



News Notes

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The Main Road

Seven steps has the ground of the Ignorance, seven steps has the ground of the Knowledge.

Mahopanishad

The Sons of Heaven, the Heroes of the Omnipotent, thinking the straight thought, giving voice to the Truth, founded the plane of illumination and conceived the first abode of the Sacrifice. ... The Master of Wisdom cast down the stone defenses and called to the Herds of Light, ... the herds that stand in the secrecy on the bridge over the Falsehood between two worlds below and one above;

Rig Veda

Pondering



If there is to be an entire transformation, it can only be by the full emergence of the law of the spirit; its power of supermind or gnosis must have entered into Matter and it must evolve in Matter. It must change the mental into the supramental being, make the inconscient in us conscious, spiritualise our material substance, erect its law of gnostic consciousness in our whole evolutionary being and nature.

*The Evolutionary Process — Ascent and Integration,
The Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

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News & Notes

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House of Mother's Agenda



It is not just the body and the mind that will have to change with the supramental consciousness, but also life's very substance. If there is one sign that characterizes our mental civilization, it is the use of artifices. Nothing happens naturally; we are the prisoners of a thick web of substitutes: airplanes, telephones, televisions, and the plethora of instruments and devices that mask our impotence. We forget that our marvellous inventions are only the material extensions of powers that exist within us; if they were not already there, we would never have been able to invent them. We are that *thaumaturge sceptic of miracles*, Sri Aurobindo spoke of. Having delegated to machines the task of seeing for us, hearing for us, and travelling for us, we have now become helpless without them. Our human civilization, created for the joy of life, has become the slave of the means required for enjoying life: sixty percent of our lifetime is spent acquiring means and another thirty percent sleeping. *What is absurd here, says the Mother, is all the artificial devices we must use. Any idiot has more power provided he has the means of acquiring the necessary devices. But in a true world, a supramental world, the more conscious and in harmony with the truth of things you are, the more your will has authority over substance; substance responds to the will. There, authority is a true authority. If you want a dress, you must have the power to make it, a true power. If you don't have that power, well, you go naked! There is no artifice to substitute for the lack of power. While here, not once in a million times is authority the expression of something true. Everything is colossally stupid. This supramental "authority" is not some kind of supermagic, far from it; it is an extremely precise process, as precise and exact as a chemistry experiment, except that instead of dealing with external objects, the supramental being acts upon the true vibration in the core of each thing and combines it with other vibrations in order to achieve a particular result, like a painter mixing colors for a picture or a poet combining sounds for a poem. He is truly a poet, for he creates what he names. The true name of an object is the vibration constituting it; to name an object is to have the power to evoke it or to destroy it.*

The spontaneous and natural quality of supramental life—for ultimately only Truth is natural—will be expressed also in a supramental art, which will be a direct and exact representation of our particular spiritual tonality; an art in which cheating will have become impossible because only our inner light will be able to touch and play upon the same lights involved in Matter and mold from it the corresponding forms. If our vibration is gray, our creation will be similarly gray, and everything we touch will be gray. Our physical, external environment will be the exact image of our inner environment; we will be able to manifest only what we are. Life itself will be a work of art, our outer dominion the changing stage of our inner states. Our language, likewise, will have power only through the true spiritual force within us; it will be a living mantra, a visible language like the play of emotions upon a human face. All shams will draw to an end, whether they be political, religious, literary, artistic, or emotional. Once, when a sceptical disciple commented that the Supermind was an impossible invention, first of all, because it had never been seen or realized before, Sri Aurobindo replied with his typical humor: *What a wonderful*

argument! Since it has not been done, it can't be done! At that rate the whole history of the earth must have stopped long before the protoplasm. When it was a mass of gases, no life had been born, ergo, life could not be born—when only life was there, mind was not born, so mind could not be born. Since mind is there but nothing beyond, as there is no Supermind manifested in anybody, so Supermind can never be born. Sobhanallah! Glory, Glory, Glory to the human reason! Luckily the Divine or the Cosmic Spirit or Nature or whatever is there cares a damn for the human reason. He or She or It does what He or She or It has to do, whether it can or can't be done. Thousands of years ago, the rishis had already spoken of the skeptics' misfortune: "In these there is not the Wonder and the Might." (Rig Veda VII.61.5)

The Work (First Phase)

As remarkable as the end result will be, the work of getting there is modest and humble and patient, exactly like the work of a scientist with his vials and test tubes: a microscopic work, says the Mother. For it is not a question of performing miracles, but of securing a new physical base by freeing the consciousness-force in each atom and each cell. One might think that this work on the body involves psychophysical methods similar to hatha-yoga, but it is nothing of the kind. Consciousness is and remains the main tool: The change of consciousness will be the chief factor, the initial movement, the physical modification will be a subordinate factor, a consequence. With his usual clarity, Sri Aurobindo puts us before the fact: *In the previous stages of the evolution Nature's first care and effort had to be directed towards a change of consciousness; this was a necessity imposed by the insufficiency of the force of consciousness already in formation to effect a change in the body. But in man a reversal is possible, indeed inevitable; for it is through his consciousness, through its transmutation and no longer through a new bodily organism as a first instrumentation that the evolution can and must be effected. In the inner reality of things a change of consciousness was always a major fact, the evolution has always had a spiritual significance and the physical change was only instrumental; but this relation was concealed by the first abnormal balance of the two factors, the body of the external Inconscience outweighing and obscuring in importance the spiritual element, the conscious being. But once the balance has been righted, it is no longer the change of body that must precede the change of consciousness; the consciousness itself by its mutation will necessitate and operate whatever mutation is needed for the body.*

(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

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

Townhall Speaks

GUIDELINES FOR AUROVILLE DONATIONS

CHANNELING AND FUNDRAISING

To the Community. FAMC has formed a Donation Channeling Group (DCG) consisting of persons from the Financial Services, FAMC, Talam and Aware. The focus of the group is to outline a full cycle Donations Channeling process and tracking the need, intent and funds utilization across the various nodes along the spectrum of grant utilization. This setup is an outcome of the Systems & Processes audit completed by the Organization and Governance Committee of the Governing Board. Donations tracking across the full spectrum of its life cycle is required to be brought into purview. This allows for FCRA regulation reporting, provides for transparency and accountability to the donor organizations and finally provides for annual reports on all the support of funds, grants and goodwill towards Auroville from across the world. New donations and grants channels also are possible to approach once a comprehensive program is in operation.

Attached is the document outlining the Guidelines for Auroville Donations Channeling and Fundraising. Once the proper communication channel is set up for putting the donation channeling processes as per these guidelines, the DCG team will send out the instructions on how to use it and organize a few presentations for the community.

In Her Service, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realizations, Chandresh and Torkil, FAMC

Auroville Foundation

Funds and Assets Management Committee

GUIDELINES FOR FUNDRAISING, 16 June 2023

1. Background and Context

1. Auroville has been conceived as a universal township for the manifestation of the Auroville ideals and vision as given by the Mother. Auroville Foundation has been established as an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India by an Act of Parliament "for the purpose with a view to making long-term arrangements for the better management and further development of Auroville in accordance with its original charter and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto".

2. The development of Auroville as a township requires significant funding, of which a major part will come from donations, grants and contributions while the recurring expenditure of Auroville will increasingly be met from Auroville's own income-generating activities as part of the vision of Auroville being a self-supporting township

3. These guidelines have been prepared for the purpose of having transparent and effective processes relating to fundraising and the expenditure of funds raised.

2. Alignment with the Auroville vision

1. Projects for which fundraising is undertaken should align with the ideals and vision of Auroville.

2. Funds for Auroville township development shall be raised and spent only for development in accordance with the Auroville Master Plan as prepared and approved under section 17[e] of the Auroville Foundation Act.

3. Fundraising activities and documentation need to outline clearly how Auroville's development will benefit from the funds proposed to be raised.

3. Sustainability

1. Project proposals must include a road map for the environmental, social and financial sustainability of these projects.

4. Reporting

1. Donors and grantors will need to be given regular updates on the impact of their contributions.

2. Auroville units, activities and projects that make use of donated funds should have a robust donor relationship program in place to ensure that donors and grantors are regularly informed about project progress.

5. Transparency

1. A high degree of trustworthiness and transparency shall be maintained in project operations, including financial management, governance, and impact reporting.

2. Donors, grantors and other contributors must be able to see evidence of their contributions making the impact as envisaged in the project proposals.

3. Auroville units, activities and projects should be equipped to provide transparent and reliable accounts of the expenditure incurred with the contributions received.

4. Upon completion of a project, a comprehensive completion report of project implementation and impact shall be prepared.

6. Administrative costs

1. Administrative costs shall be kept as low as possible while ensuring that project accounting, monitoring and reporting are undertaken correctly.

2. In the case of certain grants and donations a maximum percentage of total project cost which is permitted as administration and other overhead costs may be provided for in the donation or grant agreement / letter or may be determined by statutory provisions. Such caps on administrative and overhead costs shall be strictly complied with.

7. Utilisation

1. When fundraising is done for a specific project or project component, funds received shall be used only for such project or component.

2. When unspecified donations are received, utilisation thereof shall be in accordance with Auroville budgets and priorities as may be set by the FAMC from time to time.

3. Donations and grants received shall be utilised in full for the Auroville projects for which the donations and grants have been raised and there shall be no retention of any part of the funds received by any of the Auroville entities through which such funds are channelled for administrative, accounting or other purposes.

8. Accounting and Audits

1. All Auroville donations and grants shall be received only through the official channels of Auroville Foundation.

2. Assets created with donations and grants shall be accounted for as Auroville Foundation assets in the relevant books of account of the concerned unit, activity or project.

3. No donations or contributions shall be received by Auroville Foundation or its units, activities and projects for the benefit of an individual. If Auroville residents receive financial support from friends, relatives or others, such contributions must be received by them in their personal bank accounts from where transfers may be made to their Auroville Financial Service account, if so desired by the residents.

4. Financial accounting and audits of projects funded with donations and grants shall be undertaken as per guidelines and manuals as issued by the Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) from time to time.

5. If a donation or grant agreement provides for a project audit, such audit shall be conducted in addition to regular internal and statutory audits.

9. Income Tax relief

1. Auroville Foundation is authorised to issue donation receipts with income tax relief to donors who are taxable in India under sections 80G, 35(i)(ii) and 35(i)(iii) of the Income Tax Act.

2. The applicability of each type of income tax relief will depend on the nature of the project for which funds are being raised.

10. Fundraising and expenditure process

1. For each project, program or activity for which donations, grants or contributions are sought, the process fundraising and project implementation trajectory will include, but may not be limited to the following steps:

- Check the eligibility of the project proposal in the context of Auroville, its objectives and values;
- Evaluate the project proposal in terms of costs and sustainability;
- Determine under which section of the Income Tax Act, tax relief can be offered to the prospective donor(s) (80G, 35(1)(ii), 35(1)(iii)) for donations from within India and / or whether the project qualifies as a CSR project with reference to Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013;
- Approve the fundraising documentation and the prospective donor / contributor target group;
- Raise the funds;
- In the case of foreign contributions, ensure receipt of funds through the dedicated SBI Bank account to be used for this purpose;
- Receive the funds and issue the donation / contribution receipt with tax relief where applicable;
- Allocate / disburse as already determined earlier in the process;
- Undertake the project and monitor progress;
- Send periodic progress reports to the donor / contributor;
- Prepare the completion report;
- Undertake a project audit, where applicable;
- Do a project completion review (actual vs. plan review; lessons learned etc.; feedback from donor / contributor etc.)

11. Miscellaneous

1. FAMC may establish committees, subgroups or service units to implement or monitor implementation of these guidelines or parts thereof.

2. These guidelines may be updated or amended by the FAMC from time to time.

In Her Service,

Auroville will boldly spring towards future realizations,

Chandresh and Torkil, FAMC

REPORT ON SATPREM (SERGE MAINI)

Dear Residents, we to bring to your attention a consolidated report concerning the actions of Mr. Serge Maini, also known as Satprem, that have come to us from different working groups and individuals over the last year.

Satprem, along with a faction, has been involved in a false and abusive campaign, including a doctored video, spreading false information and unsupported facts against the Auroville Foundation, the Secretary, and working groups and residents who support the ongoing work.

The Funds and Assets Management Committee (FAMC) and the Auroville Town Development Council (ATDC) have already reported on Satprem's conduct and work in Auroville. These reports outline his continuous harassment, misconduct, and abuse, which are supported by relevant documents.

Satprem has also taken it upon himself to pass judgment on individuals working and supporting the development of Auroville. He has sent accusatory letters to over 25 people, including members of the ATDC and respected professionals such as Anupama Kundoo, head of ATDC's Urban Design, who received the Global Sustainability Award under the patronage of UNESCO.

We believe that Satprem Maini has misused his position at UNESCO and his privilege of living and working in Auroville, where goodwill towards all is a fundamental requirement. Has fabricated official reports using 'gossip' material.

Unfortunately, Satprem has not ceased his negative behav-

ior. Since the construction work on the Crown development began, he has consistently criticized the ATDC and the Auroville Foundation, positioning himself as an unquestioned authority without the necessary credentials.

He has circulated incorrect interpretations and interfered with the work, even disturbing the CPWD workers on-site and removing paver blocks without permission.

Considering Satprem's own work on roads, particularly the stretch from Certitude leading up to the Solar Kitchen roundabout, it is essential to question the quality and effectiveness of his contributions, as significant amounts of government funds were spent on repeated repairs without improvement and requiring frequent repairs. Additionally, an investigation should be conducted into his 'earth architecture' projects within Auroville's unique climate and material conditions, as well as the reasons why previous ATDCs did not assign him work for over the last ten years.

Satprem is accused of engaging in professional misconduct by practicing and teaching architecture in India without the necessary license from the Council of Architecture, Ministry of Education. A project he undertook in Auroville, inviting newcomer Aurovilians to construct their housing project by themselves using the earthen brick techniques fell apart as most of the persons left the project complaining about his abusive and unprofessional conduct. The increased project cost for paid labor to complete the project cost the community tens of lakhs of Rupees.

In recent months, Satprem's behavior has only worsened. He participated in the Darkali protest and wrote a letter criticizing every aspect of the work, which he publicized through social media and Auroville International channels. He also obtained an internal email discussion between the ATDC and FAMC regarding the correct process for disposing of wood and storage. Obtaining this information through unlawful means raises serious concerns.

The final straw came during the Y20 youth delegation's morning Crown Walk on 5 April when Satprem once again attempted to disrupt and mislead the youth by making false statements.

Working group members, the Secretary of the Auroville Foundation, and for Governing Board member, Shri Anirban Ganguly, witnessed this deplorable episode.

We have previously supported Satprem's work, but we are now extremely concerned about his obstinate and belligerent behavior, which spreads misinformation, confusion, and ill will within the community and wherever he travels. His actions are consistently against the Auroville Foundation, the Secretary and the ongoing work which has faced significant challenges to commence after nearly three decades of blockades, as well as the ATDC, working group members and other Aurovilians. This behavior has proven to be highly detrimental to the overall spirit of Auroville and the necessary goodwill and collaboration required for its harmonious growth and development.

Working Committee has received several written complaints about his disruptive behavior and harassment including instances of public shaming, sending abusive emails, and making derogatory comments toward specific individuals working in the Working Groups and the ones working for the City of Auroville. Please see Manoj Pavithran's personal response to him.

Satprem is alleged to have misused his position and authority within Auroville. This includes exploiting his association with UNESCO to spread negative information, as well as publicly disclosing internal matters of Auroville, potentially causing harm to the community.

Claims have been made regarding Satprem's involvement in physical violence towards nearby villagers, particularly women. The police complaint registered by the locals against Satprem in 2011 can ascertain the veracity of this allegation.

Claims have been made about Satprem using inappropriate and offensive language towards individuals, including sexist and derogatory remarks which are on record. These instances of disrespectful conduct and language raise concerns about his interactions within the community.

Satprem has also engaged himself in unethical practices, such as lobbying with Indian political parties to secure per-

sonal favorable decisions. He has also used his connections to secure projects all over India, while his Visa regulation stipulates him to work only in Auroville.

While he pays his monthly contribution, nothing has been contributed towards the annual 33% contributions from the profits as is required by all unit executives as per CoC 2017. Effectively, he contributes nothing to the community while he erroneously claims to have contributed Rs 75 lakhs.

FAMC gave a summary report—The income is mostly expensed out in salaries and travels. Very small amount is reported as profit and of which nothing is given to the community.

Finally, regarding claims as to what he has given to Auroville, we see no mention of what Auroville has given him all these years: free land, premises, support to run his workshops, goodwill of people, the Foundation and the Mother's presence. This report summarizes the anti-Auroville actions by Satprem (Serge Maini) based on the information provided by and to the Working Committee, by the different Working Groups, from past records and individuals.

Best Regards, The Working Committee

(Anuradha Legrand, Arun S, Joseba Martinez, Parthasarathy Krishnan, Selvaraj Damotharan, Srimoyi Rosegger, Christine Neuman)

FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 185

Dated: 22-06-2023

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 Aurovilian in writing to auroville.entryservice@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

NEWCOMER CONFIRMED:

- MarieDoris FELIX (Mauritian)
- Vishwa CHUDGAR (USA)
- Chitra GANAPATHY (Indian)

AUROVILIAN CONFIRMED:

- Silvia GOZZETTI (Italian)

YOUTH TURNED 18 CONFIRMED:

- Lishanthini MURUGAYAN (Indian)
- Satyavane Jacques Paul COT (French)
- Zara Indigo ASTE (Italian)

NOTE:

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

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

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

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

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

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**

Community News

Passing On

TONY PASSES ON



This is to inform the community that Tony (Leonard Anthony Meakin) quietly left his body at his Sincerity flat at 7:30am today, Saturday, 17 June. He would have been 86 in a few days' time.

Having come from the UK with his wife Marion in 2014, he became Aurovilian in 2016, while working at Matrimandir at the time. Due to gradually developing Parkinson's disease, in later years he mainly moved around with his wife Marion. When the latter passed away a year ago, Tony's health steadily deteriorated,—and he now found peace.

Submitted by Farewell Team

Auroville Matters

AUROVILLE ART SERVICE

Is Pleased To Introduce Its New Team

We are committed to carry forward the work of supporting the Auroville art community from our new space at Town Hall (next to the AV Dzines graphics section).



We extend our heartfelt welcome to all artists who wish to be part of this journey—one that we hope will be filled with new and exciting opportunities to create & collaborate!

- **Executives:** Supriya, Sowmya
- **Office bearers:** Priya (Management, PR, Social Media), Aumurto (Communication, Design), Piero (Photography/Videography, PR Content)
- **Accounting:** Prabhu (Abacus Accounting)

PS To the artists: we will be contacting you shortly to hear your thoughts, and to get a sense of how to best proceed with everyone's cooperation

Thanks!

Supriya and Sowmya

For Your Information

UPDATE YOUR KYC

Dear Friends, you may receive sms/ mail from BSNL to update KYC(know your Customer) for your mobile phone connection. If you have received it, you do not need to go to the BSNL head office to update. We request that you please come to our office with your original Aadhaar card, mobile phone. We'll update your details in the BSNL link.



- Please call us for an appointment 2622298, 2622364 to help in time.

**Regards, Gunasekaran. C
for Telephone Service**

Awakening Spirit

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 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

DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

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

Submitted by Arun



JOURNEY TO THE LIFE DIVINE, PART 2

Monday, 26 June, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan



Duration: 87 min.

Part 2 of the film by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram Pondicherry covers the lives and work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother from November 1926 until 2010 when the film was released.

To create a new world dedicated to a spiritual life was the Mother's dream already in France. This film is about how the Mother and Sri Aurobindo worked this out in the Ashram. It also reveals the meaning of Sri Aurobindo's withdrawal in 1926 and informs us that at every Darshan time there was a concentration of forces and certain realizations which he wanted to give to the people.

The Mother gifted flowers to the sadhaks to support their growth of consciousness. It was meant to help them to be aware of the states of consciousness represented by each flower—and to enable their souls to blossom and to support the opening of the psychic.

The Sri Aurobindo Ashram is for the sadhana of supramental integral transformation of life to Life Divine, and to establish the Divine Presence on earth based on the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. Its true role is pioneering, to inspire and to guide humanity in this special step in evolution of consciousness.

And on 28 February 1968, the Mother inaugurated Auroville, the City of Dawn, as an experiment for living in peace, harmony, goodwill, discipline and truth. The purpose of Auroville is to realize Human Unity based on the teaching of Sri Aurobindo, where men of all countries would be at home.

The Sri Aurobindo Ashram puts a special emphasis on physical education. The Mother explained it thus: "We want to come in contact with the supreme consciousness. The universal consciousness, we want to bring down in our cells and to manifest it. But for that we must have a very solid base. Our base is our physical being, our body. Therefore we have to build up the bodies, solid, healthy, enduring, skilful, strong, joyful, ready for everything." And Sri Aurobindo said, "The body is the base, the pedestal of our terrestrial existence. The longer the body can be made to live by maintaining itself, the strengths and active energies, the more we gain for the sadhana. A divine life in a divine body is the formula of the ideal what we envisioned". He also stated that this Yoga is a silent revolution. A sadhak in this yoga ascends by his realizations from peak to peak progressing silently, like the rising sun. Moreover, the whole human civilisation is now in this silent spiritual revolution.

The film presents various events in the history of the Ashram and its several important activities: how Darshan happens and meditations at the Samadhi, the activities of different karma yoga projects, the arrival of children and the beginning of the Ashram School, the foundation of the Department of Physical Education to coordinate all physical activities in the Ashram, the creation of the Sri Aurobindo International Center of Education as well as the Mother's play of the New Year music and message in 1955. It also gives information about her bringing about the Supramental Manifestation on Earth in February 1956, and the sending of relics to centres of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother in other parts of the world.

- The film is available at YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt5SB10cYso>

Submitted by Margrit

DREAM DIVINE SERIES

Wednesday, 28 June, 4:30—5:30pm



Dr. Ananda Reddy will share his experience.



Musings on the Mother

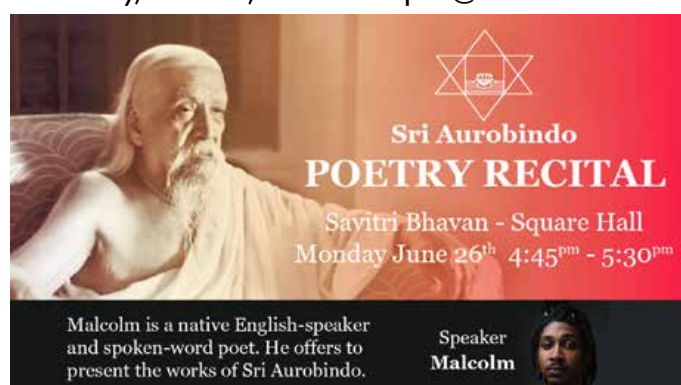
In the Sangam Hall of Savitri Bhavan
Everyone is welcome

Directed especially at newcomers, Savitri Bhavan has launched a project called 'The Dream Divine Series'. The goal of the project is to make newcomers understand the Aims and Ideals of Auroville, learn about the Life and Works of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, and the Integral Yoga. There will be a weekly session every Wednesday 4.30—5.30pm. The series will include presentations, films, talks, etc., followed by questions and answers.

Dhanalakshmi, for Savitri Bhavan Team

POETRY RECITAL

Monday, 26 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

BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSES

**in Emerging Technologies
at Auroville College in Aurobindavan**

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology -Auroville College in Applied Sciences, located at Aurobindavan in its 2nd year of existence, is taking admission of youth from Auroville and the Bioregion in a Bachelor Degree course (B.Voc.) affiliated with Pondicherry University in the following subjects:



1. Software Development & Machine Learning or Artificial Intelligence
2. Green Energy and Electric Systems
3. Production Technology

AIAT Education is based on learning by doing as per NEP2000 guidelines of UGC. Our learning system is skill-oriented, focused on personality-building and being a solution provider. Our students learn from the people /mentors and would practice at Auroville units.

These courses are conducted in small classes (25-30) students of 3 years duration. During a B.Voc.-course period, students receive three certificates: a Diploma Certificate after one year, an advanced Diploma certificate after two years, and a Bachelor's Degree certificate after three years.

The B.Voc.-curriculum was designed by AIAT and PU faculties. It is approved and published on the PU website. Under this curriculum, 60% of the credits are practical and only 40% is theory. The curriculum includes the latest development in Technology. Each academic year a student is supposed to go to an internship. AIAT has qualified Aurovilan and external faculties and access to facilities at PU. The PU conducts the examinations and certifies.

The external examiner highly appreciated our 1st-year students in the Software Development course for their practical knowledge and theoretical background.

B.E. Vs. B.Voc.

Pondicherry University is implementing NEP 2020 in all its affiliated Colleges. As per NEP 2020 B.E. courses also have a similar concept of multiple entry and exit as B.Voc.. In the 1st 3 years of the B.E. and B.Voc. courses credit points awarded are the same. Also the NCrF-credit level is the same for both at 5.5. Students who have completed 3 years B.Voc. can join in the 4th year a B.E. course to get a B.E. certificate of NCrF-level 6.

Auroville College Vs. others colleges

The traditional colleges offer B.E. or B.Tech. courses of 4 year duration. These courses are conducted as per curriculum defined by AICTE, which is very much theory oriented. In general, after passing a B.E. and B.Tech. course many students are finding it difficult to find a job. As published in Statista.com 57% of the Engineering graduates in 2023 are employable. The main reason for unemployment is lack of skills (subject as well as soft skills). Auroville College addresses this issue with a skill and practice oriented curriculum.

Who can join B.Voc. Courses

- Eligible are students who have completed +2 or equivalent courses. Students from Last-school are granted admission in these courses per PU guidelines.
- Students who have passed 10th with min. 50% marks in an ITI course of 2 years can also join a B.Voc. course.
- Pondicherry residents are admitted through CENTAC under the Govt. or Management Quota.

Fee Structure

Tuition fees for Aurovilan Kids is 38000 Rs./ Annum

For more information please contact

- Lavkamad, 9443238303 or Dr. Sanjeev Ranganathan
- or visit our campus in Aurobindavan

Dr Sanjeev Ranganathan & Lavkamad

ENLIGHT



Think Local

Think Local is the platform being provided by Enlight to youth, implement their ideas through mentorship and enlighten their effort and hard work. Based on our own learnings and overcoming bottlenecks and hurdles of personal and professional growth.

Many youths have ideas, but due to lack of the right platform, they are not able to implement them. In such a situation, youth cannot start their own enterprises even if they want to. As they need aid in *How To Do, What They Want To Do*

Our facilitation services teaching program in Auroville for Auroville. Curated and designed by local entrepreneurs for budding young first time entrepreneurs. People who have learned by doing and overcoming hurdles and bottlenecks. It is a program of experiential learning by people who have solved day to day issues and problems. Learnings shared in the program are real time decision making and thinking on your feet in face of adversity and resource deficiency. The self-paced four levels learning program is a perfect step by step guide towards building your business successfully.

- **Stage 1:** Getting to Go 2 Market: Ideation to Implementation—Learning Phase (Market & Solution) Concept to Launch Step By Step Guidance
- **Stage 2:** Crossing the Bridge, Building a Company, Growing Core Competency (Product & Sales), Execution and Distribution.
- **Stage 3:** Sustaining and Scaling, Expanding Core Competencies and Developing Secondary Competency.
- **Stage 4:** Long Term Thinking, Fighting Slow Down and Ensuring Growth.

Our Approach: From Within—Intrapreneurship

- Motivating people to recognize their capabilities and growing their self-belief in themselves.
- Experiential growth with a focus on leadership, development and awareness.



- You can learn more about us at <http://www.enlight.org.in/>

Responsible Travel Tourism Internship Program



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.

Send your resumes addressed to the Creative Manager at enlight@auroville.org.in

For Enlight Team, Arun, Anand, Balaji
www.enlight.org.in



ANGAM TREE



Student Internship Program: Traditional Bodywork

Our internship programme offers a unique opportunity to get experience of therapy setting and access modules of our in-house training programme on skills and planning.



- Respond to enquiries, Greet and Meet the Client, Complete Client Information Form
- Conduct postural assessment and evaluation
- Discuss the case with the supervising therapist—Perform any further additional assessments or enquires
- Deliver Deep Tissue Massage
- During the appointment the supervising therapist may enter the room, demonstrate any techniques or assessments—allow you opportunity to ask further questions

This position should only be applied for if the applicant is looking to start a career as a massage therapist and is interested in developing their skills and knowledge both as a therapist and how to grow and manage their client base.

- Kindly email your resumes with the subject title Internship Program at the following Email ID: angam-tree@auroville.org.in
- You can learn more about us and our initiatives at <https://angamtree.com>



Raja, For Angam Tree,
Celebration Community, +91 97513 95939

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

Web: library.auroville.org.in/



Kathrin, for Auroville Library Team

Health Care



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)

MAATRAM STOPS OCH TILL END OF JUNE

OCH (Open Consultation Hour)

For appointments please

- Message or call: 90877 09434
- Email: maatram@auroville.org.in
- Website: maatram.org.in
- Location: Mitra Youth Hostel near Town Hall.



Warmly,
Megha for Maatram

AUROKIYA—FOCUS II

Eye Exercise & Vision Therapy

3—9 July, 7—8am @ Unity Pavilion

Aurokiya Integral Eye Centre will conduct our second eye exercise workshop FOCUS II from 3 July to 9 July @ Unity Pavilion at 7—8am.

This sessions will guide you through a series of eye exercises and vision therapy to enhance your vision.

For Registration

- Click the Link <https://forms.gle/8heaS2PifpoYEXbs9> or
- aurokiya@auroville.org.in
- 8012305151 WA



Warmest Regards, Aurosugan

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

Doctor consults with Dr. Senthil & Dr.Sana, Monday to Saturday	Nursing Care , Ezhil, Thilagam, Archana & Sandhya, Daily, No appointment necessary
Ayurveda with Dr. Sonia, TOS	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, As Per Availability
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina, Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday/ Friday	Physiotherapy with Rebeca, TOS
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helen, TOS	Functional Medecine with Lize, As Per Availability

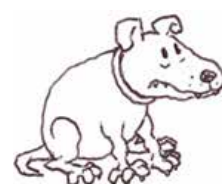
- *In Santé, we value our patient's confidentiality & make every effort to ensure their privacy.*
- *In case of cancellation or to reschedule, it is necessary to inform us in advance.*

Submitted by Dasha for Sante Services

Animal Care

CONTINUE TO BE REPORTS of suspected rabies cases

- **Important reminder:** Please note that the mass outbreak of canine distemper in Auroville and the bio-region is still ongoing, and there continue to be reports of suspected rabies cases in the area. We urge all community members to remain vigilant and well-informed about the available vaccination options for both themselves and their beloved pets.



Arthur for Auroville Dog Shelter

SUMMER JOB IN AUROVILLE DOG SHELTER



Are you a passionate dog lover looking for a rewarding summer job?

Join our dedicated team at the Auroville Dog Shelter!

As the summer season brings a decrease in volunteers, we are seeking individuals to support us in providing the best possible care for our dogs. We have two unique job opportunities available for the next 3 months.

- Position: Animal Caretaker
- Working Hours: 4 hours per day, 5 days a week
- Compensation: Rs. 8,000 per month

If you have a genuine love for dogs and are eager to make a positive impact, we invite you to join our team.

- Just send a WA message to Arthur, 812225266 or Lore, 9843181598

Arthur for Auroville Dog Shelter

SUCCESSFUL BRAVECTO FUNDRAISER

We are delighted to inform the community that we have successfully achieved our goal of raising Rs. 1.1 lakh for our BRAVECTO (Topical Solution for Dogs) fundraiser and are now able to order, soon, a bulk shipment of this important medicine. This tremendous milestone has been made possible through the support and contributions of many dog lovers.



**AUROVILLE
DOG SHELTER**

Since assuming responsibility for the care of 300 dogs in our shelter two months ago, we have made significant efforts to improve their well-being. Thanks to the success of this fundraiser, many dogs who were previously suffering from contagious skin-related diseases will now be successfully treated, and the tick infestation will be effectively addressed. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who generously donated and played a pivotal role in the success of the fundraiser. Special thanks go to FAWPNL for recognizing and appreciating our fundraising efforts, as they have generously granted a significant donation to the Auroville Dog Shelter. As every month, our transparency report will be published at the end of June.

Thanks to their donation, we have already been able to administer deworming treatments to all 300 dogs in our shelter. Additionally, we have been able to secure vaccinations for the entire population, ensuring the safety and security of each and every one of our beloved residents.

Arthur for Auroville Dog Shelter

PUPPY TRAINING WORKSHOP

- Sunday, 25 June, 10am

The Auroville Dog Shelter invites everyone to a Puppy Training Workshop on Sunday, 25 June at 10am. This exclusive event will be led by our dog trainer, Arthur, who will provide comprehensive guidance on Integral Dog Training specifically tailored for puppies.



During this workshop, Arthur will cover various aspects of puppy training and address any inquiries you may have. From basic obedience commands to socialization techniques, he will share invaluable knowledge to help you establish a strong relationship to give puppies a great start in their lives.

Arthur for Auroville Dog Shelter

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

Of Rabies And Canine Distemper Emergency Rescues

Because of the lack of emergency funds to build a larger and more secure quarantine unit and not enough maintenance positions to hire qualified permanent staff members, we have no other option but to temporarily suspend our emergency rabies and distemper rescues.



**AUROVILLE
DOG SHELTER**

Until we can privately fundraise the construction costs of additional quarantine units and provide a competitive salary to attract qualified staff members to resume our 24-hour rescue service, we cannot assume responsibility for the health and safety of Auroville residents, visitors, and guests for dog-related incidents.


In light of these circumstances, we strongly urge the Auroville Community to exercise caution and act responsibly in the weeks ahead. Please take the time to gather information about anti-rabies vaccination to protect yourselves and canine distemper vaccination for your beloved pets. Please stay safe and informed!

*Thanks, Arthur
for Auroville Dog Shelter*

The Arts


KALAKENDRA PRESENTS

Dawn of Auroville



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

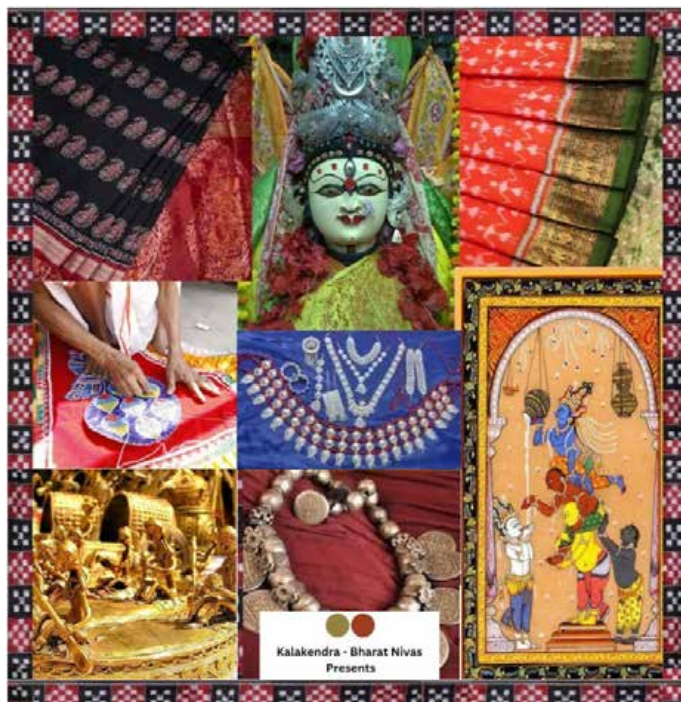
A permanent photographic exhibition with basic information on the conception of Auroville, its inauguration, and the beginning of Matrimandir till November 1973. It has been curated by Sri Aurobindo Ashram Archives in collaboration with Auroville Archives and Bharat Nivas.

- Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate.

The Blue Light Dance Studio: Exhibition of Odisha Handicrafts

from Bhubaneswar, Odisha

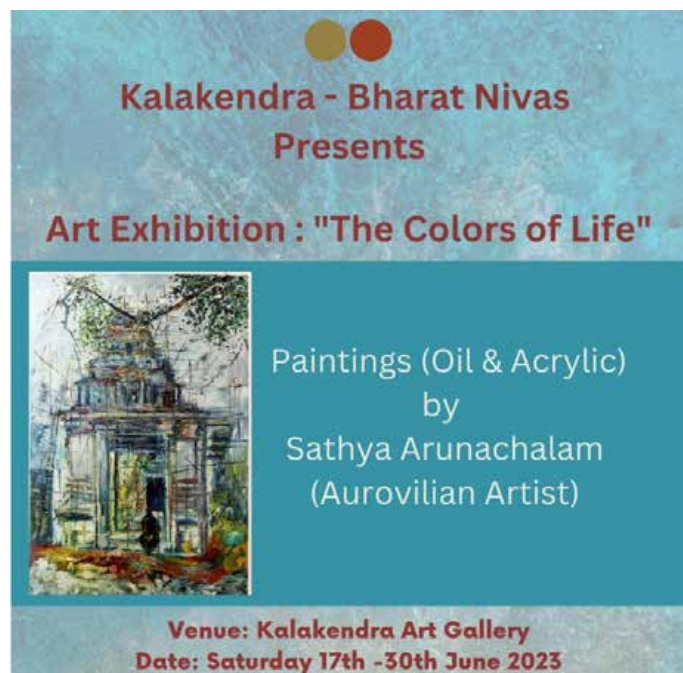
- Dates: 17 June 2023 to 28 February 2024



- Opening Hours: 9am to 5 pm—
- Sundays open: 9am to 1pm only
- Office Contact: 0413 2622488, 8249335483
 - Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate

The Colors of Life

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



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

Contact: 0413 2622488 & Sathya, 9080371145

- Parking outside the Main Bharat Nivas Gate.

Regards, Vani,
BN Culture Team

Activities

RED EARTH RIDING SCHOOL Is Offering Free Riding Classes

Red earth riding school is very happy to announce that every tuesday, Red earth riding school is offering free riding classes for Auroville kids, and the timings are mentioned below:

- Morning: 6—8am
- Evening:
 - 4—5pm (pony walk)
 - 5pm—6pm (riding classes)

You can also choose morning or evening with refreshment and swimming. You are most welcome to explore the riding horses and enjoy the experience.

Office timing

- Morning: 9:30am—12:30pm
- Afternoon: 2—5pm

Contact

- 04132965242, redearthridingschool@gmail.com

Kalivarathan
for Red Earth Riding School



ABHAYA OFFERS MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

Abhaya is and Aurovilian Activity that offers classes of martial arts since 2015. Our coaches are former pro-fighters with extensive experience in training and teaching. Our philosophy is to train both the external and the internal aspects of martial arts: test our skill and be confident about the efficiency of the techniques, but also develop an inner sense of progress and become aware of our state of consciousness under pressure, through self awareness and self discipline. Our classes are open to students of all levels, we have both absolute beginners and students that have already competed in elite tournaments.



Our Regular Classes

- Monday 5:30pm: Neijia (internal martial arts) and self defense
- Wednesday 5:30pm: Grappling and MMA
- Friday 5:30pm: Kickboxing and K1

Contacts

- abhaya@auroville.org.in, 9487340778 WA
- Check our work and follow us here: https://www.instagram.com/giacomo_writer_auroville/



Thank you, Giacomo for Abhaya

SALSA DANCE CLASS

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



Mani, @bakisata_dance

FOOD FOREST TOUR



SWIMMING CLASS

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

Submitted by Mani

TANGO DANCE CLASS

Every Monday, Cripa, 6:30pm

- By appointment: Any time you can do class

Information

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

For bookings contact us:

- +918637633696, bakisatadance@gmail.com. Mani



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

Rupavathi Joy

BAMBOO CENTRE



Workshops June 2023

Bamboo Centre Campus Tour



Come and enjoy every Saturday a guided tour through our bamboo campus. Discover the variety of Bamboo products, Bamboo musical instruments, different species of bamboo during your visit to the Campus, Sound Garden and Showroom. Our team will be happy and helpful to share the work with bamboo and its many gifts.

- 11:30am—12:30pm Every Saturday
- @ Auroville Bamboo Centre

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

MAKE & TAKE

FURNITURE WORKSHOP

Location: Auroville Bamboo Center, Auroville.

1 Day [9am - 5pm]

Min. 1 Person

Monday - Saturday

This is an 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.

Follow Us on Instagram: [aurovillebamboocentre](https://www.instagram.com/aurovillebamboocentre)

Registration One Day in Advance

Bamboo Jewellery, Toys & Musical Instruments



Come and learn to make your own Bamboo Toys, traditional/folk instruments or Jewellery at Bamboo centre and take home your own hand made product at the end of the workshop.

9am—12:30pm; 1:30—5pm, every day except Sunday

Walk-in registration available

The Bamboo Tree House Workshop

• 6—8 July



The Bamboo Tree House workshop is perfect for anyone who wants to gain skills and hands-on experience working with bamboo and tree house technique, one of the most eco-friendly building materials, while also

exploring various aspects of sustainable living. It is for anyone who is concerned about building a more environmentally sustainable world.

An essential aspect of building of the more sustainable world is the quality of the consciousness we bring to it. Our outer environment whether built or natural—reflects the state of our inner awareness

- To find out the physical character of the tree
- To find out whether the tree is habitable
- To find the possibilities of creating different platforms of habitat on a tree
- Integrate the indigenous techniques within a rural, urban or a semi urban space
- Working out the possibility of using tree as Natural columns
- Work out different special functions inside a tree foliage
- To remain within the ecosystem
- Discover a community and dwellings within the Nature



Bamboo Nature Camp at Kolli Hill

• 29 June—2 July, 9am—5pm



Inviting all Adventure lovers and Sustainable building seekers to our Bamboo Workshop & Nature Camp of Kolli Hills

Bamboo Centre is offering everyone a new immersive learning experience

in the lapse of nature to rejuvenate and learn the fundamentals of Bamboo construction and Sustainable living using the natural resources and local knowledge of tools and techniques used by the tribal community.

This unique workshop will empower the tribal community to preserve their local skills and knowledge and support their livelihood. Workshop will take place under the guidance of an expert, who will mentor the team all throughout be it for bamboo construction or beautiful treks.

Inclusions/Attractions:

- Basic accommodation in tents and tree house (sharing basis)
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) vegetarian for all days at camp site
- Guided trek in forest
- Spice plantation and river bath.
- Bamboo harvesting
- Tribal tools and techniques
- Bamboo hands-on workshop
- Drum Circle (Musical Evenings)

Bamboo Workshop & Nature Camp at Kodaikanal

• 27—30 July



Kodaikanal is a hill town in the southern Indian state of Tamilnadu. It's Set in an area of granite cliffs, forested valleys, lakes, waterfalls and grassy hills. At 2000 meters above sea level, the town Kodaikanal centers around man-made, star shaped Kodaikanal Lake, bordered by evergreen forest. Rowing boats can be hired and

cyclists follow the 5k Lake Road path around the shore, it is perfect location for making outdoor camps.

- **What should you have to bring?** Woolen jacket, torch light, bed sheet, tent if possible
- **Includes:** cultural & construction camp, accommodation, camp fire, drum circle & local visit
- **Meeting Point:** At Kavunji Village, Kodaikanal Bus Stand

Bamboo Summer School

• 31 July—5 August



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

- Preferred through Email at 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

www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

Thanks and Regards, Murugan

Looking For

Looking For Second Hand Items:

- simple gas oven with one flame only
- small gas bottle
- metal office chair (indian with wooden armrest)
- motorbike (preferably honda splendor)

Please write to vonlieres@gmx.de



Hartmut

SOUL OF SOIL

Auroville Bio region hub for art, craft and culture to bridge and promote Local Tamil culture



June 2023

Conscious and Cultural Tour Experience Program

Make and take handson workshops

Bamboo Musical Instrument	Bamboo Jewellery
Bamboo Toys	Clay Modeling
Terracotta	Incense Making
Paper Mache	Lampshade
Kolam Mandala Painting	Palm leaf craft
Coconut shell craft	Stone Carving

Daily: Make and Take, Hands-On Workshops at Bio region Art & Craft Centre (Mohanam, Cross Cultural Experiences and Educational Tours located in Mohanam campus)

- Advance booking is necessary
- Contact: preferred mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, or call +91 8300949079
- 10am—4pm, Every day except Sundays

Mohanam campus tour

Come and visit Mohanam Village Heritage centre to explore the taste of Tamil culture, bamboo experiential farm, sound healing, hands on make and take—art and craft workshops at bio region art and craft centre, Lively one village boutique with products by bio region village artisans, saree & veshti library, local traditional lunch, herbal tea.

- 10am—4pm, Every day except Sundays

Mohanam Sound healing

Book your sound healing session/ south bath for groups at Mohanam village heritage centre. A journey into silence, voice, movement and meditation inspired by nature and rhythmic waves we dive into an inner exploration of embodiment and expression. Union of mind, body and spirit through celebration of sound to enhance the sense of balance and reconnect one to their own consciousness.

- Advance booking is necessary
- Contact: preferred mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, or call +91 8300949079
- 10am—4pm, Every day except Sundays

Saree & Veshti Experience Tour

Let the magic of saree & veshti adorn you!

Choose a saree and veshti from a variety of beautiful saree and veshti in our library, get your traditional south Indian look with help of our women's group members will assist you to drape/ wear the saree & veshti. You can ask us for a photo-shoot as an add on, south Indian style makeover—choose between kolam & cooking for an inclusive traditional experience

- Advance booking is necessary
- Contact: preferred mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, or call +91 8300949079
- 10am—4pm, Every day except Sundays

Conscious and Cultural Tour Experience in Auroville

The future of the world (Integral—Consciousness—Responsible—Education—Empowerment Sustainability)

- Bio region village & temple tour
- Bioregion historical/ monument/ heritage educational tour
- Auroville Forest tour
- Auroville Farm tour
- Auroville North-West experience
- Auroville entrepreneurship tour
- Includes Tea and snacks, Duration: 2hours.
- 1-day advance booking is necessary
- Day & Timing: Every day 10am—5pm

Cycle Tour with Bio-Region Youth + Breakfast

Auroville is considered one of the best cycle trails in India. We at Mohanam would like to offer our experienced staff as guides to take advantage of the best routes in and around Auroville using cycles. The route shall include the following destinations Includes Tea and snacks, Duration: 2hours.

- 1-day advance booking is necessary
- Every Saturday & Sunday, 6—8am

Auroville North-West Cycle Tour + Lunch

This tour is designed for the audience to make them more aware about the beauty and richness of our culture, tradition and our heritage in this north-west zone of Auroville. Also, this is a must take walk to understand the inspiring stories of various entrepreneurship units and the way they are carrying forward our age-old traditions with modern techniques.

- Every day 10:30am—1pm, except Sunday
- Meeting/ Starting Point: Visitor center, 1-day advance booking is necessary for group bookings (for single bookings at least before 10am)
- For Bookings: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call us at: +91 8300949079

Saturday evening Aurosanthai market

Indo African Drum Circle with Food & Campfire

Enjoy the evening with blissful fusion of instrumental music, freestyle dancing and traditional drumming with campfire, accompanied by traditional Tamil dishes.

- Every Saturday between 6 to 7:30pm (Pre-booking is mandatory),
- Venue: Mohanam Village Heritage Centre,
- For more information: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call us at: +91 8300949079

Kolam Village Walk

Join for Spiritual Kolam walk and let the inner spirit and emotions lead the flow of Kolam. Enjoy the Delicious Tamil breakfast after the small trip inside the village, early in the morning made by local women to support them economically.

- Meeting point: Mohanam Heritage Village
- Every Friday, 6am to 8am
- Facilitator: Mohanam youth
- Contacts: mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or +91 8300949079

Thiruvannamalai Eco & Spiritual Services

- Thiruvannamalai—Mohanam Services
- Aurunachala—Auroville
- Tour, Retreat space, Camping, Temple visit, Ashram, Girivalam Full Moon Experience.

The following services are available in Thiruvannamalai as Mohanam program has partnered with locals to arrange local tours, therapy, ashram visits, healing sessions, trekking and camping packages, group outings and awakening/ spiritual tours and Thiruvannamalai volunteering activities.

You can book the complete tour (cab, stay, local visit to spiritual places) by the Mohanam youth to Thiruvannamalai.

- **For more information:** mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in or call us at: +91 8300949079

Balu



Taxi Share

To Chennai airport, 29 June, afternoon

To Chennai airport, 29 June, around late afternoon, it needs to be at 8—9pm at the airport. If you want to share a taxi please contact +57 3138737644 WA, Lucas

Available

Aluminum Cooker Available

An aluminum cooker of 3 liters towards contribution. Contact +91 9429063538. Laxmanan House, Sincerity

Gijubhai Dave



Turquoise Blue Firefox Bicycle Available



A turquoise blue Firefox Bicycle. It is 4 years old and has 7 gears and 26 in wheels. Good for children and teens. Towards contribution

Please contact me: Kay, 9943368410, Only WA Call Please.

Work Opportunities

AWARE Auroville

Opportunity for Newcomer/Aurovillian with a passion for media and communications.

- **Full Time** (Maintenance is possible)

AWARE aims to promote human unity through effective communication and collaboration. We focus on various aspects of Auroville, including spiritual, cultural, social, economic, organizational, and ecological aspects, to help Auroville realize its vision.

AWARE is unique in its conscious approach towards communicating actions, collecting insights, ideating different approaches, and innovating the most appropriate way to communicate. Aware offers its services on a free and fair basis and is run by Auroville residents to provide authentic information.

Skills and Knowledge desired

- The ability to work well independently and within a team
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Creativity and innovation
- Management skills
- Basic understanding of web and social media promotion
- Problem-solving abilities
- Medium level IT skills

Above all we need someone who is driven by Auroville's vision and feels the need to communicate this in the most sincere and earnest form to the world.

- aware@auroville.org.in, 98100 52574 WA

Warm regards, Nilima

WORK OPPORTUNITIES AT WEB SERVICE

Apply by 25 June

Auroville Web Services is a service unit under the City Services budget, that develops and maintains the main public website of Auroville—www.auroville.org. We have full-time or part-time work opportunities available for those who are interested in web-based communication on a long-term basis.



WORK OPPORTUNITIES AT AUROVILLE WEB SERVICES

Developing & Maintaining Auroville's Public Website www.auroville.org

Applications Open Full or Part-time Work

ONLY FOR AUROVILIANS AND NEWCOMERS

WEB TEAM MANAGER Overall coordination of the development and maintenance of auroville.org	INFORMATION ARCHITECT Information Architecture, UX and web development
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Web Team Manager

This is a general-purpose role where you will be responsible for the overall coordination of the development and maintenance of www.auroville.org

1. Ability to coordinate a team—content writers, editor, graphic designers, photographers, content manager etc
2. A good understanding of web-based communications.
 - a. Content writing for the web
 - b. Good aesthetic sense
 - c. Understanding of UX
 - d. Understanding of web development—need not be a developer but should know how to work with a technology developer.
3. Coordination with Working Groups
4. Manage finance

Information Architect

1. Information Architecture
2. UX
3. Web development

For both roles, you must be

- Comfortable with technology.
- Willing to learn always.
- Able to think for the whole of Auroville without mixing with personal likes and dislikes.
- There will be a **trial period of 3 months** and afterwards, you will become a permanent member of the Web Services team.
- Only Aurovilians or Newcomers need to apply.
 - Maintenance is available.

Please write to webservices@auroville.org.in with your brief bio and links to your work.

Warm regards, Manoj

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

Foods, Goods and Services

FOR YOUR NEXT HAIRCUT



For your next haircut and/ or a relaxing beauty care for your hair appointment, contact:

Ahana @9751513906 (WA, Signal and Telegram only) or essence.touch@yahoo.de

Ulrike

AIRCON AIR CONDITIONING CLEANING SERVICE

Aircon Clean offers a 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 and outdoor unit 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 at 9786809518 or email us at airconclean.av@gmail.com



Regards, Julien

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

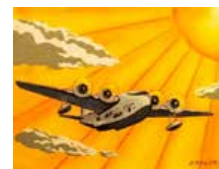


Ramkrishna

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 Monday to Friday.
- He can also be contacted anytime: +91 9894598686, phone or WA
- or by email: travelshop@inside-india.com
- **Qatar airways** is resuming flights to Birmingham on 6 July
- Starting 3 July **Qatar airways** has four weekly flights with competitive fares to Lyon
- **Lufthansa** will operate daily flights to Frankfurt effective 29 June and has connecting flights on Airbus A380 Aircraft to the USA
- **Oman airways** special fares to Frankfurt, Paris, Munich, Istanbul, Milan and Zurich with sales validity until 30 June and travel validity until 31 August
- **Srilankan airways** offers special one-way fares from Chennai to Paris, sale validity is 31 August
- **Etihad airways** offers special fares from Chennai to Frankfurt, Amsterdam

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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 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)

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:

- +91 9443493025 phone, SMS, WA

Jagdishaan

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,
+91 413 2622704, 2623449, Raji

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

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

RED DOT CAFE AT UPASANA

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

- +91 9962197716,
upasanared.cafe@gmail.com



Submitted by 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

Sathish Arumugam, 8098144686, 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.

Sincerely, Grace, for Pour Tous Water

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



Solitude Farm

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
9843319260 WA, Solitude farm & café
Auroville, Krishna

Poetry

AND MEANWHILE...

What is the question?
"Who are you?"
This You
Is the Play of the Two
Who are One.
"Why?"
Don't know.
It is just so...
Spirit and Matter
Are simply two aspects
Of this Marvel...
And We are That.
With this realisation
It is now high time
To consciously reprogram
This hologram.
"The whole earth
Must prepare itself
For the advent
Of the new species,
And Auroville
Wants to work
Consciously
To hasten this advent."
"How?"
Through Bhakti
The Sunlit Path of Surrender
The easiest and most joyful...
"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."
Any question?
Then come join
[Our dynamic satsang.](#)

Zech, 2023.06.16

IN THE SILENCE OF A MOONTIDE

In the silence of a moontide
That streaks the midnight sea
There dwells a deep fulfillment
That calls alluringly;
With whispers lent unspoken
To touch the witness Soul,
A fullness deep unbroken
That hints a Mystic whole.
And the waves they break in rhythm
Upon the sandy shore,
Each one at last effacing
The one that went before.
And the heart it knows one answer
To all that is no more.
In the silence of that moontide
The waves break to adore.

Roger Harris, 1985

Voices and Notes

SWIM BLISSFUL IN A LOVING OCEAN OF FIRE

"Truth comes to us as a light, a voice, compelling a change of thought, imposing a new discernment of ourselves and all around us. Truth of thought creates Truth of vision and Truth of vision forms in us Truth of being, and out of Truth of being (Satyam) flows naturally Truth of emotion, will and action. This is indeed the central notion of the Veda."

The Image of the Oceans and the Rivers,
The Secret of the Veda by Sri Aurobindo

The child asks: "Why are the trees green?" The poet replies: "Because they are green; if they would have been pink, we would have known." There can be no final solution to the awful world's mess until we have radically turned our groping unconsciousness and chronic greed for things and people into the great laughing and loving consciousness, totally free from prejudices, limitations, into the playing vastness of Truth embracing all truths, so every one of us too. Enjoy the transcendent celestial Kiss! In order to enjoy this endless joyful kiss, one must engage oneself in a quest, which apparently seems impossible. But never forget: appearances deceive; only the secret Reality will never fool you!

As Sri Aurobindo tells us: "An eternal Truth-Consciousness must possess us and sublimate all our natural modes into its own mode of being, knowledge and action; a spontaneous Truth-awareness, Truth-will, Truth-feeling, Truth-movement, Truth-action can then become the integral law of our nature."

Someone said rightly, the more I know the human race, the more I love animals. Human, huwowan beings can be really lovely and worthy of the sweet tenderness of our Heart of Light, but unfortunately their true beauty is spoiled by their devilish sticky ego. Jacques Higelin in one of his numerous wonderful songs tells us that: "The Good Lord wanted to gun Himself down when He discovered that wo/man was a wolf for his/her brother and sister."

To reach a point of pure ecstatic freedom, one has to get rid of all the falsehoods. To emerge from this feverish darkness, one has to one's Heart dripping with an intense aspiration to the billion suns doubled up with laughter, contemplating with immense compassion our sad plight. The silence roars out of laughter much more than you can ever imagine. We walk in life like zombies under the supervision of a cleverly manufactured, moral consciousness, occultly imposed by the selfish leaders of this apparently hellish world. The good Lord with all the patience of the cosmic-comic intensities looks, arms crossed, to this childish comedy, waiting that some bright soul frees oneself from this horrible chaos.

Mother said that Auroville has been created to avoid a third world war, so my friends hurry up to drop your malicious egos and awake to the true Truth. We can blossom only in a totality of being, then the eternal spring arises and then your life is dripping with colors, music and poetry. When one has truly found oneself, life becomes a perpetual dance of joy. Get rid of what is false in you, be your True Self, your life will become a vast ocean of playful beatitudes. You have nothing to loose, only your crippling, powerless, thoughtful, speculating, moody ignorance. Be forever young and authentic, don't cheat yourself! We can still change the world!

Soham, your intrepid Rock'n Roller

P.S. Don't forget please, we are here to realize the impossible. Understand with your Heart Andre Malraux's prophetic truth: "The 21st century will be spiritual or will not be!"

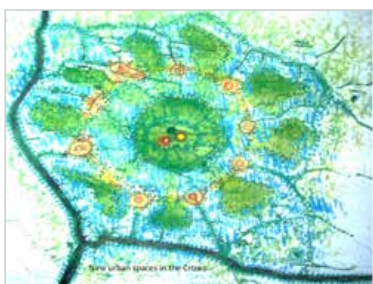
STUDIES FOR AUROVILLE circa 1980



During my time in Auroville, and sometimes afterwards, as various design and town planning ideas were openly being discussed, I would explore and develop studies and communicate them to the community and people I thought may be interested through the newsletters and other publications and presentations at meetings. When I became aware of a decision apparent by the start of construction I would stop those studies and go on to some other design and town planning study. Looking back my sense is that I was not in on the private discussions and decision making. Now many years later, some of the drawings and writings that have survived with me are presented.

Urban Spaces/ Squares in the crown

The squares in the crown town planning study, originally called plazas on the crown, were integral with the petal parks idea and based on the existing land and developments at that time, the early 1980's. I was working with Dorothee and a few people organizing land maps, several green-workers, and surveying for water conservation projects partly funded by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, and developed a fairly comprehensive sense of the land and existing buildings.



The nine squares seem to fit, at the intersection of radial roads, and in part formed a crown reference diameter. Part of the idea was by building the squares/plazas on the crown first, vehicles can come in to the plazas, and go out from the plazas, and movement from square to plaza to piazza could be quieter and easily controlled.

Joel H. Goodman, 18 December, 2015

THE MATRIX AND THE MUTANTS

From our founding revolutionary mutants:

"It is a revolt against the whole universal Nature."

Sri Aurobindo

"Salvation is physical." "Expect nothing from death, life is your salvation. It is in life that you must transform yourself. It is on earth that you progress and on earth that you realize. It is in the body that you win the Victory."

The Mother

And from a subsequent, torch bearing mutant: *"In what direction to search?"*

"I spent some twenty years beside Mother and, like the peasants of the Middle Ages, there was something fundamental I had failed to grasp. One day, as I was making some comments to Mother, She exclaimed, "But it is my constant experience that life and death are the same thing!"

I had understood her to mean that the state called "life" and the state called "death" (on the other side of a tomb or of a round earth) were the same thing, i.e., there is life after death, and that life is as living as ours—which is really quite clear, and one would have to be quite primitive not to know it, but that's another story. This is not, however, what Mother meant! She meant that our life is death itself, i.e., there is no "other side"; we're already in death! Or, to put it differently, we are on the wrong side [The Matrix] and life has yet to be. ...

We are in a universal black dungeon, invisible to us, and we go about in that dungeon as a matter of course, thinking it is our daylight and our life, making all kinds of "wonderful" discoveries, even peering at the whole universe through the dungeon walls, using the ingredients of the dungeon to accomplish atomic, electronic, and medical "miracles," even flying through the air of the dungeon and tinkering with genetics in an attempt to improve our nocturnal species—whereupon the dungeon disintegrates.

And something else emerges. Something else entirely.

We had never been born, never been "men"—we were merely hemeralopes, like the axolotls in the underground lakes of Mexico. We had never seen the daylight, never seen life. We were living dead.

Then our walls crumble.

And it's another Earth.

It is "another heaven," as John of Patmos had seen.

It is the Day, as the Vedic rishis saw some five or seven thousand years ago.

They shattered the mountain rock with their cry;

They made in us a path...

They discovered the Day and the sun-world...

the pregnant hill [our own matter, our dungeon]... parted asunder, heaven was perfected."

The Revolt of the Earth, Satprem

- https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/satprem/revolt_of_the_earth_e.htm#007 (for the receptives: best to read it all)

"Nor let worldly prudence whisper too closely in thy ear, for it is the hour of the unexpected."

Sri Aurobindo
Zech, 2023.06.18

And More Voices

FORCED EXIT OF SATPREM

Dear Friends, I was summoned on Monday, 19 June to the FRRO in Chennai. I was told that the Secretary revoked the recommendation for my stay in Auroville. Initially, she wanted me to leave within a week.

I tried to present some papers and explain things... But there was no way.

The FRRO officers were kind and understanding. But they simply said that they received the order to issue an exit permit and I had to go.

However, they also added that in view of what I did for India, they would give me 2 weeks to leave India. Thus, I will be leaving on 30 June. ~75 Lakhs Rs. to Auroville from my savings, created Crores of Rs. of assets in Auroville and made the Auroville Earth Institute one of the world leaders in the field of earth architecture...

And now I am thrown out like a piece of garbage by this "civil servant".

My departure means also the end of the Auroville Earth Institute: Half of the courses cannot be given if I am not here and our main income is coming from the works that I do outside for which the fees have always been given to Auroville.

Auroville is my home and India is my country.

The majority of foreigners and most of the Tamil people are asleep, and never say a word or attend meetings. When will finally wake up ALL the Aurovilians and fight for the Truth and the Auroville ideal?

Very sincerely, Satprem

TO ALL AUROVILIANS

Pushkar, Ramesh and Renu have been executives of AV Art Service from 2012. They were shocked to read in the News and Notes that they were dismissed and others were appointed. This is to let the community know that till date the following documents, required by Standing Order 13 of 2022 have not been produced:



1. Valid Trust resolution, signed by trustees who are running their term
2. Valid FAMC resolution, signed by the authorizing GB member as per section 16 of the Act

Without these documents being presented, we are shocked that access to FS accounts have been transferred and that an office space in the Town Hall has been given.

We remain at your service, Krishna

Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

ACTIVITIES BY LAKSHMI

Sound Chakras Healing

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



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

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

Private Transformational Yoga Classes

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

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



- 8489764602 Lakshmi or
- lakshmiprem369@gmail.com

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

Lakshmi

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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+91 8807434864 mob., +33 695651135 WA

HATHA/ VINYASA FLOW YOGA TTC INTENSIVE COURSE

extends for 300 Hours

6 July to 1 August, 6:30—9:30am & 3—7pm, every day except Sunday

Expand your personal yoga journey and deepen your self practice through practical tools and skills in this 28 day immersion in Yoga with certification from Yoga Alliance.



Key Elements

- **Advanced Asana Practice:** Challenge and expand your physical abilities with a variety of intermediate and advanced asanas
- **Pranayama and Meditation:** Deepen your breathwork and meditation practice
- **Anatomy and Physiology:** Explore the human body in greater detail, delving into the musculoskeletal and respiratory systems, as well as the subtle energy systems related to yoga practice.

- **Philosophy & Yoga Sutras:** Dive deeper into the philosophical aspects of yoga, studying classical texts like the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, Saiva Siddhantham and more to expand your understanding of yogic wisdom.
- **Teaching Methodology & Special classes:** Refine your teaching skills with a focus on sequencing, adjustment techniques, and effective class management.
- **Practicum and Feedback:** Gain valuable teaching experience and constructive feedback

Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your yoga practice and become a confident, knowledgeable yoga practitioner. Limited spots available.

Best Regards, Bala

ANGAM TREE: THERAPIES



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.

Sound Healing Therapy

Using various musical instruments, Sound healing, Bodywork, Meditation, Visualization and Breathing one will become aware of their complete sensory perception. When we hear the subtle cautions of our life and where the body is a pathway of that inner voice, we all have the potential to heal ourselves.

- Contribution based

Massage Therapy

Traditional body work using acupressure and deep tissue varma points healing methodologies. Naturally prepared herbal and coconut oil along with natural essential oil aroma for meditative breathing wellness. Use of sound to awaken and create a sense of peace and calm to bring about a holistic healthiness and oneness with self.

- Contribution based

Dance Movement Therapy

Uses movement to help individuals achieve emotional, cognitive, physical, and social integration. Beneficial for both physical and mental health, dance therapy can be used for stress reduction, symptoms prevention, and mood management. In general, dance therapy promotes self-awareness, self-esteem, and a safe space for the expression of feelings.

- Contribution based

You can learn more about us and register

- www.angamtree.com/therapies

Warm regards, Angam Tree, Raja Narayanasamy
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RELAXING OIL MASSAGE



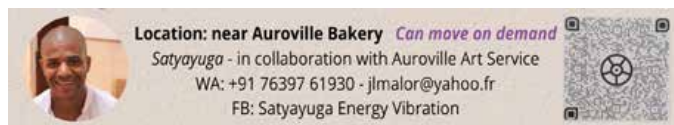
Relaxing oil massage to reconnect body and soul.

- Full body, 90 minutes.

On donation for aurovilians, newcomers and volunteers.

*Best regards,
Umberto, 7598331379*

SATYAYUGA



Energy Vibration

- **Reiki with Kototamas:** give energy for the wellbeing and struggle against stress
- **QiGong:** work on the rejuvenation of the body & automassage and Yoga facial. 7 people max
- **Personal trainer:** using Karla Kattai, conscious muscular exercises and stretching of articulations 1 to 3 people
- **Reflexology:** Manual and natural method centered on the selfregulation of human body by pressing reflex zones & Vibrational massage with bowls



- **Nada Yoga Ananda:** Connect to your inner self through Vibrating Chants, @ 4pm for about 2hours.
 - Ecstatic Wednesday
 - Shamanic Friday
 - Sacred Sunday



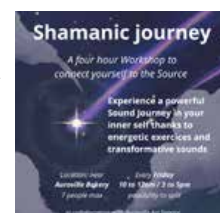
- **Gongs, Tibetan Bowls & Didgeridoo meditation for Full Moon and New Moon.** Working with the energetic forces of the Moon, we will create an energetic field to power your intention. @ 7pm for around one hour



- **Tibetan bowls. Gongs. Five Elements Sound Massage.** Connect to your inner self through Sound Massage and Vibrating Chants & find peace in a Sound Cocoon



- **Shamanic journey.** A four hour Workshop to connect yourself to the Source. Experience a powerful Sound Journey in your inner self thanks to energetic exercises and transformative sounds. Every Friday, near Auroville Bakery, 10am—12noon & 3—5pm. 7 people max, possibility to split



*Warmly, Satyayuga
(Jean-Luc Malor)*



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, antarcalli@yahoo.fr	Monday to Sunday

Thanks & Regards, Ramana, Arka, 0413 2623799



VÉRITÉ WORKSHOPS
Pre-registration required
0413 2622045, 2622606,
7867805812 WA,
programming@verite.in
www.verite.in

The Healing Power of Gayatri Mantra w/ Sabrina

• Saturday, 24 June, 9:30am—12pm

Gayatri mantra is one of the most important mantras in the Yogic tradition, connecting us with the sun, giving us energy, and helping purify the body and mind. In this workshop you will learn both the mantra and the mudras (healing hand postures) associated with it. Open to all; no prior experience with mantra is necessary.

Savitri, Program Administrator



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, 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



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

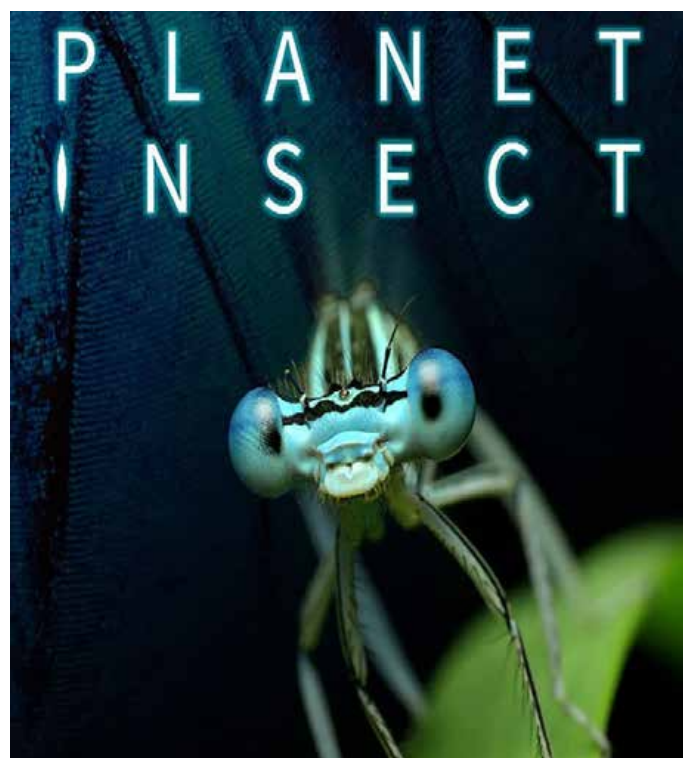
21:15 Free bus from Sadhana Forest back to Solar Kitchen
Before the movie, at exactly 16:30 you are welcome to join us for a full tour of Sadhana Forest and an update of our most recent work! After the film, you are welcome to join us for a free 100% vegan organic dinner! The bus service is operated 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 30th June

Planet Insect: Small Creatures, Big Lives

2017/ 54 minutes/ DocuMania



Explore alien life right under our noses—here on Planet Insect.

They clean up the planet for us, pollinate the plants we depend on and provide the bases of the food chain supporting all life including ourselves. With millions of years of fine-tuning, they are miniature marvels that the world just can't live without.

Submitted by Shek



Emergency Services

Ambulance (24/7): Auroville—9442224680

• PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

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

Health: Health Center—0413 2622123

- Santé—0413 2622803
- Farewell—8903836246

Mental health 24/7 support:

- Vandrevalla Foundation +91 9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/7): 108

Accessible Auroville Public Bus



Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

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



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

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

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



CINEMA PARADISO
Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium
Film Program
26 June 2023 to 2 July 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 26 June, 8pm

KATHAL: A JACKFRUIT MYSTERY

India, 2023, Writer-Dir. Yashowardhan Mishra w/ Sanya Malhotra, Anant Joshi, Vijay Raaz w/ others, Comedy-Crime, 115mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Young and efficient police officer Mahima Basor is posted in a semi-rural Uttar Pradesh where crime is almost normalized, and the police exist to fill an official space. A constable is obsessed with finding his stolen car, essential to marrying his daughter off, while her inefficient bosses toe the line when the local MLA Munnalal Pateria summons. Two hybrid jackfruits went missing from the MLA's house and Mahima must find them. The ridiculous hunt leads to a bigger crime against women and reveals other issues. It compels the officer to adapt to the local political power play to perform her duty. A satire worth the watch!

Potpourri—Tuesday 27 June, 8pm

GR CE À DIEU (By the grace of God)

France-Belgium, 2018, Dir. Francois Ozon w/ Melvin Poupaud, Denis Ménochet, Swann Arlaud and others, Crime-Drama, 137 mins, French w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (R)

This gripping drama follows three men who together dismantle the code of silence that continues to protect a priest who abused them decades ago. Based on true events, this film compassionately illustrates the varying effects of trauma on survivors and their families. It is an urgent portrait of resistance, the power of mobilization, and the mysteries of faith.

Interesting—Wednesday 28 June, 8pm

AFGHAN DREAMERS

USA, 2022, Dir. David Greenwald, Documentary, 72 mins, Dari-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (G)

In this acclaimed and inspiring film, an all-girls' robotics team in Afghanistan risks it all to prove that it can compete against anyone in the world and demonstrates what girls can achieve and become instead of teenage brides. Working in secret under Taliban rule, the high-school-aged team members struggle in the face of immense odds and ever-present danger, and single-handedly begin to change perceptions in this entrenched conservative culture. The film focuses on three team members—Fatimah, Somaya, and Lida—all of whom are fiercely determined to follow their passions and become role models for the next generation. It is a film that dares to ask if a better future is possible for women. A must see!

Selection—Thursday 29 June, 8pm

SEX, LIES AND VIDEOTAPE

USA, 1989, Dir. Steven Soderbergh w/ James Spader, Andie MacDowell, Peter Gallagher and others, Drama, 100 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

John and Ann, a junior partner at a law firm and a housewife respectively, are a young, upwardly mobile couple, who most would deem to have a perfect life. What she is unaware of is that John embarked on an affair with her sister, bartender Cynthia Bishop, who she doesn't admire as being too "loud". John reconnects with a close friend from college named Graham, who, to John, appears to have lost his way in life in the years that they have not been in touch. Graham, via the method in which he deals, has a profound effect on Cynthia, John and Ann, who in turn, especially Ann, have a profound effect on him.

International—Saturday, 1 July, 8pm

LA FAMILIA PERFECTA (The perfect family)

Spain, 2021, Dir. Arantxa Echevarria w/ Belén Rueda, Jose Coronado, Gonzalo de Castro, and others, Adventure-Come-dy, 110 mins, Spanish w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Lucia is a wealthy woman and a wife of an accomplished astronomer, Ernesto. To her shock, their son Pablo chooses to marry a commoner, strong willed, foul mouthed, and from a working-class family. Lucia does everything to her power and yet the impact it has on herself, and her family is rather surprising.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 2 July, 4:30pm

LA TORTUE ROUGE (The red turtle)



France-Belgium, 2016, Dir. Michael Dudok de Wit, Animations-Family, 80 mins, No dialogue, Rated: PG

A man is shipwrecked on a deserted island and encounters a red turtle, which changes his life.

Arthur Penn Film Festival @ Ciné-Club:

Ciné-Club Sunday 2 July, 8pm

THE MIRACLE WORKER

USA, 1962, Dir. Arthur Penn w/ Ann Bancroft, Patty Duke, and others, Biography -Drama, 106 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG.

Young Helen Keller, blind, deaf, and mute since infancy, is in danger of being sent to an institution. Her parents seek help from the Perkins Institute, which sends them a woman named Annie Sullivan to tutor their daughter. Through persistence and love, and sheer stubbornness, Annie breaks through Helen's walls of silence and darkness and teaches her to communicate.

Rating codes we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available. For scheduling programs at MMC/CP venue: please email us at mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in. We appreciate your continued support. Pl donate to 'Cinema Paradiso' (account #105106) or set up for a monthly contribution. We need it now more than ever.

Thanking You, Marco for MMC/CP

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