mon-Thurs), starting at 9:00am and ending every day at 4:30pm. We have curated a program that emphasizes participation, sharing, and fun. You can find the detailed itinerary attached below, and you can sign up through [our google form](#).

Feel free to reach out to us for further information.

29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June
Check in + activity 9:00am followed by an energizer			
Introduction to the program	The Mother's dream	Auroville Organisation	Theater exercise: Auroville Entry Board
Blind Babble		Presentation of your favourite place in Auroville	Auroville: Pros and Cons
Game: Spectrum of feelings	Auroville history and spirit		Auroville and me
Lunch break 12:30pm—2:00 pm Followed by an energizer			
Meeting with Aurovilians from different generations and back-grounds	One on one sharing 1	Auroville Finances and Economy	One on one sharing 2
	Theater exercise: Working in Auroville	Working with 5 introspective questions	Appreciation round
	How to be a true Aurovillian		Feedback and learnings
Check out 4:30pm			

With much love, sincerely, Namu

For YouthLink Team

youthlink@auroville.org.in

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

SANTÉ SERVICES IN MAY 2023

Working Hours

- Monday—Saturday, 9—12:30pm & 2—4:30pm

Tests and Sample collection

- Monday—Friday before 12pm.
- No sample collection on Saturday.

For emergencies

- Auroville Ambulance 24/7: +(91) 9442224680
- Government Ambulance 24/7: 108

Appointment

- Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment

Doctor consults with Dr. Senthil & Dr.Sana, Monday to Saturday	Nursing Care , Ezhil, Thilagam, Archana & Sandhya, Daily, No appointment necessary
Ayurveda with Dr. Sonia, Monday / Thursday / Friday	Physiotherapy with Osnat—Tuesday & Thursday
Acupuncture with Andres—Monday To Friday	Homeopathy with Michael—Monday / Wednesday / Saturday
Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres, Monday To Friday	Pregnancy Care & Women's Wellness with Paula, Tuesday & Wednesday
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina, Monday to Friday	Physiotherapy with Rebeca, Monday / Wednesday / Friday
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena, Tuesday & Saturday	

- In Santé, we value our patient's confidentiality & make every effort to ensure their privacy.
- In case of cancellation or to reschedule, it is necessary to inform us in advance.

Love, Dasha

AUROKIYA EYE CARE—FOCUS

Eye Exercise & Vision Therapy

15—24 May @ Unity Pavilion

Aurokiya Eye Care
(An Integrative Eye Care Model)

FOCUS
Eye Exercise and Vision Therapy Program

Enhance your visual experience with series of eye exercises in our 10 days FOCUS program

Register

The seats are limited ! Registration compulsory!

Dates: 15-24 May, 2023
Place: Unity Pavilion

Contact
✉ aurokiya@auroville.org.in
☎ +91 8012305151
WWW. Aurokiya.com

Scan the QR code for registration and details

Aurokiya Eye Care is an integrative and holistic eye care model. We are providing a 10 Day workshop, 15—24 May at Unity Pavilion, where we will guide you through a series of eye exercises and vision therapy to enhance your vision.

These sessions will be based on the School for perfect eyesight program and vision therapy exercises from Natural Eye Care, USA. For registration and details scan the QR code on the poster or [click the LINK](#)

**Thanks & Best Regards, Aurosugan,
Manager Aurokiya**



Auroville Security

MESSAGE FROM AUROVILLE SAFETY AND SECURITY

Dear community, as you may already be aware, the Auroville Safety and Security Team's emails (avsecurity@auroville.org, avsecurity.office@auroville.org) have been disabled, since 14.04.2023.

As of now our team has not received any explanation or justification as to why this action was taken, despite voicing concerns to the sysop team over the disabling of communication to an essential service of Auroville.

In light of this, and because we are an emergency service and wish to remain available to the community, we have created the following temporary email address: auroville-safetyteam@gmail.com

We have also not received any information or notice regarding the recently circulated Office Order issued by the Office of the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, which seems to include a change of executives and team members for this service. Our original team continues its work, temporarily focusing the scope of its services for the next few months on the following:

1. managing the guards currently employed, and the volunteer patrols.
 2. managing the check-posts, and other entrance points and junctions.
 3. managing vehicle access and requests.
 4. responding to the following types of incidents and dispatching them to services or working groups: thefts, harassment, unwelcome presence.
 5. administrative assistance for: birth/death certificates, police complaints, police verification reports, passport verification etc... (AVSST office: 0413 2623 400)
 6. escorting external ambulances, fire department, police etc... to the locations of incidents as and when needed.
- We continue to be available for the above mentioned situations via the emergency number: 9443090107.

Please find below some relevant emergency numbers:

- Auroville Ambulance Service: 9442224680
- PIMS: 0413 2656271
- Farewell: 8903836246
- Vandrevalla foundation—Mental health 24/7 support: +91 9999666555
- Auroville Police Station: 0413 2677318
- Kottakuppam Police Station: 0413 2236148
- Fire Stations:
 - Vanur: 0413 2677368
 - Kalapet: 0413 2655873
 - D. Nagar (near JIPMER): 0413 2272913
 - Sedarapet: 0413 2678101

**Anandamayi, Carlos and Matthieu,
for Auroville Safety & Security Team**



Animal Care

Integral Dog Training



AUROVILLE
DOG SHELTER

The Auroville Dog Shelter Team is excited to invite you for a first introduction to 'Integral Dog Training.'

- The session will take place next Sunday, May 14, from 10am—12pm.
- The focus of the session will be on the role of leadership in dog training for better behavior.

During the session, we will walk and exercise some of our shelter dogs together, and teach them basic behaviors.

Bring your kids, as they will have the opportunity to play with our puppies and even teach them some basic tricks. We encourage everyone to bring snacks and small treats for our dogs, who will be happy!

If you want to donate, we would appreciate it very much if you could purchase leashes for our shelter dogs, as we never have enough. This will be especially useful as we plan to prepare workshops for 'Pack Walk Training' in the future.

Job and volunteer opportunities

- The Auroville Dog Shelter is seeking highly motivated staff workers who love dogs to join our team. The daily tasks will include feeding our dogs, cleaning kennels, cooking food, etc. We are also a SAVI-registered unit and are looking for a volunteer who is a wizard and influencer on social media. If you want to work hands-on with our 300 lovely residents, contact us!
- We are seeking old water tanks that can be repurposed as dog houses. If you have any old water tanks that you no longer need, or know where we could get some, we would be grateful if you could donate them to our shelter.

We would like to express our gratitude for your unwavering support! The new Auroville Dog Shelter has achieved a lot in just a month, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

- We invite you to join us and our beloved residents as volunteers in this significant undertaking to establish a model dog shelter for Auroville.
- Your contribution can help us achieve our goal. Please donate to our FS account: 251391.

We look forward to seeing you all next Sunday!

With gratitude, Arthur for Auroville Dog Shelter

Children

SUMMER PROGRAM

For Auroville Kindergarten Children

Monday, Wednesday, Friday,
8 May—2 June, from 9am to 12pm.

Kindergarten, Nandanam and Aha teachers are offering 4 weeks of activities (crafts, games, stories, blocks, pool) to their students, ages 4 to 7.



- **When?** On Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 8 May until 2 June, from 9am to 12pm.
- **Where?**
 - at Kindergarten, Center Field, from 8 to 19 May
 - at Nandanam, from 22 May to 2 June.

Parents, please put a towel and swimsuit in your child's bag. Snacks will be served but no lunch.

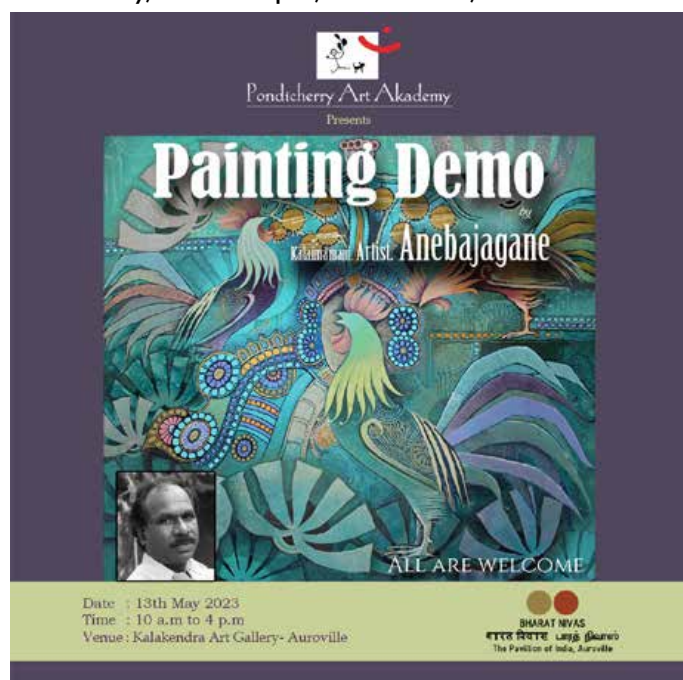
- Volunteers above 14 of age are welcome to help the teachers run the program!

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The Arts

PAINTING DEMO

13 May, 10am—4pm, Kalakendra, Bharat Nivas



Submitted by Krishna, AV Arts services

ART WORKSHOPS BY SENIOR ARTIST ABHIJIT ROY

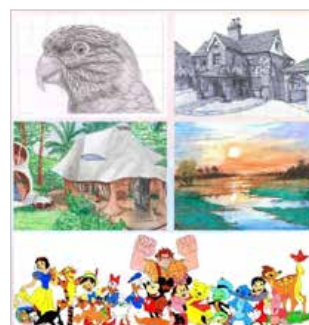
Every Thursday & Saturday, 2—4 pm

Study Room, Sri Aurobindo Centre, Bharat Nivas

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

- Fundamentals of drawing (10 sessions)
- Duration: 2 hours
- Contribution required

For Registration please send an email to bharatnivas@au-rovile.org.in



Regards, Vani, BN Cultural Team

SALSA DANCE CLASS

- **Beginner Class:** Every Tuesday, 6:30pm
- **All Levels:** Every Saturday, 6:30pm
- **By appointment** any time you can do Salsa, Bachata Kizomba
- **Need To Bring:** Socks, Water, Smile
- **Venue:** New creation Dance studio
- **Register before coming:** +918637633696
Mani, @bakisata_dance



TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday, Cripa, 6:30pm

- By appointment: Any time you can do class

Information

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

For bookings contact us:

- +918637633696, bakisatadance@gmail.com. Mani



ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP at the Centre d'Art

Analogue Darkroom Workshop at the Centre d'Art, Auroville by Sasikanth Somu.

- **Date:** 18, 19 and 20 May
- **Venue:** Centred'Art Gallery, Citadines, Auroville

Program & Timings:

- **Thursday, 18 May**
2—5pm, Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- **Friday 19 May**
9am—2pm, Film photo shoot (in your own time),
2—5pm, Develop your roll of film.
- **Saturday 20 May**
9am—12:30pm & 2—5pm (one can choose either of these sessions)—Printing Contact Sheets & photos in the darkroom.



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

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

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

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

Regards, Sergey

Activities

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. Sara

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

RUPAVATHI JOY ACTIVITIES

Bio-region Temple Tour

- Every Sunday, 9am—12noon, starting from Solar Kitchen

Indian cooking

- Every Saturday, 2—4pm, at Creativity.

Thai Massage

- Everyday after 5pm

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

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

Rupavathi Joy



SWIMMING CLASS

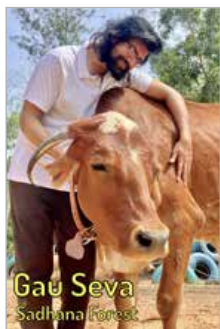
- Kids 6+ & Adults
- Courses from beginners to advanced level
- To book contact Mani, +91 8637633696

Submitted by Mani



Honorary Voluntary

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala!

You are most welcome to join us on any day **from 6am onwards**, and have a vegan breakfast at 8:45am.

Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking. If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in, 8525038274WA or call 8122274924

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

Available

All HouseHold Goods Available

Many items, including a Car, Refrigerator beds etc will be available from May 27, 28, 29.

- To the address below: Patrick Douminge, Maitreye 2, Third Floor, +91 7708217480

Patrick and Élis



Three Kitties



Dear All who love cats a lot. I have three small innocent kitties with rare blue eyes who are awaiting a new good home.

*Sergi,
Maitreye-1, staircase the first floor.
Simply come and take.*



Taxi Share

To Chennai Airport, 21 May, 9am

I am traveling by taxi to Chennai airport on 21 May from Auroville at about 9am. Happy to share it!

Marina +393273995849 WA or +919042057821 mob

Thank you! Marina

Weekly Sri Ma Trip on Wednesdays

Share a taxi to and from Sri Ma on Wednesdays. Leaving Auroville at 9:30am and returning at 2pm. Maximum 4 people, with advance notice beginning Wednesday, 17 May. Contact if interested via 9655534514 WA

Stay well! Isha

Work Opportunities

LOOKING FOR AN ASSISTANT MANAGER

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



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

- Fluency in English is required, and knowledge of Tamil and/or Hindi is appreciated but not mandatory. Skills and experience in communication are expected.
- It is a part-time job.
- Volunteers, newcomers, and aurovilians are welcome.

Surya Performance Lab can offer a contribution.

- **Contacts:** suryaperformancelab@auroville.org.in, 8903869078

Thierry and Philippe

Foods, Goods and Services

RED DOT CAFE

Low carb office lunch. Vegan option available. Sign up for a lunch scheme, perfect for a Group lunch meeting.

- Red dot cafe at Upasana
- +91 9962197716, upanasared.cafe@gmail.com



Uma

150DPI DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

We are an activity registered under Kattida Kalai Trust. Our activity has been serving our community since 2006. We provide the following services:

- Website design and development
- Web and mobile applications
- Domain and web hosting
- Security and maintenance
- Customised GST billing solutions
- UI and UX designs
- Database Development and
- Management
- IT Training



*For 150dpi, Sathish Arumugam, 8098144686
hello@150dpi.com, Surrender Community*

SOUL OF THE SOIL WEAVES

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



Focus:

- Startups: Products and Services
- Concept Note Writing, Project Proposal and Pre-defined Application Form Preparation, Financial Projections—Guidance only
- Email, Instagram, WhatsApp and LinkedIn Marketing, Business Communication and Content Writing—Guidance only

Contact Details: Surajkiran

• 98842 04918 Voice and WA, surajkiranv@gmail.com

Location: Auroville

Regards, Surajkiran

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
- Indigo have partnered with Turkish Airlines to expand our network to 30+* destinations across Europe. In addition to supporting Indigo direct services to Istanbul, this association expands the choices available to customers for journeys beyond Turkey. This codeshare between the two airlines provides customers a seamless end-to-end travel experience, from ticket booking to boarding connecting flights using one reservation. You can now start booking flights to the following countries from India and get ready for a great trip;



* Bulgaria, Spain, Netherlands, Greece, Belgium, Hungary, Denmark, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, Malta, France, Czech Republic, Israel, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Portugal

Keep all Covid vaccination documents as some countries are again requesting to present them. This could be even the case while returning to India. Keep in mind that one Indian state has introduced wearing masks in public spaces and Kerala is recommending it too.

Joster

FREE STORE SUMMER HOURS

Dear Aurovilians & NewComers,

- the Free Store will be open **Monday to Saturday** in the mornings only from 9am to 12:30pm, for the months of May and June 2023.

Please bring the clothes in good condition and clean. We request you to drop your things during opening hours only. A few times we found the clothes soiled by some pets or even didn't get the dropped things at all.

Thank you for your collaboration!

With Love & Light, The Free Store Team,
Kamala & Vijaya



SOLAR KITCHEN WILL BE CLOSED

on Friday & Saturday, 12 & 13 May

Dear Community, Solar Kitchen will be closed on this Friday & Saturday, 12 & 13 May for both lunch & dinner.

We are taking this break for our team annual tour and the kitchen maintenance work.

Thank you for your support & understanding .

Love, Solar Kitchen Team

AV BAKERY & CAFE WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 18—20 May

Dear community members, AV Bakery & Cafe will be closed from 18 to 20 May (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) for the annual tour.

- Please pick your 18.05.23 (Thursday) order on Wednesday (17.05.23).

We will reopen on Monday, the 22 May.

With regards, AV Bakery Team

CLOSURE OF LA TERRACE

Friday, 19 May to Monday 22 May



La Terrace remains closed for annual tour and annual Clean-Up from Friday, 19 May to Monday 22 May.

- We are happy to see you again on Tuesday, 23 May!

Angelika for La Terrace

Poetry

ENDLESS

Everything is a means towards an endless end.

The endless is the Vision that is also an Action.

Here in Auroville that Vision-in-Action is no secret.

It was already a Divine Revelation out in the open,
Already Willed, decreed by the Absolute Supreme
Through Its direct emanations the Double Avatar
Our founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

We are all simply acting the drama out on that account
Modulated by larger complementary forces of The Play.

Complex, intensely dynamic, complete, supramental,
Beyond the comprehension of mere mortals.

But True Aurovilians are no mere mental humans
Even the guests visiting are already becoming divine
Their souls bringing them here for the same ends:

To fully discover that they are none other
Than That whom they are after:

The Divine.

Here's the Mother in Her unusual revelations
The Vision-Goal for the willing servitors to ponder
What to do next in this marvellous adventure
Leading towards a Life Divine for all
Here on Mother Earth the beautiful:

Notes on the Way, Volume 11, pages 307-324

There are only twenty-four hours per earthday,
So focus on that for now to fully understand
The ongoing means to an endless Divine.

Zech, 2023.05.07

'The world is not an unhappy accident, it is a marvel moving towards its expression.' Sri Aurobindo

DO NOT EXPECT ANYTHING LESS

Time is the movement of One Consciousness-Force.

Space is the extension of One Consciousness-Force.

As only Its projection, this One Consciousness-Force is not limited by space-time.

Every unique being is this One Consciousness-Force, self-limited only by Its Own hierarchy of becomings.

You are ultimately That, Unbound, and therefore can manifest That in Your Own Play of Space-Time.

Life is Your Own Divine Play with infinite co-Players.

As only one of Its infinite projections, relative beingness is limited by space-time. For now your beingness is termed Homo sapiens. Transitional. Not final. Simply a holographic projection of a relative, limited consciousness. Although intensely felt and experienced.

The Goal of Your Divine Play is psychophysical union. A Yoga of you the limited self with Your Limitless Self.

You just have to discover how to hack your self out from the Self-limitations of Your Own Play.

Tip: do not expect anything less from this Divine Play created by Your One Supreme Self. It's supposed to be challenging. Otherwise it's boring and not worth playing. Also it's karmic. You are playing with none other than the multitudinous, unique versions of your self. Dynamic. You can reposition and retransform your self anywhere within this cosmic hierarchy of space-time. You just have to discover how.

Enjoy! Zech, 2023.05.01

Community Sharings

OPEN LETTER

TO ANU ET AL REGARDING NEWS & NOTES

Dear Anu et al, this is in response to the massbulletin sent by you on 1 May 2023.

We are indeed confused and outraged by the forced hijack of the News & Notes that happened in December 2022, when you threatened the editors with legal consequences if they continued publishing contents from the working groups duly selected by the Residents' Assembly.

It is clear from your latest Massbulletin and your actions so far that you stand with censorship, despite it being against all teachings of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Still today, we fail to understand how fellow Aurovilians can act in such a blatant disregard of Auroville's values.

On our end, we stand for inclusivity, we stand for diversity, we stand for allowing different perspectives the freedom to co-exist, we stand for unity.

We stand with the Auroville Council and their decision to uphold the community's ethics and those of the News & Notes, by restoring a publication platform which includes all views—both ours, yours and others, irrespective of how much we may agree or disagree with them.

What is asked from us Aurovilians is to work towards mutuality, integration and a higher synthesis. These are also the values and principles that we are upholding in the courts.

It is never too late to take a step back and introspect.

For the time being, we invite all residents to send their publications to newsandnotes@auroville.services. We will continue, together with the other working groups selected by the Residents' Assembly, to aim at integration and to uphold our core value of unity in diversity.

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

I COULD HAVE DONE BETTER

As I reflect on my past experiences as a member of several working groups and subgroups in Auroville, including TDC, FAMC (TDC rep), and WC, I recognise that I could have done better. Looking back, I realise I fell short of my expectations and should have reflected and questioned more. When I was there ten years ago, these groups comprised members from both sides of the current divide.

As members of Auroville, we are all working towards common goals, and we must hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of integrity, honesty, and self-reflection. We must recognise our shortcomings and commit to doing better in the future.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere regret.

Min

Voices and Notes

THE GNOSTIC BEING

A supramental or gnostic race of beings would not be a race made according to a single type, molded in a single fixed pattern; for the law of the supermind is unity fulfilled in diversity, and therefore there would be an infinite diversity in the manifestation of the gnostic consciousness although that consciousness would still be one in its basis, in its constitution, in its all revealing and all-uniting order. It is evident that the triple status of the supermind would reproduce itself as a principle in this new manifestation: there would be below it and yet belonging to it the degrees of the overmind and intuitive gnosis with the souls that had realized these degrees of the ascending consciousness; there would be also at the summit, as the evolution in Knowledge proceeded, individual beings who would ascend beyond a supermind formulation and reach from the highest height of supermind to the summits of unitarian self-realization in the body which must be the last and supreme state of the epiphany of the Creation. But in the supramental race itself, in the variation of its degrees, the individuals would not be cast according to a single type of individuality; each would be different from the other, a unique formation of the Being, although one with all the rest in foundation of self and sense of oneness and in the principle of his being. It is only this general principle of the supramental existence of which we can attempt to form an idea however diminished by the limitations of mental thought and mental language. A more living picture of the gnostic being supermind only could make; for the mind some abstract outlines of it are alone possible. The gnosis is the effective principle of the Spirit, a highest dynamis of the spiritual existence. The gnostic individual would be the consummation of the spiritual man; his whole way of being, thinking, living, acting would be governed by the power of a vast universal spirituality. All the trinities of the Spirit would be real to his self-awareness and realized in his inner life. All his existence would be fused into oneness with the transcendent and universal Self and Spirit; all his action would originate from and obey the supreme Self and Spirit's divine governance of Nature. All life would have to him the sense of the Conscious Being, the Purusha within, finding its self-expression in Nature; his life and all its thoughts, feelings, acts would be filled for him with that significance and built upon that foundation of its reality. He would feel the presence of the Divine in every center of his consciousness, in every vibration of his life-force, in every cell of his body. In all the workings of his force of Nature he would be aware of the workings of the supreme World-Mother, the Supernature; he would see his natural being as the becoming and manifestation of the power of the World-Mother. In this consciousness he would live and act in an entire transcendent freedom, a complete joy of the spirit, an entire identity with the cosmic self and a spontaneous sympathy with all in the universe. All beings would be to him his own selves, all ways and powers of consciousness would be felt as the ways and powers of

his own universality. But in that inclusive universality there would be no bondage to inferior forces, no deflection from his own highest truth: for this truth would envelop all truth of things and keep each in its own place, in a relation of diversified harmony, — it would not admit any confusion, clash, infringing of boundaries, any distortion of the different harmonies that constitute the total harmony. His own life and the world life would be to him like a perfect work of art; it would be as if the creation of a cosmic and spontaneous genius infallible in its working out of a multitudinous order. The gnostic individual would be in the world and of the world, but would also exceed it in his consciousness and live in his self of transcendence above it; he would be universal but free in the universe, individual but not limited by a separative individuality. The true Person is not an isolated entity, his individuality is universal; for he individualizes the universe: it is at the same time divinely emergent in a spiritual air of transcendental infinity, like a high cloud-surpassing summit; for he individualizes the divine Transcendence.'

Sri Aurobindo, The Life Divine pg. 1007-1008

Soham's comment: Ananda is the very essence of the Brahman, it is the Supreme nature of its Omnipresent Reality!

Soham

PUPPETMASTERS AND PUPPETS

The occult forces Mental and Vital Overlords, puppetmasters of their sleeping human puppets, have been at this brutal entertainment game even before modern humans evolved. That is why man is transitional, because they are in the lower position of the cosmic hierarchy of beings. Mere poor puppets.

That is also why the Double Supramental Avatar came to put an end to these undivine forces, proclaiming that most humans have an evolutionary divine psychic being that can transform beyond the limitations and slavery of the triune worlds physical-vital-mental of the falsehood and the Ignorance and therefore divine gods in the making.

Of course these pesky but very powerful undivine forces will keep at what they do best until the very last moment, even proclaiming that they will create as much chaos and mayhem as possible before they are dissolved, as what the Mother revealed when She met the Asura of Falsehood, the Lord of Nations who possessed Hitler, during World War II. But as Sri Aurobindo reveals : *'So long as the old gods are alive, the breaking or depression of the body which they animate is a small matter, for they know well how to transmigrate.'* And so they continue their sinister acts with ignorant humans as disposable puppets.

Anyone can choose to be puppets of these undivine forces or as willing servitors of the Divine Consciousness. It's just a matter of consenting choice.

A Life Divine on Earth is just a matter of time now. Don't waste your precious life not being able to fully participate in this Great Cosmic Game. We are fortunate enough to have been brought to this City of Dawn, consciously or not. It's quite a concentrated battlefield though, obviously as what we are experiencing, similar to the Battle of Kurukshetra of the Bhagavad Gita wherein the Divine Warriors of Dharma eventually vanquish the fallen adharmic puppets of the undivine.

That is why it is most important to fully unveil all the revelations of our Avatar founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother to the wider global community, foremost here in their Auroville, where so many so called Aurovilians are so ignorant of being played by these undivine forces of falsehood and the Ignorance. Some are even denying Sri Aurobindo and the Mother, and the fact that they are in Mother India Herself, the Guru of the World, that vibrates with thousands of years of occult knowledge. The purpose of Auroville is to consciously help usher in a Life Divine on Earth:

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

To all players, what else can we say... we need the contrasts to painfully co-learn from each other.

Anyway, this unstoppable Supramental Age has started towards the full blossoming of the Golden Satya Yuga, the Divine Manifestation of the Supramental being. Very intense, but there's no stopping it now.

To anyone who's still not sure what action to take, the easiest and most joyful Sunlit Path of Surrender to the Divine awaits...

Or just go to the library, actual and virtual, to carefully read and understand and apply the guidance of our founders Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

**Om Namo Bhagavate,
Zech, 2023.05.03**

Auroville Radio

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Peace and Love

Regards, Wobbli

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

ANGAM TREE HOLISTIC WELLNESS



Angam Tree is based in Auroville, an international township supported by the United Nations. We are 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

conscious lifestyle. To together achieve a better and sustainable future in wellness for each individual and their communities.

Traditional Bodywork based on principles of ancient Indian medicine science of Siddha Varma Kalai originating in Tamil Nādu, Southern India. It is one of the oldest systems of medicine in India. The service is focused on ensuring the continuity of the ancient and traditional arts of wellness and therapy handed down through generations. The word healing is the channeling and re-balancing the energy points in the body. Using the therapeutic use of touch, sound and movement reduce stress and anxiety.

Our activity has the following sub-centres:

- Arunachala Sound Healing Therapy
- Nattiyakkalai Movement Arts Therapy
- Siddha Varma Kalai Massage Therapy

Angam Tree Wellness Hut is reaching out to people as a member of the healing community. You can learn more about us at www.angamtree.com

**For Angam Tree, Raja Narayanasamy,
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MOTHER'S MUDRAS

Mother's Mudras in a Tai-chi Form.

- Every Tuesday at 4:30 at Savitri Bhavan.

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

Everybody Welcome. Facilitator: Anandi ayūn

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



HALF-DAY VIPASSANA COURSE

Every Sunday, 8:30am—12:30pm @ Udavi School

All old students of Vipassana meditation as taught by S.N. Goenka (www.dhamma.org) having attended at least one 10-day course are welcome to attend a half-day Vipassana course at Udavi School in Auroville.



- **Date:** Every Sunday
- **Timings:** 8:30am—12:30pm but you can also drop in and join as long as you wish.

No registration is required.

- **Venue:** Udavi School (building on the left when you are at the front entrance), near Tank in Edayanchavadi (Auroville).
- **Contact:** Sanjay Tumati, +91 8790982210WA, sanjay@aurauro.com

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HEARTFULL® MEDITATION WITH AVANTIKA

- **Savitri Bhavan**
May 16, 23, 30 2023, Tuesdays, 9—10am
- **Arka Guest House**
May 17, 24, 31 2023, Wednesdays, 9—10am

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

The Mother

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

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

- Please contact Avantika at avantikaLight@gmail.com for any questions.

Avantika

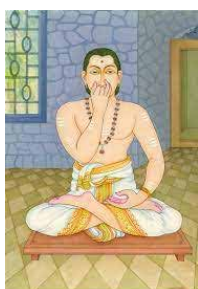
PRANAYAMA AND MEDITATION CLASS

Soon, I am going to start a Pranayama and Meditation class in SAWCHU, possibly from 15 May, Tuesday morning, four days a week.

If you are interested, for more information and registration, please WA or e-mail me

9090819998 WA,
arabinda@auroville.org.in

Aravind



ARKA WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL Regular activities, May 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

QUIET HEALING CENTER



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

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Pregnant Women Classes w/Appie & Friederike

- Monday 22 & 29 May 2023, 9:30—11am

Experience the relaxing and connecting benefits of floating in warm water. You are invited to come with or without your partner or birth-attendant.

Submitted by Guy



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VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

Pre-registration required

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programming@verite.in

www.verite.in

Healthy Spine with Yoga, with Rebeca

• Saturday, 20 May, 9:30am—12pm

Yoga asana is an excellent way to maintain a healthy spine: improving posture, increasing mobility, strengthening stabilizing muscles and promoting relaxation for a more balanced state. In this workshop we will briefly understand the anatomy and movements of the spine, followed by a practical session to integrate it. Session is open to all but specially designed for yoga teachers and practitioners.

Freedom from Fear with Dr. Sehdev

• Saturday, 20 May, 2—4:30pm

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

- Fear of Losing Face
- Fear of Loneliness
- Fear of Love & Intimacy
- Fear of Failure

How can one live with full intensity and with all ebbs and tides, without knowing what fears freeze the mighty river of one's life? Drawing from Buddhist Philosophy, existential psychotherapy and Integral Yoga, we will explore both the theoretical underpinnings of the phenomenon of fear and the practical ways of addressing it on a day-to-day basis.

Thushar, Programs Coordinator

WORKSHOPS BY DR. SEHDEV

Freedom from Fear

• Saturday, 13 May, 2—4:30pm



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

Fear of Losing Face, Fear of Loneliness, Fear of Love & Intimacy, Fear of Failure.

How can one live with full intensity and with all ebbs and tides, without knowing what fears freeze the mighty river of one's life?

Yoga of Forgiveness with Dr. Sehdev



• Saturday, 20 May, 2pm—4:30pm

From the Darkness of Hatred & Indifference, to the Light of Forgiveness is a momentous step. From Fear & Festering Revenge, to the Courage of Being is the True Journey of the Spirit. We must let go of what ties us to the prison bars, and dream once again of Freedom. In this freedom alone lies our true Redemption.

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

Submitted by Sehdev

SHIATSU—AN ART OF TOUCH

Mondays, 22 and 29 May, 2—4pm @ Budokan

(continues)

A six day seminar to deepen or begin (with a small additional preparation) Your Journey in Shi-atsu'—thumb-pressure'.



Shiatsu brings with its practice 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 certain 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 harmonising exercises and ways to move for your daily practise.

- This course is part of the second of four Seminar-Series spanning over the next 2—3 years for a complete Shiatsu Practitioner training.
- Mondays, 22 and 29 May, 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-work@gmail.com, 9751513906 (WA, Signal, Telegram)!

- Certificate given on Completion of the Course

Ulrike

TRADITIONAL

MANTRA & STOTRA CHANTING CLASSES

**Traditional
Mantra & Stotra
Chanting Classes**

at Serendipity Community

Friday 17:00 (Regular class)
Thursay 10:30 (Drop-in class)

with Sonia Novaes

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2023 EDITION OF HANDS ON DOCUMENTARY Film Workshop in Ladakh

Last call for applications for :

- 2023 Edition of Hands On Documentary Film Workshop in Ladakh !
- from 5 June to 16 July (6 weeks)



The 6 weeks workshop will be anchored around the themes of human ecology, urbanization and material culture. Based out of the old town of Leh, the sites of exploration will extend to Skurbuchan, Photoksar in western Ladakh, Ensa and Turkuk in the Nubra Valley, Puga in Changthang. The Participants will be mentored to make their own short films.

We are looking forward to drawing people 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.

Special call for young academics, cinema enthusiasts and explorers from Auroville and the bioregion!

To know more and register, 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)

THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE REAL

27 & 28 May, 14:30—18:30 IST_Online.

Pleased to invite you all to: an online week-end session with Film-maker and Academician, Deb Kamal Ganguly, titled: The Encounter With The Real



The session will focus on documentaries of shorter duration, which were made through a significant interaction of the maker with a space.

The examples of the films would provide some ideas about the modes of interaction with a space through image and sound capturing devices, like: creating a specific image-definition of a space; sensing the temporal rhythm of a space; getting into the inner invisible qualities of a space; creating a network of spatial compositions, characters, ob-

jects, movements, gestures emanating from a space, and, rearranging and realigning those relations to arrive at a significant audio-visual experiential form generated from that encounter.

The session would also indicate towards an artisanal and materialistic approach where the iconic-indexical nature of 'profilmic' image gathered from reality gradually may lead the creative mind of the maker towards various possibilities of churning of ideas and abstractions—as opposed to the more familiar practice, where preconceived ideas are put in operation in a given space.

- To know more and register, please visit:

<https://filminstitute.auroville.org>

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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	15 May	Screening	The Society of Spectacle (Guy Debord; 1974, 88mins.) You don't hate Mondays, you hate capitalism. Satirical and self-critical film adaptation of Guy Debord's theoretical masterpiece, and a frontal attack on the all-encompassing spectacle we live in.
Tuesday	16 May	Screening	Introduction to the End of an Argument (Jayce Salloum, Elia Sulieman; 1990, 41 mins.) This highly kinetic tableaux of up-rooted sights and sounds works most earnestly to expose the racial biases concealed in familiar images
Wednesday	17 May	Presentation	'Nostalgia of the Migrant' by Debkamal Ganguly A research proposal in artistic practice, where using concepts and strategies of creation and evocation of cinematic spaces, the phenomenological states of the condition of being migrant would be explored.
Thursday	18 May	Reading	Gazing at The Third Apple: Decoding Prabhakar Barwe's Visual Cognition by Jesal Thacker Decoding Indian painter, Barwe's practice through observation of his paintings, writings and notations against the backdrop of a psychological and philosophical context
Friday	19 May	Presentation	Exploring Orientalist Ideas of Indian Spirituality A query and a discussion moderated by Surya M.

- For more information write to support_filminstitute@auroville.org.in

or contact AVFI fellow Swanand: 8956126016 WA

Warmly, Richa

THE FRENCH PAVILION PRESENTS:

The Kabbalah and the Language of Cells

• Saturday, 13 May, 5pm, Town Hall—Cinema Paradiso

Filmed Conference by Daniel Souffir, Kabbalist and Energeticist: in French with English subtitles, duration: 60 min

Long distorted by centuries of ignorance and obscurantism, Kabbalah is today experiencing an unprecedented resurgence of interest. An age-old and secret science, transmitted in the past from master to disciples, Kabbalah is above all the science of RECEIVING (in Hebrew "KIBBEL": to receive; and "KAB-BALAH": received, welcome). Well understood, the Kabbalah becomes this Sacred Science which makes it possible to explain the Universe while acting on it. It thus represents not only the synthesis of the physical and metaphysical worlds, but it provides us with the instructions for use.

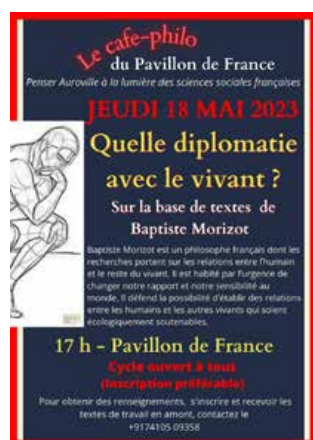
For an hour, Daniel Souffir talks to us about our cells with simplicity and intelligence, with the heart, and thus makes this complicated area more accessible. How to speak to our cells with awareness? "What is true for God is true for us. What is true for God and us is true for us and our cells." "We are children of the Divine and we are cells of God. We are God for our cells and they are our children."

Which Diplomacy with the Living ?

A series of workshops to discover some major works of recent French social sciences. A selection of excerpts from texts or interviews will be offered for reading a few days in advance, then will be read together on the day of the workshop in order to exchange and debate about these theoretical proposals. As a second step, it will be a question of drawing together the possible applications of these thoughts in the Auroville context.

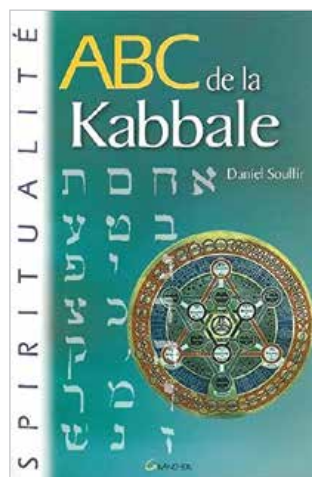
Workshop 3: Which Diplomacy with the Living ?

- Based on the work of Baptiste Morizot
- Thursday, 18 May, 5pm, duration 1h30
- At Pavillon de France, In French



This third workshop is based on the work of Baptiste Morizot. Baptiste Morizot is a French philosopher born in 1983, whose research focuses on the relationship between humans and the rest of the living. Doctor of philosophy, he is currently a lecturer at the University of Aix en Provence. Like the researchers we have discussed previously (Philippe Descola and Cynthia Fleury), he is driven by the urgency of changing our relationship and our sensitivity to the world. He explores the possibilities of

communication between humans and living beings, based on attention and conflict resolution. This is what he develops in his concept of "diplomacy". He bases his work on his practice of tracking animals such as wolves, bears or panthers. At the crossroads of philosophy, anthropology and political ecology, he seeks to establish the foundations of a more sustainable relationship with the world by exploring and experimenting with the aspects of human intelligence that are at stake.



To prepare before the workshop, we provide the article that we will work on during the workshop "New alliances with the earth. A diplomatic cohabitation with the living." (In french) , as well as the link of the interview "[Entretien sur le sauvage](#)", available on youtube.

- Participants will need to understand the French language for this workshop.
- Prior registration is preferable and you can get the excerpts/texts by writing to us at france@auroville.org.in.

Thank you, Vivekan and Jean-François

A CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS:

8th Edition of the Auroville Film Festival

The 8th Edition of the Auroville Film Festival will take place in January 2024. We are now open for submissions, films for the three local categories are to be entered using the form on our website <https://film-festival.auroville.org/submissions-2024/>:



1. Films made by Aurovilians, bioregion residents or guests of Auroville
2. Films made about Auroville / bioregion
3. Films made by students of Auroville / bioregion

Students 17yrs old and below are eligible to enter films in the students category. Films produced after August 15, 2021 are eligible for above 3 categories and the deadline for submission is September 15, 2023.

A note to prolific filmmakers: please do make a selection of the best! In this edition we have decided on screening only 30hrs of films in total (the last editions screened 50hrs!).

- Entries for the international category of "Films that develop the theme of human unity" are to be submitted via <https://filmfreeway.com/AurovilleFilmFestival>

Films for this category need to be produced in January 2021 or later and the deadline for submission is July 31, 2023.

Please do submit your films to AVFF'24 and help spreading the word.

Submitted by AVFF team

ECO FILM CLUB

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest



Schedule of Events:

- 16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour
 - 16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest
 - 18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club
 - 18:30 Eco Film Club begins with 'previews' of short Sadhana Forest films
 - 20:00 Dinner is served
 - 21:15 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
- Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner! The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.
- **Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00:)

Friday, 19 May

Last Chance to See Special—Return of the Rhino

2007 / 59 minutes / Tim Green

The enterprising adventurers are back in this special episode! They follow the extensive efforts laid out in the journey to conserve the endangered Northern White Rhino. A reassuring episode that talks about the importance of conservation and keeping one's heart even when it seems like all hope is lost.

Submitted by Shek



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
15 May 2023 to 21 May 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 15 May, 8pm
MISSION MANJU

India, 2023, Dir. Shantanu Bagchi w/ Sidharth Malhotra, Rashmika Mandanna, Parmeet Sethi, and others, Drama-History, 129mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

This fiction is based on actual events when following the Indo-Pak 1971 war a secret news came that the latter has created nuclear weapons. A RAW field agent, Amandeep Singh, lives and works in Pakistan as a tailor called Tariq, with a mission to expose the country's covert operation. He marries a blind girl, Nasreen and starts a family with her while being undercover.

Potpourri-Tuesday 16 May, 8pm
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Russia, 2007, Dir. Nikita Mikhalkov w/ Sergey Makovetskiy, Sergey Garmash, and others, Drama-Thriller, 159 mins, Russian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG13

12 jurors are struggling to decide the fate of a Chechen teenager who allegedly killed his Russian stepfather who took the teenager to live with him in Moscow during the Chechen War in which teenager lost his parents. The jurors: a racist taxi-driver, a suspicious doctor, a vacillating TV producer, a Holocaust survivor, a flamboyant musician, a cemetery manager, and others represent the fragmented society of modern day Russia. A stray bird (a touch of New Age cinema) is flying above the jurors' heads, alluding to tolerance.

Interesting-Wednesday 17 May, 8pm
WRITING WITH FIRE

India, 2021, Dir. Sushmit Ghosh & Rintu Thomas w/ Meera Devi, Shyamkali Devi, Suneeta Prajapati, and others, Documentary, 92mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

This acclaimed and inspiring film captures the story of the women journalists at Khabar Lahariya, India's only all-female-run news organization. It depicts what it means to be a woman and a journalist in the marginalized communities today amidst the millennia-old caste system, traditions, sexual violence against women and corruption. A powerhouse of a movie, clearly showcasing that there is no limit to what a woman can accomplish—what empowerment really means! *A powerful film we are re-screening on popular request.*

German-Thursday 18 May, 8pm
OH BOY (Oh boy)

Germany, 2012, Dir. Jan-Ole Gerster w/ Tom Schilling, Marc Hosemann, Friederike Kempfer, and others, Comedy, 83 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan. Shot in black and white. One fateful day in the life of Berlin Hipster Niko, who lives for the moment, oblivious to his growing status as an outsider until he's forced to confront the consequences of his inaction. But all Niko wants is a decent cup of coffee...

International-Saturday, 20 May, 8pm
APOLLO 10 1/2: A SPACE AGE ADVENTURE

USA, 2022, Dir. Richard Linklater w/, Milo Coy, Jack Black, and others, Animation-Adventure, 97 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG13

The story of the first moon landing in the summer of 1969 from two interwoven perspectives. It both captures the astronaut and mission control view of the triumphant moment, and the lesser-seen bottom-up perspective of what it was like from an excited kid's perspective, living near NASA but mostly watching it on TV like hundreds of millions of others. It's ultimately both an exacting re-creation of this special moment in history and a kid's fantasy about being plucked from his average life in suburbia to secretly train for a covert mission to the moon.

Children's Matinee-Sunday, 21 May, 4:30pm
BENJI

USA, 2018, Dir. Brandon Camp w/ Gabriel Bateman, Darby Camp, Jerod Haynes, and others, Action-Drama, 87 mins, English, Rated: PG

In this heartfelt adventure told from the dog's point of view, two school kids strike up a friendship with an orphaned puppy named Benji. When danger befalls them and they end up kidnapped by robbers, Benji and his sidekick come to the rescue. (Some action scenes can be scary)



Woody Allen @ Ciné-Club Sunday 21 May, 8pm
HANNAH AND HER SISTERS

USA, 1986, Dir. Woody Allen w/ Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest, Michael Caine, and others, Drama-Comedy, 107 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

The film tells the intertwined stories of an extended family over two years that begins and ends with a family Thanksgiving dinner. The first of each gathering is in a time of contentment, the second in a time of trouble, and the third showing what happens after the resolution of the troubles.

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SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	7:19	9:09	15:09
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Ashram Dinning Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35



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SBI Bank—Kuilapalayam	8:25	12:40	18:35
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Certitude	8:32	12:47	18:42
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