



# News Notes

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*Thou art man and woman, boy and girl; old and worn thou walkest bent over a staff;  
... thou art the blue bird and the green and the scarlet-eyed...*

*Swetaswatara Upanishad*

*This whole world is filled with beings who are His members.*

*Swetaswatara Upanishad*

## Pondering



Ancient Indian thought meant by knowledge a consciousness which possesses the highest Truth in a direct perception and in self-experience; to become, to be the Highest that we know is the sign that we really have the knowledge. ..; our aim must be to grow into our true being, our being of Spirit, the being of the supreme and universal Existence, Consciousness, Delight, Sachchidananda. All our existence depends on that Existence, it is that which is evolving in us; we are a being of that Existence, a state of consciousness of that Consciousness, an energy of that conscious Energy, a will-to-delight of being, delight of consciousness, delight of energy born of that Delight...

*Progress to Knowledge—God, Man and Nature  
The Life Divine, Sri Aurobindo*

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# House of Mother's Agenda

## The Transformation

The manifestation of the Spirit in a supramental consciousness and in a new body, a new race, is something as inevitable as was the advent of Homo sapiens after the primates. The only real question now is whether this new evolution will take place with us or without us. This is how Sri Aurobindo expressed the dilemma: If a spiritual unfolding on earth is the hidden truth of our birth into Matter, if it is fundamentally an evolution of consciousness that has been taking place in Nature, then man as he is cannot be the last term of that evolution: he is too imperfect an expression of the spirit, mind itself a too limited form and instrumentation; mind is only a middle term of consciousness, the mental being can only be a transitional being. If, then, man is incapable of exceeding mentality, he must be surpassed and supermind and superman must manifest and take the lead of the creation. But if his mind is capable of opening to what exceeds it, then there is no reason why man himself should not arrive at supermind and supermanhood or at least lend his mentality, life and body to an evolution of that greater term of the Spirit manifesting in Nature. We are facing, Sri Aurobindo says, a new crisis of transformation as crucial as the crisis that marked the appearance of Life in Matter, or the appearance of Mind in Life. Our own choice is crucial, too, because this time, instead of having Nature to do her work of transmutation without much concern for existing contingencies, we can become conscious collaborators in our own evolution, accept the challenge, or, as Sri Aurobindo says, let ourselves be surpassed.

## Future Prospects

What will this new race be like? To understand the goal is already a great step on the way, because to understand and to aspire for that Future opens up an invisible door within us through which forces greater than our own can enter, and this means the beginning of our collaboration. Indeed, it is not our own human forces that will effect the transition to the supermind but an increasingly conscious surrender to the Force above.

We have already suggested what the consciousness of the supramental being might be like, but it is worth repeating with Sri Aurobindo that supermanhood is not man climbed to his own natural zenith, not a superior degree of human greatness, knowledge, power, intelligence, will, character, genius, dramatic force, saintliness, love, purity or perfection. Supermind is something beyond mental man and his limits. Driven to the extreme, Mind can only harden man, not divinize him or even simply give him joy, for the Mind is an instrument of division, and all its hierarchies are inevitably based upon domination, whether religious, moral, political, economic, or emotional, since by its very constitution it is incapable of embracing the totality of human truths—and even when it is capable of embracing, it is still incapable of implementation. Ultimately, if collective evolution had nothing better to offer than a pleasant mixture



of human and social "greatness," Saint Vincent de Paul and Mahatma Gandhi with a dash of Marxism-Leninism and paid vacations thrown in, then we could not help concluding that such a goal would be even more insipid than the millions of "golden birds" or the string quartets at the summit of individual mental evolution. If so many thousands of years of suffering and striving culminated only in this sort of truncated earthly parade, then Pralaya or any of the other cosmic disintegrations promised by the ancient traditions might not be so bad after all.

If our mental possibilities, even at their zenith, are not adequate, our vital and physical ones are even less so. It is doubtful whether the Spirit, when it manifests in a supreme consciousness, will be satisfied with a body subject to the physical laws of gravity and decay, and whether it will accept as its sole means of expression the limited range of our mental language, the pen, the etching knife, or the brush. This means that Matter will have to change. Such is the purpose of "Transformation," and it begins with our own immediate matter, the body. In the spiritual tradition the body has been regarded as an obstacle, incapable of spiritualisation or transmutation and a heavy weight holding the soul to earthly nature and preventing its ascent either to spiritual fulfillment in the Supreme or to the dissolution of its individual being in the Supreme. But while this conception of the role of the body in our destiny is suitable enough for a sadhana [discipline] that sees earth only as a field of the ignorance and earth-life as a preparation for a saving withdrawal... it is insufficient for a sadhana which conceives of a divine life upon earth and liberation of earth-nature itself as a part of a total purpose of the embodiment of the spirit here. If a total transformation of the being is our aim, a transformation of the body must be an indispensable part of it; without that no full divine life on earth is possible.

*(to be continued next week)*

Satprem,  
The Adventure of Consciousness,  
Chapter 17,  
The Transformation

[https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure\\_of\\_consciousness\\_e.htm#060](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#060)

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



# Townhall Speaks

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 184

Dated: 8-06-2023

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

## NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:



Madhuri



Robin



Sasikala

- Madhuri K (Indian) staying in Annapurna and working at Annapurna Farm
- Robin BAUMES (French) staying in Gaia and working at Eco service and LEC
- Sasikala SIVAKUMARAN (Indian) staying in Youth Camp and working at Tanto

## CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Kaashvigurshita (Indian) born on 05/06/2018 (daughter of Sasikala)

## AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:



Chakarapani



Kaniyamudhan



Karan



Rashmi

- Chakarapani SAKTHIVEL (Indian) staying in Humanscape and working at Housing Service
- Kaniyamudhan AYYANAR (Indian) staying in Muyachee and working at Solar Kitchen
- Karan WILSON (Indian) staying in Maitreye II and working at PTDC
- Rashmi NARAYANA (Indian) staying in Courage and working at Maatram

**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)*

## 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](mailto:auroville.entryservice@gmail.com)

## Entry Service Closed

We are closed for 2 weeks until 19 June and we will respond to you later.

*Warmly, William for The Entry Service*

## WORKSHOPS AND SPORTING EVENTS

### SPONSORSHIPS

This circular is to inform that any Workshops or Sporting Events or other hosting of activities within Auroville that solicits sponsorship support for the conducting of the said events should route all monies via the established Unity Fund donation channel.

After the event is completed, the event organizers are required to submit a proper utilization report to the Funds & Assets Management Committee. A donation channeling modality is being set up by FAMC and all the donations received via the Unity Fund, Indian or Foreign, need to follow the procedures.

All Aurovilians, teams, units or services who are preparing a sponsored event relatable to Auroville are to take note and inform FAMC.

*Best regards, Sathyanarayan,  
Accounts Officer*

# Community News

## Passing On

### MIRAJYOTI PASSES



At 4:30am in the morning, on Wednesday 3 June, Aurovillian Mirajyoti (Jyoti Sobel) left her body at her room at Arka at the age of 94. She had a dual USA/French nationality.

Mirajyoti had a rather eventful life, about which she wrote some years ago:

"I was born on October 22, 1929, in Paris, France, from a French father and a Russian mother, and lived with my parents from 1931 to 1945 in Cambodia and Viet-Nam, while going back to the West

to visit our families every 2 and a half years.

In September 1939, we landed in South Vietnam with the last French boat to leave France, and were "stuck" in Indochina during WWII, including during the Japanese occupation of the country from 1942 to 1945.

In 1945, we were repatriated to France and two years later my father decided to migrate to Montreal, Canada, where I studied one year in an English high school, then 4 years at the University McGill, where I graduated from in 1952 with a B.A. in English and French literature.

In 1952, I returned to France and studied at the Sorbonne, Paris, towards a final English-teaching French degree, which I did not complete because my husband was posted in French-speaking Africa, at the University of Dakar, Senegal, and we had three children from 1957 to 1960. In 1962, I went back to France, and had a divorce in 1967.

In 1973, I came for the first time to Pondicherry and the Ashram just one month after Mother had left her body. I stayed only one month but returned in October 1974 and stayed in the Ashram till 1978 when I had to leave to make money in the USA. Two years later I came back, returning for good, first to the Ashram and then, after 12 years in the Ashram, Mother "called" me to Auroville in 2001.

My main work has been editing the Ashram's compilations of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo in French, or English, and also working on my own music compilation -- what They have said and written about music, which would be useful to music teachers of both the Ashram and Auroville. I also helped, when requested, with receiving German groups who wish to meet an Aurovilian during their stay and hear about "The Integral Yoga", and "Living the Integral Yoga".

Mirajyoti will be missed in Arka and environs. Her dedication and friendly, outgoing nature were evident throughout the years, and her work on Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's texts will remain forever.

Her body has been taken to Farewell and, as per her request, can be visited "from 10—12 noon and the rest in silence".

Data re the burial will be decided and shared after the arrival of her daughter Claire from France.

OM,  
The Farewell Team

### MIRAJYOTHI

Mirajyothi was a rare example of old sadhak, a species now almost extinguished. Over-enthusiastic, living in a wondrous world she believed was unavoidable, her faith was unshakable.

Very generous. When in 2002 I took to the Ashram's Exhibition Hall, the first and only official Auroville exhibition since the SAS war, she offered to pay for my stay in an Ashram guest house so that I did not have to commute daily.

Of all the work she did, the most fantastic one is her publication on the planes of the mind, which the Ashram keeps printing over and again and has inspired many.

In Their arms forever, task fulfilled!

Paulette

### GOWRI RAMAN PASSES ON

At 3:30pm on Monday, 5 June, Aurovilian Gowri Raman of Service Farm (next to the Promesse community) passed away in JIPMER hospital due to kidney failure at the young age of 48. Having been on dialysis for the last 4 years, a week ago her situation worsened and she was taken to JIPMER.



Gowri was one of the bright and hardworking Aurovilians who will be missed at her various working places. She was born in Douceur (earlier known as Udayan community) and had four sisters Lakshmi, Kala, Vishwa and Rajeswari. She followed her education at Transition and Last School after which she worked and learned about farming at Discipline Farm. Later she became part of the Farm Group and Foodlink and actively ran the Service Farm for several years.

Gowri was married to Raman (earlier of Land Board) and has two children, Dhiviyabharathi (30) and Dhiviyaprasad (28). She has one grandson, Dhruvan.

Dearly thanking Gowri for having been with us, our condolences go out to her husband, children and extended family.

OM

## *Matrimandir Notes*

### CONDITIONS FOR PERFORMANCES in the Park of Unity of the Matrimandir



Auroville, "the city of dawn" founded by the Mother, is based on Sri Aurobindo's vision of the future. The aim and ideal of Auroville is human unity.

The Matrimandir, at the center of Auroville is not a temple in the conventional sense of the word; "it is the soul of Auroville", "the shrine" of "the Universal Mother according to Sri Aurobindo's teaching", a place for concentration/meditation and finding one's own consciousness.

The Park of Unity is the oval area surrounding the Matrimandir. It consists of the Gardens, the Banyan Tree and the Amphitheatre. The Amphitheatre of the Matrimandir is where the inauguration ceremony of Auroville took place on 28.2.1968. It continues to be the place for the early morning meditation with a bonfire on Auroville's anniversary as well as the Mother's and Sri Aurobindo's Birthdays. It is a place for coming together in aspiration for the manifestation of the ideals of Auroville, a place for coming together in consecration and prayer in its most diverse forms.

Artists and performers from Auroville and elsewhere who would like to make an offering of their art and performance to the Universal Mother are welcome to use this venue for their presentation under the following conditions:

- The artists from outside should have visited Auroville and Matrimandir or at least the Park of Unity and should have been introduced to the project of Auroville and the Mother's vision of it.
- All performances are organized in consultation with the Matrimandir Events Team and the Matrimandir Executive Team.
- Any request to make an offering of a performance or an art at the Amphitheatre has to come from the artists themselves.
- The performer will be informed and must accept that photography and video recording of the event may be done only by the official Auroville photographers and cameramen.
- And that this material will be shared with the artist on condition that it is not used for any kind of promotion or publicity.
- Applause during or at the end of a performance is incompatible with the atmosphere of the Park of Unity and is therefore not encouraged.
- The performance is expected to end with a silent concentration of a few minutes.

*Thank you, Antoine, John H, Judith, Sundar,  
Matrimandir Executive Team*

## *Awakening Spirit*

### DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

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



Submitted by Arun

## SAVITRI BHAVAN

June 2023



### Exhibitions

- **Meditations on Savitri:** The series of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961-67 is now on display in the picture gallery
- **Glimpses of the Mother:** Photographs and texts in the Square Hall
- **A new Bilingual Exhibition on 'Sri Aurobindo: A life sketch in photographs'** with texts both in English and Tamil is displayed in the upper corridor

### Films

- **Mondays at 4pm in the Sangam Hall**
  - **June 19: Journey to the Life Divine, Part 1**—This feature-film covers the lives of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother from childhood onwards until November 1926. It shows the spiritual development and work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and the work they did for the new evolutionary step towards a Life-Divine for mankind and earth. *Duration: 100min.*

- **June 26: Journey to the Life Divine, Part 2**—To create a new world for a spiritual life was the Mother's dream even when she was in France. The second part of the feature-film is about how the Mother and Sri Aurobindo worked this out in the Ashram. *Duration: 90min.*

### Full Moon Gathering

- **Saturday, 3 June, 7:15—8:15pm**  
in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

### Dream Divine Series

The new project 'The Dream Divine Series' started in the month of March 2023 is to make newcomers understand the Aims and Ideals of Auroville and learn about the Life and Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother and Integral Yoga.

- **Wednesday 4:30—5:30pm**, weekly sessions. The series will include Presentations, films, talks, etc., followed by a Q&A session.

### Regular Activities

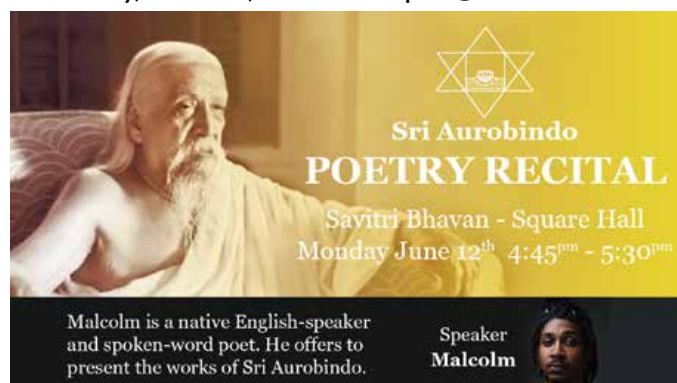
- **Sundays 10:30—12noon:** Savitri Study Circle
- **Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 4—5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Tuesdays 4:30pm:** Mudra-chi led by Anandi
- **Thursdays 4—5pm:** Videos of The English of Savitri led by Shraddhavan
- **Saturdays 4:30—6pm:** Satsang, led by Ashesh Joshi
- **Exhibitions, Main Building and Office** are open Monday to Saturday 9am—5pm
- **Library and Digital Library** is open Monday to Friday 9am—5pm

Everyone is welcome

Submitted by Dhanalakshmi  
for Savitri Bhavan Team

## POETRY RECITAL

Monday, 12 June, 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—I'll have my kalimba. See you there.

*Peace, Love & Soul, Malcolm*

## 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*



## Education

### AUROVILLE LIBRARY

#### Summer opening timings:

- **Mornings:** Monday—Saturday, 9am—12:30pm
- **Afternoons:** Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, 4—6:30pm

#### To give away

The Auroville Library has several copies of books by The Mother, Sri Aurobindo, disciples and others, available in many different languages to give away. If you are interested, please pass by during our working hours.

#### Story time

- At the Auroville Library!
- Every Saturday, 10—11am.

All ages welcome!

Phone: 0413 2622894

Email: [avlib@auroville.org.in](mailto:avlib@auroville.org.in)

Web: [library.auroville.org.in/](http://library.auroville.org.in/)



*Kathrin, for Auroville Library Team*






*The Arts*

## KALAKENDRA PRESENTS


### Dawn of Auroville

- Inauguration: 5:30pm, Saturday, 17 June, 9am – 5pm



Kalakendra - Bharat Nivas  
Presents

The Dawn of  
*Auroville*



**Inauguration: 5.30 pm**  
Date: Saturday 17th June 2023  
Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery - Time: 9am – 5.00 pm  
Office Contact: 0413 2622488

**N.B: DUE TO THE PROPOSED VISIT OF THE  
PRESIDENT OF INDIA THE DATE MAY CHANGE**

Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate

- Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery.
- Office Contact: 0413 2622488

A permanent photographic exhibition with basic information on the conception of Auroville, its inauguration, and the beginning of Matrimandir till November 1973. It has been curated by Sri Aurobindo Ashram Archives in collaboration with Auroville Archives and Bharat Nivas.

- Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate.

## The Blue Light Dance Studio: Exhibition of Odisha Handicrafts

from Bhubaneswar, Odisha

- Inauguration: Saturday, 17 June, 5:30pm
- Dates: 17 June 2023 to 28 February 2024




- Opening Hours: 9am to 5 pm—
- Sundays open: 9am to 1pm only
- Office Contact: 0413 2622488, 8249335483

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## The Colors of Life


Inauguration: Saturday, 17 June, 5:30pm

Date: Saturday, 17—30 June 2023, 9am— 5pm



Kalakendra - Bharat Nivas  
Presents

Art Exhibition : "The Colors of Life"



Paintings (Oil & Acrylic)  
by  
Sathya Arunachalam  
(Aurovilian Artist)

**Venue: Kalakendra Art Gallery**  
**Date: Saturday 17th -30th June 2023**

Oil & Acrylic Paintings by Sathya Arunachalam, Aurovilian Artist @ Kalakendra Art Gallery

Contact: 0413 2622488 & Sathya, 9080371145

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- Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate.



## Kalyanasaugandhikam & Silambatam

• Saturday, 17 June 2023, 6 & 7pm  
at Kalakendra Outdoor Amphitheater



**Kalyanasaugandhikam:** From the Vanaparva episode of the great epic Mahabharata. Bhima and Draupadi, during their exile in the forest. Ottan Thullal A Kerala traditional theater-dance form by the famous and multi awarded, Kalamandalam Artist Sri Suresh Kaliyath at **6pm** at Kalakendra outdoor amphitheater.



**Silambatam:** Silambam is a martial art form of Tamil Nadu. A great Silambam and fire show performed by the famous and multi-awarded Palanivel Veera Silambatam Kuzhu. at **7pm** at Kalakendra outdoor amphitheater.

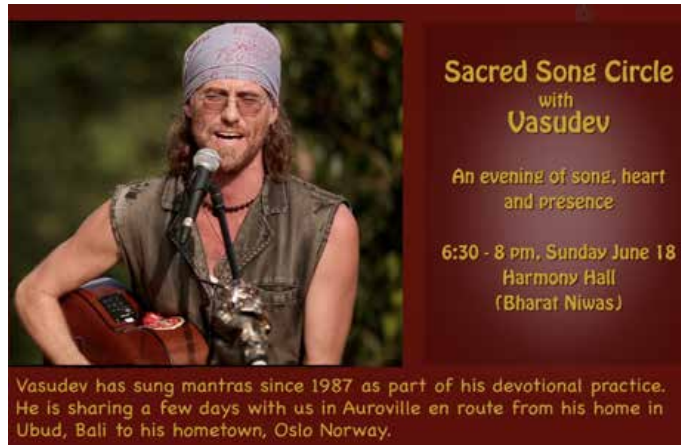
• **Enquiry contact:**  
0413 2622488 & Krishna at 9787-880211

*N.B: Due to the proposed visit of the President of India the date may change*

*Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate  
Regards, Vani, BN Culture Team*

## SACRED SONG CIRCLE with Vasudev

18 June, 6:30— 8 pm @ Harmony Hall, Bhaeat Nivas



A talented singer/musician is coming through Auroville in transit between Bali and Norway and at my request is offering a sacred song circle / kirtan on June 18 at Harmony Hall. Vasudev is a long-term sadhak and mediator who has studied with many spiritual teachers.

*Thank you, Kaia*

*Health Care*



Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

**For Appointment please contact us**

Email: [aurodent@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurodent@auroville.org.in)

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

**Working hours**

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

## SANTÉ SERVICES IN JUNE 2023

### Sante Reduced Working Hours for June

This is to inform all that Sante has reduced working hours in the month of June and is open to the public

• **Monday to Saturday from 9am to 12:30pm.**

This is due to low volume and absences of therapists. The afternoon hours are used for internal work and education. Kindly book an appointment during the opening times.

### Working Hours

• Monday—Saturday, 9—12:30pm

### 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

### Santé Services Schedule

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

• *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 IN ARKA

We would like to share with you that Aurokiya is moving to Arka and will provide a complete Integral Eye Care service to Auroville. Our teleconsultation support with Aravind Eye Hospital will continue. We have a dedicated eye exercise and vision therapy section. The work for bioregion, schools, and workplaces will continue through our outreach activities.

We require your kind support for the shifting process, arrangements, and renovation works.

Our Aurokiya Financial Service Account is 251595.



## Services available at Arka from 5 June

- Emergency eye care services
- Complete eye testing facilities for all eye problems
- Follow-up services for surgeries and consultation from Aravind
- Spectacles, contact lenses, and coolers
- Eye medicines
- Personal guided support to visit Aravind eye hospital
- Eye exercise training, eye yoga sessions, and vision therapy sessions with the support of School for Perfect EyeSight and Natural Eye Care, USA



Thank you for your good wishes for our ongoing service. We will be happy to see you in our new location in Arka in June.

- You can learn more about Aurokiya by visiting our website: <https://www.aurokiya.com/>
- Contact:
  - [aurokiya@auroville.org.in](mailto:aurokiya@auroville.org.in), [aurokiya@gmail.com](mailto:aurokiya@gmail.com)
  - WA/ Mobile: 8012305151

Warmest Regards, Aurosugan  
for the whole Aurokiya team

## MAATRAM WILL STOP OCH TILL END OF JUNE

OCH (Open Consultation Hour)

For appointments please

- Message or call: 90877 09434
- Email: [maatram@auroville.org.in](mailto:maatram@auroville.org.in)
- Website: [maatram.org.in](http://maatram.org.in)
- Location: Mitra Youth Hostel near Town Hall.



Warmly,  
Megha for Maatram

## Animal Care

### 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.



AUROVILLE  
DOG 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

## PUPPY BATHING AND GROOMING DAY!

Sunday, 11 June, 10am @ Auroville Dog Shelter

With summer still raging hot, we invite everyone for a Puppy Bathing and Grooming Day!

Join us next Sunday, 11 June, 10am @ Auroville Dog Shelter to give our puppies a refreshing bath and spoil them with your love!

Groom them, play in the grass, and feed them delicious snacks. A fun day for everyone! Families with children are always welcome!

Thanks, Auroville Dog Shelter, Arthur



## Activities

### GOOGLE WORKSPACE TRAINING SESSION:

Email, Docs, Drive & Calendar

Friday, 16 June, 4—6pm @ Bhumika Hall.



FLOURISH  
Support • Grow • Impact

Learning how to get the best from google workspace can help you save time and improve efficiency in your work—making it easier to find emails/files and collaborate with others in your team.

We are offering a short training session to help you understand how to get the most from your google workspace.

This will include the following:

- **Email:** how to get the most out of email with the least effort
- **Calendar:** how to make sure you remember all your meetings
- **Google Docs & Google Sheets:** how to create and share documents
- **Google Drive:** how to organize documents

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

Google Workspace



The session will be facilitated by Min and hosted by Flourish (a service unit which aims to help create an ecosystem where those working in Auroville can grow and flourish).

- Places will be limited so please email [helen@flourish-av.org](mailto:helen@flourish-av.org) to book your spot or WA Rishi on 9822609229.
- We would encourage you to come as a team where possible.

Many thanks, Helen for Flourish

### 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



## ANALOGUE DARKROOM WORKSHOP

**Sasikanth Somu**

22, 23 and 24 June @ Centre d'Art Gallery, Citadines

### Program & Timings:

- **Thursday, 22 June,**  
2—5pm: Brief look at History of Photography & Introduction to Film Camera.
- **Friday, 23 June,**  
9am—2pm, Film photo shoot (in your own time),  
2pm—5pm, Develop your roll of film.
- **Saturday, 24 June,**  
9am—12:30pm & 2—5pm (one can choose either of these sessions): printing contact sheets & photos in the darkroom.

The workshop fee for Guests: towards 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: [cen-tredart@auroville.org.in](mailto:cen-tredart@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](mailto:sasi@auroville.org.in).

Regards, Sergey, Centre d'Art



## 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](mailto:bakisatadance@gmail.com). **Mani**



## RUPAVATHI JOY ACTIVITIES

### Bio-region Temple Tour

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



### Indian cooking

- Every Monday to Friday after 5pm at Creativity.
- Every Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5 pm



### Thai Massage

- Every day at Creativity

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

- +91 8098845200, Voice and WA
- [rupavathijoy@gmail.com](mailto:rupavathijoy@gmail.com)

Rupavathi Joy

## 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@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in)



Regards, Vani, BN Cultural Team

## BAMBOO CENTRE Workshops June 2023

### Bamboo Centre Campus Tour

Bamboo centre campus tour offers a holistic experience into the world of bamboo all in one place. Takes you from the bamboo sapling, different species, varieties of raw materials, workshops, products, food and wellness services related to bamboo is curated into an educational tour with bamboo tea and refreshments.



### Training and workshop

The importance of Bamboo as an Eco-friendly raw material capable of meeting many needs and is gaining global acceptance among many people.

Being a natural gift to mankind, bamboo is very popular due to its multipurpose use, fast growth, easy propagation, soil binding properties and short gestation period.

- **Daily:** Make and Take Hands On Workshops, Experiences and Educational Tours available

### One-Day Make and Take Workshops

#### Furniture Workshop

- 9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Registration one day in advance.

This Immersive Learning Experience that offers the Opportunity to learn the Fundamentals of Furniture Construction and then MAKE AND TAKE the Furniture Piece Back home. This Unique Workshop will take place under the Guidance of an Expert.

#### Bamboo Toys

- 9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Walk-in registration available

Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys at Bamboo centre and take home your own hand made Toys at the end of the workshop.

#### Bamboo Musical Instruments

- 9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Walk-in registration available

We at Bamboo Centre are happy to share our vast experience and knowledge gained over 15 years. Come and learn to make your own traditional / folk instruments at our centre from professional crafts men and take home your own hand made instrument at the end of the workshop.

## Bamboo Jewellery

- 9am—12:30pm;  
1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday
- Walk-in registration available

Choose to craft, out of bamboo and learn to make your own Bamboo Jewellery at Bamboo Centre from professional craftsmen and take home your own handmade Jewellery at the end of the workshop.

## Experimental Various Bamboo Lampshade

- 9 & 10 June, 9am—5pm

This workshop focuses on small scale lampshade making from bamboo and wood combinations.

The Bamboo Lampshade workshop will take place over 2 days, covering full day intensive sessions offered daily from 9am to 5pm.

## Bamboo Nature Camp at Kolli Hill

- 29 June—2 July, 9am—5pm

This workshop focuses on construction from bamboo and various natural materials.

The Bamboo construction workshop will take place over 4 days, covering full day intensive sessions offered daily from 9am to 5pm.

## For more information, special requirement, and pre-booking contact

- Preferred through Email at [bamboocentre@auroville.org](mailto:bamboocentre@auroville.org)
- or telephone number:  
+91 8300949081, 0413 2623806
- Flexible training dates offered to groups
  - Contact: Voice call and WA: 8300949081
  - [bamboocentre@auroville.org](mailto:bamboocentre@auroville.org)

[www.aurovillebamboocentre.org](http://www.aurovillebamboocentre.org)

Thanks and Regards,  
Murugan



## SWIMMING CLASS

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

Submitted by Mani

## Poetry

### FEW NEW LITTLE SEEDLINGS

There were a few new little seedlings that were taking root.  
A giant did not like what he thought would be the new future's fruit,  
and the giant crushed many of the little new seedlings  
with giant stones that only a giant could move.

The followers of the giant moved in onto those giant stones  
and made so much giant noise and so much giant garbage  
that some of the little new seedlings began to wither away.

But then came a whisper to those little new seedlings from  
the corridors of consciousness...don't be sad, don't be sad...you can live in the corridors of consciousness till it is  
time to sprout again on Earth.

Joel H. Goodman,  
June 3, 2023

## THIS BEING OF LOVE

So, with silence of mind and peace of heart  
You have discovered within this being of Love:  
Vast, compassionate, joyful and free,  
Untouched by the callousness of this somnambulist world.

In limitless consciousness go forth and manifest  
this Unbound Divine.

Zech, 2023.06.05

## Available

### Turquoise Blue FireBox & Cane Armchair

- Towards contribution: a turquoise blue Firefox Bicycle, 4 years old, 7 gears, 26 in wheels. Good for children and teens. Please contact me at 9943368410.
- Also a Cane Armchair 2 years old. Good condition, towards contribution. 9943368410.



Warmly, Kay

## Looking For

### Looking For A Suitcase

Dear community, I am looking for a suitcase for airplane travel. Please contact me if you have one to donate or sell at low cost.

Thanks, Umberto 7598331379

### Kittens Looking for a Home



Let these cute playful creatures brighten up your home/homes. Please adopt them. They are about 10 weeks old. If interested please contact Joy: 9487172468

Ramba nandri, Joy



## Taxi Share

### To Chennai Airport, 23 June, 4am

Taxi sharing available. Friday, 23 June, 4am leaving Auroville and going to Chennai Airport. Please contact Serena on 8489760966 WA.

Love and light, Serena

### From Chennai Airport, 19 June, 1am

Chennai Airport to Auroville, Leaving the airport between 12:45am to 1:30 am on June 19, Monday morning/ Sunday Night. Please contact 8447181515, [kumarsehdev455@gmail.com](mailto:kumarsehdev455@gmail.com),

Kumar

### To Chennai Airport, 14 June, in the evening

I'm leaving Auroville to Chennai airport on 14 June in the evening. My Emirates flight is at 4am on 15 June. If you want to share the taxi, please call me +91/7094771582.

Véronique

### To Chennai Airport, 14 June, 4am

I'm going to Chennai airport on Wednesday, 14 June, at 4 am. Give me a call if you want to share the taxi: 8807434864, +33 695651135 WA.

Laure



## 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](mailto:sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in),  
8525038274WA or call 8122274924

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

## Foods, Goods and Services

### SAVI UNITS SURVEY 2023

Savi requests all Auroville units, services, projects and activities to participate in the brief "Savi Units Survey 2023" for your current and future requirements. Please participate even if you don't anticipate volunteer requirements. This is a 3-part survey and should take less than 3 minutes to complete, with each part taking less than a minute:



1. Current unit information
2. Primary mentor information
3. Simple yes/no questions about your needs

The survey form is mobile-friendly and can be completed by **scanning this QR code**.

Or [from your desktop using this link](#):

- We will also send this new form by email to the unit/service/activity/project email IDs already registered with Savi



Your response to this survey will allow Savi to align its new processes to better meet your demands and will also help us create your unit's homepage on Savi's new website for volunteering aspirants (under construction). Following the survey, we also encourage you to submit pictures, videos and logos of your unit by emailing them to [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in) in which will help us create a media gallery for your unit's homepage on our new website.

*With gratitude, Your Savi team (Don, Gaurav, Manimozhi, Monica, Pranshula, Sandjivy, Saranya, Vivek)*

### 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,  
[upasanared.cafe@gmail.com](mailto:upasanared.cafe@gmail.com),

*Submitted by Uma*



### AIRCON CLEAN COMPREHENSIVE AC CLEANING

Conditioning System



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](mailto:airconclean.av@gmail.com)

*Regards, Julien*

### 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](mailto:travelshop@inside-india.com),  
landline 2623030

**Mr. Ganesh our Travel Consultant**

- Will be at our Kalpana office from 10am—4pm Monday to Friday. Saturdays only on appointment.
- He can also be contacted anytime: +91 9894598686, phone or WA
- or by email: [travelshop@inside-india.com](mailto:travelshop@inside-india.com)
- **Qatar airways** starting 06 July 2023, is resuming daily flights to Birmingham. Starting 3 July, are four weekly flights to Lyon, France (LYS)
- **Lufthansa** will increase our frequency from Chennai. They currently operate five flights weekly, and effective 29 June 2023, they will operate daily. Also via Munich one can fly to Boston with the Airbus A380, which by itself is an experience.
- **Oman airways** special fares from Chennai to Frankfurt, Paris, Munich, Istanbul, Milan and Zurich. Sales validity until 30June2023 and travel validity until 31 August 2023.

*Joster*

### ARKA'S KITCHEN IS OPEN FOR LUNCH

We are happy to inform you Arka's kitchen is open to receive its guests, **open for lunch Monday to Saturday**

- AV/NC @ Rs.200/-
- Guest Rs.250/-
- children Above 10 Years 1/2 price.

Lunch timing 12:15 pm to 1:30pm.

- Pre Booking is required (Please call one day before on this number 0413 2623799 in **office timing**: Morning 8:30am—12:30pm & Afternoon 2—5:30pm.

Please follow us on instagram page Auroville Arka .

*Thanks & Regards, Ramana, Arka,*



## GUEST REGISTRATION SERVICE

### Summer Schedule



Guest Registration Service at Town Hall will be

- open **ONLY** in the mornings during the month of June 9:30—12:30, Monday—Saturday
- closed in the afternoons.

Guest Registration Service Team,  
Visitor Center,

[grs@auroville.org.in](mailto:grs@auroville.org.in),

+91 413 2622704, 2623449, Raji

## ELECTRICAL WORK

Sridhar a hard working technician who is looking for a work at house

- Electrical installations
- Electrical cable pulling
- Internet cable wiring inside your premises
- Fibre optic cable wiring inside your premises
- Ethernet cable wiring inside your premises
- Electrical appliances repairing/servicing



If you have any repairing and new wiring work needs to get completed quickly

- Please feel free to contact me: 9943919899,  
[ramkrishna@auroville.org.in](mailto:ramkrishna@auroville.org.in) Ramkrishna

## SOLITUDE FARM BASKET SERVICE

For many years Solitude Farm has run a basket service where we provide a basket of fruits and veg, and greens on a weekly basis.

In this summer season we have papayas, soursop, pineapples, jackfruit, mangos sometimes, guava, a little later there will be chikoos and there are also various vegetables such as beans and, bottle gourd, pumpkin, brinjals, capsicums, spinach and a bag of mixed greens that we use for Salad at the farm cafe.

If you have a connection to Tamil culture, there are banana flowers, sundakkai ( turkey berry ), banana stem, green mangoes and more. There is even a juice kit with flowers and leaves that make delicious coolers.

The produce changes through the seasons and we invite participants to come and learn from us how to use produce such as jackfruit seeds or bread fruit, green papayas etc.

- The baskets can be picked up on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The pricing changes depending on how long you subscribe for. A one year subscription is much cheaper than a one month subscription. The baskets are generous in size and can weigh up to 8 kgs, the more you understand local foods, the more produce we are able to give!

If you would like to eat food that has no carbon footprint and does not harm Mother Earth, food that is equally tasty and also reflects the values of Ayurveda, often addressing problems such as Diabetes and other such diseases, then the basket service is a great local solution for sourcing organic and most importantly local produce.

- If you would like to sign up for the basket or the lunch scheme at Solitude Farm Cafe, please contact us.:

[solitudepermaculture@gmail.com](mailto:solitudepermaculture@gmail.com)

9843319260 WA, Solitude farm & cafe  
Auroville, Krishna



## 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!



Kamala & Vijaya

## REPAIR

### of Air Conditioners, Fridges, Washing machines and Appliances

Loganathan working at Mahasaraswati Shop (near PTPS, Aspiration area) is a long term Aurovilian that has gained a lot of knowledge through looking after and repairing all kinds of machines.

He happily repairs your machines and appliances.

Contact him +91 9443493025 via phone/ SMS or WA **Jagdishan**



## 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](mailto:hello@150dpi.com)

## POUR TOUS WATER

### Free Service To The Aurovilians



Dear Friends, Pour Tous Water provides free service to the Aurovilians as part of the prosperity vision (service for all).

We would like to express our gratitude to the BCC, which is supporting the budget to cover the running costs of Pour Tous Water.

The service and labor is free. If material is necessary for your work, the city service advances it, and you are paying to the collection account, which is going back to City Services only to cover the material cost.

Pour Tous Water would like to work with you in collaboration on transparency and accountability. All service transactions are through Financial Service accounts, we do not handle cash for the services and appreciate you helping us with this. Pour Tous Water keeps plumbing materials on hand for emergencies to save money on petrol and avoid time-consuming round-trips to the store.

- For plumbing and water works, please contact us at Pour Tous Water's office numbers: 2622899, 9843644308, and [ptw@auroville.org.in](mailto:ptw@auroville.org.in).

Sincerely, Grace, for Pour Tous Water



## ENLIGHT:

### Responsible Travel Tourism Internship Program

**RESPONSIBLE  
TOURISM**



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**

Responsible tourism focuses on what individuals, organizations and governments do to maximize the positive economic, social and environmental impacts of travel. Focused on determining and prioritizing the important issues locally and addressing those from a community standpoint. Stakeholders collaborating together to create value and design a better future. In line with Continuous Education and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### The aims of the internship

- to experience employment and, where appropriate, accept responsibility, for the completion of tasks and the supervision of others.
- to develop key graduate attributes and skills.
- to acquire further practical skills and experience;
- to obtain an insight into management and management methods.
- to gain greater maturity and self-confidence.
- to be involved in the diagnosis and analysis of problems.
- to develop attitudes and standards appropriate to career objectives.

**ENLIGHT**  
Light of Auroville

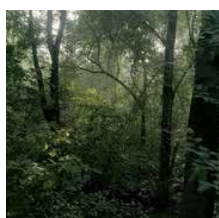
Send your resumes addressed to the Creative Manager at [enlight@auroville.org.in](mailto:enlight@auroville.org.in)

For Enlight Team, Arun, Anand, Balaji  
[www.enlight.org.in](http://www.enlight.org.in)

## Voices and Notes

### CURRENT LAYOUT OF THE OUTER RING ROAD

The current layout of the ORR is presently planned in the middle of the Mahakali Sanctuary bordering large ravinated land with several dams and check dams. This sanctuary has been preserved since 1978. The marking of the ORR has started without prior notice to Révélation, the Forest group and the community at large.



Today, the cleaning work for the marking has reached the core area that has been untouched and undisturbed for 45 years. This area is a breeding ground for the returning faunal species of Auroville. This preserve is also located on an important recharge area of the Auroville aquifer, infiltrating 1—2 billion liters of water every year. The Auroville School's well primarily benefits this and depends on this sanctuary for its groundwater recharge.

Zero water runoff has been achieved in this area making it an efficient model for wasteland management. The entire area (dam and sanctuary) acts as a flood control mechanism for the neighboring village areas downhill. The preserve is also an essential component of the Revelation Educational Park and acts as an on-going research area, scientifically studied in collaboration with Indian and international universities.

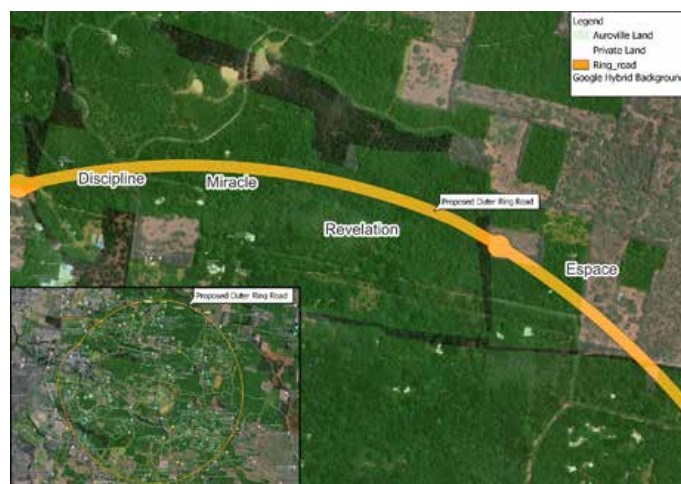
There is an open area a few meters to the south of this tracing that offers a non-destructive alternative to the crossing of the Mahakali Park (where the ORR was originally planned to be). To the west of Discipline, the ORR is planned through the village, to the east thru private lands so it cannot be constructed further, why marking it now thru AV Forests?

We invite everyone to have a guided tour with us (7 am daily) to see for themselves and appreciate the beauty of the forest. We kindly welcome the Foundation bodies in particular for a detailed explanation of the area

Patrick, Révélation

## ONGOING CLEARING IN THE NORTHERN GREENBELT

The Forest Group would like to provide an update to the community regarding the ongoing clearing of undergrowth in the northern part of Auroville, specifically from Discipline to Espace, passing through Miracle and Revelation. This activity has been initiated by the FO ATDC,



citing it as preparation for the proposed Outer Ring Road (ORR).

We would like to bring the following points to the community's attention:

- The inclusion of the ORR in the 1999 master plan is yet to be confirmed.
- The 2001 AV Master Plan (Perspective 2025) also does not confirm the ORR.
- The community has not reached a consensus on the implementation of the ORR.
- A court order prohibits any development in Auroville until proper township plans are accepted and environmental clearance is obtained.
- The argument that constructing this road is necessary to appease Pandian and avoid demolishing buildings in Auromode is unsubstantiated. The breach pertains to building on the Parambok, not the requirement for access (clarification provided by WC).
- The FO ATDC does not comply with the required constitution, and therefore cannot legitimately make decisions as it disregards procedural requirements.
- The prioritization of developing this road lacks support from any comprehensive mobility or other studies.

Moreover, even if we disregard the facts above, it would not be feasible to realize the ORR due to various factors, including the lack of available Auroville land for construction and its path through Kottakarai village and parts of Edayanchavadi Village.

The RA WC has conclusively established that the claimed need for opening this section of the ORR in the Pandian case as unfounded. Therefore, this clearing is arbitrary, illegal and against the ecological development of the city.

During this particularly challenging and stressful time for the Forest Group, we kindly request support from the broader community to document the ongoing activities in our northern forests. Additionally, we appeal to a large number of Aurovilians to physically halt this work. If you are willing to assist or require further information, please contact us at [forestgroup@auroville.services](mailto:forestgroup@auroville.services).

For the Forest Group,  
Ancolie

## PUBLIC RELATIONS AT CHENNAI AIRPORT

### Visas Section: Guidelines and Svadharma

India, a country where even generals and immigration officers have a taste for spiritual living? My last experience was on April 20, past 1 o'clock in the night, answering to someone on duty at the visas desk. The person wanted to know what attracted me to Auroville, making me quit family and country to plunge into the unknown. "Sri Aurobindo" I replied, pointing to the tiny symbol hanging from a golden chain. In 1973 I didn't know about Auroville, nor did I know what Yoga was about; Sri Aurobindo the independentist leader was the magnet, I explained. But when in Mother's vision of Auroville I recognised the ideal society I dreamt of since childhood I had no choice but enrolling. Books publication and photographic exhibitions—many on architecture—which convey the message is my service to Auroville.

To him enquiring, I replied that the first 29 years I never left India. The first time was 11 years ago, for the birth of my first grandchild in Canada; then, twice, I traveled to Italy to collect my grandfather's drawings, a Futurist artist; and now, visiting for the second time my family in Canada. This impressed him, choosing India for so long, he wanted to know more.

He also wanted to know the subject of my books and the number. 13, I replied: 3 documenting Mother's guidelines for Auroville's ideal society; 9 compiling from Sri Aurobindo and the Mother on yoga and society, the first leading to the fulfillment of the second. This makes Auroville's possibility real, I stressed—whereas external revolutions fall short because none demands abolition of the ego. The summit of Yoga, Sri Aurobindo calls it the spiritual transformation (the second of the three transformations he envisages), accomplished by the descent of Mother's force and light. On request of the Kancheepuram's Sankaracharya I also published a book illustrating Vedanta for children.

The ideal society cannot manifest as long as the ego persists, and the same applies to Auroville, I continued; but here we are expected to know where the impasse rests and work on it. This explains why the place is so difficult, pitfalls are all along; however, Auroville being the only society I know where abolition of the ego is the lever—*conditio sine qua non* for the gnostic society of supramental beings Sri Aurobindo heralds—this is where I live for the past 38 years, after a 12 years apprenticeship at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram.

"But books and exhibitions mean business, you are doing business!" he burst. No, I replied, all proceeds are channeled through the Auroville Art Service, under the Auroville Foundation's umbrella. Many books are offered for free, the others are sold at minimum prices and the only cost is printing; I do all the preliminary work myself, for free. Same for the photographic exhibitions, which I also carefully recycle (the Mother recycled everything, teaching us by example). Nothing goes into my pockets. I live content with a basic maintenance, no need for more; I occupy a small space which I clean myself, hiring no servants as Mother expects from us; I cycle, don't use taxis or go to restaurants. My Path is Integral Yoga cum Advaita Vedanta and Mother's guidelines for life in Auroville is all I need, fulfilled. I was thrilled when in his first speech to us the Chairman of the Auroville Governing Board, Shri Ravi, evoked Sri Aurobindo's path of Triple Transformation and the Gnostic Society: my one reason to be in Auroville, threading the Mother's guidelines.

Earing this the officer commented that, before being dispatched to this post at the airport, for a while he was assigned to work for the Governor Shri Ravi. Thus, I added that I offered to the latter my last book, "Crossroad: The New Humanity"—the summa of my 50 years at Sri Aurobindo's and Mother's feet; with my small granddaughter boldly walking to Matrimandir as cover, photographs inside of the greatest sadhaks of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram

and the Auroville pioneers, plus my (then) two-years-old daughter sweeping daily around the samadhi at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. To all of them I had dedicated Sri Aurobindo's writings from the trilogy of "The Human Cycle"... and the Governor Dr. Ravi embraced me...

Atman, sparkle of the Divine in Man, Jivatman... No ethnic, cultural or societal barrier hinders, when the soul takes over. That unexpected conversation, in the middle of the night, was Mother India's embrace before boarding the plane to visit my family and grandchildren in Canada—my second time in 38 years, 40 days, after an 11 years lapse... Behind the questioning man stood the Mother: Svadharma, no flights on easier pastures! What Auroville is, to the microscopic being I am? Surrounded by a world in turmoil, in volatile situations ever-changing? The senior Aurovilians who opened the way are dying, few of us remain... We haven't abolished the ego, are no saint; but the realization that ego is the one enemy makes us one, opening the vistas to future realizations.

One day, Auroville will be. When we surrender the ego.

Surmounting impossibilities with a brave heart, all in the furnace! At Auroville, the caldron of transformation. The choice rests with us.

*Dedicated to Mirajyothi  
Paulette*

### DEMOCRACY, THIS DECEIVING SOPHISM

People in the world are very proud to live under a democratic government. Once in a while they are allowed to put a piece of paper in a Box to elect the political leaders of their choice who have taken the precaution to embalm then, to manipulate then with florid enticing, demagogic promises, that once elected they will never keep, they will disappear in hazes of noisy speeches. Like me, Mother and Sri Aurobindo were not very enthusiastic (to say the least) about the democratic (so called) system. This illusionist's gag is a con trick. It is not because they are so many to be wrong that they are right, isn't it? In a society like Auroville, for example, people conscious of the truth at all times are unfortunately very few.

To be conscious of the truth and so truly loving impartially everybody and everything, one must venture oneself in a long journey of self discovery full of surprises like Ulysse en Route to Ithaca where his dear wife was assailed by many ambitious pretenders. In Spite of their deceiving shows, she awaited his return faithfully. Few indeed are able to reach the promised Land, source of all the happinesses. To open the gates of an unending ecstasy, an inflexible sincerity is required for years and years. Very few have the endurance and faith to go to the end where all truth begins.

Mother wanted Auroville to be governed by server intuitive beings, not by a Residential Assembly full of impulsive, yelling, confused, feverish, ludicrous, explosive aurovilians, a mob ready to bite. Whoever oppose himself to their diktats, the proletariat dictatorship? Personally, although being intuitive, I am not in the race for an executive power, I don't want to be bothered by the community whims. But time to time I can give advices... To govern a multicolored society like Auroville one needs divine wisdom, a steady wisdom patiently built up by years of purifying tapasya. No other way out! If you want to remain the ordinary beings you always have been, is your choice. No problem! So, for me this funny Residential Assembly is obsolete, it's just a joke directed by playful, noisy, unconscious, delirious children jumping mentally here and there in a nursery school. Please, don't accuse our marvelous dear sister and friend Madame the Secretary of all your woes and frustrations, you are the persons responsible for this unspiritual anarchy. Now, to finish in beauty, I would like to invite you kindly to consult what Mother and Sri Aurobindo have said about democracy (on the internet) you will (maybe) be taken aback...

*Your beloved, Soham*



## IN FOOD IS THE SEED OF DEATH

This is not easy to accept for the ordinary human still too attached and identified to its transitional physical body with an animal physiology.

In the more advanced practices of Integral/Supramental Yoga, for the initial stages of the Yoga of the Cells, the prerequisite of which is Brahmacharya, food as it is now and the physical-vital programming underlying it is the overwhelming challenge of transformation. Energy is neither created nor destroyed, it just changes to different forms. Hence the five elements of Akash (space, ether, quantum field), Agni (fire—plasma, solar, electric, ordinary), Vayu (air, gas), Jala (water, liquid) and Prithvi (earth, solid). In that order of materialization is a clue, of which Matter is composed, that dynamic combination by which our physical material bodies are made of. Everything is energy, conscious energy, Consciousness-Force, Chit-Shakti. And the manner by which ever-evolving humans transform energy by consuming other living beings is becoming obsolete. Brutal to say the least. Why not absorb energy direct from the Akash? Or better yet fully identified with this Source Energy, this Supreme Consciousness-Force?

This City of Dawn was not created by the Supramental Avatars for the awakening humans to just continue their old obsolete ignorant ways. At least the discussion on how to hasten the psychophysical transformation towards the new species, what this new species the Supramental being will be, what are the transitional stages, and the sharing of actual experiences must be our daily preoccupation.

From the Mother:

*"Food carries in itself a seed of death, of decay. So obviously, it must be replaced by something else. ...The interesting thing in man is that materially speaking, he is... a mere nothing, a second lost in eternity—a tangled web of weaknesses—but in terms of consciousness, he has the capacity to understand. His consciousness is capable of contacting the Supreme Consciousness. So naturally there are all those who wanted to merge back into that Consciousness, but Sri Aurobindo said: the point is not to merge back into it but to make the world capable of manifesting that Supreme Consciousness.*

*That's ultimately the whole point."*

- [https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda\\_13/1972-08-09-01\\_e.htm](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_13/1972-08-09-01_e.htm)

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

- <https://auroville.org/page/a-true-aurovilian>

Zech,  
2023.06.03

## LOOKING FOR NEW CONTENT

for the History section on [www.auroville.org](http://www.auroville.org)

The web team is looking for articles and stories of how our communities and units came into being and what challenges were faced.

Our History section has some interesting content but we would like to expand it to include stories of your community or unit (with photos if possible).

Currently we are interested in communities and units that began in the sixties or seventies, such as Aspiration, for example.

Please send an email to [webmaster@auroville.org.in](mailto:webmaster@auroville.org.in) or [abhaprakash@auroville.org.in](mailto:abhaprakash@auroville.org.in) if you would like to contribute a story. Any length under 1000 words is welcome!

Submitted by Abha

## THE AUROVILLE ARCHETYPES

*"Each of you, said the Mother, represents one of the difficulties to be overcome for the transformation to be complete—and that makes a lot of difficulties! It's even more than a difficulty; I think I told you before that each one represents an impossibility to be resolved; when all these impossibilities are resolved, the Work will be over."*



As previously mentioned, each person has a shadow that keeps pursuing him and that seems to contradict the very aim of his existence. This is the particular vibration he must transform, his field of work, his impossible knot. At once the challenge of his life and its potential triumph, it is his share in the progress of the collective evolution upon the earth. But something curious happens in this particular laboratory: in ordinary life, or in an individual yoga, the shadow is more or less dormant, more or less bothersome, and usually dissolves by itself or, rather, sinks below, into oblivion; but the moment we are involved in a terrestrial yoga, we find that it does not dissolve at all, but resurges again and again, relentlessly, as if the battle had never really been won—indeed, as if we were waging a contest against that particular vibratory knot for the entire earth. It appears as if the seeker has become a special battlefield for a fierce and symbolic war against the same knot of darkness in all the rest of humanity.

*You no longer do yoga for yourself alone; you do it for everybody, unintentionally, automatically, says the Mother.*

The seeker verifies in vivo the principle of the world's substantial oneness: trying to straighten a vibration in oneself triggers reactions from myriads of vibrations all over the world.

This is what Sri Aurobindo calls a "yoga for the earth-consciousness."

*Accepting life, he [the seeker of the integral yoga] has to bear not only his own burden, but a great part of the world's burden too along with it, as a continuation of his own sufficiently heavy load. Therefore his Yoga has much more the nature of a battle than others'; but this is not only an individual battle, it is a collective war waged over a considerable country. He has not only to conquer in himself the forces of egoistic falsehood and disorder, but to conquer them as representatives of the same adverse and inexhaustible forces in the world. Their representative character gives them a much more obstinate capacity of resistance, an almost endless right to recurrence. Often he finds that even after he has won persistently his own personal battle, he has still to win it over and over again in a seemingly interminable war, because his inner existence has already been so much enlarged that not only it contains his own being with its well-defined needs and experiences, but is in solidarity with the being of others, because in himself he contains the universe."*

Sri Aurobindo, or the Adventure of Consciousness

- [https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure\\_of\\_consciousness\\_e.htm#060](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/adventure_of_consciousness_e.htm#060)

Welcome to the Auroville of the Supramental Avatar Sri Aurobindo and the Mother:

The City of Dawn of the Supramental being.

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

For the discombobulated:

*"Little by little it will be revealed to us what this new species must be, and meanwhile, the best course is to consecrate oneself entirely to the Divine."*

- <https://auroville.org/page/a-true-aurovilian>

"The future of the earth depends on a change of consciousness.

The only hope for the future is in a change of man's consciousness and the change is bound to come.

But it is left to men to decide if they will collaborate for this change or if it will have to be enforced upon them by the power of crashing circumstances.

So, wake up and collaborate!

Blessings."

- [https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/15/vol\\_15\\_e.pdf](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/15/vol_15_e.pdf) (page 60)

"For me now, things are no longer exclusive, not at all. I see very well the possibility of using the most opposite tendencies at the same time.... It is not exclusive. I do not say: "Ah! No, not that!" No, no, no. All, all together. That is what I want: to be able to create a place where all the opposites can unite.

Unless that can be done... (gesture of turning round and round) it goes on and on and on."

- [https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/13/vol\\_13\\_e.pdf](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/13/vol_13_e.pdf) (pages 279-280, below page 277)

**1969**

"That was the first idea: there was the Centre and the town was organised around it. ...

And the "thing" is ready to come! I have known it for a long time, it is there (gesture upward), it is waiting."

**2023**

It took almost forty years for Auroville's Group Soul, the Centre, the Matrimandir, to manifest. Now the next phase of the hastened and intensified evolution of consciousness and life continues...

Towards The Life Divine.

*Om Namo Bhagavate, Zech, 2023.06.04*

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#### **Traditional Massage Therapy Classes**

Our 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.

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Angam Tree Wellness Hut is reaching out to people interested in learning massage therapy techniques. You can learn more about us at [www.angamtree.com](http://www.angamtree.com)

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- Contribution based

Warm regards, Angam Tree, Raja Narayanasamy  
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- Individual session,
- Couple session,
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- 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. 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 for an Appointment:

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- [lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:lakshmiprem369@gmail.com)



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*Lakshmi*

### **RELAXING OIL MASSAGE**



- Relaxing oil massage to reconnect body and soul.
- Full body, 90 minutes.

On donation for aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers.

*Best regards, Umberto, 7598331379*

### **QUIET HEALING CENTER**



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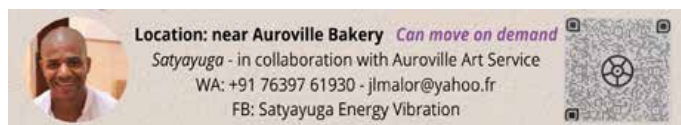
**Closed from Monday, 12 June till Sunday, 2 July**

Quiet Healing Center will be closed for annual repair and maintenance works from Monday, 12 June till Sunday, 2 July. We will reopen on Monday, 3 July.

*Thanks, Guy  
for Quiet Healing Center*



## SATYAYUGA



### Energy Vibration

- **Reiki with Kototamas:** give energy for the wellbeing and struggle against stress
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- **Nada Yoga Ananda:** Connect to your inner self through Vibrating Chants, @ 4pm for about 2hours.
  - Ecstatic Wednesday
  - Shamanic Friday
  - Sacred Sunday
- **Gongs, Tibetan Bowls & Didgeridoo meditation for Full Moon and New Moon.** Working with the energetic forces of the Moon, we will create an energetic field to power your intention. @ 7pm for around one hour



- **Tibetan bowls. Gongs. Five Elements Sound Massage.** Connect to your inner self through Sound Massage and Vibrating Chants & find peace in a Sound Cocoon
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Warmly, Satyayuga (Jean-Luc Malor)

### NEEDED SHIATSU MODELS!

4 to 11 June 2023, mainly times after 3pm,  
 @ Budokan, Dehashakti.

Always wanted to check out Shiatsu? Shi-atsu, this therapeutic 'thumb pressure' touch which is so much more than that!

Save dates and times, connect with us before the training and we'll invite you for your special taste of Shiatsu.

Many models needed! Spread the word! Please come in comfortable and flexible clothes. Shiatsu is practiced on the mattress on the floor with a clothed body. Let us know any health issues that you are facing in case there are any.

- **For any questions and registration:** Ulrike Urvasi 9751513906 (WA, Signal, Telegram)
- [mothersworkforTheMotherswork@gmail.com](mailto:mothersworkforTheMotherswork@gmail.com). **Ulrike**



## ARKA

### WELLNESS CENTER & MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Regular activities, June 2023

### Classes

Classes	With Whom	When
Acro Yoga	Damien 9047722740	Monday: 3 —4:30pm Tuesday: 5 —6:30pm
Pilates	Teresa 7867998952	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30—8:30am. Friday 5:30—6:30pm, Only by Appointment.
Iyengar yoga	Olesya, 9159052743	Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 6:30—8am. Monday, Thursday, Saturday, 5—6:30pm.
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 (TOS)	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
Tarot, Oracles and Akashic Records Reading	Valentina (TOS): 9791719387, +39346225804, WA	Monday to Friday (Morning)
Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading, Deconditioning Self Inquiry. Also in French	Antarjyoti: 0413 2623767, <a href="mailto:antarcalli@yahoo.fr">antarcalli@yahoo.fr</a> (TOS)	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards, Ramana



### SERENDIPITY

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### Shiatsu Massage with Sara

- On appointment only, +91 9443617308, Sara

**Shiatsu** is a manipulative therapy developed in Japan and incorporating techniques of anma (Japanese traditional massage), acupressure, stretching, and Western massage in order to maintain physical and mental well being, treat disease, or alleviate discomfort. It involves the uses of kneading, pressing, soothing, tapping, and stretching techniques and is performed without oils through light, comfortable clothing.

Sara for Serendipity



## VÉRITÉ PROGRAMS

June 2023

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### Yoga & Re-creation Programs

Days	Drop-in Sessions	Timings	Presenters
Mondays	Yin Yoga—Healthy Hips	3:30—4:30pm	Emma
	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
	Face & Eye Yoga	5—6pm	Mamta
Tuesdays	Gentle Vinyasa Flow	10:30—11:30am	Emma
	Holistic Hatha Yoga	5—6pm	Sabrina
Wednesdays	Peace with Pranayama	5—6pm	Mamta
Thursdays	Holistic Hatha Yoga	5—6pm	Sabrina
Fridays	Yin Yoga—Healthy Spine	5—6pm	Emma
Saturdays	Mindful Flow—Awaken in Movement & Stillness	5—6pm	Savitri

### Intensives, pre-registration required

Day & Date	Intensives, pre-registration required	Timings	Presenters
Saturday, 3 June	Yearnings for Peace: Peace Within, Peace Without	2pm—4:30pm	Dr. Sehdev
Saturday, 10 June	Restorative Yin and Yoga Nidra	9:30am—12pm	Emma
Friday, 16 June	Yogic Kriyas	9:30am—12:30pm	Mamta
Saturday, 17 June	Balance Your Koshas through the Practice of Yoga	9:30am—12:30pm	Sabrina
Saturday, 17 June	Astrology—Play of the Elements	10am—12pm	Vikram
Saturday, 24 June	The Healing Power of Gayatri Mantra	9:30am—12pm	Sabrina

### Therapies, by appointment only

Face and Head Massage	Lalita
Individual Self-Work with Clay	Megha
Biodynamic Cranio-sacral Therapy	Mila
Private Yoga Session / Yoga Therapy	Nadia
Integrated Ayurvedic Acupressure, Deep Tissue & Heart Healing Massage	Raja
Private Yoga Session	Sabrina
Heart-Centered Resilience	Susan
Lomi Lomi Massage	Umberto
Ayurvedic Abhyanga Massage	Umberto

Thushar, Programs Coordinator



## VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS

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### Yogic Kriyas with Mamta

- Friday, 16 June, 9:30am—12pm

Just as we clean our bodies daily, our inner organs need cleansing too. Internal purification through specific Yogic practices (Kriyas) helps our vital force (Prana) to flow. We will explore the origin and purpose of the Kriyas, learn & practice Trataka and Kapalabhati Kriyas, and close with a guided meditation.

### Balance your Koshas (Bodies) through the Practice of Yoga with Sabrina

- Saturday, 17 June, 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. A beautiful session, open to all levels

Can be done independently from the workshop “Explore your Koshas”

### Astrology—Play of the Elements, Vikram

- Saturday, 17 June, 10am—12pm

Embark on a celestial journey with the Planets. Elements and Signs of Vedic Astrology! Through this special game, discover your way and find your answers.

Savitri,

Program Administrator

### 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](http://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).
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**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
**Film Program**  
**12 June 2023 to 18 June 2023**

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. Technically Covid protocols were never taken off of cinema/theater halls. Since a mask is not a requirement anywhere else, we leave it to people's discretion. However, please come prepared. To organize the 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 12 June, 8pm**  
**JUNE**

India, 2019, Writer-Dir. Ahammed Khabeer w/ Rajisha Vijayan, Sarjano Khalid, Joju George, and others, Family-Musical, 139 mins, Malayalam w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

June, a teenager from Kottayam in Kerala, believes that there is nothing remarkable about her. She experiences adolescent crushes, handles heartbreaks, and fights insecurities as she grows into a mature and confident woman.

**Potpourri – Tuesday 13 June, 8pm**  
**TAHT ALSHAJRA (Under the Fig Trees)**

Tunisia, 2021, Dir. Erige Sehiri, w/ Ameni Fdhili, Feten Fdhili, and others, Drama, 92 mins, Arabic w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

Among the trees, young women and men working the summer harvest develop new feelings, flirt, try to understand each other, find - and flee - deeper connections.

**Interesting – Wednesday 14 June, 8pm**  
**MONTY PYTHON LIVE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOLWL**

UK, 1982, Dir. Terry Hughes, Ian MacNaughton w/ John Cleese, Michael Palin, Eric Idle, Documentary-Comedy, 77 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

A collection of skits that made the Monty Python troupe famous, performed live at the Hollywood Bowl. Included are the singing philosophers, lumberjacks, the pope, and a suspiciously-male looking seabird vendor.

**German – Thursday 15 June, 8pm**  
**CURVEBALL – WIR MACHEN DIE WAHRHEIT (Curveball – a true story, unfortunately)**

Germany, 2003, Dir. Johannes Naber w/ Sebastian Blomberg, Dar Salim, Virginia Kull and others, Satire, 108 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan. The grotesque, at times even surreal, true story of how the Iraq war was started based on nothing but fake intelligence and the involvement of the German government and the German secret service. The comedy elements are a great choice to make it bearable how an unjustified war was attempted to be justified...

**International – Saturday, 17 June, 8pm**  
**THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF LONGING**

Australia, 2022, Dir. Charlotte Wells w/ Tilda Swinton, Idris Elba and others, Fantasy-Romance, 108 mins, English-Antique Greek-Turkish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

Dr Alethia Binnie is an academic, a creature of reason. While in Istanbul for a conference, she encounters a Djinn who offers her three wishes in exchange for his freedom. This presents two problems. First, she doubts that he is real and second, because she is a scholar of story and mythology, she knows all the cautionary tales of wishes gone wrong. Djinn pleads his case by telling her fantastic stories of his past. Eventually she is beguiled and makes a wish that surprises them both.

**Children's Matinee – Sunday, 18 June, 4:30pm**  
**ALADDIN**

USA-Japan, 1992, Dir. Ron Clements, Jhon Musker w/ voices Scott Weinger, Robin Williams, Linda Larkin and others, Animations-Adventure, 90 mins, English, Rated: G Aladdin is a poor street urchin who spends his time stealing food from the marketplace in the city of Agrabah. His adventures begin when he meets a young girl who happens to be Princess Jasmine, who is forced to be married by her wacky yet estranged father. Aladdin's luck suddenly changes when he retrieves a magical lamp from the Cave of Wonders. Magic, adventures, laughs, love...

**WOODY ALLEN @ Ciné-Club Sunday 18 June, 8pm**  
**TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN**

USA, 1969, Writer-Dir. Woody Allen w/Woody Allen, Janet Morgolin, Marcel Hillaire, and others, Comedy-Crime, 75mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

This film was Allen's motion picture debut (sans 'Tiger Lily'). The film follows the life of a criminal loser, Virgil Starkwell, shot in a faux documentary style. Allen used most of his small budget and made an amusing film. This was the beginning of his slapstick/farce phase that would last until the early 70's.

**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](mailto: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, Marco for MMC/CP  
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**1 YEAR PROGRAM IN VEDIC ASTROLOGY**

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We will explore various aspects of Vedic Astrology, including the stories of the signs, mythology of the Nakshatras, using Avasthas and planetary strength, calculating and interpreting planetary periods, retreats on the Navagrahas, and preparing for client sessions.



- Sessions will be online on Saturdays, starting from 3 June.
- Please message, if you're interested in joining.  
 My email is [vikram@auroville.org.in](mailto:vikram@auroville.org.in) and  
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Regards Vikram

## Cinema

### 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, 16 June**

**2016 / 78 minutes / Happen Films**

"A Simpler Way: Crisis as Opportunity" is a free-to-view, feature-length documentary that follows a community in Australia who have come together to explore and demonstrate a simpler way to live in response to global crises. The documentary includes interviews with David Holmgren, Helena Norberg-Hodge, Nicole Foss, Ted Trainer, Graham Turner, and more.

*Submitted by Shek*

#### STUDY CIRCLE: SUMMER BREAK



We are taking  
A SUMMER BREAK.  
We will resume with our  
study circles  
from August 2023.



*N&Notes*

#### Hard deadline for submissions TUESDAY 3pm

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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
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