



News Notes

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Pondering



The Divine is that from which all comes, in which all lives, and to return to the truth of the Divine now clouded over by Ignorance is the soul's aim in life. In its supreme Truth, the Divine is absolute and infinite peace, consciousness, existence, power and Ananda.

Sri Aurobindo, Letters on Yoga

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House of Mother's Agenda



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It is the incompleteness and weakness of the Consciousness Force manifested in the mental, vital and physical being, its inability to receive or refuse at will, or, receiving, to assimilate or harmonise the contacts of the universal Energy cast upon it, that is the cause of pain and suffering. In the material realm Nature starts with an entire insensibility, and it is a notable fact that either a comparative insensibility or a deficient sensibility or, more often, a greater endurance and hardness to suffering is found in the beginnings of life, in the animal, in primitive or less developed man; as the human being grows in evolution, he grows in sensibility and suffers more keenly in mind and life and body. For the growth in consciousness is not sufficiently supported by a growth in force; the body becomes more subtle, more finely capable, but less solidly efficient in its external energy: man has to call in his will, his mental power to dynamise, correct and control his nervous being, force it to the strenuous tasks he demands from his instruments, steel it against suffering and disaster. In the spiritual ascent this power of the consciousness and its will over the instruments, the control of spirit and inner mind over the outer mentality and the nervous being and the body, increases immensely; a tranquil and wide equality of the spirit to all shocks and contacts comes in and becomes the habitual poise, and this can pass from the mind to the vital parts and establish there too an immense and enduring largeness of strength and peace; even in the body this state may form itself and meet inwardly the shocks of grief and pain and all kinds of suffering. Even, a power of willed physical insensibility can intervene or a power of mental separation from all shock and injury can be acquired which shows that the ordinary reactions and the debile submission of the bodily self to the normal habits of response of material Nature are not obligatory or unalterable. Still more significant is the power that comes on the level of spiritual mind or overmind to change the vibrations of pain into vibrations of Ananda: even if this were to go only up to a certain point, it indicates the possibility of an entire reversal of the ordinary rule of the reacting consciousness; it can be associated too with a power of self-protection that turns away the shocks that are more difficult to transmute or to endure. The gnostic evolution at a certain stage must bring about a completeness of this reversal and of this power of self-protection which will fulfil the claim of the body for immunity and serenity of its being and for deliverance from suffering and build in it a power for the total delight of existence. A spiritual Ananda can flow into the body and inundate cell and tissue; a luminous materialisation of this higher Ananda could of itself bring about a total transformation of the deficient or adverse sensibilities of physical Nature.

An aspiration, a demand for the supreme and total delight of existence is there secretly in the whole make of our being, but it is disguised by the separation of our parts of nature and their differing urge and obscured by their inability to conceive or seize anything more than a superficial pleasure. In the body consciousness this demand takes shape as a need of bodily happiness, in our life parts as a yearning for life happiness, a keen vibrant response to joy and rapture of many kinds and to all surprise of satisfaction; in the mind it shapes into a ready reception of all forms of mental delight; on a higher level it becomes apparent in the spiritual mind's call for peace and divine ecstasy. This trend is founded in the truth of the being; for Ananda is the very essence of the Brahman, it is the supreme nature of the omnipresent Reality. The supermind itself in the descending degrees of the manifestation emerges from the Ananda and in the evolutionary ascent merges into the Ananda. It is not, indeed, merged in the sense of being extinguished or abolished but is there inherent in it, indistinguishable from the self of awareness and the self effectuating force of the Bliss of Being. In the involutory descent as in the evolutionary return supermind is supported by the original Delight of Existence and carries that in it in all its activities as their sustaining essence; for Consciousness, we may say, is its parent power in the Spirit, but Ananda is the spiritual matrix from which it manifests and the maintaining source into which it carries back the soul in its return to the status of the Spirit. A supramental manifestation in its ascent would have as a next sequence and culmination of self-result a manifestation of the Bliss of the Brahman: the evolution of the being of gnosis would be followed by an evolution of the being of bliss; an embodiment of gnostic existence would have as its consequence an embodiment of the beatific existence. Always in the being of gnosis, in the life of the gnosis some power of the Ananda would be there as an inseparable and pervading significance of supramental self-experience. In the liberation of the soul from the Ignorance the first foundation is peace, calm, the silence and quietude of the Eternal and Infinite; but a consummate power and greater formation of the spiritual ascension takes up this peace of liberation into the bliss of a perfect experience and realisation of the eternal beatitude, the bliss of the Eternal and Infinite. This Ananda would be inherent in the gnostic consciousness as a universal delight and would grow with the evolution of the gnostic nature.

The Gnostic Being—The Life Divine
Sri Aurobindo

<https://incarnateword.in/cwsa/22/the-gnostic-being>

Gangalakshmi HOMA

Townhall Speaks

CITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS

April 2026

Summary

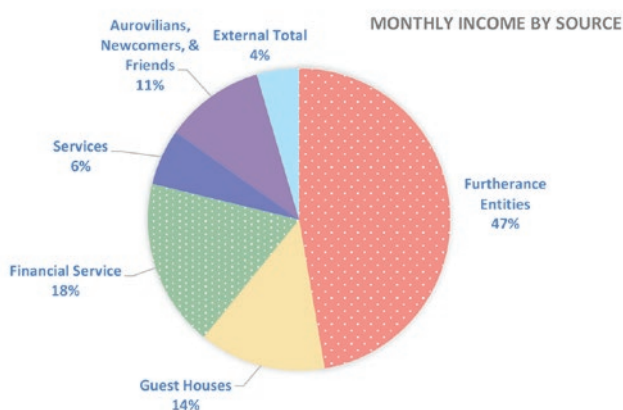
Summary	Unspecified	Specified	Total
Buffer Opening Balance (BOB)	19,36,57,507	—	19,36,57,507
Monthly Contributions (Int. + Ext)	2,29,30,968	25,12,418	2,54,43,386
Total Contributions (OB+Monthly Inc)	21,65,88,474	25,12,418	21,91,00,892
Total Payments	1,97,88,008	25,12,418	2,23,00,426
CS Ending Balance (Includes BOB)	19,68,00,466	—	19,68,00,466
Monthly loss/gain			31,42,959

Internal Contributions

Source	Unspecified	Specified	Total
Furtherance Entities	1,11,45,891	8,86,908	1,20,32,799
Guest Houses	34,29,230	18,500	34,47,730
Financial Services	30,00,000	15,69,770	45,69,770
Services	15,31,116	—	15,31,116
Aurovilians, Newcomers & Friends	26,74,731	37,240	27,11,971
Internal Total	2,17,80,968	25,12,418	2,42,93,386

External Contributions

Government of India for SAIER	11,50,000	—	11,50,000
Government of India for Other	—	—	—
Other Contribution	—	—	—
Project Contributions	—	—	—
Foreign Contributions	—	—	—
External Total	11,50,000	—	11,50,000



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AUROVILLE

Residents Meeting

Thursday, 25 June, 4:30—6pm
 @ Unity Pavilion

As directed by the Secretary, Auroville Foundation, it is hereby informed that the next meeting of the Auroville Residents is scheduled to be held on 25 June 2026 at Unity Pavilion from 16:30 to 18:00 (4:30—6pm).

The Secretary, Auroville Foundation, will be addressing the meeting and discuss various activities.

Interested resident members who would like to give any inputs on any specific subject may forward their inputs by email to the working Committee by 20-06-2026, mentioning your name and the community you reside.

Efforts will be taken to answer all the inputs raised by the resident members during the Residents Meeting by giving more importance and time to the question-and-answer session.

If any resident members would like to contribute in any of the Auroville Activities, they can put forward their suggestion and they will be given an opportunity to present their case based on time availability.

Any change of date will be intimated in due course.

Few other important subjects will also be presented for the benefit of the resident members during the Residents Meeting.

Therefore, all Auroville Residents are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Angshuman Basu,
 Officer on Special Duty
 From Mass Bulletin

TRAFFIC ADVISORY:

Closure of Temporary Road Near Matrimandir Nursery



L'avenir d'Auroville

Dear inhabitants of Auroville, with the completion of the Crown Road connection through Darkali, a continuous and functional route is now available between the International Zone and the Industrial Zone.

Accordingly, the temporary road that was opened alongside the Matrimandir Nursery to facilitate movement during the construction period will now be closed to general public traffic.

Access through this route will remain open only for residents, workers, and visitors requiring access to the Matrimandir Nursery community.

Community members travelling between the International Zone and the Industrial Zone (including Mangalam, Verité, and surrounding areas) are requested to use the Crown Road via Darkali.

We thank everyone for their cooperation and support during the construction period and request all road users to follow the revised traffic arrangements.

ATDC,
 Auroville Town Development Council
 Submitted by Joel

Community News

Obituary

MR. PETER'S

Memorable Moments with the Mother



It was at the end of December 1970 when I was landing at New Delhi airport on a four weeks surprise trip to India. I was warmly greeted by the golden rays of an early morning sun when coming down the gangway and breathing in the fresh air of a misty dawn. It was my first encounter with India and it was during that first day that I was struck by an overwhelming and deep sensation of finally coming home.

When travelling through Northern India the following weeks that intensive impression never left me and did warmly colour my daily encounters. It was like looking through the eyes of the soul and the soul only. An atmosphere of inner calm and timelessness took hold of me. I was as if embraced by Mother India and had no choice but to dismiss my scheduled return flight and instead to embark on a long lasting memorable journey through the whole of India with just a hundred dollars left in my pocket. At that moment of utter freedom it was only logical to choose Pondicherry as the very first goal and destiny because there was the Sri Aurobindo Ashram which persistently had remained in my memory.

Way back in Germany, after having been part of the student revolt at West Berlin's universities seeking a radically new way of life I came across a book of a newly published paperback edition, a series of monographs, the first one being dedicated to Sri Aurobindo. This simple and honest account of his life, thoughts and universal work had an enormous impact on my life: finally I had found somebody who could convincingly 'explain' to me everything and without flaw—no questions left!

It triggered in myself a stunning recognition of the essential oneness of all life and beyond all mental comprehension it became the one book carrying the one magic word changing my life. This experience stayed on in my body like a rock, it never left me.

Now, just one year later, having been thrown into India as if out of the blue and following its call against all odds, it was only natural to turn my attention to Pondicherry straight away, what else?! It was the beginning of a new adventure:

The early morning ride from the station through the small township was graced by a serene atmosphere which became ever more tangible when coming closer to the Ashram.

Days later in the Ashram guesthouse I heard news about the 'birthday darshan of the Mother' whose portraits were seen everywhere. At first I did not pay much attention to frequent invitations to come to her 'darshan'. This 'Mother' was barely in my mind and even less on my agenda. Obviously didn't she leave the same impression in that famous book? Moreover I wasn't too much interested to see a 'guru' or a 'grande dame' at her balcony. Yet, as destiny willed I was gently encouraged by one of those early pio-

neers from Auroville to go anyway so as to look for myself what's on with 'the pope on the balcony'. Well, it turned out to be the most memorable event of my life.

It was February 21 under a warm Indian afternoon sun when we arrived in that small street adjacent to the main ashram building where already thousands of devotees had gathered. It seemed they had come from all over India, most of them in their traditional white clothing, a few westerners among them. There was a lot of chatting and excitement mixed with an atmosphere of intense expectation for that special moment to come. I landed just in the middle of the packed crowd getting fully the feel of it all. By and then one or the other was looking intensely up to the roof terrace where the Mother was to appear at any moment.

Suddenly a great silence descended on all and everybody, the air felt still and compact, when a small hand was seen groping along the railing up there. Then a little face was emerging slowly from behind radiating the presence of a great power.

I was stunned: as if looking into the face of a baby ape I was looking into the face of evolution itself. When hearing two westerners next to me talking to each other like: oh; she is old and fragile, I was wondering in utter disbelief—look, can't you see, can't you see the eternal himself?! During those minutes of eternity and feeling the massive experience in my body I followed Her when she was slowly moving down the railing from one end to the other. At one moment she suddenly was like throwing herself over the railing with such a concentrated power so to reach out to everybody, no one to be left out, to perceive all, to be seen by everyone who had gathered there from one end of the street to the other—and everybody was looking up to her.

I was caught by her overwhelming glance, a stream of compact energy from eye to eye, soul to soul, in utter abandon and trust...

Long after the Mother had retreated to her room and the crowd had dissolved I was still standing there all alone in the deserted street, I had not moved an inch as if glued to that sacred power point where that Presence was still there all powerful, that feeling of total bond without fear ... and no time, no time.

It sounded as if from far away when my companion, trying to get me back to time-bound reality, appealed to me: Peter, she is gone since long, let's go! — yes, yes, I made an attempt to gather myself and to get going, but only to sit down a few steps further at the edge of the street ... remaining there for a very long time keeping my sacred space.

For many years I didn't talk to anybody about my precious experience. To myself I could say that I never felt such a power emanating from a human being, an overwhelming power, which instead of closing me because of fear it opened me up like a flower to the sun, because it is the power of all encompassing love. At that eternal moment there was no more outside, there was only that immense presence lived through the feeling of an indestructible bond of consciousness-force.

Much later, when asked and recounting my experience to friends and seekers alike, it dawned to me that this very day may have been really my day, 'my' darshan.

Anyway it happened to be the last and decisive encounter which changed the course of my life, all beginning with a simple book on Sri Aurobindo, the divine word in action, with the discovery of Mother India as being my spiritual homeland, and Auroville, the promised land, 'the tower of babel in reverse'.

I remain for ever grateful that I have been offered these four essential gifts of my life which nourish me, give me strength and the power of joy.

Peter A.

Source: Darshan book
Remembering the Mother
Submitted by Varadharajan

FAREWELL PETER A.

Peter Anderschitz (born 1942, Berlin) was a long-time Aurovillian. He completed his architecture studies in 1968–69 but did not seek a permanent position. In a recent radio interview in German language, he clarified, “I didn’t want to play the naive architect in a society that was fundamentally flawed—that was how I radically perceived and felt things back then. So, after my studies—and I loved my profession, and still do—I drove a taxi. I loved that too, because driving a taxi allowed me to get to know society as a whole.”



He came to India in 1971, having read Sri Aurobindo, and happened to arrive in Auroville at the Foundation Ceremony for Matrimandir. In Sri Aurobindo’s writings, he had found a worldview and an understanding of the whole—of micro and macro, inner and outer, past and future, the complexity of which really struck a chord with him.

On 21 February 1971 he attended a balcony Darshan by the Mother in Pondy that made a lasting impression on him ([see video link](#)). To come to India and Auroville was, for him, like coming home. He settled in Auroville for good in 1973 and has since worked in various community services and has given talks about Auroville in India as well as in Europe.

In 1980 Peter, along with Anupama Kundoo, Dharmesh and two other Aurovillians established the community of Petite Ferme. Peter began to build a house there for himself, bit by bit, on the basis of sustainable principles, but never completely finished it. He called it essentially a ‘non-design’—it grew organically, which he felt was part of its charm. This house was the first to be built using stabilized rammed earth.

In November 1981, a year after the Government of India had passed the Auroville (Emergency Provisions) Act, Peter, along with two other Aurovillians, Dorothee Hach and Yusuf Kassim, decided to make an extensive trip through Europe and call upon all of Auroville’s friends to see if their interaction with Auroville could be intensified. The trip culminated in a conference in Auroc, Bergerac, a small place in the south of France. This meeting resulted in the beginning of Auroville International or AVI, which later led to the establishment of many official and unofficial AVI centres all over the world. ([Our History • Auroville International](#))

In the late 1980s, Peter, as an architect, was part of a group of architects, town planners and people keen to live together and be part of an experiment that could change the trend of habitation, with benefits to the future township. Much time and many discussions later, three architects—Sahasini, Ajit and Peter—designed parts of the Samasti project separately, exchanging ideas on those decisions that would influence the neighbourhood as a whole. The result was Samasti community, where Peter designed four houses.

When the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, Peter was drawn back to that city with its newly opened opportunities. Peter was inspired to organise a talk on Auroville in Potsdam (the eastern part of Berlin) in 1990 for people from the former DDR. “Peter handled it with his calm, easy-going manner as a disciple of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother,” as his friend Rolf B. who helped him at the time, writes.

In November 1989 he attended the International Prague Assembly, organized by the “Union of Czechoslovak Architects. With great effort he managed to gather material and present the project of Auroville there, which ended up being the most comprehensive project there, one that was actually happening on the ground. It generated a lot of interest. His presentation ended up winning the (shared) first prize. ([Auroville Today no. 16, April 1990](#)).

In the late 1990s he took part, in Auroville, in a City Study Circle, in which several architects and town planners took part, and later on, in the early 2000s he was very interested in the collaborative Dreamcatchers and subsequent Dreamweaving city planning process that focused on practical solutions for building the city. He moved to an apartment in Luminosity, soon after its completion in 2010 and also had an office there.

Peter kept spending much of his time in Berlin and the rest of Europe, giving talks and presentations as a kind of “ambassador” for Auroville and its architecture. He was affectionately called “Peter Pan” by his friends, a seemingly apt nickname that characterizes his usually sweet, free-spirited and easy-going manner.



He passed away due to cancer on 13 June, 2026 at Marika Home, choosing to die there rather than undergoing life-extending treatment at Jipmer hospital. His funeral took place on Friday, 19 June, at the Auroville Burial Ground.

Annemarie

Sources:

- [A video recording by Fred Cebron](#)
- [Our History • Auroville International](#)
- [Auroville Today no. 16, page 3](#)
- [Auroville website, auroville.org](#)
- Recollections by Gundolf, Edzard and Rolf Brokmeier.

Submitted by Annemarie

MANFRED FROM PETITE FERME passed away

This is to inform the community that Manfred from Petite Ferme passed away, 22 June 2026 at his home.



From Mass Bulletin

Matrimandir News & Schedules

AMPHITHEATRE: MEDITATIONS AT SUNSET WITH SAVITRI

6—6:30pm, every Thursday, weather permitting

Savitri, Sri Aurobindo’s long mantric poem, read by Mother to Sunil’s music is on weekly for everyone to concentrate, in this beautiful open space 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.
- **Guests with Aurocard** wishing to attend must book by filling in the form at <https://bit.ly/savitri-reading> one or two days in advance. Please bring your Aurocard with you.
- **Access by Office Gate for the Amphitheater only** from 5:15pm. Guests are requested to bring along their Aurocards. **Last entry for guests at 5:45pm.** Access limited for guests to the Amphitheatre
- **Last exit for guests at 6:45pm.**

Velmurugan

MATRIMANDIR ACCESS INFORMATION

Access to the Park of Unity

- The Matrimandir, the Petals, the Lotus Pond and the Banyan Tree are areas of silence.
- The Park of Unity is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers: Daily, 6am—7:30pm.
- Aurovilians may bring close family and friends (maximum 3) to the Gardens only: Daily, 9am—3:30pm.
- **Aurovilians bringing children under the age of 10 to visit the Gardens may do so only after 11.30am except Tuesday when they can come from 9am—11am.**
- Aurovilians wishing to bring close family to the Gardens at any other time should inform
 - mmconcentration@auroville.org.in before 11am on the day of the proposed visit.
- Registered Volunteers and Donors require a pass to enter the Park of Unity. Timings will be indicated on the pass.
- Published events in the Park of Unity are open to Aurovilians, Registered Newcomers, Volunteers, Pass holders and Guests. Guests should bring their Aurocards.
- **Savitri Readings on Tuesday evenings:** Guests holding only Aurocards wishing to attend should book by filling in the form at <https://bit.ly/savitri-reading> one or two days in advance.
- Visits to the Park of Unity and Inner Chamber should not be included in the program of any conference or workshop. Participants should be directed to the Viewing Point.

Access to the Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir for Aurovilians, Newcomers and registered Volunteers

The Matrimandir is a place for silent individual concentration. The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians and registered Newcomers:

- Monday—Saturday, 6—8am, 4:30—7:30pm.
- Sunday, 6am—12pm, 4:30—7:30pm.

The Inner Chamber is open to **registered Volunteers**:

- Every day, 4:30—6pm.
- Volunteers are requested to come and get their revised passes between 10—10:30 am from the Matrimandir office.
- **It is obligatory for the volunteers and pass holders to carry the pass with them.**

The Inner Chamber is open to Aurovilians wishing to accompany a maximum of 3 close family members and friends no more than once in two weeks, with booking 3 to 5 days in advance to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in.

- Any day except Tuesday & Sunday, 8—8:25am.
- Arrival at 7:45am at the Office Gate

The Inner Chamber, the Petals and the Gardens are open to the Children of Auroville and the Outreach Schools:

- Tuesday 9—11am.

Auroville units can bring their staff to the Inner Chamber with a prior booking to mmconcentration@auroville.org.in.

- Tuesday 8—8:30am.

Access to Matrimandir for Visitors and Guests

Matrimandir Viewing Point:

The Viewing Point is open to the general public on presentation of a Pass. Visits to the Matrimandir Viewing Point are free of charge. Free pass can be obtained at the Auroville Visitors Centre. The Viewing Point lies south of the Park of Unity and offers visitors a panoramic view of the Matrimandir and the Gardens and the Lake.

- Starting from Visitors Centre.
- Daily, 9am—5:30pm.

The Inner Chamber of the Matrimandir is open to Visitors and Guests by prior booking only. Visitors and Guests seeking to concentrate in the Inner Chamber are requested to inquire at the Information Desk of the Visitors Centre after first visiting the Viewing Point, or to go to the website: auroville.org.

- Prior booking is required to access the Inner Chamber at least one or two days in advance. Bookings for concentration are given for the following or the first free day as per availability and are accepted only up to one week in advance. Minimum age 10 years.
- The Petals are open to Visitors on the morning of their Inner Chamber visit.

Petals of the Matrimandir

The Petals are open to Aurovilians, registered Newcomers and Pass holders: Daily 7—8am, 5—6pm.

Security

Please note that it is not permitted to

- Swim in any of the ponds, the channel and the Lake except the Children's ponds in the Garden of Youthfulness
- Throw pebbles into the ponds and fountains
- Pick flowers in the Gardens
- Climb to the very top of the Petals.

Parents, please supervise your children at all times.

Bags, cameras and cell phones should be left in the lockers or the Access office.

Please no photography, videos or drones without prior permission. For permission, please write to

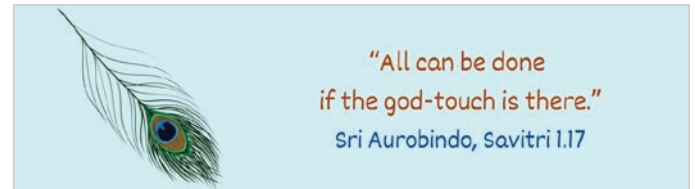
- matrimandir@auroville.org.in.

Antoine for Matrimandir Executives Team

Awakening Spirit

BHAGAVAD GITA in Daily Life

1—30 June, 2026 (Monday to Friday)



5—6am (ब्रह्म मुहूर्त *), Online Zoom Call

We are happy to invite you to join us on a **collective learning yajna** to integrate the wisdom from Bhagavad Gita in day-to-day life. We will be referring to all 700 shlokas of the Gita in Sanskrit along with daily practices, reflections and reading excerpts from Sri Aurobindo's Essays on the Gita and The Mother's writings. **All are welcome.**

(* ब्रह्म मुहूर्त—*Brahma-Muhurta* is often described as a period (*muhurta*) that begins one hour and 36 minutes before sunrise and ends 48 minutes later. It is considered a very auspicious time for regular yogic practices.)

- For more details and registration click: tinyurl.com/gitainlife
- Feel free to write to us on: vidyamandir@auroville.org.in

Deven & Shaalini
for Vidyamandir

BHAGAVAD GITA CHANTING

- Every Sunday morning, 6:30 —7:30am
- @ The Mother's Flower Garden

For queries: vidyamandir@auroville.org.in

Deven
for Vidyamandir Auroville Team



SAVITRI BHAVAN, JUNE—JULY 2026

**Exhibitions**

9am—5pm, Sunday closed

- **Meditations on Savitri:** A painting exhibition of 472 paintings created by the Mother with Huta from 1961—67 is on display in the picture gallery
- **A Bilingual Exhibition on 'Sri Aurobindo: A life-sketch in photographs'** with texts both in English and Tamil is displayed in the upper corridor
- **Glimpses of the Mother:** Photographs and texts In the Square Hall
- **Special Exhibition:** Le Voyage; Mirra Alfassa—The Mother. Her Journey from Paris to Pondicherry 1878—1920. From July 27 onwards

Films

Monday, 4pm @ Sangam Hall

- **29 June: Life After Life**—This film by Peter Shockey is based on the research by Dr. Raymond A. Moody in the 1970s involving thousands of people who experienced clinical death, and “went to the other side” and were subsequently revived.

Six people are talk about their personal out-of-body experiences, their journey to the other side, and their return. The causes of their near-death experiences (NDE) were: lightning, suicide, complications after surgery, double lobar pneumonia, multiple bee stings, and assassination by the KGB. They describe their experiences as out of body. They talk of *angels and ecstasy, soul travel, tunnel leading to the light, life preview and return*. Duration: 67min.

On the other side, bathing in the warm light of unconditional love, they often see their relatives or friends. Often, they see a panorama that consists of everything they ever have done in their lives, from their birth until the time they call death.

All those who come back have a new value system. It is based on loving others and seeking love-based relationships. And they have no more fear of death. They know the importance of Love through experiences of unconditional Love and Wisdom on the other side.

Research on near-death experiences and death had been done earlier. In 1968, Celia Green published an analysis of 400 first-hand accounts of out-of-body experiences, and in 1969, Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, Swiss-American psychiatrist and pioneer in near-death studies, published her well-known book *On Death and Dying: What the Dying Have to Teach Doctors, Nurses, Clergy, and Their Own Families*.

The special contribution by Elisabeth Kübler-Ross was to introduce new psychological practices after World War II so that ill and dying persons could be treated with understanding, care and compassion.

In 1975, Dr. Raymond A. Moody published his book *Life After Life* with a detailed classification of near-death-experience psychology, which inspired larger scientific interest in life after death. Throughout his life, he promoted a sincere scientific understanding and a new perspective on death, dying, and the afterlife. Also, Raymond A. Moody trained hospice workers, clergy, psychologists, nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals in matters related to death, dying, grief, and recovery.

It is important to look at the scientific research into death and near-death experiences through the lens of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo’s long dedicated work to bring down the Supramental consciousness force in 1956, their contribution to conquering death and illness and to promoting the idea of inner Divinity and immortality, the descent of the Supermind in January 1969, to exploring the transformation of the cells and establishing a Life Divine on earth.

To conquer death and establish light, joy, and immortality on earth is the core message of Sri Aurobindo’s epic poem *Savitri* and the mission of Savitri, the incarnation of the Divine Mother.

When The Mother was twenty, she created passages of light through the vital world so that the souls of physically dead people could more easily transition to the other side, the world of light and love (Lopa Mukherjee, “The Mother’s Inner Life”, at Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education).

In the course of time, the Divine Mother’s passages of light and protection through the vital world have made it increasingly possible for the physically dead people to go through the tunnel of light to the other side, to stay and rest there for the integration of their earthly experiences.

A ray of light from above is also central in The Mother’s design of the Matrimandir’s Inner Chamber. Light from above falls on the transparent crystal, resting on Sri Aurobindo’s symbol, and then gets transferred through many levels all the way down to the ground.

This design by The Mother of a ray of light entering from above is of immense beauty and carries profound wisdom. It is a symbol and an invitation for us to aspire from the depths of our souls and to be open to the light and wisdom from above.

The film *Life After Life* allows us to broaden our consciousness beyond our normal human range. The film is also available on Vimeo under its title:

- <https://vimeo.com/85524391>

- **6 July: About Savitri—Book 1: The Book of Beginnings, Canto 4—The Secret Knowledge, Part 3—read and commented by The Mother.** After the series *Meditations on Savitri*, The Mother, together with Huta, took up the project *About Savitri* from January 1968 to August 1970. The Mother read lines from Sri Aurobindo’s epic poem *Savitri* and gave her commentaries that were tape-recorded. Her reading of *Savitri* and commentaries are here under the headings: The Deeper Truer Vision, The Usual Condition of Man, The Vision of the Immortals, and The Present Ignorant State.

The texts of *Savitri* and of The Mother’s commentaries are displayed on the screen. This is the last compilation of four from altogether 65 videos *About Savitri* which Savitri Bhavan has been presented since November 2025. Duration: 43min.

All 65 videos of “ABOUT SAVITRI—The Mother’s Commentary” are available on the AuroMaa website: <https://auromaa.org/about-savitri-the-mothers-commentary/>

- **13 July: Water: The Great Mystery**—In this interesting and awarded Russian documentary from 2006, scientists from various countries and representatives from the largest religions discuss the importance and the memory of water and present their research work. Duration: 86min.
- **20 July: The Messages of Water—Water Crystals in Motion.** With experiments and photographs of ice crystals Masaru Emoto demonstrated that human consciousness has an effect on the molecular structure of water. Duration: 38min.

Followed by **Has Water Memory?** ‘Yes, water has memory and since ancient times Indian science knows this’, is the answers to the question by Sadhguru at IIT Madras. Duration: 9min.

- **27 July: Water Ceremony for Auroville’s 50th anniversary 28-2-2018.** During the water ceremony at sunrise of February 28 2018, young Aurovilians poured the water from 320 different sources on earth into a golden bowl at the Matrimandir amphitheatre and the background sounds of the Auroville Choir and musicians completes the beautiful memorable event. Filmed by Manohar. Duration: 42min.

Margrit for Savitri Bhavan

Savitri 137 - 25 June 2026

Full Moon Gathering

- **Wednesday, 29 July, 7:15—8:15pm**
in front of Sri Aurobindo's statue

Exploring the Frontiers of Consciousness:

Savitri as a Resource for Scientific and Metaphysical Research

Savitri Bhavan, Auroville, invites scientists, philosophers, and researchers worldwide to an online contemplative study of Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri*. The program began on 15 August 2025, focusing on selected cantos from Part One of *Savitri*. Bi-weekly sessions combine guided reflections (via Shraddhavan's recorded talks) with interactive discussions. Participants can choose to contribute actively or simply listen.

Fields invited include Space Science, Evolutionary Research, Quantum Physics, Mathematics, Metaphysics, Neuroscience, and Philosophy.

To register or learn more:

- savitribhavan@auroville.org.in,
- www.savitribhavan.org



Light and Delight

Light & Delight

Meditate on Huta's paintings with lines from *Savitri*
Write & share your inspired poetry
Thursdays 5-6:15pm, Savitri Bhavan

- **Thursdays, 5—6:15pm @ Savitri Bhavan**

Thursday is symbolically an auspicious day for learning and for welcoming the light of knowledge and wisdom. Through this art and poetry, we will create an atmosphere of light and delight in which we can find and share our own expressions. We welcome you to join this artistic and poetic journey; the only requirement is a willingness to explore, discover and express the gifts already in you.

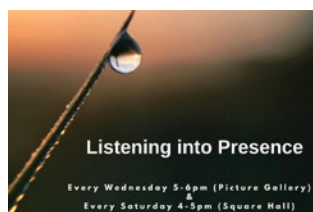
Gentle reminders:

Bring paper and pen, Come on time or 5-10 minutes earlier, Meet at Sri Aurobindo's statue, Voluntary contribution to the venue.
Anandi Z.

Listening into Presence

- **Every Wednesday, 5—6pm @ Picture Gallery**
- **Every Saturday, 4—5pm @ Square Hall**

Through stillness and silence, we will tune into the Presence, noticing its activity in our physical and subtle bodies. Letting go of our mind and ego automatism we will open up into the deeper automatism that is beyond our doing and thinking.



We will seek to enter into a state of receptivity by not doing, getting ourselves out of the way to allow the Consciousness to bring about the right organization and balance of particles and energies. *Guided by Misha (Mike).*

New Activity

Barbara is giving individual sessions, group work and research initiatives focused on the practice and study of Integral yoga, the teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother and Mother's Agenda.

- Please contact for appointment: 9443493026

Regular Activities

- **Sundays, 10:30—12noon:** Savitri Study Circle led by Larry Seidlitz
- **Mondays, 3—4pm:** Faith and Shakti—Chapter XVIII of Sri Aurobindo's *The Synthesis of Yoga* led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Mondays to Saturdays, 3—5pm:** L'Agenda de Mère: listening to recordings with Gangalakshmi
- **Tuesdays, 3—4pm:** Matrimandir—The Soul of Auroville based on the words of The Mother led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Wednesdays, 5—6pm & Saturdays 4—5pm:** Listening into Presence led by Misha (Mike)
- **Thursdays, 4—5pm:** Videos of The English of *Savitri* led by Shraddhavan
- **Fridays, 3—4pm:** The Problem of Life—Chapter XXII of Sri Aurobindo's *The Life Divine* led by Dr. Jai Singh
- **Exhibitions, Main Building and Office** are open Monday to Saturday 9am—5pm
- **Library and Digital Library** is open Monday to Friday 9am—5pm.

*Margrit, Velmurugan
& Dhanalakshmi*

THE SYNTHESIS OF YOGA

A weekly study circle on

The Synthesis of Yoga

- Sri Aurobindo

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Every Tuesday

Venue :
Resource Library,
Bharat Nivas, Auroville

Scan for Location

Monisha

YOUR OWN VISUAL CREATION OF SAVITRI

A Visual Journal of *Savitri*

@ Projection Room, Visitors' Centre in June

A quiet evening space to encounter *Savitri* through reflection and creative expression.

- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 6—7pm**
- **No teaching; No guiding; No pressure of performance or comparison of skills but journey of togetherness in experiencing *Savitri* individually.**
- No drawing or artistic skills are required. There is no correct interpretation and no expected outcome.
- Open to ages 13 and above.

Participants are welcome to explore any creative medium, including: Sketching and drawing; Visual journaling; Abstract imagery and symbols; Poetry and reflective writing; Words and calligraphy; Collage and mixed media; Simple craft-based responses; Any other form of visual or creative expression inspired by the text.

You are welcome to work in silence or listen to your own music through headphones while creating.

Please bring your own materials and creative tools. For those who may not have materials readily available, a small selection of sketchbooks, colours, and basic art supplies will be available for purchase.

One page at a time, one evening at a time, a personal journey unfolds alongside the pages of *Savitri*.

Kumud,
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AUROVILLE DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Every 3rd Saturday of the month



AWARE warmly invites newcomers, volunteers, guests, and community members to participate in the Auroville Discovery Program. The Discovery Program is an invitation to explore Auroville not only as a place, but as a living experiment in human unity and conscious living. The session emphasizes **work as a path of inner discovery**—an opportunity to reflect on the deeper purpose of work, collective life, and personal growth within the context of Auroville.

Through presentations, sharing, and dialogue, participants will gain insights into Auroville’s vision, history, ideals, and ongoing experiments.

- Participation is through prior registration.
- Scan/ Register here: [Discovery Registration](#)

For further information and registration details, kindly contact AWARE.



Sajiv
for Aware Auroville

Books

AUROVILLE LIBRARY



Weekly Readings of The Life Divine with Balvinder, at AUROVILLE LIBRARY

Fridays, 4:30 - 5:30pm
(from 23 January 2026)

All are welcome.

Contacts: 0413 2622894

- avlib@auroville.org.in, <http://library.auroville.org.in/>

Summer at the Auroville Library
Closed FRIDAY 1st May 2026

Our summer timings begin on
Saturday 2nd May - Tuesday 30th June 2026

Open 9am - 12.30pm Monday to Saturday
Open 4pm - 6.30pm Tues, Thurs & Sat

Wishing everyone a cool summer!

Children’s Storytime!

- All ages welcome!
- Every Saturday, 10—11am.

Ayesha



Laboratory of Evolution Library

Opening: Monday to Saturday 9am to 12 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Focused on the evolutive vision of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother. Many related subjects from Traditional knowledge: Religion, Esotericism, Sciences, NDE, Body Consciousness, Health etc.

The complete works of Sri Aurobindo & The Mother are available in many languages, also books written by Ashram Disciples & Aurovilians. Also documents related to Auroville, books, CD & DVD

Open for Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, & Guests

Located at HORIZON, in front of SVE DAM, Lorenzo Food Laboratory

Education

LAST SCHOOL/ SUPER SCHOOL

Goes online: Toward Free Progress

Visit website:

- <https://www.lastschool-auroville.org/>
- [Subscribe YouTube channel Towards Free Progress @lastschool-auroville:](https://www.youtube.com/@last-school-auroville)
- <https://www.youtube.com/@last-school-auroville>

*Last School
After School n:!
Super School
No School*

Chetana

**EXPLORING SRI AUROBINDO AND MOTHER
in Last School**

Last School is happy to open its doors and welcome all those who are interested in exploring Mother and Sri Aurobindo’s works.



If you are interested in being part of this initiative and collective learning exploration please register:

- +447515377896 WA or misha@auroville.org.in. Misha

**GRANT PROPOSALS 2026
FWE and SDZ**

Last date for submission is Monday, 6 July

Aurovilians are invited to prepare and submit grant proposals for possible funding by Stichting De Zaaier and the Foundation for World Education in the second half of 2026.

- A grant application form and budget request table are available on request from abundance.pcg@auroville.org.in for this purpose.
- You are encouraged to send in a draft version of your proposal before finalizing the application.

Following the procedures set up by the Foundation for World Education and Stichting De Zaaier, proposals will be checked to ensure that the grant request falls within their funding criteria and then forwarded to them to be reviewed for selection and grant allocation by their Board members.

Please note that funds are not available for infrastructure, buildings or transport. Requests for equipment will be considered if specifically required for the implementation of the project and are not already available in Auroville.

NB Both SDZ and FWE have indicated a preference for the funding of projects and activities for which the maintenance of Aurovilians is either covered by Auroville or from a source other than the grant being requested.

Please note that if you are submitting a proposal that has anything to do with Auroville or Auroville Outreach schools, or, students of any individual classes, your proposal is to be reviewed by all concerned School Boards **BEFORE** being submitted. (Please contact any individual schools mentioned in your proposal before submitting it to the School Boards.) It is important that all the relevant bodies (i.e. schools, teachers, school boards, etc.) are aware of your project and support it. In this way, the donors will know that such requests have the support of schools and thereby have a greater impact on the beneficiaries of the project.

Important to note: If you have already received funding for a project through Abundance PCG please send in a progress report/ status update (if the project is ongoing) or final report (if the project has been completed or all funds have been utilized) before making an application for a new grant.

- Last date for submission is, Monday, 6 July.

For more information, assistance or a grant application form and budget request table, please write to:

- abundance.pcg@auroville.org.in

Pala, Sauro, Tineke, Vani for Abundance PCG

SAIER SUMMER INTERNSHIP PRESENTATION

by Interns

Thursday, 2 July, 4—5pm @ SAIER Hall

Four students from Ahmedabad University (ahduni.edu.in) have been in Auroville since 25 May, 2026 on a 6-week Summer Internship Program at SAIER. It's an interdisciplinary batch of students pursuing Psychology, Political Science, Business Administration and Integrated Arts respectively. They will be presenting their learnings from their immersion in Auroville and the projects they worked on.



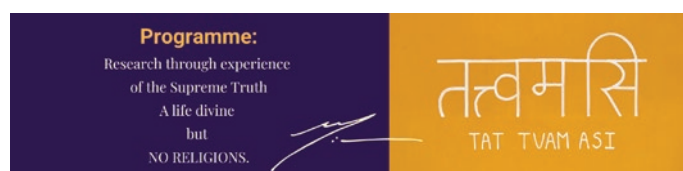
We welcome the community to join the presentation and interact with the students. **All are welcome.**

Aurevan, Auroshree, Deven, Shaalini, Sohela
For the SAIER Summer Internship Team

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

living and working in Auroville

To interns, young volunteers and professionals in Auroville, And curious youth of Auroville, this is for you.



Many of you have likely arrived through a particular project, internship, apprenticeship, volunteer programme, or field of work; or as youth of Auroville, are involved today in one or two particular areas of work. Yet Auroville itself is much larger than any single unit, profession, or area of activity.

Alongside your work placement, SAIER would like to invite you into a complementary learning journey shared with other young people currently living and working in Auroville.

We propose to explore the deeper context from which Auroville emerges.

This will include:

- Weekly or bi-weekly Exploration of the context and *raison d'être* of Auroville, Sri Aurobindo's and The Mother's works, and the ancient Indian quest for meaning and purpose of life
- Consolidated information on and strong encouragement of a regular physical education practice during their stay in Auroville.
- A weekly moment for reflection, dialogue, and self-assessment among interns from different units and fields of study.

The intention is to create a space within your work schedule, in which these questions can be explored and the practical work of daily life can be placed within a wider scope.

An email has been sent to units of Auroville to invite them to explore this possibility. And ensure that if you are interested you will be supported in this exploration.

If this resonates with you, we invite you to fill out this short form. We have already had a first meeting this week and the exploratory sessions are beginning. We look forward to meeting you.

Aurevan



TUITION CLASSES AVAILABLE

- Tuition classes available from 1st to 12th grade level in all subjects.
- Crash course available for 10th and 12th grade level.
- For further information contact
 - ashree@auroville.org.in
 - 8270512606 WA only.

Ashwini

LILALOKA ACTIVITIES

2026—2027

"The place of play" in Sanskrit

Lilaloka is a children's recreation and learning center that supports personal growth through play and creative activities.

Is open to Auroville children, volunteers, guests, home-schoolers, and children facing learning or behavioral challenges.

The center provides a welcoming, non-competitive environment where children can learn, connect, and develop while strengthening ties between families, schools, and the wider community. Lilaloka offers both individual and group sessions, guided by a team of facilitators specialized in various fields of child development.



Nester

A weekly program for parents and babies (0–12 months) that promotes early bonding, healthy attachment, and conscious parenting through supportive and nurturing environment.

A weekly program for children aged 1–2 years and their parents, focusing on trust, emotional well-being, and sensory connection. Through careful observation of each child's developmental needs, the program supports the integral growth of infants and strengthens the parent-child bond.

Infants' Community

- Daily mornings, Age: 1½–3 years old

A warm, thoughtfully prepared environment inspired by Integral Education, Waldorf, and Montessori principles—encouraging independence, curiosity, and self-discovery through play, movement, and nature.



Free-Flow Mornings

Chrysalides

- Open mornings to all children aged 3 to 6 years old

Child-led learning through art, nature play, storytelling, and hands-on activities—encouraging curiosity, creativity, and a love for discovery beyond structured schooling.

Butterflies

- Open mornings to all children aged 7 to 10+ years old

This child-led learning program follows an open curriculum and free-progress approach. Using Montessori learning materials, cosmic education, storytelling, and individual and group projects, it encourages self-directed exploration, nurtures personal interests, and fosters a lifelong love of learning beyond a fixed curriculum.

Balaghram Afternoon group

- Monday to Thursday for children aged 3–7 years,

This holistic program nurtures intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual growth through play and creative exploration. Using Montessori as a tool to support Integral and Inclusive Education, it provides a caring environment for the child's overall development.

Creative Fridays

- Afternoons once a week for Children 7–11 years

A dedicated creative space where children develop fine motor skills, concentration, and self-expression through arts, crafts, and hands-on activities. The sessions encourage imagination, creativity, and confidence while nurturing a joy of making and learning.

Occupational Therapy, Sensory Support & Individualized Learning Sessions and tuition

• By appointment

Personalized sessions for both schooled and non-schooled children, designed to support their developmental, sensory, emotional, and learning needs. Occupational therapy focuses on enhancing sensory processing, motor skills, self-regulation, independence, and participation in daily activities. Individualized learning and self-guided tuition are tailored to each child's pace and interests, with close collaboration between parents, educators, and therapists to support the child's integral development and well-being.



For more information:

- lilaloka@auroville.org.in, 9655519546 WA

Christin, Ritam, Leela and Ana

ADMISSION AT NEW ERA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Admission is going on at New Era Secondary School, a CBSE school under SAILER:

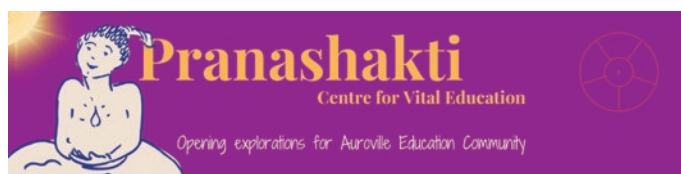
- for the 1st grade and
- from 6th grade to 9th grade and
- for the 11th grade. We are offering Computer Science stream, Biology stream, Pure Science stream, Commerce stream, Humanities stream and Vocational training courses in the 11th grade.

Contact Dr. K. Venkatesh, principal: 9442746448 for further information. *Dr. K. Venkatesh for NESS*

PRANASHAKTI

Auroville Centre for Vital Education

@ Pranashakti Hub (previous Aurofilm office)
Next to CRIPA, Kalabhumi Community



Pranashakti programs are open to the residents community, with priority for Auroville teachers and students. We have a series of sessions across May–June. You are warmly invited to join any or all that resonate. Please click the link to register or scan QR code below.

Improvisation by Misha

- Mondays, 2—4pm, Wednesdays, 2—5pm
- <https://forms.gle/vZyuWjFGKCCQacU7r6>

Inward exploration: Learning Integral psychology through the body: gaining deeper body-felt awareness of our being's different layers, our evolutionary energy centres, breath work.



Outward expression: An exploration of improvisation, rhythm, spontaneity and movement—working through the body as a means to deepen presence and expression.

Shaily for Pranashakti

SATORI: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Physics and Chemistry CBSE grades 11—12;
- Edexcel IGCSE and International Advanced Levels (grades 9—12).
- Mathematics 7—8 grades as preparation to high school science.
- Exam preparation through knowledge and understanding. *Sergei, 9442934078, satori.auroville@gmail.com*

KUILAI CREATIVE CENTRE

Regular Activities

- Tuition from 1st to 9th grade
- Silambam—Martial Art Programme
- Bharat Naattiyam—Classical Dance Activities
- Hip-Hop
- Physical Fitness Activities
- Summer Camp in May
- Art & Craft
- Children's Play Park with Swings, Calisthenics set, and a Slide.
- Make and Take on Mother's 12 Quality Programme (Art & Craft, Book Making, Embroidery, Gardening, Painting, Calendar Making and Tailoring Activities).



Please contact us to inquire about the class timings.

- kulaicreativecentre@auroville.org.in
- +91 8608473385 WA

Selva from KCC

Youth Initiative

THE IDEA KITCHEN:

Where do you go when you're not a customer?

Taco Nights

Every Friday, 7pm onwards
@ YouthLink



Lots of new fancy spaces are opening around us. But many of them aren't built for the locals who are a part of keeping this community alive, the people who live and work here.

Across Auroville and its surrounding villages, we see more and more beautiful, fancy spaces opening up. But do we also notice that many of these spaces are inaccessible to a lot of common folks?

We don't have an answer to making every space accessible to everyone. But we do have the energy to build spaces that are.

Welcome to the Idea Kitchen

Every week, we host a taco night with food, music, and games. Anyone can come, eat, and enjoy.

There is no fixed price. Instead, contributions are generosity-based. If you are able to contribute, it helps us cover food, setup, and other basic costs. If you are able to contribute more, it helps keep the space accessible to those who cannot contribute.

Our intention is not to generate large profits, but to generate something much more valuable: **community**. In a time when many spaces are becoming increasingly commercial, this is an experiment in accessibility, trust, and community.

If you believe spaces like this matter, we invite you to become a monthly supporter of this initiative. Every donation, regardless of size, helps sustain this vision.

- To support please [fill out the form](#)
- or stop by the YouthLink office.

Gautam for YouthLink Team

SANTÉ SERVICES, JUNE



Santé

Working Hours

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

Tests and Sample collection

- Monday—Friday, 8:30—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. Joseph: Monday to Saturday	Nursing Care: Ezhil, Thilagam, Archana, Madhi: Daily No appointment necessary
Ayurveda with Dr. Be: TOS	Midwifery & GYN Care with Paula: Monday & Wednesday
Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres: Monday to Friday	Homeopathy with Michael: Monday, Thursday, Saturday
Physiotherapy & Massage with Galina: Monday to Friday	Physiotherapy with Arun: Monday to Friday
Soundbed Session with Thilagam: As per appointment	Holistic Therapy with Louis Patric: Monday to Friday
Bio-Well Assessment (Evaluation of your well-being) with Helena, for Inquiry: adminsante@auroville.org.in	Home Care: contact Sante for timings Nurse Care

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.

Dasha for Santé Services

AUROKIYA INTEGRAL EYE CENTRE

Eye Care Services @ Arka

Aurokiya provides a range of eye care services for Auroville and the bioregion. **Available services:**

- Primary & emergency eye care,
- Spectacles & contact lenses,
- Eye Yoga & Vision Therapy,
- Workplace & community outreach eye camps,
- Support for visits to Aravind Eye Hospital

New services:

- Retina imaging,
- Intraocular pressure (glaucoma) monitoring,
- Red Light Therapy for eyes,
- Dry Eye Therapy

Timings:

- 9am—5:30pm,

Contact:

- 9488005685



Aurosugan for Aurokiya

MORNING STAR

Office Open House

- Every Saturday, 10am—12pm

We are happy to announce that the Morning Star office will now be open to the community for an Open House.

You are welcome to drop in anytime during these hours to learn more about Morning Star's work, receive updates on the building progress, and book appointments to meet with the midwives during clinical days.

- The Morning Star office is located @ Arka Guest House (next to the reception).
- For more information, please visit: www.aurovillemorningstar.org.

Childbirth and Pregnancy education

Morning Star offers education to expectant parents about conscious pregnancy, childbirth and parenting. Classes are conducted in both English and Tamil

- Wednesdays, 5—7pm @ Creativity—Hall of Light**

Classes include gentle body movement, educational topics related to pregnancy including Birth plan, Birth without fear, Stages of labour, Partner role & comfort measures during labour, Breastfeeding, Father's role and Postnatal & newborn care.

We invite all expectant parents—Aurovilians, Newcomers, Volunteers, Staff and couples from the Bio region to join us.

If you would like more information or to join the class, please contact Magesh:

- +91 9486609821, morningstar@auroville.org.in

Little Red Feet—Baby Play and Support Group

- @ Humanscapes, Common Hall
- Monday, 10am—12pm:** Newborn support circle by Rotem for ages 0—1
- Wednesday to Sunday, 9am—12pm:** Play and Support Group for ages 0—2

We warmly invite you to our baby play and support group, a nurturing space created especially for parents and babies. Come as you are, connect with other parents, and celebrate the journey of raising your little one.

Here's what to expect:

- Heartfelt Connections:** Share your joys, challenges, and stories with other parents who truly understand.
- A Safe Haven:** A welcoming, non judgmental space for growth, encouragement, and community.
- Inspiring Sessions:** Special guest speakers to guide and support you on topics that matter most.

We can't wait to welcome you and your baby into this circle of love and support. Let's grow together!

- Rotem: +91 8056888715
- Aditi: +91 9130084284

Submitted by Savithri

ECO FEMME

Open House

Every Thursday, 10:30 @ Auroshilpam

Come and join Eco Femme at our **Open House** every Thursday at 10:30. We hold these at our **office in Auroshilpam**, just behind Auromode.



washable cloth pads

We'll teach you about sustainable menstrual products, the menstrual cycle, and our not-for-profit programs, + you can pick up cloth pads, cups and period panties at discounted rates!

See you soon!

Mila for Eco Femme team

MAATRAM



Maatram offers OCH

(Open Consultation Hour)

- Monday—Friday, 9:30—10am

Addiction Recovery sessions

- Every Tuesday, 3:30—4:30pm
- @ Maatram, 1st floor, Arka

In addition to our Regular Therapy Sessions, we are adding another weekly walk-in session on Addiction Recovery. These sessions are suitable for any kind of addiction including addiction to substances such as

- alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco, marijuana, coffee, sweets
- and addictive behaviours related to use of:
 - smart phones, social media, video games, eating, porn and gambling.

Megha, Raam & Palani

**AURODENT
June Offer**



We are pleased to announce the availability of our surgical specialist and ortho specialist at Aurodent.

Now Available:

- Invisible Aligner Treatment;
- Orthodontic Braces Treatment;
- Implant Treatment;
- Teeth Whitening

Book your appointment now at Aurodent:

- +91 9629199328 WA;
- 0413 2622063 landline
- aurodent@auroville.org.in



Working Hours:

- Monday to Friday: 9am—5:30pm
- Saturday: 9am—1pm
- @ Auromode

Jayasutha

International

**BHARAT NIVAS
Pavilion of India**

Kalaripayattu performances

- Every Saturday, 11—11:30am



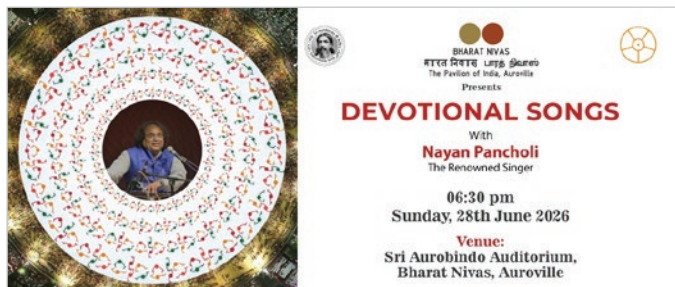
Wide: Art Show

- Open 9am—4:30pm



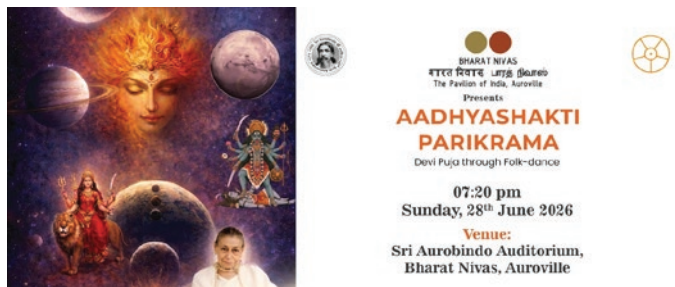
Devotionsl Songs

- Sunday, 28 June, 6:30pm



Aadhyashakti Parikrama

- Sunday, 28 June, 7:20pm



Monisha
for Bharat Nivas

**PAVILION
of Tibetan Culture**

Library opening hours:

- Monday and Tuesday, 9:30am—12:30pm

Kalsang
for Tibetan Pavilion



UNITY PAVILION JUNE EVENTS

Date	Venue	Event Details
Tuesdays 10—11pm	Hall of Peace	Himalayan Meditation with Pierre: Silent meditation creating a space of peace, aware-ness, healing and inner harmony. These gatherings invite participants into stillness, connection, and a shared experience of meditation and presence.
Wednesdays, 1 July, 9—12pm	Unity Hall	The Grow Young Club: A warm and welcoming gathering where elders come together to meet, share stories, and build meaningful connections. Engage in some light & fun activities and games. This gentle social space fosters friendship, companionship, and a sense of unity in a relaxed and caring atmosphere. Refreshments will be provided.
Thursdays, 5pm	Hall Of Peace	Silent Meditation by Pierre: Tune into your psychic self and enter deep inner peace, silence, and calm for inner awakening and self-discovery.
Fridays, 6—7pm	Unity Hall	The Flow: Chakra Meditation by Sergei & Preeti: Awaken your inner energy and activate your meridians and chakras through sound, mantras, and frequency for deep healing and balance.
Saturdays, 10am	Garden	Kids Art Class by artist Janakiraman: A playful exploration of watercolour techniques for children.

By Appointment:

- 0413 2623576, 9699930672,
- unitypavilion@auroville.org.in

Date	Venue	Event Details
Daily	Hall of Peace	Tao of Tea—Sencha Style Tea Ceremony by Isha—A conscious and immersive experience of tea’s spiritual and healing power, nourishing both body and soul. +91-9385428400 WA
Tuesdays, 5pm	Hall of Peace	12 Qualities and The Mother’s Symbol by Jaya—A deep exploration of The Mother’s Symbol and 12 Qualities that embody the path of inner transformation. +919489082447 WA
Daily	Oneness Hall	One to one sessions on the Science of Chakras, Integral Yoga, Chakra Balancing and guided Meditation. One to one/ group Life Coaching & Counselling with Preeti based on life skills & Integral Transformation offers a safe space to heal and unlock your potential 9699930672 WA

The Flow: Chakra Meditation

- Every Friday, 6—7pm

- Peaceful Chakra Music to tune into your senses & sharpen your consciousness;
- Introduction on chakras;
- Nadi shodhana pranayama;
- Guided chakra meditation;
- Beej chakra mantra chanting;
- Yoga nidra session;
- Live sounds performance & mixing;
- Chakra sound frequencies;
- Binaural infra-rhythms;
- Visuals for concentration;

Connect with the Source and enter the Flow. Through chakra music , ancient Beej mantras and healing frequencies, this meditation awakens the chakras and opens the meridians, allowing prana to move freely through the body.

As the energy flows, it releases emotional blockages, eases stress, and restores balance-leaving you with a deep sense of lightness, harmony, and renewal. Experience a journey of sound and vibration! Presented by The Unity Pavilion Research Team:

- **Sergei:** Electronic Musician, Specialist in Social & Musical psychology
- **Preeti:** Author, Life coach, and Researcher with 25+ years in Integral Yoga & Holistic Development

Sencha Style Tea Ceremony: The Universe in a Cup of Tea



- **Through appointments only, +91 9385428400 WA**

We invite you on a spiritual journey, accompanied by the tea of your choice. (Organic teas only, tea blends with herbs/flowers/spices also available). During this rare, transformative experience, you will explore & experience the healing aspects of the tea. The session can be conducted 1-on-1, or for small groups (up to 4 people). For more than 4 people, a suitable venue must be arranged in advance. Children aged 5 years and above are most welcome, especially on their birthdays.

Integral Life Coaching & Counselling

- **By Appointment: 9699930672 WA**



Integral Life Coaching & Counselling (One to one/ group) with Preeti based on Integral Transformation offers a safe space to heal and unlock your potential. Break negative patterns, emotional loops, reprogram your mind, overcome your fears, anxiety , confusion , gain clarity and direction with an Integrated, practical Approach & Powerful Tools through a unique blend of Modern Psychology, NLP, Emotional Intelligence, Personality Analysis, and Holistic & Integral Development.

The Grow Young Club

- **Wednesdays, 9—12am, starting 1 July**



A warm and welcoming gathering where elders come together to meet, share stories, and build meaningful connections. Engage in some light & fun activities, games and refreshments. This gentle social space fosters friendship, companionship, and a sense of unity in a relaxed and caring atmosphere.

The Mother's Symbol and 12 Qualities with Jaya

• By Appointment



A deep exploration of The Mother's Symbol and 12 Qualities with Jaya that embodies the path of inner transformation.

*Preeti
for Unity Pavilion*

Theatre, Music & Arts

THE FOOL EXHIBITION

@ Aurelec



On the edge of an epic journey, the Fool peers into the abyss below and senses the seed of life calling out to her. She sees the opportunity and stardust swirling, and she knows that her dream begins with this single step. She's not sure what she will learn or exactly where she's headed, but she has clarity about one thing: she will need to jump in order to begin. With her crystal amplifier to guide her, and her wand to protect her, she feels her toes slide past the threshold of her current reality.

*Chris-Anne, Tarot Cards.
Franz, Aurelec*

MINI KGL

Saturday, 27 June, 8pm Sharp!

@ Kalabhumi Music Studio



Limited seats, indoor & AC-powered concert:

Love Live Music! Local Artists From Kalabhumi Music Studio

Nothing is Working: covers by Anton, Jonas, Mohnish, Siddharth, Shubham (first time performing in Auroville)

Lochan & Friends: soft rock/alternative/grunge/trip-hop/indie in English, Hindi & Urdu

Contribution Based Entry

• Guests Rs 350, Av/Nc/VI Rs 200, kids under 12, free!

Parking:

• Cars: at Gaia field / Cripa back entrance

• Two-wheelers: at Kalabhumi Music Studio

Drugs/alcohol prohibited!

Edoardo

MAJI: ECHOES OF GOLD



20 April—27 July, Monday—Saturday, 9am—5pm
@ Maroma Art Gallery: MAJI

Supriya

Theatre, Music & Art Activities

DRAW & SEE

Human Life Drawing Sessions

Monday to Friday, 2—4pm till 30 June

@ Mriya Arts Studio, ground floor,
Sri Aurobindo Auditorium, Bharat Nivas



Session Details

- 2hrs open class
- Rs 100 for community
- Rs 200 for guest

All art materials & free music included

Core Pillars

Learn, observe, draw, improve

- basic human body proportions
- live sketching of human model

Registration

- No registration required, walk in
- Hosted by Kumud, 7592805013

Kumud

CREEVA

Center for Research Education Experience in Visual Art.

Art activities in June and July 2026

- Watercolor painting workshop by Sathya every Wednesday 5—7pm
- Life drawing session 10am—12pm
- Live Portrait Sketch by Sathya



Your welcome to open studio to explore your art except workshops timings. Materials will be provided.

Contact Abi: 8220612413, abirami@auroville.org.in

For more info contact Sathya:

- +91 9486145072, sathyacolour@auroville.org.in

CREEVA Art Studio:

- @ Creativity Community, near Solar Kitchen, Auroville.



*Sathya
for CREEVA Art Studio, Creativity* **CREEVA**

SVARAM ACTIVITIES

Sound Healing Session



This 45-minute Sound Healing Session is designed to help you reconnect with your natural state of well-being. It offers a supportive impulse for self-healing and balance, guided by a certified sound practitioner.

By appointment only

- Available Sessions: Solo, Duo or Group
- For details and booking: Scan the QR Code or <https://svaram.org/sound-healing-sessions/>

Sound Garden Tour



- Monday—Saturday, 9:30am—4:30pm
- Sunday, 9:30am—11:30pm
- For details and booking: Scan the QR Code or [click here](#)

Aurelio for the SVARAM Team

YUVABE THEATRE INITIATIVE: VOLUNTEER CALL

Be the voice someone needs to hear

Yuvabe Theatre is seeking committed volunteers for a community-driven theatre play aimed at raising awareness on emotional and mental health, and helping reduce suicide rates in and around us.



This heartfelt play is crafted to understand pain and emotions and create awareness around emotional & mental health. It is purely a service to the community—no theatre experience needed.

Weekly Schedule

- Thursday & Friday: 3—5pm
- Saturday: 9am—12:30pm
- Timings are flexible for the team

Who Should Join: People who truly care, community-minded individuals, empathetic listeners, youth & change-makers. Any language background is welcome.

What to Expect: A 3-month commitment of dedicated participation, with a purpose-driven focus on theatre for mental health awareness. This is unpaid—pure community service. Ready to make a difference? Reach out & join the stage.

bhuvana@yuvabe.com, +91 9159325119, Abilash

ORIGAMI WORKSHOP

Open to everyone! If you are interested in joining, please contact Kiran at 9486367456 WA or call for more information.



Kiran

KALABHUMI MUSIC STUDIO'S MUSIC ACADEMY

Learn music in Auroville...



- Hindustani Vocals (with Ronny)
- Piano for kids (with Sahitya)
- Tabla/ violin/ viola/ trumpet/ bass/ guitar (with Shanks)
- Guitar & Bass (with Rolf)
- Singing (with Shakti)

To apply: [fill out the form](#) (QR code)!

Edoardo

WOMEN'S CHOIR RESTARTS

The women's choir "Auroville Harmonies" is restarting its rehearsals to prepare a new program.

If you are interested and want to join our musical trip around the world, contact Antoine for an audition:

antoine@auroville.org.in, 8940740529, Antoine

Dance Activities

MUSIC AND DANCE CLASSES IN BHARAT NIVAS

Bharatnatyam Dance Classes

- Saturday, 10am—12pm, Sunday, 3—5pm, @ SAWCHU

Caveri Suresh, a Bharatnatyam Dance teacher for 27 years, is offering this class to Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced students.

Caveri Suresh, for Diya Dance Studio

Music and Dance Classes

- Saturday, 3—4pm @ Bharat Nivas

This is to inform you that Aurohamsadhwani Arts Center is organizing music and dance classes at the Bharat Nivas premises. The following classes are offered:

- Bharatanatyam, Veena, Keyboard, Vocal Music

Students of all ages are welcome to join. The class fees are minimal. For further details and registration, please contact:

- Ms. Gunasundari, 99433 94901
- Mr. K. Palani, 94435 35172
- Mr. H. Suriyagandhi, 94893 25775

A. Gunasundari

for Aurohamsadhwani Arts Team

AUROVILLE TANGO

@ Harmony Hall, Bharat Nivas

- Monday, 7pm: Tango class
- Wednesday, 7:30pm: Practilonga
- Friday, 6:30pm: Practice
- Saturday: Bi-monthly Milongas

No partner required. Bring socks or dance shoes. And plenty of joy!

- +91 9821166082,
- tango@auroville.org.in



Submitted by Maud

DANCE, MOVEMENT AND BALLET FOR CHILDREN



@ New Creation Dance Studio!

We offer classes for almost all age groups:

- **Toddlers' dance initiation**
from 4 to 5 years old, every Monday, 2:30pm
 - **Children' ballet class**
from 6 to 8 years old, every Saturday, 9:15am
 - **Tweens' ballet class**
from 10 to 12 years old, every Saturday, 10:30am
- Contact Fleur for enquiries: +91 9600225764 *Fleur*

DANCE CLASSES BY MANI

- Please register before coming (registration only).
- Bring your socks and water bottle.

Tango Dance Evenings

- **Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7pm @ CRIPA (Small Room)**

Discover the beauty of Tango—a dance of connection, rhythm, and emotion. Move with grace, balance, and awareness in a joyful and welcoming space.

Let's share the magic of Tango, connect through music, and grow together in movement and harmony.



Salsa Dance Classes

- **Monday & Friday, 7pm @ CRIPA (Small Room)**

Join us for fun, energetic salsa sessions—dance, move, and enjoy the rhythm together! Let's share the joy of dance, connect with positive energy, and keep improving.

- Aurovilians & Newcomers: Donation-based
- Guests & Others: Contribution welcome



8637633696, Mani

GARBA IMMERSIVE

Tuesdays, 4—6pm @ CRIPA



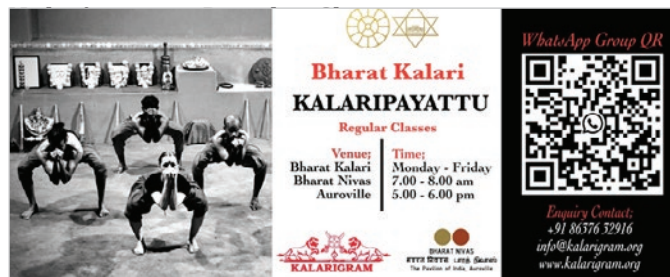
After the response last year, we have decided to bring the "Garba Immersive" back this year. So if you have been connected with us or brand new, all are welcome! We have designed this in a way that it will be engaging for everyone. With a larger team, more facilitators and co-creators and a lot of goodwill—We are humbled with what is possible. Movement, rhythm, music, sound, singing and what emerges from a collective will all be ours to experience and live.

If you have always wanted to soak onto one of the biggest and liveliest festivals in the world—now is the time :)

- For more details: 8870730567, WA message only. *Megha*

Sports & Martial Arts

MARTIAL ARTS @ BHARAT NIVAS



Regular Classes:

- **Morning:** 7—8am; **Evening:** 5—6pm
- **Contribution:** Drop-in: Rs.300 per class
 - Monthly (one class per day): Non-AV Rs.3000; AV Rs.2000
 - Monthly (morning & evening both): Non-AV Rs.5000; AV Rs.3000

Weapons Training: Drop-in: Rs.150 per class

- **Wooden Weapons:** 8—8:30am
- **Metal Weapons:** 6—6:30pm
- **Contribution:**
 - Monthly (one class per day): Non-AV Rs.2000; AV Rs.1000
 - Monthly (morning & evening both): Non-AV Rs.4000; AV Rs.2000
- **Note:** Weapons practice requires initiation @ Kalarigram.
- **Registration:** Please scan the QR code before attending.

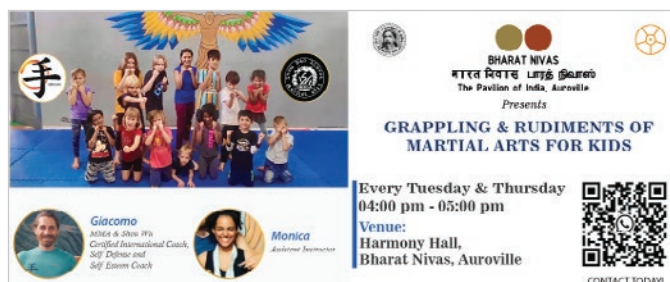
Regular Silambam Class

- **Wednesday & Saturday, 5—6pm @ SAWCHU**



Grappling & Rudiments of Martial Arts for kids

- **Tuesday & Thursday, 4—5pm**
- @ Harmony Hall

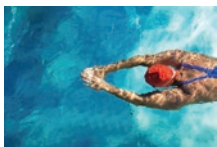


Monisha

MORNING SWIMMING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
6:30am—7:30am @ La Piscine

- Group classes for Aurovillian kids aged 11 to 15 years
- Safe and fun environment with professional guidance



Build confidence, improve technique, and enjoy the water!

• To enquire: +91 8940288090 WA *Sonia and Ana*

BUDOKAN:

Class Hours and Activities

Aikido:

Aikido is a martial art created in the 1920s by Morihei Ueshiba, a master in traditional Japanese martial arts. Aikido is a path which aspires to the unity of mankind, the unification of the self with the universe, the union of Spirit and Matter. The Auroville Aikido group always welcomes new practitioners, Youth and Adults, and those who would like to revive their abandoned practice!

For Adults & Teenagers

- Monday to Friday, 6—7:30am
- Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 4:50—6pm
- Saturday:
 - Advanced 6—8am
 - Weapon class 8—9am



For Kids & Teenagers

- Monday to Friday, 3:50—4:50pm
- Saturday, 10—11am

Aikitaiso:

Aikitaiso it's a body practice based on Zen movement and Aikido body preparation. Perfect for everybody who wants to feel more grounded.

- Monday to Friday: 8—9am; Saturday: 9—10am

For Aikido & Aikitaiso:

8300643963 WA, *Philippe*,
9952812843 WA, *Murugan*,
+ 33622053932 WA *Michaël*

Yoga:

- Monday, 9:30—10:30am & 5—6pm
- Wednesday to Friday, 9:30—10:30am

Shiatsu: Saturday & Wednesday (on appointment)

Michaël
for Auroville Budokan, *Dehashakti*

KSHETRA KALARI

@ Aspiration Sport Ground

- **Kalari Classes for Beginners**
 - Morning classes: 6:30—7:30am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - Evening classes: 5—6pm,
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- **Kalari Classes for Advanced People**
 - Morning classes 6:30—7:30am
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- **Kalari Massage Available**
 - By appointment
 - 9042009200



Maneesh

SWIMMING CLASS

Learn to swim or improve your skills with personalised training in a calm and supportive environment. Classes are open to both adults and children (from 6 years old).



- Individual lessons—one-on-one personalised attention
- Small group sessions—only 2 to 3 people per class

All levels welcome, from complete beginners to advanced swimmers. Special focus on comfort, confidence, and technique.

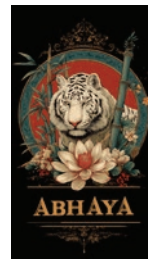
- Limited spaces available to ensure quality and care for every participant.
- @ Auroville, flexible timings available
8637633696, *Mani*

ABHAYA MARTIAL ARTS



Abhaya Martial Arts For more than ten years, Abhaya Martial Arts Academy has been active in Auroville with regular martial arts classes. The Academy was founded as the Indian branch of the Shou Dao School, where Shou Wu is practiced—a system that integrates internal martial arts and self-defence, while also engaging in MMA, the most demanding testing ground to guarantee real martial progress.

In addition to teaching children and adults—and accompanying some of them to important tournaments—Abhaya has been responsible for the training of the First Responders of the Security, and has long-standing collaborations with a few NGOs, supporting orphans, underprivileged women and survivors of human trafficking. Some of these women, after years of training, have become instructors themselves.



Thanks to the excellent results achieved and the constantly growing number of students (recently up to 80 per month), Abhaya is collaborating with highly skilled instructors—masters of Muay Thai, Shou Dao, BJJ and Boxing—offering even more classes and opportunities to learn not only how to defend oneself and understand one's own body, but also how to transmit this knowledge to others.

Starting from January, Abhaya will adopt a new belt system, and will open a clearer pathway for students and instructors to grow within the Academy.

Regular Adult Classes, 5:30pm:

- **Monday:** MMA/Grappling with Coach Giacomo
- **Wednesday:** MMA/Grappling with Coach Giacomo
- **Friday:** MMA/Muay Thai with Coach Tanguy and Coach Giacomo

Please note: Contribution required

- Be punctual; Short nails, wear, and no jewelry;
- Stay home if you're unwell or have open wounds
- **For updates and participation:**
+91 94873 40778
- For more info contact us: abhaya@auroville.com

Giacomo for Abhaya

AUROVILLE FUTSAL/ FOOTBALL CLUB

Futsal is played on a much smaller court, it is more fun and intense, with more opportunity for goal scoring. We play futsal in Dehashakti. If you like football/ futsal and you want to learn, play and have fun, come and enjoy with us!



Girls all age/ level are playing

- **Mondays and Wednesday, 5pm**
- **Please contact Balaji: 8940224950**



Boys 16yo+ are playing

- **Tuesdays and Fridays, 5pm**
- **Please contact Beber 638563 5943**



Submitted by Beber

Bioregion, Crafts & Nature Activities

SOLITUDE FARM ACTIVITIES



Saturday Free Farm Tour!

Be a part of a weekly farm tour to learn where your food comes from. Free guided farm tour only **on Saturdays, 11:30am**. For the larger group (5+) and private bookings, there is a separate charge.

- Please email us at: solitudepermaculture@gmail.com

Education at Solitude Farm:

It is all about reconnecting with local food. Local food is our nutritional heritage and at Solitude we help bring awareness and adoption of locally grown produce in our daily lives. Workshops at Solitude:

- **3 days Intensive Permaculture Weekend Workshop**
- View schedule and book here: <https://solitude.farm/workshop/>

Join us on a road back to nature with this intensive and hands-on workshop that will empower you to start growing your own food and gain insight into knowing where your food comes from. Explore the principles of permaculture; mulching, rotations, intercropping, understand the steps to create a food forest, start a nursery, make your own soap and recycle your waste water, learn about seed saving and lots more.

- **Mini Permaculture Workshop**
- Please email us: solitudepermaculture@gmail.com for the booking.

We offer mini permaculture workshops as private bookings for the group size 4 + participants. Duration: 2 hours. The group can select any workshop module mentioned below.

- **Introduction to permaculture through local food:** Solitude Farm is a true example of Masanobu Fukuoka's philosophy in practice—a road back to nature through eating local food. In this workshop explore the wide diversity of plants that grow around us, their countless benefits, and delectable taste and even learn how to make your own vegan sushi, salad and coolers!
- **Handmade Soap-Making:** By revaluing papaya seeds, neem flowers and soursop leaves, create your own natural soap and recycle waste water to grow your own food. We'll show you how to pack your soap in banana leaves and inspire you to cut out packaging with simple, creative ideas. The soap is yours to take away!

Farm Fresh Basket Service:

A long term commitment to your health! A weekly basket filled with a rainbow of seasonal fruits and vegetables, along with a unique salad kit to ensure a complete nutritional package. This basket is available to anyone from the bio-region. Pick up your basket from the cafe—Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

- Please email us at solitudepermaculture@gmail.com to book your basket.

Lunch Scheme @ Solitude:

Experience a wholesome lunch scheme at Solitude Farm—freshly prepared straight from our farm every day. Enjoy traditional grains such as millets and red rice, heritage greens like local spinach, and a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables rich in Ayurvedic benefits. All food is grown without chemicals and follows time-tested methods that have supported communities for generations.

If you're passionate about sustainability, looking to reduce your carbon footprint, or want support in managing lifestyle conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure, this lunch is designed for you. Set in a tranquil, scenic space, this is more than just a meal—it's a chance to reconnect with your roots. Come, eat well, and feel well.

- **Booking:** solitudepermaculture@gmail.com

Krishna for Solitude Farm & Café

FOUNDATIONS OF FERMENTATION



**Every Saturday 10am—12pm
@ Coffee Ideas! (former Marc's Cafe)**

This beginner-friendly workshop is all about reconnecting with ancestral microbes and learning to make naturally carbonated, healthful beverages using traditional methods. No commercial yeast, no fancy equipment, just real ingredients, wild starters, and intuitive brewing.

Perfect for those who want to:

- Learn traditional skills in a fun, interactive way
- Understand and embrace the power of natural microbes

What you'll learn to make:

- **Kombucha:** From brewing basics to bottling and flavoring
- **Tepache:** A traditional, naturally fermented pineapple drink
- **Ginger Ale & Wild Sodas:** Crafted with fruit, herbs, and wild starters
- **Wildcrafted Fruit Vinegar:** Zero-waste, nutrient-rich, and easy to brew

You'll learn:

- The science behind natural carbonation and how to get the fizz just right
- How to balance sugar and fermentation time for the perfect flavor
- How to ferment confidently without commercial yeast or additives

Bonus: Receive 1 live kombucha scoby to start your own batch at home!

Contact: admin@coffeeideas.in,
contact@coffeeideas.in
+91 8148660246

Walk-in: You can also simply arrive 10 minutes early and join the session.
Sagarika & Matilde

WELLPAPER WORKSHOP

10am—4pm, every day except Sunday

Join our workshop to learn & enjoy the process of turning waste paper into art. Create your own unique upcycled products from old newspapers to take home.



- +91 9385744722, 0413 2969722. *Viji*

FOUNDATIONS OF SPECIALTY COFFEE COURSE

6—10 July



Join our upcoming Foundations of Specialty Coffee course, running from July 6—10.

- **Module 1:** Coffee history, species, and varieties
- **Module 2:** Roasting and its impact on flavour
- **Module 3:** Sensory training and olfactory development
- **Module 4:** Perfect espresso extraction and familiarisation of the barista station
- **Module 5:** Manual brewing and extraction principles

A five-day, hands-on immersion, designed to sharpen both palate and technique.

If this peaks your interest, visit coffeeideas.in or write to admin@coffeeideas.in to register.

Location: Coffee Ideas, former Marc's Cafe, Unit of Freeflow Trust, Auroville Foundation. Auroville Main Road, Kulapalayam. *Sagarika*

MAROMA: SHOP—TOUR—BE INSPIRED

Daily 9am—5pm



Maroma Aspiration Outlet Store

- Open daily 9am—5pm

Explore Maroma's collection of natural fragrances, body care, home fragrance, gifts, and handcrafted products.

The Maroma Tour

Discover the story behind Maroma through a guided campus visit, hands-on workshop, refreshments, and a Q&A session.

- **Book your tour:** www.maromalexperience.com

Maji Art Gallery

- Open daily 9am—5pm @ Maroma Campus

Visit MAJI, Maroma's contemporary art gallery, featuring a curated collection of artworks, crafts, and creative expression from Auroville and beyond.

Jesse for Maroma

AUTHENTIC CULINARY EXPERIENCES—ACE

ACE Kitchen Gatherings @ Creativity, Auroville

Small, informal kitchen gatherings at the ACE Kitchen in Creativity. Sessions may be led by: Experienced home cooks; Traditional knowledge holders; Bakers and fermentation practitioners; Anyone sharing food they know well.

To participate, cook with us, suggest a theme, or explore hosting a session, please get in touch.

culinary.experiences@auroville.org.in, +91 8279300821

Manu Bahuguna & Sacha Elder



MOHANAM PROGRAM

www.mohanam.org

Mohanam: 2 mins from Vérité, 6 mins from Matrimandir, 8 mins from Visitor's Center. Experience, explore, energise.



For more information and registration: Advance booking is necessary for Workshops:

mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in, +91 8300949079

- **Office timing:** 9am—4pm, Monday to Saturday

Make and Take Workshops

- Monday to Saturday, 10am—12:30pm or 2—4:30pm



Bamboo Candle | Potter | Coconut Shell Craft | Dream Catcher | Incense Making | Kolam Mandala

Join and experience the learning aspect of engaging in the art and craft workshops. Manifest inner self through various materials and forms using creative techniques.

Auroville Bioregional Experience

- Monday to Saturday, 10:30am—1pm



Village Tour | Wood Fossil Visit | Munnur-Perumukkal | Kaluveli Tank Visit

Celebrating authentic village experiences and cultural heritage! This is a guided tour to villages in the range of 5km, 10km to 50km from Auroville.

Auroville North-West Tour

- Monday to Saturday, 10:30am—1pm

This tour offers a deeper appreciation of the beauty, heritage, and living traditions of Auroville's northwest zone. It highlights inspiring local entrepreneurship and how traditional practices are being continued through modern techniques.



Thiruvannamalai Spiritual Services: Eco & Spiritual services: Thiruvannamalai—Mohanam services

- Arunachala—Auroville; Tour, retreat space; Camping, Temple visit; Ashram, Girivalam Full Moon experience

For booking and more information

- +91 8300949079, mohanamprogram@auroville.org.in

Rajaveni



Arun, Anand and Balaji for Enlight Team

AUROVILLE BAMBOO CENTRE

www.aurovillebamboocentre.org

Join our daily guided tours and enjoy a complimentary cup of refreshing bamboo tea. Explore and shop for unique, handcrafted pieces at our Bamboo Boutique, and experience the natural rhythms of our Bamboo Sound Garden.



Bamboo tour with bamboo tea

- Monday—Saturday
8:30am—12:30pm, 1:30—5pm



Special bamboo lunch @ Auroville Bamboo Centre

- Every Saturday, 12—2:30pm
- Pre-book in advance



Enjoy the Special Bamboo Lunch.

Make and take workshops

- Monday—Saturday, 10am—4:30pm
- Pre-book in advance



Take part in our daily Make and Take workshops to learn and discover the endless possibilities of bamboo.

One day workshops:

- Pre-book in advance,
- Monday—Saturday, 9am—5pm



Pre-booking is necessary for registration:

- bamboocentre@auroville.org.in
- +91 8300949081

Bala Sundaram

EDIBLE WEED WALK:

Waiting for the Mid-Week Rain

Saturday, 27 June, 7:30—8:30am (max 8:45am)

@ Accessible area within Auroville

Promise of a mid-week cloud stirs, whispering rain to the soil. While we wait for those drops to wake the earth, our resilient greens are getting ready. Conditions are shaping up beautifully for a vibrant Saturday morning exploration!



Event Details

- Final location shared with registered participants on Friday.
- Only 5 pairs (10 people total), cost: Rs 800 for two
- Single registration possible (Rs 300) if you bring along your Edible Weeds coloring book and its colored insert.

Contact & Booking

- 98409 36907 WA, edibleweedwalk@gmail.com
- Send your names and the number of participants to receive your QR code.

Come see how much a little moisture can transform.

Nina

THE COLOURS OF NATURE (TCON)

Workshops & Visits

Step into a world of cloth, pattern, and slow craft. At The Colours of Nature (TCoN), we're launching a new series of hands-on textile workshops—warm, friendly, and designed for beginners and curious makers alike. 100% natural dyes.



The Colours of Nature

Workshops (Create & Take Home)

Shibori + Indigo (Resist & Dye):

Fold, bind, stitch & wrap fabric to create traditional resist patterns—then dye your own prepared cloth in indigo, revealing deep blues, and unique, unexpected detail.

Batik + Indigo (Wax Resist & Dye):

Learn the fundamentals of wax-resist design: apply wax, build layers, and create motifs—then dye your cloth in indigo to bring your patterns to life.

Embroidery:

Slow down and enjoy the needle's rhythm. Learn essential stitches and techniques to add texture, detail, and personality to fabrics.

Workshop Schedule

- Morning session: 9am—12:30pm
- Afternoon session: 1:30—5pm

Workshop Pricing

- 2-hour workshop: Rs 2,200 per person
- Half-day workshop: Rs 4,400 per person

Guided Visits

Discover our studio space and processes with a short guided tour:

- Duration: 30 minutes
- Times: 11:30am and 4:30pm
- Price: Rs 1,100 per person

Outside of these timings, we will do our best to offer tours. Visits to The Colours of Nature dye workshop products exhibition are free.

Note: We do not offer workshops on how to prepare dyes from raw plants; these processes take many days—sometimes weeks—and we are still developing the right format to teach them properly.

To Book a Guided Visit/ Workshop:

- colnature@auroville.org.in,
- +91 63796 61916 WA
- www.thecoloursofnature.com

Submitted by Petra

INSIDE INDIA



Pausing Cycle & Local Tours for the Summer

Inside India is pausing Our Cycle Tours and Local Tours for the Summer.

- We look forward to welcoming you back from the second week of July, when our tours will resume.

tours@insideindiaauroville.com,

Shaheen

ACTIVITIES AT AUROORCHARD

Weekly Farm Walk:

AuroOrchard is Auroville's oldest farm, founded in 1968-69 under the guidance of the Mother with the vision of "growing food for Auroville." Spread over 25 acres of red earth on the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu, AuroOrchard has been a cornerstone of Auroville's food system for more than five decades.

Today, we produce over 50% of the fruits and vegetables and 90% of the eggs from Auroville farms. We grow a diversity of crops—mangoes, papayas, bananas, guavas, citrus, roots and tubers, leafy greens, vegetables, and herbs—alongside a small poultry that provides eggs. Each year, these fields and orchards yield several tonnes of fresh food, much of it flowing directly to Auroville's kitchens and residents. These numbers are never the measure of the work, but rather quiet signs of the farm's steady rhythm of care and abundance.

Join us for a stroll through these orchards and vegetable gardens and learn about the agroecological techniques that we practice at the farm.

- Every Wednesday, 10am—12pm.
- Registration required, [sign up here](#).



CSA baskets:

Auro Orchard's Basket System is a community-supported program that allows customers to select fresh, seasonal produce such as fruits, vegetables, greens, herbs, eggs, nuts, and Abundance; farm-processed products like pesto, syrups, and nut spreads from a weekly updated harvest list. Members place their orders based on seasonal availability and collect their chosen items directly from the farm or from the pick up points inside Auroville.



- Please [sign up for the baskets here](#) to get added to the list.

Volunteering:

Spread over 25 acres, AuroOrchard is Auroville's oldest farm producing a diversity of fruits and vegetables and eggs that are supplied directly to Auroville's kitchens and residents. Join us to learn to work with the soil, plants and food while sharing with a diverse group of people. We offer a welcoming environment for learners, researchers, and seekers who wish to help us and learn more about the land, food, culture, and themselves.

- Monday to Saturday, 7—9am and/ or 9:30am—12pm.
 - We offer breakfast made with farm produce!
- Link to [sign up for volunteering](#) here.



Anshul

SADHANA FOREST PLANT BASED SATURDAY

Join us for a day of connection, learning, and delicious plant-based food! Whether you're curious about sustainable living, enjoy spending time with cows, or want to explore new recipes, we'd love to have you with us.

Schedule: Every Saturday

- 09:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Cow Connection
- 11:00 Plant-Based Cooking Class
- 12:30 Talk on Diet & Nutrition
- 18:00 Dinner

You're welcome to join for the whole day or just a part of it, all offered to you as a gift from Sadhana Forest free of charge.

Submitted by Aviram

EGAI CRAFTS—WORKSHOPS & EXPERIENCES

Art of Giving—Eco-Friendly Craft Workshops
@ Auroville

Workshops:

- **Coconut Shell Craft Workshop, 2.30hrs:** A hands-on creative workshop where participants learn to design and make eco-friendly products from coconut shells. Participants can create and take home: Earrings, Pendants, Keychains, Bowls, Cups and Hanging Lamps.
- **Bamboo Instrument Making Workshop, 2hrs:** Experience the art of making simple musical instruments using bamboo and natural materials, including bamboo overtone flute, bamboo ocarina, shakers and percussion instruments.
- **Incense Making Workshop, 1 hr:** Learn the traditional process of making natural incense sticks using eco-friendly ingredients and local methods.
- **Palm Leaf & Coconut Leaf Weaving Workshop, 1 hr:** Participants learn basic weaving techniques using coconut and palm leaves to create decorative and utility products.
- **Wooden Toy Making Workshop, 2.30hrs:** A creative and educational workshop introducing participants to traditional toy-making using wood and bamboo materials.
- **Coconut Recipe Cooking Experience, 2.30hrs:** An experiential cooking session introducing traditional coconut-based recipes and sustainable food practices.
- **Origami Workshop, 1hr:** Explore the beautiful art of paper folding with traditional techniques and creative designs.
- **Pottery Workshop, 1hr:** Enjoy the full creative experience via detailed instruction and crafting by a expert potter.

Workshop Highlights: **Crafting From Our Corridors To Your Corridors**



- Hands-on Make & Take experience
- Eco-friendly and sustainable materials
- Suitable for students, families, travelers, and educational groups
- Supports local artisans and village communities
- Promotes traditional crafts and waste management awareness
- Customized group workshops available

Location: Egai Crafts, Auroville, Tamil Nadu—605101

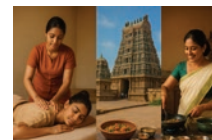
Contact: +91 9791896488, +91 9629297514
egai@auroville.org.in, www.egai.co.in

Booking is recommended for workshops and group visits.
Anand For Egai

ACTIVITIES BY RUPAVATHI

Bio-Region Temple Tour

Interested in learning more about the religious heritage in and around the bio-region? Come take a guided tour of temples around the bio-region.



- Starting point: Solar Kitchen.
- Can be scheduled anytime throughout the week.

South-Indian Cuisine—Cooking Class

Learn to cook some delicious delicacies of south India with Rupavathi.

Thai Massage: We give everyday morning

- 9:30—11:30, 11:30—1:30, 5:30—7:30pm.
- 8098845200 WA/ Phone,
- rupavathijoy@gmail.com

Rupavathi

Office Spaces

Hive Coworking Space Open House

- Every Friday, 9am—7pm @ Hive, Auromode.

Step into Hive and experience a cosy workspace with super-fast Internet, Coffee—all for free on our weekly Open House. Hive is a 24/7 Coworking space.

Open House hours are for experiencing the space, 24/7 access is available beyond these hours.

Visit us at www.auromode.in/hive-coworking for more details on our flexible plans and facilities.

For inquiries: auromodehive@auroville.org.in

- +91 9042759540 WA,
- +91 7092197375 WA or drop by.

Dhesh for Hive

Kinisi Cowork

Our vibrant space—right behind Kinisi e-mobility (CSR campus)—offers an ideal balance of focused work, being part of a supportive community and relaxing surroundings. Ready to join? Learn more and book your spot:



- +91 9429690049, hello@cowork.kinisi.in
- CSR Campus, Auroshilpam, cowork.kinisi.in *Laure*

Aurelec Spaces Available

35.12 sqm. closed space available inside Aurelec Premises. This space is ideal for workshop or office or storage with generator back-up, 24 hours security, parking, provision to put air-conditioners, high speed fibre internet access (BSNL and Aurinoco), canteen and facilities.



Conveniently located closed office room (around 18.30 sqm.) on the first floor inside Aurelec premises with superb infrastructure, including generator back-up, UPS System, provision to put air-conditioner, 24 hours security, parking, high speed fibre internet access (BSNL and Aurinoco), canteen and facilities.

Interested people may contact Mr. Siva at Aurelec:

- in person or by phone to 2622293/ 2622294
- or e-mail adps@auroville.org.in

Siva for ADPS Trust

Office Space Available: Auromode

Office Space inside Auromode Premises with superb infrastructure, including Generator back-up, 24 hours Security service, Aqua Dyn drinking water, Car & Bike parking and restaurant. Contact Mr. Pandian



- at Auromode in person, +91 9943390391 or
- pandian@auroville.org.in *Pandian*

Spaces Available at Ecoteco Campus Building

There are two spaces available for use at the Ecoteco Campus Building in Reve Area:

- 118 sqm Office Space
- 67 sqm Godown Space.
- 9443960008, Diana; 9894442349, Prabhu

Diana

Taxi Sharing

To Chennai Airport, Tuesday 30 June, 3pm

Anyone going to Chennai Airport on Tuesday, 30 June and needs a ride? I will leave at 3 pm.

tineke@auroville.org.in, 94434 69330, Tineke

Looking For

Looking for e-cycle

I am looking for used electrical cycle or bike. Expecting good condition and reasonable price for my son to use for going to school. Thank you

9843372908, Devanathan from Fraternity

Looking for a phone

I am Ramesh from Pony Farm. I am currently in need of a phone, as I do not have one at the moment and am unable to buy a new one right now.

If anyone has a spare phone that they are not using and would be willing to lend or donate, I would be very grateful. You can hand it over to me at:

- Town Hall Bakery in the morning
- Solar Kitchen during lunchtime

Thank you for your support and generosity. *Ramesh*

Available

Pure organic coconut oil

Pure organic coconut oil available in Auroville, interested people please call me 8300017247.

Anand



Hero Pleasure Plus Scooter

Hero Pleasure Plus in very good condition. Registration: December 2021; Odometer Reading: 23,098 km; Well-maintained and in excellent running condition

8608854330, Rabindra

Honorary Voluntary

AUROVILLE PRE CRECHE is calling you

To become a little present, a little patient, a little quiet, a little conscious with the little ones of Auroville.

"When you take the children very young, it is wonderful. There is so little to do: it is enough to be."

Working at the AV Pre Creche reveals the profound truth in these simple words of The Mother. A little child learns and responds to our presence more than our actions and our words.



In this sense, volunteering at the Pre-Crèche is not only about supporting children; it is also an invitation to Self-discovery. If you are curious about human development and want to understand how a city that aspires to unending education begins by nurturing consciousness from the very earliest years, this is for you.

You may arrive thinking you are coming to help children grow. You may discover that they are quietly helping you do the same. **Minimum commitment:**

- 4 months, 3 days per week, 2 hours per day

To apply, please write with a brief introduction and your interest in this work to: avprecreche@auroville.org.in

Suganya and Nilima

VOLUNTEERING AT FOODLINK



Fruits, vegetables,
milk & eggs
from Auroville farms



FoodLink needs help with day-to-day operations in the morning. Tasks involve deliveries, billing, preparing orders, etc. We're looking for residents or registered volunteers who are willing to work:

- 4 hours 6 days a week for at least 3 months from 8am—12pm or 11am—3pm.

Please contact us if you're interested, thanks!

- foodlink@auroville.org.in, +91 8300268804 WA

Aumrto for FoodLink Team

BOTANICAL GARDENS

A lot of work goes into caring for the Botanical Gardens to keep them looking beautiful and pristine. We invite new volunteers who are ready to help and dedicate some time to caring for the various parts of the Gardens.



The work involves a lot of weeding, mulching, composting, pruning and clipping, raking and other general maintenance tasks. Talking to the plants, trees and creatures is also welcome, along with jokes and cheerfulness.

- If interested: earthyoga@hotmail.com, Noel
- or stop by in the morning sometime to explore the possibilities.

Noel Parent

VOLUNTEERS FOR NESS

New Era Secondary school is a recognized CBSE school under SAIER following CBSE syllabus and Integral education. The school is urgently in need of volunteers who are willing to help in various fields like:

Academic area, Office Secretaryship, Clerical works, Sports area, Arts and craft, Communication skills, Project proposal writing, Fundraiser, Event organizer, etc.

Those who are interested to volunteer in NESS at least committed to volunteer for three months. For further details please contact us.

K. Venkatesh, 9442746448

POUR TOUS WATER SERVICE

Pour Tous Water is looking for **part-time & full-time volunteers (min. 6 months)**, especially those interested in plumbing work. Women plumber or any one with sincere interest are encouraged to join. Training will be provided.

Work includes: Emergency plumbing support (leaks, blockages, taps, toilets, water heaters, etc.) + basic report, record documentation & WA coordination/ updates.

- PTW provides free service for Auroville Community, aligned with Prosperity Vision, "Service for All". Contact for more details 9843644308 WA, ptw@auroville.org.in.

Join and support this essential community service. Grace

GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala!

You are most welcome to join us on any day **from 7am onwards**, and have a vegan breakfast at **8:45am**. Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking. If you would like to contact us:

sadhanaforest@auroville.org.in,

8525038274 WA or call 8122274924

Aviram

Work Offering

LOOKING FOR A FULL-TIME JOB

Sought: Work That Seeks Me Back

In Auroville, work always found me. In April, an office order found me instead, removing me.

After 20 years at MMC-Cinema Paradiso, I duly filled out the HRS form to access a few months of bridging fund. I have been advised to find something soon, or else...

What I left behind: 360 films/ 900+ hours of programming per year, 2 official off days/year in 20 years, zero spent on holidays or social expenses. An adequate running budget, an expensive sound system replaced (Rs. 5 lakhs+) through an AVI-USA donation, a new projector (Rs. 5 lakhs) and laptop (Rs. 74K) purchased from funds we had set aside, Rs. 6 lakhs+ still in reserve for further equipment work that are always expensive, and a recurring donation stream generously pledged by the community that more than replaced the monthly budget we had lost. It was a community theatre. It was supported and held by the community.

What I also bring: ecology and wildlife (MS with Dr. Rauf Ali, PhD from the USA), expertise in forest and habitat assessments, and substantial experience in the development sector: project and programme evaluation, grant review, monitoring, management, advisory.

What I am looking for: full maintenance, ideally flexible hours, independence, and work that is needed and that needs me. Available from 1 August. The arrangements, however, need to start soon.

Nina, nina@auroville.org.in

Work Opportunities

ECO FEMME:

Looking for a Social Media Manager

Eco Femme is hiring a full-time in house social media manager with full maintenance.



washable cloth pads

We are a social enterprise founded in 2010. We make menstrual cloth pads and provide menstrual education to women and girls in India. To know more about us, visit www.ecofemme.org.

We are looking for a creative communicator with at least one year of hands-on experience managing social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook and YouTube, LinkedIn), video editing skills and a good aesthetic sensibility.

- **The position is available immediately**, with a minimum one-year commitment.
- **Applications close 28 June 2026.**

Contact us to get the full job description or know more about the application process.

- Send an email to laure@ecofemme.org.

Laure

LOOKING FOR AN ACCOUNTANT and Junior technicians for Kinisi

Looking for an Accountant well versed in Zoho and Auroville accounting practices. Should be able to handle the daily accounting and administrative tasks such as the invoicing, payment reconciliations, office management, salaries and wages etc.



Also looking for two junior technicians who are open to learn new skills and commit to the services provided by Kinisi. Initial training will be provided in house.

- Please send your resume to admin.kinisi@auroville.org.in

Prabhakar

AWARE:

Looking for media & comms specialists



Auroville grows when aspirants gather from around the world with clarity of purpose. AWARE seeks to build a bridge to welcome these aspirants by telling the story of this place with clarity, through beauty, and by setting up platforms for information and discussion.

Doors Are Open for Aurovilians and Newcomers to join Aware. Roles open: Filmmakers; Cinematographers; Editors; Content Creators

- **Contact:** +91 73965 57993 WA, aware@auroville.org.in, awareauroville.com

Shift towards a culture of multilateral perspectives and an attempt to bridge the aspiration/ideal and current human condition & external organisations. *Sajiv for Aware*

NESS SCHOOL

Looking for Primary Class Teacher

NESS school is a CBSE school under SAIER looking for a Primary class teacher who can handle first standard.

We are looking for an Aurovillian or Newcomer especially Female person who acquire a Minimum UG degree with a DTED or B.Ed.

- **Contact:** Dr. K. Venkatesh, 9442746448, principal. *K. Venkatesh for NESS*

AIAT:

Seeking of Assistant Professor

Auroville Institute of Applied Technology:

- <https://aiat.edu.in/>

is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of **Assistant Professor in the field of Electrical Engineering.**



Applicants must have Master's degree in Electrical Engineering. Experience with IoT, solar energy systems, battery technologies, and electric vehicles (EVs) will be an added advantage.

Interested candidates are invited to send their CV to

- info@aiat.edu.in.

Amarnath

Ecology

LITTER CLEARING SERVICE

- If you are one of the inspired ones who shares similar concerns, are interested to help keep Auroville litter free and can dedicate some time, please get in touch with us either by dropping into our office or connecting with us by email or on the number provided below.



Lets Keep Our City Clean Together.

Sumit for Eco Service,
ecoservice@auroville.org.in, 6379669034

SERVICING OF SEPTIC TANKS

- Please call Pour Tous Water Team, who can arrange for the service: 2622899 or 9843644308.
- In case of questions, please contact ecopro@auroville.org.in. *Lucas, EcoPro, 2622469*

UPCYCLING OPEN STUDIO

Open Studio Mornings
Every Tuesday from 9 am to 12.

- Discover the fundamentals of upcycling
- Tour the studio
- Purchase or place orders for upcycled items
- Join our "Make Your Own Upcycled Item" workshop

📍 **Location :** Recentre, Ok Upcycling Studio
☎ **Tel :** 6384043908

Tuesdays, 10am—12pm @ Ok Upcycling Studio, Recentre
Discover the fundamentals of upcycling; Tour the studio; Purchase or place orders for upcycled items; Join our "Make Your Own Upcycled Item" workshops. Come explore, learn, and get inspired! **6384043908, Veronese**

Voices & Notes

AUROVILLE RADIO

Your favourite radio is always working for you. Stay Tuned!



Last published Podcasts

- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—Ep.538](#) (Integral Yoga)
- ["Mother's Chronicles: Mirra" by Sujata Nahar, Read by Fif—B 1 C 9—"The Guardian Angels"](#) (The Mother)
- [Jumpa's Joyous Journey with Fif—Ep.13 "The Island that Grew Too Fast"](#) (Stories)

Latest Youtube Video

- [Ferrocement Hands on Workshop | Casting of Slab and Door.](#)

....and more! on www.aurovillerradiotv.org

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

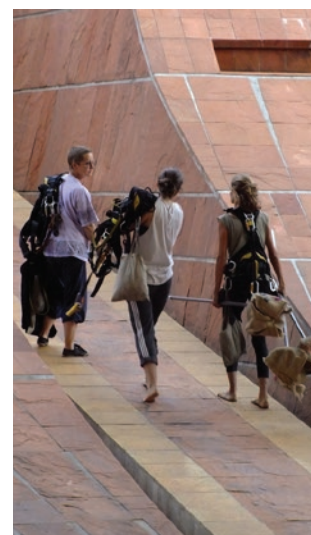
Peace and love

Sai Priya for AurovilleRadioTV

VOCATION

and Identity of a True Researcher

The International (World) University for Human Unity, because of which in 1967 a 33-page project was prepared, and whose concept and ideals Kailas Javery outlined in 1969 in a paper, cannot be dissociated from the context of the 50,000 inhabitants model town Mother wished within ten years—or five, adopting systems engineering. In this perspective, the November 1967 darshan issue of the Ashram Bulletin published the photograph of a layout, with Mother's handwritten statement "Auroville the town of the future", featuring two macrostructures; each one hosted over 15,000 residents. The International University for Human Unity, and the town of 50,000 are inseparable. That university—whose origin is very special, the way Kailas highlights—cannot come into



existence unless we revert to Mother's original vision, in its entirety.

Twenty years later, at the end of 1987, Roger Anger asked me, with the approval of Kireet Joshi, to write the concepts for two master plans: that of the town, and that of the university's. With me, Roger used the word 'university'; but when he contacted Kireet Joshi (the former registrar of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram School and College, and the one who drafted the 1967 project), the latter replied that, given Auroville's modest development, we could not establish a university in Auroville for several reasons, including legal ones. In its place, he proposed the Centre of International Research for Human Unity (CIRHU), as a seed-institution for future projects. Alas, as events have unfolded, even this appears to be far away.

This clarified, I wish to reassert something I have been highlighting since when I joined Auroville in 1985: the vocation and identity of a true researcher. Four of my professors, faculties of Philosophy and History, State University of Milan, were celebrities. Besides that, through my husband (a director of the cultural programs of the Italian State Television) I met other academics, some were our close friends. With regard to academic research, they excelled. But this is not, in essence, what Auroville looks for. Academic knowledge implies an intellectual elite, cultural debates and all that goes along; but in Auroville this comes second to the contents and goals of our lived experience, in mutual exchange. As if foreseeing this cardinal observation, in the university 1967 project is stated:

"Begin appointments of academic and administrative staff for all faculties. At least the staff has to join one year before they are expected to participate in teaching or administrative activities. All administrative, teaching and other staff will undertake intensive self study and group study to understand the aims and objectives of the International University and the teachings of the Divine Mother and Sri Aurobindo."

I discussed the issue with Kailas on different occasions, every time she replied that one year is not enough. Describing what she expected of the professors joining the International University of Human Unity, she used words evocative of the second transformation of Integral Yoga, the spiritual one—along with the definition in Aurobindonian terms of "human unity". Kailash always soared high, nevertheless this is a poignant indication.

In Auroville an essential question arises: teaching—or researching? To be a university professor requires considerable academic knowledge to be imparted to students. In contrast, a researcher collects and draws together data and information for analysis in a never-ending study, reformulating hypotheses and conclusions as new material is acquired, drawing upon an ever-changing canvas, like passing clouds in the sky. For a true researcher the quest never ends, for this would be the end of research itself.

As with life, in the world of research nothing is final and absolute, things are in perennial movement; today's certainty may become obsolete tomorrow, and tomorrow's certainty may change and turn obsolete too. This has become even more obvious in the internet age, where the unending flux of information, gathered from all over the globe, chisels and re-defines everything, endlessly, at every moment.

Knowledge has no end, cannot be sealed into boxes. The mind (manas) classifies and compartmentalizes, the thinking animal says "I know hence I teach." But the mind is being surpassed, the kingdom of reason is coming to end. Above the human mind and its summit, the intellect, other wide-ranging 'minds' open up. These levels of 'divine mind' are the precursors of the oncoming spiritual age, where things are known from deep within, or as sudden inspirations, or through flashes of intuition. In this new 'knowledge' discordant elements, strifes and clashes, certainties and uncertainties, all opposites merge and become synthesized into one all-encompassing whole, portending the dawn of the supramental age.

Mother's favorite flower was "plasticity." This is the main

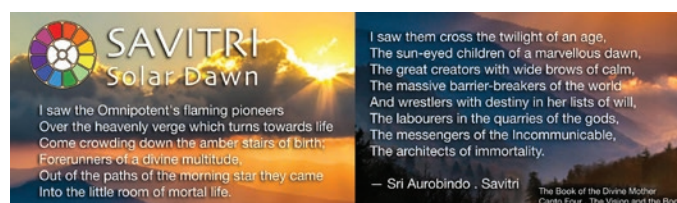
attribute required from a true researcher: unflinching flexibility, illimitable curiosity and openness to all quests and paths, irrepressible vocation to embrace and make one's own all explorations and meandering searches and adventures, in a universe which is as infinite as Search itself. True to oneself, the quest never ends. Then can we speak of knowledge, necessarily coming from planes of consciousness far above the ordinary mentality. Sri Aurobindo distinguishes between an ordinary, lower buddhi, the intellect, and the higher buddhi, which at its highest reaches vijñana, at one point described by Sri Aurobindo as the gnosis or knowledge aspect of the Supermind. What the ancient Greeks called *nous*, with multiple interpretations of the term, is the starting point of the journey. This is what RESEARCH, in Auroville, should be about; whatever institutional denomination, proportionate to our means we chose, but never forgetting this guiding principle.

Self-realisation (the second of the three transformations of Integral Yoga) is far too advanced, Kailash's expectation is unrealistic. But to be a university professor, in Auroville, demands being a researcher as well and in life itself: academic knowledge and unending quest for truth in one. It also means to build, at the same time, an integrated personality, while dedicating one's life to the path of self-perfection that, for completion, requires the spiritual dimension. This implies the development of a global consciousness, which is the role of Auroville to encourage and enhance, true human unity. Unless Mother's vision becomes reality, in all its splendour but also with all the challenges that this implies, the International University for Human Unity cannot be realized. We have neither, the professors nor the students; nor do we have the residents and motivated visitors necessary to pursue an endeavour of such dimension.

It is the spirit of investigation and unending research that has to be awakened first, in sympathy with the dawning new world and society. We have to make a breakthrough and recover the true spirit of Auroville, attracting real researchers in the most integral sense of the word, divested of politics, ambitions, power struggle. Search for ontological perfection is the one preliminary step before anything real can commence.

Paulette

DESTRUCTION BY ONE'S OWN RESISTANCE



Continuing from my last post 'Auroville's Raison D'être' with the Mother's crystal clear declaration for anyone participating in Her and Sri Aurobindo's Auroville:

"Humanity is not the last rung of terrestrial creation. Evolution continues and man will be surpassed. It is for each one to know whether he wants to participate in the advent of the new species. For those who are satisfied with the world as it is, Auroville obviously has no raison d'être."

Mother continues in the following to make us understand the mechanics, of how the Action of the Divine Supramental Will and Force works, and the dire effects of the resistance to It: *"For national events, relations among nations, world circumstances, it acts like that, constantly, constantly, as a tremendous Power. And so if one is oneself in a state of union with the divine Will, without any intervention of thought, or any conception or idea, one can follow it, one sees and knows."*

The resistances of the inertia that is in every consciousness and in Matter mean that this Action, instead of being direct and perfectly harmonious, becomes confused, full of contradictions, clashes and conflicts; instead of everything resolving itself "normally", so to say, smoothly—as it should be—all this inertia that resists and opposes, gives it a tangled movement in which things collide and there is disorder and

destruction, which become necessary only because of the resistance, but which were not indispensable, which might not have existed—which truly speaking should not have been—because this Will, this Power is a Power of perfect harmony where each thing is in its place, and it organises things wonderfully. It comes as an absolutely luminous and perfect organisation, which one can see when one has the vision; but when it comes down and presses on Matter, everything begins to seethe and resist. Therefore, to attempt to impute the disorders and confusions and destructions to the divine Action, to the divine Power, is another human foolishness. It is the inertia—not to mention the bad will—which causes the catastrophe. It is not that the catastrophe was intended, nor even foreseen, it is caused by the resistance.

And then, there is added the vision of the action of Grace, which comes to moderate the results wherever possible, that is to say, wherever it is accepted. And this explains why aspiration, faith, complete trust on the part of the earthly human element have a harmonising power, because they allow the Grace to come and set right the consequences of this blind resistance.

This is a clear vision—clear, clear, even in the details.

One could, if one wanted to, make prophecies by saying what has been seen. But there is a kind of super-compassion which prevents this prophecy, because the Word of Truth has a power of manifestation and to express the result of the resistance would make that state concrete and diminish the action of the Grace. That is why even when one sees, one cannot speak, one must not speak.

But Sri Aurobindo certainly meant that it is this Power, this Force which does everything—which does everything. When one sees it or is one with it, one knows at the same time, one knows that That is really the only thing that acts and creates; everything else is the result of the domain or the world or the material or the substance in which it acts—the result of the resistance, but not the Action. And to unite with That means to unite with the Action; to unite with what is below means to unite with the resistance.

And so because it wriggles and tosses and turns, wants and thinks and makes plans... it imagines that it is doing something—it is resisting.

Later, a little later, I shall be able to give examples for very small things, showing how the Force acts and what interferes and mixes with it, or is moved by this Force and distorts its movement, and the result, that is to say, the physical appearance as we see it. Even the example of a very small thing with absolutely no importance for the world, gives a clear idea of the way in which everything happens and is distorted here.

And this applies to everything, everything, all the time, all the time."

- <https://incarnatword.in/cwm/10/aphorism-117-118-119-120-121> (in full)

The Vision-Goal and Guidance behind Their Auroville is crystal clear with the integrated Three Core Documents [‘A Dream’](#), [‘The Auroville Charter’](#) and [‘To Be a True Aurovilian’](#), with the Prime Directive:

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

With this Crystal Clear Understanding, Narrative and Purpose we can collaboratively proceed to develop Auroville the City of Dawn, Cradle of the Supramental being, as per its raison d'être.

We consciously continue on... towards the Life Divine.

Om Namō Bhagavate

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Zech Joya

AN OFFERING

from Food System Envisioning

For the past year, a group of Aurovilians have been meeting regularly in order to address challenges on Auroville's food system that have become more visible in recent years, and to envision a new system that improves the interconnectedness between the community, food and farmers of Auroville.

This article is the second in a series of our reflections and aspirations, to continue to nurture a space for conversations on food and farming in Auroville. The first article was about why we grow food in Auroville and the different dimensions of agriculture, which you can find here.

In order to have a grounded understanding of the system we currently have, it's essential to look at the context and the history in which it emerged. Ecological realities, economic necessities, social contexts and inner aspirations don't often align. How did we try to align these in the past? What decisions and creations emerged as a response? In what ways are the questions we are facing today different from those 30, 40, 50 years ago, in what ways are they the same? What are we carrying from the past which doesn't work in the present anymore?

How it all began

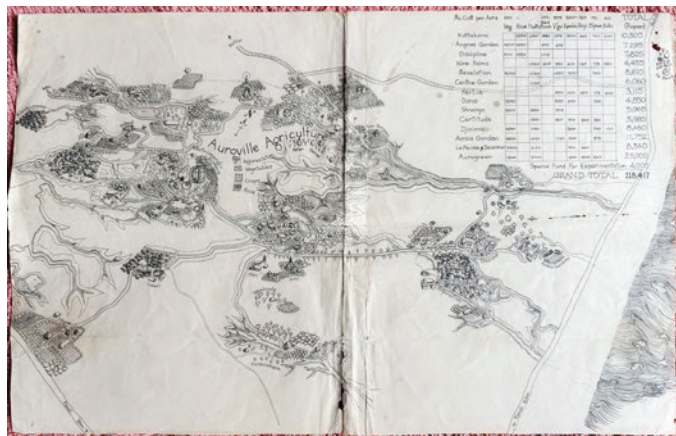
Farming in Auroville began with the beginning of the community itself, in 1969. Most residents were involved in food production out of necessity, an effort that spanned both established farms and various kitchen gardens throughout the community. Initial farms in the 1970s included AuroOrchard, Service Farm, AuroGreen, Kottakarai, and Revelation, and by the 1980s included Annapurna, Discipline, Djaima, Fertile. They grew seasonal fruits and vegetables, crops like peanuts, ragi, gram, varagu, ulundu, red rice, sesame, and some had dairies and poultries.

Where are our kitchen gardens today?

Is there one in your community?

If yes, how is it going, and if not, do you know why?

What can we do today to create a deeper reverence for what feeds us?



A sketch made by Johnny (Fertile) in the 80's of the then farms of Auroville. [To enlarge, click here.](#)

Auroville has 26 farms today. Do you know where they are?

Central Food Distribution Centre and Pour Tous

In the 1970s, Auroville produced snake gourd, green papaya, tapioca, pumpkin, and beans, and some food was of course sourced from Pondicherry. However, it was considered essential for the community to adapt to affordable local crops in order to survive. Pour Tous fund was the first community fund, created 1st January 1976. It received donations and maintenances (Rs. 125 / month) from the Sri Aurobindo Society (SAS). A spirit of collective endeavor led to the creation of a Central Food Distribution Centre where today we have Udavi school, and subsequently the open-

ing of Pour Tous near Aspiration Community on February 28, 1974. When SAS took away the maintenance for Aurovilians, Aurovilians stepped up within a week, and organised to bring everything that they had for collective distribution in order to survive. Everything was shared equally in baskets to be delivered to each community roughly every alternate day. The historic Pour Tous meetings, the first regular resident meetings, were held around bags of potatoes and tomatoes, and a recurring topic was—how and what do we eat. **Food and governance were the same thing.** The “Envelope” system started in 1978—a method of budgeting modelled after the Mother’s management of ashram finances, and an envelope of donations/collected funds named ‘Pour Tous’ was used to purchase food for the collective.

In the late 80’s / early 90’s, the baskets of Pour Tous gave way to a stall where individuals came to purchase what they wanted. What was originally designed as a system to ensure our needs are met collectively and our resources pooled had to evolve to serve the emerging reality that people wanted the food they could afford with their own means, irrespective of what the collective could afford. People fought over sticks of butter. This was an interesting point in our history. As our means increased, we became more individualistic.

Today then, when the goal of food self-sufficiency is less about surviving and more about thriving, how sincerely are we asking ourselves of our ‘needs’ in the food we eat? How responsibly are we living this question collectively, how courageously are we walking towards this goal when it no longer looms over us demanding us to walk it?

In this stall, one had to point to a bin from behind a counter and request apples, bananas, potatoes, papayas, while someone else would pick the item and put it on a scale. This was of concern to some people—they wanted to connect, to touch, to feel the beetroot, the watermelon. It was only in the early 2000’s that Pour Tous set it up so you could pick your own produce.

What is your direct connection to the food you eat?

Do you want to choose it yourself?

Do you have a way of picking a watermelon?

How concerned are you about how your pumpkin looks?

Food Growing Cooperative, and the Pandy market

In 1978, we witnessed the first attempt at formal organization of AV farms in a Food Growing Cooperative consisting of thirteen farms. It operated through a dedicated envelope which was used for growing food that provided farms with budgets. The Cooperative received the produce sales revenue in return, but the idealism of the envelope system struggled as the population grew. The cooperative collapsed in 1983, as did the envelope system in 1984. In its place, individual accounts were created and farmers went back to operating on an individual basis.

A major crisis befell the food system when in the 1990’s the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board decided to discontinue their inclusion of AV in their policy of providing free electricity to farmers for pumping. This had a major effect on our largest farms at the time—AuroOrchard and Aurogreen—which were forced to downsize operations drastically over the coming years. Food from the Pandy market thus offered an effective backup for our needs.

Today, this backup has turned into the primary option to meet our food needs. This is in large part due to our unadapted preferences to our local reality—a problem 50 years old that we have been unable to address as yet—but also due to its cost effectiveness, or rather, its hidden cost—our health. Knowing that the food from the Pandy market, like in every market, is grown using chemicals by farmers and workers in a hostile economic system, we must ask if we care about creating a different economy grounded in conscious choices, preferences and needs.

- How do we nurture this aspiration today?
- How do we support Auroville’s farms?
- How enthusiastically do we offer our participation in our food system?

Farm Group, more organised finances and processes

The farms of Auroville organized themselves on a large scale again in the form of the Farm Group in the early 1990s to ensure optimal use of available assets, to set up financial processes, and to define policies collectively for land development. Farmers began to receive a maintenance from the Central Fund to ensure their own basic needs were looked after as they worked to produce food for the community. A common granary (now called Auroville Grains) was established in 2011 at Annapurna to process the grains grown in Auroville and ensure quality, storage and steady supply throughout the year. Subgroups within the Farm Group of dairy, grain and vegetables and fruit subsequently emerged to share knowledge, take decisions collectively, raise funds, etc.

Direct Baskets from the farms

Across the world, there is a growing concern about people losing connection with their food. To address this gap, some farmers have started offering baskets directly to community members and have direct communication with the consumers. Annapurna and AuroOrchard send out a link every week by email and Whatsapp where people can order and receive their baskets at Foodlink or outside PTDC. Terrasoul hosts a market every week where people can visit and buy fresh produce. The intention of some farmers remains to be in intimate contact with consumers, to share how the food is grown, the joy and the challenges that we face as a community in covering our nutritional needs. Others are less visible but produce food for the community on a daily basis, which is available at Foodlink.

Would we like to have more farms offering basket opportunities?

Do we need more information about what is available in the baskets and how it works?

We, in Food System Envisioning, are exploring different ways to address these questions, amongst others, with some key actors in Auroville’s food system.

Amy B., Anshul, Arul, Deven, Isabelle M., Manas Arvind, Nicole, Nidhin, Pavan, Priya V., Tanisha, Tomas, and Elisa for Food System Envisioning

PRANASHAKTI

Pranashakti continues welcoming people and holding space for offerings related to the education of the different aspects of the Vital being for both children and adults.

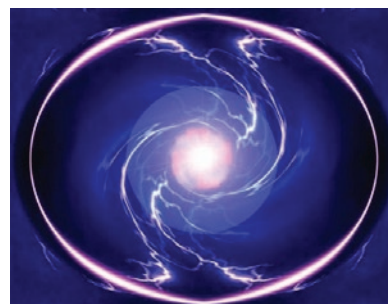
Explorations of the Vital in all its multitudinous forms continues with the intention to deepen in understanding, refinement and expression.

Some of our offerings of May—June were Little Thread Wonders, Art Cultivation, Theatre: Light in Action, Navarasas, Beauty as a base, Antardhwani, Integral Yoga Psychology, Improvisation and Playhood—an exploration of physical-vital stability through art, senses, play, coordination and conscious engagement with the body.

In one of the classes held by Lucas and Misha for adults, participants have been exploring the different parts of the being, through embodiment and movement exercises, somatically differentiating between the different parts of one’s being; noticing their according textures, sensations and subtleties. These explorations invited more direct and embodied self-awareness.



COSMOS IN A GRAIN OF SAND



O Wanderer,
Gaze, Gaze, Gaze—
At the heavenly starry nights,
At the wondrous starscapes,
Through the new eyes of the Webb
At distant stars, at galaxies adrift,
Light years away.

What mesmerizing wonders you discover,
What revelations illuminate your way!

And yet—do you wonder
What light it is that forever
Reveals the cosmos in a grain of sand,
And heaven shimmering
In a wild thorn?
That manifests eternity
in the blink of an eye,
Infinity, ripening ever so quietly,
In a kernel of corn?

O Wanderer,
In what labyrinth are you entrapped?
What web ensnares your steps?
What veil must you lift?
What cataract clouds your eye—
Your heavenly gift?

You are the seer
Who beholds a multiverse
Far beyond a million light years away,
And far beyond all dark nights
And all grieving days.

Beyond all beginnings and all ends,
Beyond all proclamations
Of truth and lies,
Beyond and Beyond—
There is yet another Eye
And another Light
Scattering stars like sparks,
Across the infinite night.

O Wanderer,
Open your eyes,
And dare to see
This new light sparkling
All across the abyss of the black hole.

Sehdev Kumar



In our Little Thread Wonders with Srividya, children explored the relationship between pattern, form and beauty through stitching, threading and weaving, with storytelling at the heart of the experience.

Using cotton and woolen threads and natural materials, we created a variety of gifts and soft braided friends, each becoming a symbol within their stories. The activities invited children to slow down, concentrate and stay with a process, while discovering the many ways beauty can emerge through simple materials and careful attention.

In Playhood facilitated by Natasha, a group of Auroville teachers entered the session with openness. What began with around eight participants gradually grew to nearly twenty-five as others were drawn into the spirit of playing together. Through a series of simple activities that develop spatial awareness, reflexes and physical confidence, the group moved to active participation and shared enjoyment. One participant initially resisted a particular game rule and expressed frustration with it. As the activity unfolded, she gradually chose to engage with the challenge, discovering new ways of participating. This became an opportunity to observe how the Vital responds to resistance, and how play can create a safe space for flexibility, perseverance and growth.



In the Navarasas workshop, Varsha took us through the exploration of the nine rasas described in Bharata's *Natyashastra* through movement and expression. By embodying different emotional states, participants were invited to observe, express and better understand the many movements of their emotional being. It was interesting to observe how interconnected they all are, seemingly different from an external perspective, yet once we begin to observe them more minutely we notice how a small change of inner orientation alters the composition of emotion-substance, raising the question where does one emotion end and another start?

It was interesting to observe, that even with extremities and what might seem oppositional or contradictory, we discover a secret unity at the heart within it all.

The doors of Pranashakti remain open for anyone interested in integral education and in contributing to this emerging exploration.

*"Someone broods there nameless and bodiless,
Conscious and lonely, deathless and infinite,
And, sole in a still eternal rapture,
Gathers all things to his heart for ever."*

Sri Aurobindo
Misha for Pranashakti team

MICROCOSM OF THE INFINITE

In Her alchemical laboratory of dawn,
the sweep of His vision calibrated galaxies—
microfine, yet flawless in celestial ordonnance.
Collective consciousness pulsed through the ether,
while an ant, with sacerdotal resolve,
bore a solitary mote across the world’s margin.

The gesture seemed infinitesimal,
yet mirrored the Divine
sustaining immensities.

Still, the perennial enigma lingered:

Determinism—or Karmayoga?

Yet the stars maintained their luminous arabesque,
the ant its consecrated pilgrimage,
and between destiny and surrender
the Infinite refined creation in silence.

Rahul Chaudhary

GLASS

Fill our glass
with thy sacred wine.
When half drunk,
We won’t tell mine from thine.
We won’t tell the time.
We won’t even mind.
Why haste us
with an hour glass
filled with sand?

Anandi Z.

Animal Care

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
for Dog Shelter**

Aurovilians & Newcomers Welcome

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to assist in the ongoing care and management of our dog shelter.

Areas of support required:

- Medical assistance (qualified professionals or students)
- Provision of essential supplies
- General shelter maintenance and animal care



Interested individuals are encouraged to get in touch at the earliest:

- 9443203092, aurovilledogshelter@auroville.org.in

Dr. Kumar, Sugar, Shanthi

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Auroville Dog Shelter is seeking a dedicated Aurovilian to join our team.

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Support Provided: Half maintenance

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If you are interested in supporting our work for community dogs, we would love to hear from you.

Dr. Kumar
for Auroville Dog Shelter Team

Foods, Goods & Services

ANNAPURNA FARM BASKETS

Annapurna Farm offers farm baskets of produce/ products (dairy, fruits, and grains) from Annapurna to connect with the consumers directly.



Residents/ volunteers/ guests can select from the range of produce/ products to order via google form. Orders are delivered to Foodlink & PTPS on Saturdays. Some of the produce/ products are exclusively available for CSA orders.

We have a WhatsApp group to make weekly announcements for the order form links and occasional farm updates. Please scan the QR code to join the group or [follow this link](#).



Madhuri for Annapurna Farm

BARAKA MANGOES

Available

Mango season has started at Baraka.

Please pass by to get some.

We also have spicy pickles and soon mango jam.

Mahi

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Isabelle

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Submitted by Shiva



NATURELLEMENT GARDEN CAFE

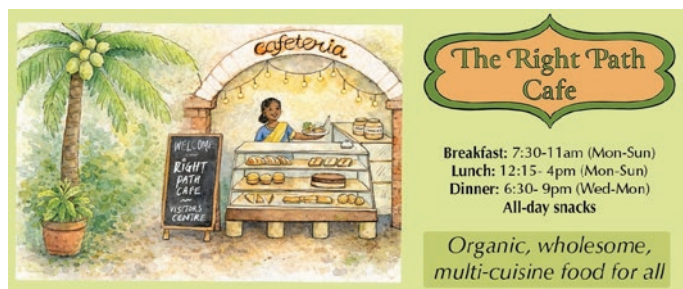
50% discount scheme on Thursdays

Open 9am—8pm, Tuesdays closed

The busy season is over and we are happy to restart our 50% discount scheme on Thursdays for Aurovillians, Newcomers and volunteers from April onwards.

Martina for Naturellement team

VISITORS CENTRE CAFETERIA



Non Veg Monthly Meal Scheme

Cafeteria at Visitors Centre (Right Path Café) offers a South Indian Non Veg Lunch Scheme.

Composed of: Organic White Rice/ Brown Rice/ Millet; Organic Chapati; Seasonal Auroville Vegetable; Sambar; 3x a week with Veg Kurma & Rasam; 3x a week with Organic Chicken Curry, or Fish Kuzhambu, or Auroville Egg Kuzhambu; Home made Pickles

- Rs 3700 per month. Open to Aurovillians, Newcomers, Volunteers with Aurocard and registered Interns.

Reminder! Other monthly lunch schemes:

- Organic Vegetarian South Indian Mini Meal Rs 2,500/-
- Healthy Plate based on AV and organic products Rs 3,700/-
- a half month scheme is also available.

Conscious Catering for your Workshops!

The Cafeteria at Visitors Centre organises organic catering, with choice of South Indian, Korean and Western items.

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For enquiries or registration

- cafeteriavc@auroville.org.in, 9043004919 WA **Lee**

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June

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No afternoon

Kamala for Freestore team

TASTE OF YOGA: VEGAN CAFÉ



VEGAN CAFÉ

TASTE OF YOGA

Raw | Gluten-free | No added sugar

Mon to Sat

08:30 - 16:30



Open Monday—Saturday, 8:30am—4:30pm

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Taste of Yoga, the vegan café @ Verité Integral Learning Center, invites you to slow down and enjoy a moment of nourishment in a calm, welcoming space. We offer wholesome breakfasts, light lunches, and healthful snacks made with high-quality ingredients—many prepared in-house and some harvested from our kitchen garden. Each dish is thoughtfully created to support your body, mind, and well-being. *Submitted by Hon*

AUROMODE RESTAURANT IS OPEN

Monday to Saturday, 12—3:30pm & 6—9pm

We at the Auromode Restaurant are happy to announce that we are open!

We look forward to seeing you all.

Pavithra



AUROVILLE BAKERY CAFE IN TOWN HALL

7:30am—4:30pm

The Cafe serves South Indian breakfast, crepes, wraps, sandwiches, omelettes, juices, and all of your other favorites from the Auroville Bakery Cafe. The Cafe also hosts an Auroville Bakery outlet, where you can find an assortment of breads, cakes, and croissants. In addition, for your convenience, advance orders placed at the the Auroville Bakery can now also be scheduled for convenient pickup directly at the new outlet. *From Massbulletin*



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Vishnu

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- Post completion of the work you will receive payment details through the PTW office.
- Hard copy of the material bill from supplier shall be sent thereafter.

For the work, please contact us at Pour Tous Water office numbers: 2622899, 9843644308 WA and Call

- ptw@auroville.org.in

Please note: Do not give any cash to any team member of PTW. We request to avoid calling our workers directly on their contact numbers.

Danny, Grace for Pour Tous Water team

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QUTEE ELECTRIC SCOOTER SERVICE

Many in Auroville are not aware that a quality service for all brands of electric scooters, and especially the ones (Humvee) made here over the years, is conveniently available. The Qutee service center is located near the Certitude entry of Auroville across from the Road Service just off the tar road before the Puncture Service.



New and old electric scooters can be repaired, maintained or replaced. Also battery services (recycle, repair, replace), Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS) and solar system services can be conveniently arranged. All work is coordinated by Govindaraj (Aurovilian) with decades of experience.

- You may call Qutee
 - 9443372418/ WA 9092637055
 - or email govindaraj@auroville.org.in
- for any of your requirements. Upgrade to electric transport and solar power.

Govindaraj & B for Qutee Electric Scooter Service



Your trust and encouragement inspire us every day to continue providing reliable and eco-conscious transport solutions for everyone: From E-scooter and bike rentals to taxi and transport services, electric rickshaw pickups and drops, electric bike maintenance and delivery services, we are honored to serve the diverse and vibrant needs of this incredible community.

Shared Transport Service

Shared Transport in Auroville is dedicated to offering cost-effective travel options by arranging shared trips between Chennai and Auroville. Additionally, we provide local trips within Auroville and Pondicherry.



- Taxi bookings can be made directly through our STS (ITS) office.

Location: ITS (Integrated Transport Service), Solar Kitchen Area, in front of PTDC, Auroville—605101

Contact: 8098776644/ 9442566256

- its@auroville.org.in

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Open 24 X 7: Any Taxi bookings can be done directly to our UTS office. The contact numbers are:

- Landlines: 0413 2623586, 0413 2623587
- Cellphones: 9047015801
- Email: uts@auroville.org.in

Lakshmi for UTS

SUNRISE TAXI SERVICE
A Gift of Auroville Foundation

Book A Taxi 24/7

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Office: (0413) 2220591, 2220592
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sunrisetaxi@auroville.org.in
www.aurovillesunrisetaxi.in

KINISI E-MOBILITY SERVICES

- **E-Cycle, E-Scooter rentals:**
 - Flexible pricing depending on the duration of rentals for guests.
 - For registered long-term volunteers, special discounted rates apply.
- **KIM Scheme:** Exclusive benefits for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Auroville Units.
- **Repair & Service:**
 - Comprehensive repair and maintenance for all models of e-cycles, e-scooters, and e-bikes—no matter where you bought it!
 - Battery, Motor, and Controller Sales/Replacement.



Contact Us:

- Mobile: +91 8300460 679/680
- Email: info@kinisi.in, Website: kinisi.in



Timings:

- 9—12:30 & 14:30—16:30
- Open daily, including Sundays and holidays

Avvaiyar

ABACUS ACCOUNTING

New Financial Year 2026—27

Greetings and Support from Abacus Accounting

On the occasion of the commencement of the new financial year 2026—27, we extend our best wishes to all units for a successful and productive year ahead.

We would like to inform you that Abacus will provide comprehensive support across the following areas:

- Accounts and Bookkeeping
- EPF, ESI, GST and TDS compliance
- Individual Income Tax Return filing
- PAN-related services
- Tally and Zoho training, along with regular follow-up support
- Ongoing operational support with a focus on strengthening administrative processes through Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- Taking up accounts and compliance support for Non-Auroville entities, including externally registered companies

Units interested in availing our services or seeking support are kindly requested to get in touch with us. We will review your requirements and extend the necessary support in a structured and timely manner. Should you require any assistance or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your association.

- Saracon Campus, Kottakarai
- 9894442349, 0413 2622962
- abacus@auroville.org.in / abacus962@gmail.com

Prabhu
for Abacus Accounting

AVDZINES:

Ready to provide better and faster service

We are happy to announce that Avdzines has been up-graded with new printers and is now ready to provide better and faster service.

Our services include:

- Printing
- Scanning
- Lamination
- Book Binding
- Package Designing & Manufacturing
- Photo Framing
- Passport Photos

We warmly invite you to visit and support our service.

Location: Mangalam Campus, near Well Paper

Working Hours:

- Monday to Saturday, 9:30am—12:30pm, 2—4:30pm
- For enquiry and appointments: 9443459063 WA

We look forward to serving you. Thank you for your continued support!

avdzines@auroville.org.in, avdzines@gmail.com

9443459063 WA,
Guna for AVDzines

RAPID CARE SERVICES

Rapid Care Services is your trusted one stop solution for repair and maintenance and ancillary works since 2022. For more information or to schedule a service, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Services offered

Category	Service
Metal Works	Channels, Doors, Piping, Fabrication
Plumbing	End to End, Job works
Furniture	Repairs, Made to order
Masonry	Repairs, Renovations and Remodulation
Painting	End to End, Job works, Floor Waxing
General Maintenance	Fumigation, All Home Utilities, Fencing
Installations	Washer and Dryer, Air Conditioner, Inverter, Water filter, Security Camera
Electrical Works	Wiring, Metre box, Lights, Switches & Sockets, Motion sensor
Cleaning Service	Deep cleaning—House, Office, Guest house etc, Bathroom cleaning, Water tank cleaning Vacuum cleaning, mopping, dusting, floor polishing, polishing mirrors.
Landscape Design	Overall design of outdoor spaces, from entrances to courtyards and community areas.
Repair & Renovation	Roof leakage, alterations to a pre-existing structure or building, upgrades to an existing building, outdoor space, or existing infrastructure.
Transport Service	Load Carrier facility

- **Contact:** + 91 8270071581
 - **Primary Email:** rapidcare@auroville.org.in
 - **Secondary Email:** rcsrapidcareservice@gmail.com
 - **Instagram handle:** @rapidcare1 Balaji & Arun

INSIDE INDIA



Inside India's Updated Summer Timings

Inside India is open for your next journey:

- **Monday to Friday, 10am—5pm**
- **We are now closed on Saturdays until the second week of July**
- **For urgent matters or emergencies, you may contact our ticketing agent Ganesh: +91 9894598686.**

Itineraries & Ticketing

Whether you're dreaming of a mountain retreat or a coastal getaway, we're here to help. Inside India offers tailor-made travel itineraries across India and Sri Lanka.

- Write to us at tours@insideindiaauroville.com to start planning.
- Visit our Office in Kalpana Community (Opp. Auroville Library).

Shaheen
for Inside India Team

TREE CARE SERVICES

Regular tree maintenance is essential for ensuring safety, health, and longevity. Over time, trees can develop deadwood, structural weaknesses, or imbalanced growth that increases the risk of branch failure, especially during storms or high winds.



TREE CARE
Arboricultural technicians
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 📍 Kriya, Auroville, TN - 605101
 🌐 treecareindia.com

Routine inspections and pruning help identify and address these issues early, reducing hazards and costly interventions later. Proper maintenance also improves air circulation, light penetration, and overall vitality, enabling trees to better withstand environmental stress such as heat and drought.

Investing in regular tree care not only protects people and property but also supports a healthier, more resilient urban landscape.

- **Monday to Saturday, 8am—4pm**
- **9159843579 Emergency tree work**
- **office@treecareindia.com: Consultations, tree inspections & pruning**

Jonas

PRAKRIT



Dear fellow Architects, Interior Designers and Developers in Auroville, we at Prakrit extend to you our expertise in working with Solid wood, primarily design and production of furniture and furnishings ensuring sustainable production, effective management and superior quality.

Head over to our website www.prakrit.org.in to check out our portfolio of projects done in collaboration with various architects and businesses over past years. Reach out to us for enquiries and collaborative opportunities.

Mehul for Prakrit,
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SARVAM COMPUTERS
offers reliable service

Sarvam Computers is located in Utsav Complex. Sarvam Computer offers all types of computers sales and service, data recovery, all types of Apple device sales and services, office network and server setup, monthly and annual maintenances etc.



- Utsav Phase—1A, First Floor, Vérité Radial, Auroville
- 0413 2622050, 9443211891, 9786953603
- FS account: 251263,
sarvamcomputers@auroville.org.in

Bala

SURABHI SUPPLIES

Your one-stop shop for quality materials and equipment in Auroville! We offer discounted prices on construction supplies, appliances, machinery, and more through bulk purchases, saving you time and money.



- Contact us for all your procurement needs: surabhisupplies@auroville.org.in

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Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts

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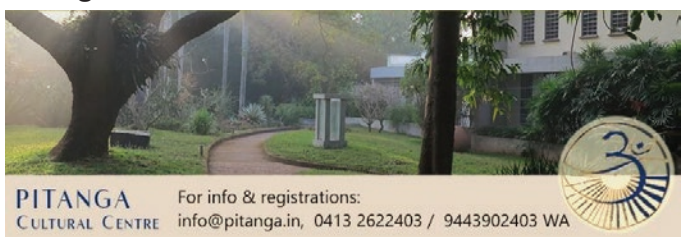
Quiet Healing Center: Closed till 1 July



The Quiet Healing Center will remain fully closed from 15 June till 1 July due to the annual repair and maintenance work. We will be open again from 1 July.

Samrat
for Quiet Healing Center

Pitanga Cultural Centre Closed in June



It's time for annual repair work: Pitanga will close to the public from Monday, 1 June onwards.

- We plan to reopen on Monday, 6 July 2026

Anandamayi
for Pitanga Team

AUROMODE SPA

Offers Cosmetology Services

Auromode SPA, offering services like facial, pedicure, manicure, waxing, threading, haircuts and hair coloring.

Working from Monday to Saturday only by appointment call or WA: 9443635114.

Meha for Auromode SPA



VÉRITÉ PROGRAM, JUNE

- www.verite.in,
- programming@verite.in
- 0413 2622045, 2622606,
- 9363624083,



Classes:

Days	Drop-in Classes	Timings	Presenters
Monday	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
Tuesday	Cool Down Pranayama	5—6pm	Mamta
Wednesday	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
Thursday	Deep Sound Bath	5—6pm	Satyayuga
Friday	Yoga for Back Care	5—6pm	Keshav
Saturday	Deep Sound Bath	5—6:30pm	Satyayuga

Therapies:

Therapist	Therapies (by appointment only)
Ashok	Acupressure Therapy
	Cupping Therapy
	Deep Tissue Massage Therapy
	Foot Reflexology
	Integrated Deep Tissue Massage & Acupressure Therapy
	Shiro Abhyanga (Ayurvedic Head Massage)
	Pada Abhyanga (Ayurvedic Foot Massage)
	Integrated Shiro Abhyanga & Pada Abhyanga
Mamta	Holistic Face & Neck Massage Therapy
Mani	Yoga Chikitsa: Personalized Yoga Therapy
	Thai Yoga Massage Bodywork
Mila	Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy
Nikki	Baby Massage
	Postnatal Massage
	Pregnancy Massage
	Swedish Massage
Parvathi	Food is Medicine: Lifestyle Health Practices Consultation
	Head Massage & Hair Care with Indigenous Herbs
	Healing Facial Therapy: An 8-Step Skin Care Treatment with Indigenous Herbs
Radha	Ayurvedic Massage: Detoxifying & Energy Balancing
	Swedish Massage
Raja	Integrated Ayurvedic, Acupressure, Deep Tissue & Heart Healing Massage
Satyayuga	Healing Sound Bath with Tuning Forks
Veeramani	Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation
Vyshnavi	Aromatherapeutic Massage for Face and Feet
	Energy Healing Reiki
	Holistic Foot Reflexology

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ARKA WELLNESS CENTER PROGRAM
arka@auroville.org.in, 0413 2623799



Treatments

Therapist	Treatments, When
Pepe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Logic, Soft Massage, Deep Tissue Massage Monday to Saturday By appointment, +91 9943410987
Silvana (TOS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cranio-sacral, Lomi Lomi, Kahuna massage, Barefoot body massage Monday to Saturday, by appointment only +91 9047654157
Antarjyoti <i>English</i> & <i>French</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psychospiritual Introspective Tarot Reading Deconditioning Self Inquiry I Ching oracle Inner/subpersonalities forces awareness Monday to Sunday, by appointment only 0413 2623767, antarcalli@yahoo.fr
Niyati Thakkar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integral Regression therapy Integral Reiki healing Holotropic technique breathwork Monday to Sunday, by appointment only +91 7041391995, narayani-nc@auroville.org.in

Classes

Teachers	Classes	When
Damien	Acroyoga	By appointment only, +91 9047722740
Rotem	Low impact strength training	Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30—8:30am By appointment only, +91 8056888715
Aurosugan & Priyanka	Eye yoga and wellness retreat	Monday to Sunday, 7—8am By appointment only +91 8012305151/ 9704258709

Services

Aurokiya: Eye care center

- Monday to Saturday, 9am—12:30pm, 1:30—5pm
- +91 8012305151, aurokiya@auroville.org.in

Morning Star: Birth & women wellness

- morningstar@auroville.org.in

Maatram: Psychological & psychiatric consultation

- By appointment, +91 9087709434
maatram@auroville.org.in

Convalescence Facility: Post-surgical and care facility

- For Aurovilians only, max. stay 3 weeks
- Contact Arka 0413 2623799,
arka@auroville.org.in

Emergency Services: Ambulance & emergency service

- +91 9442224680,
ambulance@auroville.org.in

Svasti: Homeopathic consultation

- By appointment, +91 9428429642
aditivva@auroville.org.in

Health & Healing Trust: Administration office

- healthhealingtrust@auroville.org.in

For any details and queries, you can contact us at

- arka@auroville.org.in, 0413 2623799 Ramana

WORLD GAME FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

“Where contemplation meets playfulness and transformation.”



This is an opportunity to be creative, to be able to express your own individuality and your unique, living soul. Tradition of Auroville since its creation, the world game is used as a tool to “know oneself”, this being the core of all learning. Facilitated by Aikya.

- Duration: 1.5 Hour, Individual session or together with a good friend. In English, Francais or Nederlands.
- Price for 1 person: Rs 1500; for 2 people Rs: 2000
- Discounts available for Aurovilians, Newcomers and Savi Volunteers.

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VEDIC PHILOSOPHY AND ASTROLOGY

Weekly Sessions in Vedic Philosophy

- Saturdays, 3:30—4:30pm IST

I host a free, weekly live session where we explore one idea from Vedic philosophy and reflect on how it applies to everyday life.



Each week, we take a concept from the Vedas, Gita, Upanishads, Yoga Sutras, or related texts, understand it in simple language, and sit with one small question or practice for the coming days. The sessions are conversational and reflective. About 30 minutes of sharing, followed by quiet reflection or a gentle interactive activity. This free to join.

You can join any week and step away anytime.

If this feels interesting, please register here:

<https://online.allthingsvedic.in/courses/Snippets-of-Hindu-Vedic-Philosophy-by-Vikram-Devatha>

Foundations in Vedic Astrology

I am starting a new cohort to learn to interpret your own birth chart using Vedic astrology, astronomy, Indian philosophy, and mythology. It is a year-long, beginner-friendly program. We meet weekly online, and the journey includes mentor support, reflective practices, and optional in-person retreats in South India near ancient temples.

The program is offered on a sliding scale to keep it accessible, and there is also a certification option through a reputed university in India.

Here is a presentation where I explain the structure, vision, curriculum, retreats, and practical details of the program:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZzeZA0JQQ>
- Starts: September 2026**

- Weekly timeslot:** will be decided with the group, most probably Saturdays

- Duration:** 1 year; **Fees:** sliding scale

You can read the full details and sign up here:

- <https://www.allthingsvedic.in/laying-the-foundations>

Vikram

LEELA THERAPY

This therapy is for those ready to receive loving and skilful support in addressing personal challenges and discover their own resources of confidence, creativity, power, intelligence and self-love.



Offered by Kardash, whose training has been based on the wisdom and techniques of:

- Ericksonian Clinical hypnotherapy
- Neurolinguistic programming (NLP)
- The Enneagram of Character Fixation
- Nondual insights for ego transcendence

Leela therapy is a unique combination of true support for waking up from ego, and trauma informed private therapy.

- Meetings can be in-person in Auroville or online.
- For more details see www.innersightav.org or +91 9940934875 WA Kardash

REGULAR YOGA CLASSES @ SAIIR CONFERENCE HALL

6:45—8am

Suitable for all levels. Join Dev’s yoga classes.

- To transform your Physical, Vital & Mental wellbeing
- Support lifestyle disorder & pain management

Our yoga classes:

- Monday: Hatha yoga class
- Tuesday: Dynamic Yoga
- Wednesday: Deep stretches, deep relaxation, OM chant
- Thursday: Intensive Yoga
- Friday: Pranayama (Awareness of breath)

For more details:

- Contact 9790171722, Dev
- Aurovilian & Newcomer: Contribution
- Savi Volunteers: Rs. 200/class or 2000/month &
- Guests: Rs 300/class or 3000/month Dev



Thursdays, 2, 16, 30 July, 6—8pm

Most of us share the experience of coming to Auroville because we could not fit into the old culture and values. Our aspirations, joy, and pain were not seen, heard, understood, or valued enough, which created a sense of loneliness. This sense of loneliness can stay within us, often without our awareness, even after coming to Auroville, and may limit the way we live here.

Loneliness can be present even when one has friends, relationships, or spends a lot of time with people, if one is not seen and heard for who they are and what they are experiencing. Often, it remains unspoken and quietly carried.

This listening circle intends to create a space for authentic human connection through sharing without the fear of being judged, and through pure listening without thinking of a reply.

All participants are required to consent to a confidentiality agreement before joining the circle.

No contribution is expected; you may offer a donation for the hall if you can. Guests are also welcome to join the circle.

- [Register here before 5pm on the day of the circle:](#)
Raamkumar, 9943211101

Languages



**AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB
Current Schedule of Classes**

Language	Description/ Level/ Teacher	Duration/ Cycle	Time & Day(s) of Classes
English	Intermediate with Ashwini	24 hours (3 months) Started on 15 June	5-6pm, Monday, Thursday
English	Pre-Intermediate with Riki	12 hours (1 month) Started on 1 June	4.30–6pm Monday & Wednesday
French	Intensive with Isabelle—NEW!	20-hours (2 weeks) Started on 15 June	11am–1pm, Monday to Friday
Tamil	Pre-Intermediate with Saravanan	24–Hour (3 months) Started on 11 May	Monday & Wednesday 5:30–6:30pm
	Intermediate with Saravanan	24–Hour (3 months) Started on 17 February CURRENTLY ON PAUSE	9:30–10:30am, Tuesday & Friday
	Beginner with Saravanan	24–Hour (3 months), Starting on 3 July	9:30–10:30am, Tuesday & Friday
German	Beginner with Verena	36–Hour (3 months) Started on 16 July	9–10:30am, Tuesday & Friday
Hindi	Beginner with Ashwini	24–Hours (3 months), Started on 15 June	4-5pm, Monday, Thursday

Schedule of Free Evening Practice Sessions

Happy to announce that our evening sessions are starting again with a bang. These are a chance for everyone to practice speaking with native speakers.

Note: These are informal practice sessions, NOT structured language classes. These sessions are best suited for learners who already know some basics of the language and would like to build confidence through conversation and regular practice.

These sessions happen weekdays from 5—6pm, except mentioned the other:

- **Mondays:** French Conversation with Isabelle/ Coco & Gaspard
- **Tuesdays:** Spanish Conversation with Gloria
- **Wednesdays:** Sanskrit Chanting with Remesh, 5:45—6:45pm
- **Thursdays:** English Conversation with Riki
- **Fridays:** Tamil Conversation with Prathiba
- **Tuesdays & Fridays:** Journal Club with Sophy, starts 30 June, Tuesdays and Fridays.

We are closed on Saturday afternoons from 12pm. Building tours and the Tomatis introductory film are therefore available by request only.

Thank you to Shi-ju

Deep thanks to Shi-Ju Hsieh from Taiwan—initially a volunteer and then a Newcomer—from the Language Lab team, and all the Chinese students who benefitted from your excellent teaching. Several students told us that your Chinese classes were the best language classes they had ever taken! Thank you for participating in all the tech experiments, audio recordings, video recordings and one-on-one Tomatis class sessions.

Contacts

- 2623661 (Lab), 3509932 (Tomatis), 9843030355 WA
- www.aurovillelanguage.org/registration Mita



CINEMA PARADISO
@ Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium, Auroville
Film Program 29 June—5 July

Cinema Paradiso programs at the MMC warmly welcome the community. Doors open 15 minutes before showtime and close once the film begins, so please arrive on time. For everyone's enjoyment, kindly avoid crossing in front of the screen or using mobile phones when lights are off. Food and beverages are not permitted inside the hall.

Indian—Monday, 29 June, 8pm
Manthan—The Story of India's Milk Revolution

India, 1976, Dir. Shyam Benegal w/ Girish Karnad, Smitha Patil, Naseeruddin Shah, and others, Drama, 134 mins, Hindi w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Dr. Rao is a Veterinary doc, who comes to this village with the aim of starting a Milk Co-operative society for the welfare of the villagers. But the wealthy businessmen Mishraji and Sarpanch are unhappy about this. How Dr. Rao succeeds in his mission to make the villagers self-reliant, with the help of Bindu and Bhola is worth watching.

Pot Pourri—Tuesday, 30 June, 8pm
L'enlevement (Taken)

France, 2008, Dir. Pierre Morel w/ Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen and others, Crime-Thriller, 90 mins, French-English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

A retired CIA agent travels across Europe and relies on his old skills to save his estranged daughter, who has been kidnapped while on a trip to Paris.

Selection—Wednesday, 1 July, 8pm
Die Letzte Reise (The Last Journey)

Germany, 2016, Dir. Florian Baxmeyer w/ Christiane Horbiger, Suzanne Von Borsody, Nina Kronjager and others, Drama, 89 mins, German w/ English Subtitles, Rated: PG

Retired teacher Katharina Krohn no longer wants to experience what lies ahead. She suffers severely from osteoarthritis and a chronic lung disease. The proud woman refuses to let this lead to her needing constant care in the foreseeable future. Katharina plans to end her life with the support of a Swiss assisted suicide organization. Her daughters are determined to prevent this. They soon find themselves embroiled in a bitter dispute. A painful conflict ensues, dramatically reviving old family dynamics.

Interesting—Thursday, 2 July, 8pm
The Language I Speak

USA, 1989, Dir. Ana Cuadra w/ Walt Walfram, Sharise King, Dennise Preston and others, Documentary, 99 mins, English w/ English Subtitles, Rated: PG

Are dialects and accents something that classify us as talking weird? or something to be celebrated in a new globalized world? "The Language I Speak" explores the different varieties of spoken English in America and the power of language.

International Film—Saturday, 4 July, 8pm
Shadows In The Sun

USA, 2005, Dir. Brad Mirman w/ Harvey Keital, Claire Forlani, Giancarlo Giannini and others, Comedy-Drama, 100 mins, English-Italian w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

An aspiring young writer tracks a literary titan suffering from writer's block to his refuge in rural Italy and learns about life and love from the irascible genius and his daughters.

Children's Matinee—Sunday, 5 July, 4pm
Wish Dragon

USA, 2021, Dir. Chris Appelhans w/ Jimmy Wong, John Cho, and others, Animation-Family, 93 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

Din, a poor college student reunites with his childhood friend Lina after discovering a magical dragon named Long who can grant wishes. As Din uses his wishes to reconnect with Lina, he learns that true happiness isn't found in wealth but in meaningful relationships.

Classic World Cinema—Sunday, 5 July, 8pm
What's Eating Gilbert Grape

USA, 1993, Dir. Lasse Hallstrom w/ Johnny Depp, Leonardo DiCaprio, Juliette Lewis and others, Drama, 118 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG

This film tells a story about Gilbert Grape, a grocery store worker who is burdened by his family's needs. The Grape household has deteriorated since the suicide of their father and Gilbert bares the weight of a struggling poor American family. A realistic version of the trials and tribulations of a barely functioning family in the mid-west of America.

To organize a seminar/program at MMC Auditorium, kindly email us:

- mmcauditorium@auroville.org.in.

Krishna & Ramesh

Emergency Services

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ambulance (24/7):

- Auroville—9442224680
- PIMS—0413 2656271

Security (24/7):

- Auroville Security & Emergency Services (ASES)—9443090107
- Auroville Police Station—0413 2677318
- Kottakuppam Police Station—0413 2236148
- Vanur Fire Station—0413 2677368

Health:

- Health Center—0413 2910005
- Santé—0413 2622803;
- Farewell—8903836246

Mental health 24/ 7 support:

- Vandrevala Foundation—9999666555

India Emergency Response Service (24/ 7):

- 108

Cinema

**ECO FILM CLUB:
Every Friday @ 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.

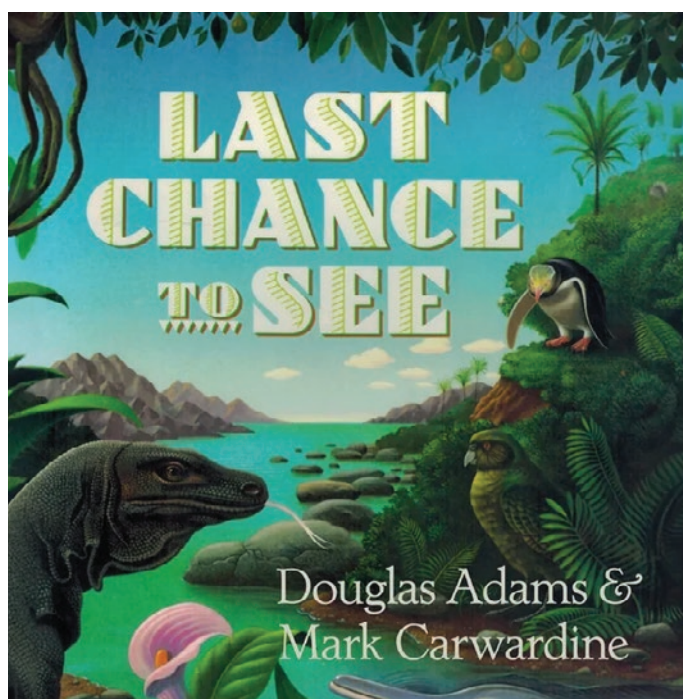
- For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.
- Families and children are welcome!
- Dinner for children will be served at 19:00. :)

**Friday, 26 June
Last Chance to See—Komodo Dragon**

2009, 59 minutes, John-Paul Davidson

Travelling through Malaysia and Indonesia, the team sets out to find the formidable Komodo dragon, the world's largest lizard. Along the way, they help release sea turtles into the wild and encounter some of the region's most dangerous wildlife, including highly venomous snakes. The episode highlights the importance of conserving not only charismatic animals but also feared predators, showing that species like the Komodo dragon play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems and deserve protection from extinction.

Aviram



Accessible Auroville Public Bus



Auroville TO PONDICHERRY

Monday to Saturday	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Svaram Musical Center	7:00	8:50	14:50
Vérité Guest House—Junction	7:02	8:52	14:52
Town Hall—Main Parking	7:06	8:56	14:56
Solar Kitchen—Roundabout	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 Dining Hall	7:40	9:35	15:35



Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE

Monday to Saturday	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3
Ashram Dining 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—Roundabout	8:34	12:50	18:44
Town Hall—Main Parking	8:38	12:54	18:48
Vérité Guest House—Junction	8:42	12:58	18:52
Svaram Musical Center	8:45	13:00	18:55

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Electrical Bus

**PRTC ELECTRIC
Bus Schedule**

To make this service even more seamless, the ITS Team will facilitate e-Auto rides from communities and guest houses to Certitude Security and the Visitors Centre Security.

This would allow residents and visitors to easily connect with the e-bus for their commute and return home comfortably & safely. Thank you for considering this suggestion.

**Pondy—Auroville (JIPMER):
10EA**

Pondy Bus Stand	5:00	7:40	10:20	13:00	15:40	18:15
Indira Gandhi Statue	5:05	7:45	10:25	13:05	15:45	18:20
Murugaa Theatre (Accord Hotel)	5:15	7:55	10:35	13:15	15:55	18:30
JIPMER	5:20	8:00	10:40	13:20	16:00	18:35
Toll Gate (AIAT)	5:30	8:10	10:50	13:30	16:10	18:45
Hope (Adi Shakti)	5:30	8:10	10:50	13:30	16:10	18:45
Edayanchavadi	5:35	8:15	10:55	13:35	16:15	18:50
VC Parking	5:40	8:20	11:00	13:40	16:20	18:55
Alankuppam	5:50	8:30	11:10	13:50	16:30	19:05

**Auroville—Pondy (ECR):
10EA**

Alankuppam	5:55	8:35	11:10	13:55	16:35	19:10
VC Parking	6:10	8:50	11:25	14:10	16:50	19:25
Edayanchavadi	6:10	8:50	11:25	14:10	16:50	19:25
Reve (Aroma Garden)	6:25	9:05	11:40	14:25	17:05	19:40
Certitude (AV Security)	6:25	9:05	11:40	14:25	17:05	19:40
Kuilapalayam (SBI Bank)	6:35	9:15	11:50	14:35	17:15	19:50
Gaia's Garden (Mango Hill)	6:45	9:25	12:00	14:45	17:25	20:00
Bommayapalayam	6:55	9:35	12:10	14:55	17:35	20:10
Quiet Healing Centre	7:05	9:45	12:20	15:05	17:45	20:20
Serenity Beach	7:05	9:45	12:20	15:05	17:45	20:20
Sivaji Statue (Karuvadikuppam)	7:10	9:50	12:25	15:10	17:50	20:25
Murugaa Theatre (Accord Hotel)	7:15	9:55	12:30	15:15	17:55	20:30
Indira Gandhi Statue	7:20	10:00	12:35	15:20	18:00	20:35
Pondy Bus Stand	7:25	10:05	12:40	15:25	18:05	20:40



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Gaia's Garden (Mango Hill)	6:10	8:50	11:25	14:10	16:50	19:30
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