

# News & Notes



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A weekly bulletin for residents of Auroville



If one knows Him as Brahman the Non-Being,  
he becomes merely the non-existent.

If one knows that Brahman Is,  
then is he known as the real in existence.

*Taittiriya Upanishad*

By the Ignorance they cross beyond Death  
and by the Knowledge enjoy Immortality...

By the Non-Birth they cross beyond Death  
and by the Birth enjoy Immortality.

*Isha Upanishad*

## Pondering



But again we find that we are being misled by words, deceived by the trenchant oppositions of our limited mentality with its fond reliance on verbal distinctions as if they perfectly represented ultimate truths and its rendering of our supramental experiences in the sense of those intolerant distinctions. NonBeing is only a word.

When we ponder on these things, we begin to perceive how feeble in their self-assertive violence and how confusing in their misleading distinctness are the words that we use.

*Reality Omnipresent, Life Divine by Sri Aurobindo*

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*The Last Moment*

**VISIT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
AND OTHER UPDATES**

Dear Community, here are a few updates:

**Visit of Hon'ble Minister of Education,  
Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**

We had a brief but positive visit from the Hon'ble Minister on Sunday, 2nd October, 2022. He visited the Matrimandir, and further met with the three main working groups, Working Committee, ATDC & FAMC, along with Governing Board member, Nirima Oza and Secretary, Auroville Foundation, at the Unity Pavilion. Each team presented short overviews of their work and the help that was needed: financial and practical in various sectors, from education, to an overall growth to help break out of stagnation, to completing the infrastructure for the city and other issues. His response was positive and he has offered suggestions on ways of inviting youth and university student participation for volunteering but with more comprehensive introduction to Auroville and its vision. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan also visited the City Exhibition at India Space, Bharat Nivas, and has promised to return soon for a longer visit. Accompanying him on the visit was the Vice Chancellor of the Pondicherry University, Shri Gurmeet Singh.

**UNESCO Conference**

The Conference on Sri Aurobindo to honour his 150<sup>th</sup> at UNESCO Paris, under the aegis of the Ministry of Culture, which as to have been held on 30 September was deferred by the MoC. The conference was to involve the participation of Auroville, Sri Aurobindo Ashram Pondicherry and the Delhi Ashram as well as associate centres and devotees in Paris.

**RoR Verification**

The RoR verification is in process across communities and by and large is working out harmoniously.

It is an opportunity to verify with you, your own Aadhar & Passport details and to change or correct data if there have been changes since. For each house or apartment a record will be noted about person(s) living there as stated and a picture of the house/apartment will be taken from the outside. If you keep your papers ready, the process usually takes 10 minutes max.

*Thank you for your collaboration!  
Warmly, The Working Committee  
(Anu, Arun, Joseba, Partha, Srimoyi, Selvaraj, Tine)*

# House of Mother's Agenda

"In fifty years the whole world, all the receptive sections of humanity (I am not saying intellectual, I am saying receptive), all the receptive sections of the world will be embraced – not "embraced": ABSORBED in the power of Sri Aurobindo's thought.

Those who already are have the good fortune of being the first ones, that's all."

The Mother, Agenda, 16 February 1972  
( + 50 years = 2022 )



## The Message of the Gita

(continued from last week)



"The real truth of all this action of Prakriti is, however, less outwardly mental and more inwardly subjective. It is this that man is an embodied soul involved in material and mental nature, and he follows in it a progressive law of his development determined by an inner law of his being; his cast of spirit makes out his cast of mind and life, his swabhava. Each man has a swadharma, a law of his inner being which he must observe, find out and follow. The action determined by his inner nature, that is his real Dharma. To follow it is the true law of his development; to deviate from it is to bring in confusion, retardation and error. That social, ethical, religious or other law and ideal is best for him always which helps him to observe and follow out his Swadharma.

"All this action however is even at its best subject to the ignorance of the mind and the play of the gunas. It is only when the soul of man finds itself that he can overpass and erase from his consciousness the ignorance and the confusion of the gunas. It is true that even when you have found yourself and live in your self, your nature will still continue on its old lines and act for a time according to its inferior modes. But now you can follow that action with a perfect self-knowledge and can make of it a sacrifice to the Master of your existence. Follow then the law of your Swadharma, do the action that is demanded by your Swabhava whatever it may be. Reject all motive of egoism, all initiation by self-will, all rule of desire, until you can make the complete surrender of all the ways of your being to the Supreme.

"And when you are once able to do that sincerely, that will be the moment to renounce the initiation of your acts without exception into the hands of the supreme Godhead within you. Then you will be released from all laws of conduct, liberated from all dharmas. The Divine Power and Presence within you will free you from sin and evil and lift

you far above human standards of virtue. For you will live and act in the absolute and spontaneous right and purity of the spiritual being and the immaculate force of the divine nature. The Divine and not you will enact his own will and works through you, not for your lower personal pleasure and desire, but for the world-purpose and for your divine good and the manifest or secret good of all. Inundated with light, you will see the form of the Godhead in the world and in the works of Time, know his purpose and hear his command. Your nature will receive as an instrument his will only whatever it may be and do it without question, because there will come with each initiation of your acts from above and within you an imperative knowledge and an illumined assent to the divine wisdom and its significance. The battle will be his, his the victory, his the empire.

“This will be your perfection in the world and the body, and beyond these worlds of temporal birth the supreme eternal superconsciousness will be yours and you will dwell for ever in the highest status of the Supreme Spirit. The cycles of incarnation and the fear of mortality will not distress you; for here in life you will have accomplished the expression of the Godhead, and your soul, even though it has descended into mind and body, will already be living in the vast eternity of the Spirit.

“This then is the supreme movement, this complete surrender of your whole self and nature, this abandonment of all dharmas to the Divine who is your highest Self, this absolute aspiration of all your members to the supreme spiritual nature. If you can once achieve it, whether at the outset or much later on the way, then whatever you are or were in your outward nature, your way is sure and your perfection inevitable. A supreme Presence within you will take up your Yoga and carry it swiftly along the lines of your swabhava to its consummate completion. And afterwards whatever your way of life and mode of action, you will be consciously living, acting and moving in him and the Divine Power will act through you in your every inner and outer motion. This is the supreme way because it is the highest secret and mystery and yet an inner movement progressively realisable by all. This is the deepest and most intimate truth of your real, your spiritual existence.”

*Sri Aurobindo,  
Essays on the Gita,  
pages 592-594*

[https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/13/essays\\_on\\_the\\_gita\\_19\\_e.pdf](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/sa/13/essays_on_the_gita_19_e.pdf)



# Townhall Speaks

## FUNDS & ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

September 2022

AUROVILLE

FUNDS AND ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOUNDATION

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TAMIL NADU, INDIA  
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- All assets, buildings, farms, forests, lands are resources that belong to the divine Mother to be optimally and diligently used by all. The Charter mentions Auroville belongs to nobody in particular... and as per Kireet Joshi, as quoted in his much-referred speech, mentions that an Act had to be formed to hold the physical assets in a structure amenable to the laws of the land. The Auroville Foundation put in the short preamble, *"An Act to provide for the acquisition and transfer of the undertakings of Auroville and to vest such undertakings in a foundation established for the purpose with a view to making long-term arrangements for the better management and further development of Auroville in accordance with its original charter..."*

- FAMC has been set up in the Act to coordinate the funds & assets of Auroville held in trust for all. In view of this, the thrust of FAMC is to move forward on compliance, accountability and transparency in all areas pertaining to funds, assets, utilization and coordination with necessary human resources for the best results. Without cooperation, all new and ongoing work cannot progress with harmony and progress stalls for Auroville as a whole. We urge all sub-groups of FAMC to prepare their work plans and together we can review, coordinate and take forward changes.

- The Housing Service team has been restructured by FAMC to coordinate and manage housing assets of Auroville. Please check the first attachment below. This gives a very brief overview of how things panned out.

- On 2 September the FAMC along with other working groups met the Joint Committee on the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019. Lok Sabha MP, Shri P.P. Chaudhary and Dr. Harshwardhan, who are part of this committee, were visiting Auroville.

- FAMC is in the process of consolidating GST submission and filing into six verticals across all units and services registered with AV Foundation. On Thursday, 8th September FAMC and the Foundation Office arranged for a consolidation of GST reporting and filing in respect of all units dealing with Education and Social Science Research, on 15 September we met the Environmental Research group, 22 September we met the Scientific Research group. All units and services executives are requested to keep in mind the new changes for GST filing is to be properly understood and followed. Information and requirements for each of the six verticals is being shared. Please make time and participate.

- Currently the number of maintenance allocated for forest work is 37.5 (32 full time and 11 part time.) The number of maintenance allocated to the farm sector is 30 (27 full time and 6 part time.) Farms are producing approximately 15% of the needs of Auroville's current population. The number of maintenance for L'Avenir, ATDC are 11 (9 full time and 4 part time.) There is a systemic fault and an imbalance towards the building of the City the Earth Needs. The current imbalance is heavily loaded against development in general in the city center of the Master Plan. We at FAMC are ready to meet the foresters and the farmers to understand how to bring a strategic balance to these three important activities of Auroville before we embark on changes. Please reach out to us at the earliest.

- As is evident, FAMC has a huge amount of work to do. We need collaboration from the community and we request all people with skills in management and accounting, as well as people with goodwill and willingness to work, to contact us.



- **Units and Trusts issues**—Appointment, reappointment or resignation of trustees, unit executives and activity manager:
  - **Abhaya** is a new activity under the umbrella entity ASSA (Auro Small Scale Activities). Giacomo COLOMBA is appointed as manager from 2022-09-01.
  - **Integrated Transport Service**, a unit under Auroville Service Trust.  
Appointment of Rajesh DHATCHANAMORTHY as an additional executive dated from 2022-08-25 to 2025-08-24.
  - **Avitra**, a unit under ABC Trust. Resignation of Tejas JOSEPH and Michael KOOT as executives dated to 2022-08-25.
  - **Aware** is a new unit under the Auroville Service Trust. This unit will be involved in research and publications and advocacy. Lakshay DHARAN & Shankar DHANASEKARAN are appointed as executives for the duration of 2022-09-30 to 2025-09-29.
- <https://bit.ly/3UJw2Ro>
- <https://bit.ly/3RjA7cc>

### **RA WORKING GROUP MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATES SWITCHED FROM REGULAR MAINTENANCE TO 'BRIDGING MAINTENANCE'**

Dear residents, please find below the email sent by Sathy-  
anarayan, as the accounts officer of the Office of the Sec-  
retary, Auroville Foundation, to 10 members or associates  
of RA working groups: Budget Coordination Committee,  
Working Committee, and the Funds and Assets Manage-  
ment Committee.

**We do not agree.**

*Sincerely, RA-FAMC Bobby P., Danny, Elodie,  
Mita R., Palani, Ranjith (TOS)*

#### **Reference Email**

*From: Sathyarayanan Accounts Officer AVF  
[sathyarayanan-avf@auroville.org.in](mailto:sathyarayanan-avf@auroville.org.in)*

*September 28, 2022*

*Subject: Details of Aurovilians on Bridging Maintenance*

Dear Friends, it has been decided to put on Bridging Main-  
tenance the following persons:

1.Aurosugan, 2.Agila, 3.Raj, 4.Ayesha, 5.Amy, 6.Ranjith,  
7.Chali, 8.Valli, 9.Uma, 10.Anita.

*Regards, Sathyarayanan  
Accounts Officer, Auroville Foundation*

### **INDIVIDUAL MAINTENANCES DISCONTINUED**

Dear Community, we are aware that Aurovilians on regular  
City Services Maintenances have been shifted, without due  
process or justification, to Bridging Maintenances that are  
to be discontinued after a 3 months period.

The individuals affected had not stopped their service to the  
community. No reasons were given as to why they were be-  
ing shifted to Bridging Maintenance, which is a temporary  
support awarded to Aurovilians in between jobs. The Auro-  
vilians affected were notified of the change by the accounts  
officer of the Auroville Foundation or the other BCC/BCS,  
and in at least one case simply not informed.

The RA BCC had no part in deciding, ordering, or executing  
these Maintenance changes, and are amongst those who  
have been shifted to Bridging Maintenances, as are mem-  
bers of the RA WCom, RA FAMC, and other individuals as-  
sisting RA Working Groups (a total of 17 to our knowledge).

We do not accept these changes as legitimate. We wish to  
inform all affected that we will do our best to support you.  
Please write to the RA BCC at [bccoffice@auroville.services](mailto:bccoffice@auroville.services)  
in case you are impacted.

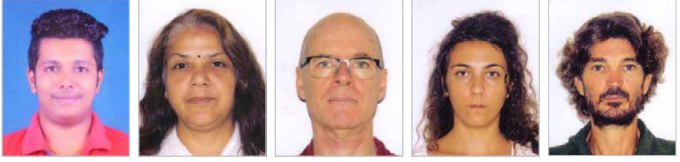
*With all our care and support,  
Your BCC members (Aurosugan, Danny, Enrica, Hans,  
Mahi, Rathinam, Sacha, Suryamayi, Verena)*

## FROM THE ENTRY SERVICE—ES # 150

Dated: 6-10-2022

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

### NEWCOMER ANNOUNCED:



**Franclin   Meenakshi   Louis   Adele   Giordano**

- Franclin MARK (Indian) staying in Celebration and working at AuroOrchard
- Meenakshi LALL (Canadian) staying in Pazhamudircholai Farm and working at Unity Transport Service
- Louis RADAKIR (Canadian) staying in Grace and working at Language lab and Matrimandir
- Adele LACENERE (Italian) staying in Auromodele and working at PTDC
- Giordano GIANNOTTI (Italian) staying in Auromodele and working at Center for Building Biology

### CHILD OF NEWCOMER:

- Sasha GURU (Canadian) born on 02/08/2006 (Son of Meenakshi)

### AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Vatsla SHARMA (Indian) staying in Citadines and working at Centre of Indian Studies and Language Lab



**Vatsla**

### RETURNING AUROVILIAN ANNOUNCED:

- Raghunath KOLLI (Dutch) staying in Certitude and working at Auroville Consulting and Flourish
- Juergen KISSMAN (German) staying in Creativity and working at Matrimandir



**Raghunath**



**Juergen**

### LEFT ON HIS/HER OWN:

- Anne MADINIER (French)

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

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

The date of becoming Aurovillian is the date of confirmation. An Aurovillian confirmed by the Entry Board is eligible to participate in all community decision-making processes.

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

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

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

*Yours, The Entry Board,  
Alain, Aurore, Dheena, Jayanthi, Lakshmanan,  
Matilde, Matriprasad, Ramanarayana and Swadha*

## EDITOR NOTE

### Definition of Bridging Maintenance

A bridging maintenance provides support to Aurovilians who are temporarily out of work. The conditions are:



- An Aurovillian requesting a bridging maintenance should have already worked for a minimum of three years in Auroville.
- A bridging maintenance may be allocated for up to 3 months at a time.
- Normally, bridging maintenance may not be granted more than one time in a year.
- The monthly bridging maintenance may not exceed the last maintenance provided to the Aurovillian.
- If the Aurovillian was working in a unit and leaves voluntarily, he/she is not eligible for bridging maintenance, except in exceptional cases.
- In case of the demise of an Aurovillian who was financially supporting a partner or kin, a bridging maintenance will be provided for a maximum of 3 months.

# Community News

## Awakening Spirit

### AMPHITHEATER—MATRIMANDIR

Meditation with Savitri read by Mother to Sunil's music  
5:30 to 6pm, every Thursday at Sunset



We follow the sun and the timing changes with the season...

We are restarting from Book 1. Enjoy the beautiful open space, an immense sunset, heavenly music in the very center of Auroville!

- **Reminder to all:** the Park of Unity is a place for silence, meditation and inner work and is to be used only as such.
- **We request everyone:** please do not use cameras, I-pads, cell phones, etc. No Photos.
- **Dear Guests,** please carry your Guest Card with you
- **Access only for the Amphitheater from 5:15pm.**

*Thank you, Surya & Velmurugan  
(Amphitheater team)*

### DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6 to 6:45pm

Thursday 5 to 5:45pm

## DAILY PEACE MEDITATION

*The prophet moment covered limitless Space  
And cast into the heart of hurrying Time  
A diamond light of the Eternal's peace,  
A crimson seed of God's felicity;  
A glance from the gaze fell of undying Love.*

- Mother

Venue:  
Unity Pavilion, Peace Hall

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri  
6PM TO 6:45PM

Thursday  
5PM TO 5:45PM

**MEDITATIONS ON SAVITRI, BOOK 7,  
THE BOOK OF YOGA, CANTOS 1-7**



**Monday, 10 October 2022, 4pm at Savitri Bhavan.  
Duration: 74min.**

Savitri and her parents travel from the palace in Madra to the forest hermitage where Satyavan lives with his parents. Visiting Savitri's future home, her parents Questioning no more the strangeness of her fate... / Helpless against the choice of Savitri's heart / They left her to her rapture and her doom... (p.476) With great joy, Savitri begins her life with Satyavan. She serves Satyavan's parents and does daily chores. But she remembers the fatal date set by Narad, the day when Satyavan must die.

As Savitri sits awake next to the sleeping Satyavan, repressing her grief through the silent hours, a mighty Voice speaks from her being's summits and reminds her that she was born on this earth to accomplish a great work and is charged with a mandate from eternity:

*"Remember why thou cam'st: / Find out thy soul, recover thy hid self, / In silence seek God's meaning in thy depths, / Then mortal nature change to the divine... / Thou shalt see the Eternal's body in the world, / Know him in every voice heard by thy soul... / Thy nature shall be the engine of his works... / Then shalt thou harbour my force and conquer Death." (p.476)*

Savitri seeks her soul and peers into the depths of her subtle being to find **The Entry into the Inner Countries**. She knocks and presses against the door that guards the inner Life and by persistence she is able to enter the inner worlds: the realms of dense subtle Matter; the chaotic spaces of disordered, violent and uncontrolled Life-Force; and also, the realm where the Life force is controlled by Mind that claims to offer the single Truth, the eternal Law. But there she cannot stay since she is on the quest for her soul.

Then Savitri ascends towards the dwelling-place of her soul and deep in her inner mind she meets three Mother figures, **The Triple Soul-Forces**, each claiming to be her secret soul. They are the Mother of Divine Compassion, the Mother of Might whose task is to help the unfortunate and to battle against the hostile forces, and the Mother of Light, the power which works for God and leads humanity through death towards immortal life. Each of the three Madonnas is echoed from below by a shadow: the Man of Sorrows full of self-pity and hatred; the arrogant Ego of the great world of desire; and the ignorant mind that refuses to progress. Savitri listens to the Madonnas and their echoes. She promises each of the Mothers that when she has found her soul she will return and give them what they lack.

Continuing her quest in **The Finding of the Soul**, Savitri approaches the mystic cave where her soul dwells. But first she enters into the night of God. She feels that she herself is nothing, God alone is all. Then entering the great rock doors of the mystic cavern in the sacred hill, she passes through room after room. Finally, through a tunnel dug in the last rock she emerges into a house made of flame and light. Crossing the doorless wall of living fire, she suddenly meets her secret soul. After this encounter and becoming human once again, Savitri intensely calls for the Mighty Mother to enter her body and make it Her home. A living image of the original Power descends into her heart and as it touches her feet a mighty movement rocks her inner space and activates all her chakras:

*All underwent a high celestial change... / Each part of the being trembling with delight... / In the country of the lotus of the head... / In the castle of the lotus twixt the brows... /*

*In the passage of the lotus of the throat... / In the kingdom of the lotus of the heart.../ and finally: In the deep place where once the Serpent slept.../ A firm ground was made for Heaven's descending might. (pp.529-530)*

Finding her soul and being united with it, Savitri is serenely happy and her happiness spreads all around. But there are still some challenges to face. Savitri goes through the experience of **Nirvana and the Discovery of the All-Negating Absolute**, and hears the Voice of Night followed by the greater Voice of Light that tells her: Fear not to be nothing that thou mayst be all... / God must be born on earth and be as man / That man being human may grow even as God... / Cast off thy mind, step back from form and name. / Annul thyself that only God may be." (pp.536-538)

Inwardly Savitri has become a mighty nothingness, but outwardly she does the things that she has always done, pouring out her sweetness and light into the world around her. Her mortal ego has perished. At night, when she is alone, she turns towards the veiled silent Truth high above. And one night a voice speaks from her heart and the world of unreality ceases to exist. All become conscious. Savitri discovers the **Cosmic Spirit and the Cosmic Consciousness**.

*Infinity was her own natural home... / She was the single self of all these selves, / She was in them and they were all in her.... / The superconscient was her native air, / Infinity was her movement's natural space; / Eternity looked out from her on Time. (p.557)*

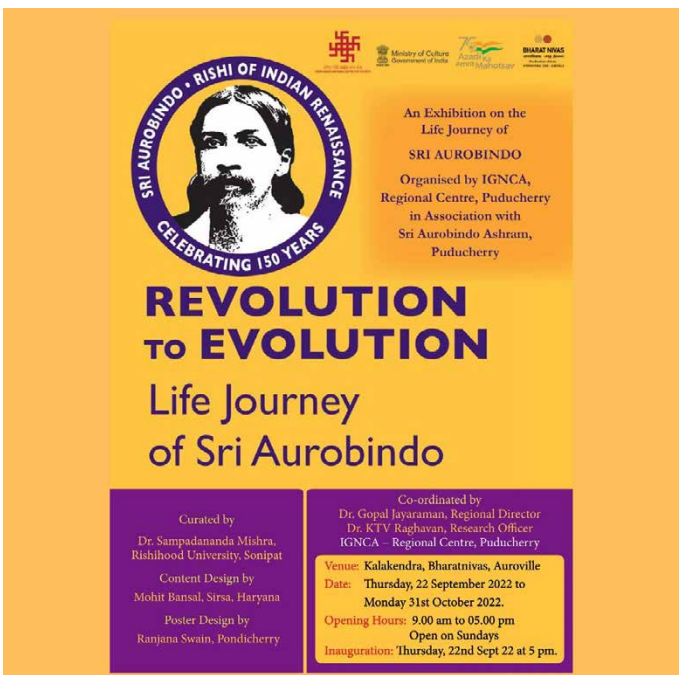
A meditative film made of passages from Sri Aurobindo's epic poem SAVITRI—A Legend and a Symbol read by the Mother, accompanied by Her own organ music and illustrated with paintings by Huta under the guidance and inspiration of the Mother. The film can connect us to the Divine Presence within and lead us towards the spiritual truth and the New Consciousness.

*Submitted by Margrit*

## REVOLUTION TO EVOLUTION: LIFE JOURNEY OF SRI AUROBINDO

Kalakendra, Bharatnivas, Auroville

Thursday, 22 September—Monday, 31 October 2022.  
9am—5pm, open on Sundays



**SRI AUROBINDO • RISHI OF INDIAN RENAISSANCE**  
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

An Exhibition on the  
Life Journey of  
**SRI AUROBINDO**  
Organised by IGNCA,  
Regional Centre, Puducherry  
in Association with  
Sri Aurobindo Ashram,  
Puducherry

**REVOLUTION  
TO EVOLUTION**  
Life Journey  
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Date: Thursday, 22 September 2022 to  
Monday 31st October 2022.  
Opening Hours: 9.00 am to 05.00 pm  
Open on Sundays  
Inauguration: Thursday, 22nd Sept 22 at 5 pm.

An Exhibition on the Life Journey of Sri Aurobindo, organised by IGNCA, Regional Centre, Puducherry in Association with Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry

*Submitted by Vani, BN*

*For Your Information*

**SAVI ANNOUNCEMENT**

We now have a new and improved procedure for registering Volunteers with a brand new database containing all the required information.

There are a few changes:

- **Effective October 1** all volunteers, both Foreign and Indian, are required to do a **minimum of 25hrs a week**.
- Also the **maximum continuous period** of volunteering is **limited to 12 months** after which each case will be reviewed.
- As always volunteers are required to stay in a registered Auroville Guest House/Residence.

Now we also issue a **new laminated Volunteer Pass** which includes a photo of the volunteer which gives access to quite a few discounts as well as access to the **Matrimandir gardens and chamber!**

**Volunteer Pass**

**Name:** Don Roberts

**Mobile No.:** 9159900709

**Emergency No.:** 9557799963

**Unit:** Savi

**Valid From:** 2022-01-01 **To:** **2023-01-01**

**Savi ID:** 2790



**Savi Signature:** *DRobert*

**Don Roberts**  
is a registered Auroville Volunteer



[study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in)

0413-262-2121

Please come by our office in the Town Hall with your Volunteer Aurocard to get your new Pass:

- Monday to Friday, 9:00—12:30.

Unit/Activity	Discount
Coffee Break	15%
Naturellement	25%
Marc's Café	10%
Right Path Café	15%
Aneetha's Kitchen	10%
Nowana/Aikyami	20%
Tanto	10%
Sakura Sushi	10%

*and more coming soon*

[www.auroville-learning.net](http://www.auroville-learning.net), [study@auroville.org.in](mailto:study@auroville.org.in),  
phone 0413 2622121

**ON AV MASSBULLETINS**

The new massbulletin option is available for reports from RA-recognised working groups, as well as for fairly short messages regarding sudden occurrences pertaining to the entire community, ad hoc community meetings, emergencies, power cuts, VIP visits etc,—and occasionally for messages of a more personal nature, when for instance one of us is in physical dire straits or decided to proceed onward. The announcements can be received via Telegram and massmail, and will also be posted on the Forall.fairuse net forum.

If you wish to join the telegram Massbulletin or if you have not yet updated your non-av mail ID to receive it by mail, please write to [avmassbulletin@auroville.services](mailto:avmassbulletin@auroville.services).

If you have a question or want a general announcement to be broadcast, please send it to [avmassbulletin@auroville.services](mailto:avmassbulletin@auroville.services). However, arts and culture announcements are sent by [artsculturebulletin@auroville.org.in](mailto:artsculturebulletin@auroville.org.in).

*You're welcome!*

*Submitted by Aurore, Transformation*

## **CLARIFICATION REGARDS MAROMA AND IDOL 'SMUGGLING' CLAIMS IN RECENT MEDIA**



Recent claims made in local media that Maroma has been involved in illegal attempts to export idol statues are false. One article falsely claimed that police visited Maroma's premises following a "tip-off", whereas this was far from the truth.

**Please find a clarification below:**

A legal application was submitted to the Chennai Antiquities Dept earlier this year by Maroma on behalf of a Pondicherry owner. This was submitted as a legal procedure: an application to the Chennai Antiquities Department to export a metal statue on behalf of someone. The application for export was denied and the statue was returned to the owner in Pondicherry.

Idol Wing officers visited Maroma's premises, saying that they were following up on applications to export statues.

As requested by the officers, Maroma arranged for the statue in question to be brought from the residence of the Pondicherry owner to Maroma. At all times all Maroma staff extended full cooperation to the Wing Officers.

- If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to call/WA me on 948 6623 749.

*Much love, Jesse*

## *Auroville Matters*

### **HAPPY NEWS PABLO FELIX ARRIVES**

Maud and Jorge wish to announce the birth of their newborn son Pablo Felix on September 20 at 9:09pm. This new addition to the Auroville family was made easier thanks to the help and support of many individuals that have given their time and hand-me-downs to make this transition to parenthood such a joy. We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

*Maud and Jorge*

### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Last week we published an obituary about **Christine Besson** who passed away in the evening of Sunday 25 September. The family saw it and was a little upset because one brother and one sister were forgotten.

*Condolences go out to Jacqueline, her mother, Patricia and Pascale, her sisters and Bruno, her brother*



### **AMIDST THE IGNORANCE: A SMILE FULL OF PATIENCE**

Whatever is happening is symbolic. We are all simply symbols... Symbols of a Greater Dawn.

*"...it's a transition, nothing other than a transition."*

*"I hope it won't last too long."*

*The Mother's Agenda, September 18, 1963*

[https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda\\_04/1963-09-18-01\\_e.htm](https://sri-aurobindo.co.in/workings/ma/agenda_04/1963-09-18-01_e.htm)

*Zech. 2022.09.25*

**AURODENT—DENTAL CLINIC**



Dental Clinic  
Auromode, Auroville.

**For Appointment please contact us**

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

Phone: 0413-2622063 What's up: 9629199328

**Working hours**

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

**SANTÉ SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2022**

Crown Road, Phone: (413) 2622803

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

Website: <http://sante.auroville.org.in>



*sante*

**Working Hours**

Monday—Saturday: 9—12:30pm & 2—4:30pm

**Tests and Sample collection**

- Monday—Friday before 12:00pm.
- No sample collection on Saturday.

**For emergencies,**

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

**Appointment**

- Please call Santé on (0413) 2622803 during working hours for an appointment & to check availability of the therapist.

Doctor consults with Dr. Senthil, <b>Daily</b>	Nursing Care, Ezhil & Thilagam, <b>Daily (No appointment necessary)</b>
Acupuncture with Andres, <b>Monday to Friday</b>	Ayurveda with Dr. Sonia, <b>Monday to Friday</b>
Homoeopathy with Michael, <b>TOS</b>	Integrative Psychotherapy with Juan Andres, <b>Monday to Friday</b>
Midwifery & Couples/ Family counselling with Monique, <b>TOS</b>	Pregnancy Care & Women's Wellness with Paula, <b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>
Paediatric Physiotherapy with Swati, <b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>	Physiotherapy with Osnat <b>Monday/ Wednesday/ Thursday</b>
Physiotherapy with Rebeca, <b>Tuesday &amp; Friday</b>	Physiotherapy and Massage with Galina, <b>Monday to Friday</b>

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.*



## BLISSFUL PREGNANCY

A Weekend Retreat in Auroville

7, 8, 9 October 2022

Conscious Pregnancy, Birth, Breastfeeding & Beyond

Inviting all those wishing to conceive, and pregnant couples (or single also ok) from within Auroville, (or also non-Aurovilian ok) for a Educational Retreat to be held at the Quiet Healing Center.



You are invited to slow down, touch the ground, feel the waves and learn about the amazing process of your body during pregnancy. During this retreat we will look inward for the strength, wisdom and love to give birth and prepare for the sacred journey of bringing a new soul into the world. The program will be run by expert facilitators with instruction from the Midwives of Morning Star.

Please message us if you would like to read the program brochure. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

- [Morningstar@Auroville.org.in](mailto:Morningstar@Auroville.org.in)
- +91 9892699804 WA

*Kavitha Urvasie*

## TIBETAN DOCTOR TO VISIT AUROVILLE

Friday, 14 and Saturday, 15 October

This is to inform you, that the Tibetan Doctor and the team based in Chennai Mentseekhang is paying their monthly visit to Auroville on Friday, 14 and Saturday, 15 October.



To get your appointment WA to 8489067332 or send an email to [bodkhang97@gmail.com](mailto:bodkhang97@gmail.com)

The consultation is happening at Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture. Stay well and take care of yourselves.

*Pavilion Of Tibetan Culture team,  
International zone,  
Kalsang Dolma*

*Music*

## KALABHUMI GOES LIVE

**KALABHUMI Goes LIVE!**  
SAT OCT 8 7PM - 10PM

**Dead Alive** (psy rock)  
**NOWHERE STATION** (alternative rock)  
**CONTRABAND** (pop / ragga / funk)

VENUE: **KALABHUMI MUSIC STUDIO** AUROVILLE

FOOD BEVERAGES DESSERTS

TEN 10 FOR BOOKINGS 8056795810 TIENTOLOKA

*Edo*

## KIRTAN WITH MATTEW ANDREWS

### Kirtan with Matthew Andrews

Matthew is a writer, musician, entrepreneur and yoga teacher. He is also the current President of the Auroville International (AVI), USA.



**Date:** Saturday - 22nd October, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Venue:** Progress Hall, Bharat Nivas

**All are welcome**

Warmly, Samskritam Auroville team

[devabhasha@auroville.org.in](mailto:devabhasha@auroville.org.in)

## VOCAL MUSIC CLASS

Monday & Thursday, 5 to 6 pm

Music Room,

Sri Aurobindo Auditorium Foyer Basement

Bharatnivas is happy to announce following Vocal Music Class offered to Adults, by **Srimati Shobha Ramesh**, a grade Carnatic Classical Vocalist of All India Radio since 1990, and an award winner at the All India Radio National Music Contest 1989.

- Website link: [www.shobharameshcarnatic.org](http://www.shobharameshcarnatic.org)

We welcome all those who would like to venture into learning Vocal Carnatic Music, kindly send your request by writing to Bharat Nivas: [bharatnivas@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in)

*Regards, Devasmita,  
for the BN Cultural team*



*The Arts*

## PITANGA



PITANGA  
CULTURAL CENTRE  
[info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)



(0413) 2622403 / WA 9443902403

[info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

### New Reality, Vector Art exhibition By Matej Ukmar

- 24 September—22 October
- 8—12:30pm & 2—5:30pm

'My artistic work portrays the hidden side of life: the dreams, the underlying abstract potential full of undiscovered possibilities and solutions. We, humanity, facing so many challenges and conflicts on the macro and micro scale, need those solutions more than ever. I believe we are observing an emergence of a 'New Reality' that is touching and will inevitably touch the life of every individual on this planet.'

*Matej Ukmar*

## Gatherings

### DEEPAWALI CELEBRATION AT BHARAT NIVAS



Dear Friends, the community Deepavali celebration will be held on 23 October, 2022 at Bharat Niwas. To celebrate this event, this is a call for those who would like to put up their home made food snacks at a reasonable cost

during the event.

The snacks should be vegetarian Indian dry snack (sweet or salty—from any part of India) that one can eat as a “finger food”.

If interested, please do write to [bharatnivas@auroville.org.in](mailto:bharatnivas@auroville.org.in) to book your stall.

*Thanks, Bharat Nivas team  
in collaboration with  
Aurosangamam*



### MOVING FORWARD IN TOGETHERNESS

**MOVING FORWARD  
IN TOGETHERNESS  
Program October 2022**

- Attunement through Singing - *Antoine*
- Body in Light - Energy Healing & Coaching - *Sandyra*
- Clear the Past - healing process - *Kaia*
- Dance Offering - *Dariya*
- Dances of Universal Peace Workshop - *Jorge Arjun*
- Flow Game - *Sandyra*
- Let's talk about us - *Dan*
- Quantum light breath - *Dariya & Daniel*
- Responsibility in Relationships - *Juan Andres*
- Silent Receptivity Gathering of the RA - *Iris*
- Tibetan Mantra Singing - *Kalsang*
- Walk for Unity - *Karine & Robert*

Scan QR code to see timings and location!

## Honorary Voluntary

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED: UPASANA CELEBRATES DIWALI

Upasana has been celebrating Diwali as a community event since 1999. Over the years it has grown into a beautiful event. Upasana celebrates Diwali this year on 24 October.



Volunteers needed!

Diwali celebration and preparation, Project lead and Artist for decoration and casual volunteers!

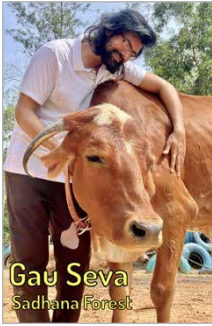
All are welcome!

Music—Lights—Flowers—Food

Please connect +919443362384, [office@upasana.in](mailto:office@upasana.in)

Love and regards, Uma Prajapati

## GAU SEVA AT SADHANA FOREST!



Your heartfelt service is needed at the Sadhana Forest Gaushala! You are most welcome to join us on any day **from 6am onwards**, and have a vegan breakfast at **8:45am**. Breakfast is offered as a gift, and there is no need for prior booking.

If you would like to contact us:

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

WA 8525038274 or call  
8122274924.

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

## Education

### EDUCATION



### शिक्षा मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Last Sunday the 2 of October, the Honorable Union Minister for Education, Srhi Dharmendra Pradan, paid a visit to Auroville. He was taken upstairs to the inner chamber of Matrimandir to meditate, and also inside one of the petals.

After that he was taken to Unity Pavilion where he was given a presentation on Auroville. The presentation included various aspects of Auroville, such as the principles upon which Auroville is founded, the goals we have set and how we are proceeding towards the manifestation of Auroville.

While different fellow Aurovilians in turns went on stage, took the microphone and contributed towards the presentation, I couldn't help thinking about the meaning of education, and in my mind I came up with the conclusion that Education is the spinal cord of Civilization and Evolution. Let me explain:

Any civilization at any time in history and in any place in the world, developed its Arts and Sciences in different fields (Architecture, Martial Arts, Culinary, Costumes, Music, etc). Let's take for example any one of these fields of any civilization. Let's say the martial art of Kerala, Kala Hari, or the Samurai of Japan, or any art. Imagine the most achieved warrior of Kala Hari, or the most achieved Samurai. If the master hadn't passed it on to others, if he had kept that knowledge to himself, that art would have eventually disappeared, and we wouldn't have been able to practice it today. The master eventually died, like any human dies sooner or later, and with him his knowledge would have died too. But because all civilizations have centers of study and research where people teach, learn and practice together, the knowledge is kept alive.

It is thanks to such centers that today we still have Tai Chi, Chi Kong, Yoga, Medicine, Surgery and Alternative Health practices, Theater, Mathematics (math is the basis of the computers we use today!), and much more.

We keep evolving because civilizations have been passing on knowledge. This is quite obvious. If we don't teach each other, if we don't educate the next generation, how can we possibly evolve? Evolution takes place because we don't have to reinvent the wheel each time. The wheel was invented, it has been passed on, and gradually we got to invent bicycles, cars and trains. Whatever is invented or discovered today will be passed onto future generations, and future generations will continue researching.

'Passing on' is another word for 'teaching', and teaching is another word for 'educating'. That's why I say that education is the spinal cord of civilization and evolution.

**Gino**

## IPK MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Please take a note of following mathematics activities happening at IPK from September 29 till October 29 at the European house.



### **One-on-one assistance in mathematical understanding for children from age 8-16yrs**

- against contribution.

The intention is to discover / re-discover the language of mathematics through various aspects. We would like children to have a fluid way of learning mathematics which can be molded as per one's needs.

- To join this activity, please [click on the link](#)

### **Math behind an effective storytelling**

Calling all the storytellers to discover and explore mathematics behind storytelling! If you are a writer, director, actor or someone who loves to share a story or listen to stories, do come. If you are just a curious soul, you are welcome too!

We like to go impromptu. The courses of these sessions are usually decided by participants. (Free entry, Donations are welcome)

- This event is for 18+yrs, RSVP to Snehal 9529673687
- Date: Saturday, October 8 & 24
- Time: 2—4pm

### **Math exploration session for children between 3–7yrs**

- against contribution

Thank you so much for your wonderful response for this activity. Many of you have shown interest in making this a regular activity, hence we have created a detailed plan for the next four weeks.

- To join this activity please [click on this link](#)

### **Self-Led Sessions on Mathematics**

This month we are starting self-led sessions for children between 11-17yrs. Under this activity, we will develop learning activities for these young minds to help understand math better. We might design and play games, and will also undertake projects. These are group sessions. Children will decide what they want to learn and will also decide the course of their exploration.

So, If you are a group who does not understand a certain concept that you have learned so far (for eg. trigonometry or geometry formulas etc), connect with us.

- To understand how we take sessions please join us Friday, **October 7, from 2pm onwards**. We will explore "Evolution of Trust".

To join or enquire about any of the above activities, please connect via email [ipk@auroville.org.in](mailto:ipk@auroville.org.in) or phone 9529673687, Snehal

- To understand our learning approach; please click on the link to [listen to our latest podcast](#) with Auroville radio.

Snehal, For IPK

*Available*

### **Electronic Tanpura**



Sarang, electronic Tanpura, Radel company, in good condition.

If interested please contact Joy:  
[joy@auroville.org.in](mailto:joy@auroville.org.in). 9487172468

### **Sony IC Recorder**

In good condition. Small, fits into one's hand.

If interested, please contact Joy:  
[joy@auroville.org.in](mailto:joy@auroville.org.in), 9487172468



## *Foods, Goods and Services*

### **MARCS CAFÉ STORE ASKS: BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS**



Dear all, we would like to bring to your attention the reuse or recycling of our coffee bags.

As you know in PTDC and Hers we offer the option of getting coffee in butter paper. If you come to Marcs Café Store you can bring your own container to be filled over and over!

Let's all take a step towards saving bags in the landfill.  
**Matu**

### **FUNDRAISING TRAINING SESSION:**

**Building Campaigns and Developing Regular Donors  
Friday, 21 October, 9:45am—12pm**



**Flourish** (a unit under Service Trust) is working with AVI USA to offer a training session to help those working in Auroville to better understand how to build a fundraising campaign and develop recurring donors.

Matthew from AVI-USA will give an overview of a dynamic, streamlined fundraising software which they have a subscription to and that can be used by any AV units.

The 2 hour workshop will give an overview of the technology, as well as general best practices for building fundraising campaigns and developing a group of reliable monthly donors. Matthew will also touch on the psychology of fundraising and shifting the idea from begging to the idea of facilitating mutually beneficial relationships.

The session is intended for those working in Auroville's projects which receive donations (or would like to). Implementing the best practices takes consistent commitment, so ideally participants would be able to commit around 4-8 hours a week over the next 6 months to building their fundraising strategy.

- The session will be held on Friday, 21 October, from 9:45am—12pm.
- If you would like to attend—or have any more questions—please email [flourish@auroville.org.in](mailto:flourish@auroville.org.in)

Matthew is currently Board President of AVI-USA, and has implemented fundraising best practices that have significantly increased the organization's budget and contributions to Auroville over the past 2 years. Before working with AVI-USA, Matthew was Senior Director, State Operations for Best Buddies International ([www.bestbuddies.org](http://www.bestbuddies.org)), and was responsible for a \$12 million annual budget and over 100 staff. He hired, trained, mentored, and managed fundraising professionals and helped create and implement the overall fundraising strategy for the organization. He and his wife own and manage Shraddhā Yoga ([www.shraddhayoga.org](http://www.shraddhayoga.org)).

**Helen,  
for Flourish**

## *Lost and Found*

### **Lost Wallet**

I lost my wallet about a week ago, I'm not sure where but somewhere in Auroville, must have fallen from my bag. It's a hemp colorful wallet, it doesn't have a lot of cash but has my bank cards and drivers license, which has my name and picture. Please let me know if you find it.

**Jasmin Jones,  
Contact Person Matilde  
at Marc's Cafe**

## Taxi Share

### To Chennai Airport, Tuesday, October 11, 7am



Leaving for Chennai Airport on Tuesday, October 11, at 7am from Auromode guest house.

Contact Charles +33662143325 WA

[Charles.salinson@gmail.com](mailto:Charles.salinson@gmail.com)

## Bioregion

### TAMIL CONNECTION TO ASIA AND THE WORLD

#### Apply Now: New Call For Young Ambassadors!



Do you want to become a young ambassador for Tamil Nadu international relations and cross-cultural exchange? You can apply now to join the "Tamil Connection to Asia and the world" initiative.

The new call for local and international ambassadors is launched by Mohanam Village Heritage Centre.

To apply you need to be:

- Interested in Tamil connection to Asia and the world, history, anthropology, cultural research, content, event management, videography for content creation, cross cultural exchange, public speaking, social media for this project, communication writing and interacting with embassy, leadership skills
- Ready to share knowledge, experience and information
- Motivated in contributing to the development of your community and country
- Interested in voluntary activities and ready to make an impact on Tamil culture

Successful candidates will engage in a conference at regular monthly intervals to establish a strong learning hub, knowledge sharing platform and channelise art, heritage and history of Tamil connection to Asia and the World. The goal is to create awareness about Tamil history and culture and become the hub to connect individuals and organizations working on Tamil culture and research.

The youth ambassador initiative is a non-political, voluntary, vibrant network connecting and building bridges of friendship among young people from all around the world.

So how will the ambassadors benefit?

- Mentorship guidance from the anthropology department of the Pondicherry university
- Networking opportunity and monthly brainstorming sessions with resource people
- Certificate
- Free workshop on Sustainable Development Goals
- LinkedIn profile / Business portfolio support
- Travel experience
- Cultural exchange and connection with embassy
- Leadership skills
- Event organizing skills

**If you have any questions or would like to apply, feel free to contact at:**

- [mohanam@auroville.org.in](mailto:mohanam@auroville.org.in) or
- 8300949079, 04132190757, 04132622667

*Looking For*

**Looking for Djembe**

I'm looking for djembe. Many thanks.

With kind regards, Franclin, +91  
9962414187



**Looking for Furniture**

Dear friends, I'm looking for furniture for a new unit.

- Bedframe 2 m x 1m 60
- Wooden Almirah/cupboard.

Daniel, 97872 48198 WA  
or [danielrabin@yahoo.com](mailto:danielrabin@yahoo.com)



**Wanted—12V DC fridge**

We would like to buy a DC fridge which is in a working condition. Please do contact us if you have one to sell.

Christoph/Krishna, 2623083  
[christophp@auroville.org.in](mailto:christophp@auroville.org.in)



**Swimming Fins**



In light of reuse, before buying new ones; I'm looking for swimming fins for my daughter, size 30 EU (11.5 UK size). If someone has a pair lying around not used I'll be happy to come and get them.

Thanks, Osnat 7418491415

*Auroville Poetry*

**THE TIPPING POINT**

Auroville is a concentration,  
The sacred grounds of churning,  
Where all archetypes are co-playing,  
Each exerting, conscious or unaware,  
Relative control and influence over  
Each non-separate other.

The progressive effects  
We are now experiencing.

All are a necessity  
For the integrality  
Of The Play.

For those in the third poise  
Observing the hierarchy,  
The graded opposites  
Are now at the cusp,  
On the tipping point,  
Reaching their extremes.

All are now seen.

With the Sunlit Path  
All are offered  
To the Supreme Conductor  
For modulation proper.

The Playmaker  
The players  
The Play:  
Perpetual.



The outcome ever transitional  
We leave in faith to the Unknown:  
The One and Only Supreme  
That can effect a Life Divine.

Zech. 2022.09.30

### FEEDBACK

Not to avoid, allude or auto-play  
In muted mutual dissatisfaction

Not to flatter, flatten or feed  
The ego, subtle or overt

Not to pry, pick or prick  
Loopholes in "others"

Not to demonstrate  
Right or wrong  
Better or worse

But to give and receive  
In growing goodwill  
A trusting incubation  
Full of candid calm

And comprehending compassion  
Of crescent co-travelers  
Careful in the art and act  
Carefree in what comes  
In the dance of Two in One.

Anandi Zhang

### THE PRIVILEGE

The privilege of building you  
of feeling you growing in my hands  
of smiling in the wind  
As I climb  
listening to the silence  
resounding in the soul  
A privilege, yes  
to be at last  
from thy centre  
Someone.

Anandi-ayün,  
Certitude

### "MATRIMANDIR—THE PRIVILEGE"



A Special publication by Anandi of 5 poems and 5 photos. There are still a few signed issues left for sale—available now at the Unity Pavilion. All funds go for Auroville land purchase via Art for Land and Acres for Auroville.

## Voices and Notes

### AUROVILLE RADIO



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

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

#### Last published podcasts

- [Soul Tracks—Se4, Ep 13 "The American Soul 2 The 1960s \(part1\)"](#) (Music)
- [Kadhai Ketpoma—Ep.2 \(Surge On Like a River\)](#) (Literature)
- [Sri Aurobindo, La Vita Divina—Cap. 4](#) (Sri Aurobindo)
- [Marlenka's Weekly Offering—ep.65](#) (Literature)
- [Une série hebdomadaire de lectures par Gangalakshmi—412](#) (Integral Yoga)
- [Tamil Express—Lesson 26](#) (Tamil Language)

#### Last Youtube live videos

- [Dreamweaving, the Auroville crown—Documentary screening & panel discussion](#)
- [The Golden Light, painting exhibition by Jothi Khare](#)
- [Sufi, "The way of the Heart"—A workshop with Nirupam Gyan](#)

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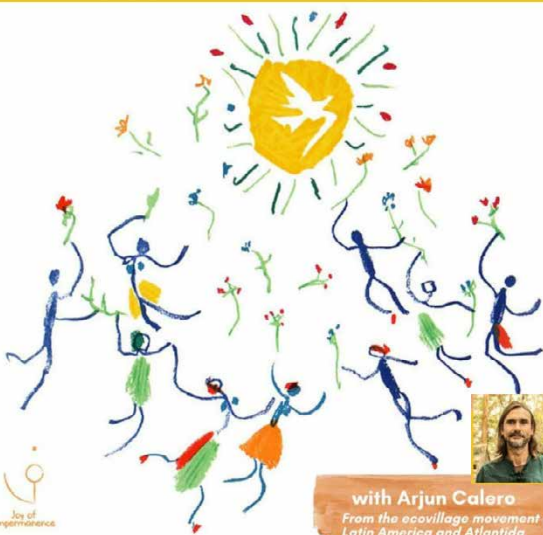
Peace and Love

## Physical Activities

### DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

Tibetan Pavillon, Friday, October 21, 5:30pm

# Dances of Universal Peace



with Arjun Calero

From the ecovillage movement of Latin America and Atlantida community in Colombia

The Joi-Anitya team invites you to discover the Dances of Universal Peace with senior mentor Arjun Calero who has been practicing them for 18 years. Dances of Universal

Peace blend chant, music and movement into a living experience of unity, peace and integration. They are seen as a spiritual practice in motion.

Arjun has the support of the Global Ecovillage Network to share his practice all over the world. It will be his first time in Auroville!

- We will first meet in the Tibetan Pavillon on Friday, October 21, at 5:30pm for a 2-hour introduction workshop (based on donation for TP).
- You can then join us for a 1,5-day workshop in Anitya on Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23 (contribution required for the development of our project).

To know more about DUP, visit [danceofuniversalpeace.org](http://danceofuniversalpeace.org)

Please book in advance: [joianitya@gmail.com](mailto:joianitya@gmail.com)

*Thank you! Mathilde and Andrés,  
on behalf of the Joy of Impermanence team  
Andrés, Ion, Mathilde, Nikethana, Mira & Serena*

## TRAINING SESSIONS FOR ADULTS WITH TERRA

Saturdays, 3 to 4:30pm, New Creation Dance Studio

This class is aiming to help students improve their body awareness through developing flexibility, strength and balance. Not suitable for complete beginners.

Contact: +91 9488483289,  
Terra

## *Classes, Workshops & Healing Arts*

### HEARTFULL® MEDITATION WITH AVANTIKA NIRUPAMA

- Workshop: Saturday, October 8, 9:30 to 11:30am, Savitri Bihavan

*Savitri*  
B H A V A N

- Regular classes: Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30am at Arka Guest House, Auroville, by Donation



*“Concentrate in the heart. Enter into it; go within and deep and far, as far as you can. Gather all the strings of your consciousness that are spread abroad, roll them up and take a plunge and sink down. A light is glowing there, in the deep quietude of the heart. It is the Divinity in you—your true being. Hear its voice, follow its dictates.”—The Mother*



- Come learn how to make this a reality with the sacred techniques of Heartfull® Meditation.

Heartfull® Meditation techniques will help you to understand Sri Aurobindo’s dictum “All Life is Yoga” and connect to his teachings in a deeper way. Sri Aurobindo taught initial Heartfull® meditation techniques to Savitri. She has brought down the others through her devotion to Light and Truth.

Avantika has been studying Sri Aurobindo and the Mother’s teachings, and Heartfull® Meditation, for twenty years. She has a 500-Hour yoga teacher’s certificate and has translated some parts of Savitri in Marathi and Hindi. As mainstream schooling cultivates mind and ignores body and spirit, she homeschooled her daughter after reading Sri Aurobindo’s understanding of human existence to keep her daughter’s connection with Light. Avantika holds MSc in Mathematics from India and MS in Computer Science from USA.

- Questions? Contact Avantika at [avantikalight@gmail.com](mailto:avantikalight@gmail.com). Towards donation



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### **Making Choices With Clarity And Ease**

- Based on Non Violent Communication with Vega
- Saturday, 15 October, from 9:30am to 4:30pm

In this workshop, we will explore our needs behind our choices through various exercises, get more clarity, and make peace with these choices. We will also focus on how to make our next steps. Open to all who want to make important choices with clarity and ease.

### **Shaucha: Yoga To Purify Body, Energy And Mind**

- With Sabrina
- Saturday, 15 October—from 9:30am to 12pm

According to the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, Shaucha (Purity) is the doorstep that connects with the inner voice, in order to reach mental clarity and accelerate spiritual development. You will learn a variety of yogic tools such as asanas, pranayamas, mudras, mantras and meditation to purify and detoxify the physical body, the energetic system and the mind. (Please have a light breakfast, or come with an empty stomach)

*Joshi*

## PITANGA



(0413) 2622403 / WA 9443902403

[info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

### **Holistic Healing with Janhavi**

Based on Connect Innsaei Healing, helping you to connect to your inner healing power.

We welcome Janhavi to Pitanga's team. Janhavi, hailing from Mumbai and presently a volunteer in Auroville, offers different healing modalities that include Traditional Reiki Healing, Aura Cleansing and Ancestral Baggage Healing. The healing sessions aim at enabling you to live a more empowering, and a life true to your inner self as the unwanted layers get shedded through the various healing courses offered by her.

#### **Modalities offered are:**

Reiki Healing: This modality helps heal on a mental, emotional and on a physical level. Helping you have more love for yourself as you learn to meet yourself at a deeper level.

- **Aura Cleansing:** This healing can help you get rid of the negativity, purify your energy, feel lighter and happier bringing you back in a positive state of mind and clearing your energy field.
- **Ancestral Baggage Healing:** Helps in clearing the baggage of our ancestors carried from them and our parents unknowingly. Which then reflects in our behavior, actions, responsibilities that we take on, repeating certain patterns over and over again. It is helpful in cases where you don't know why things are happening when you haven't contributed to it actively and yet have been bearing the brunt of it. Helping you live a more empowered and fulfilling life.

If you wish to receive Pitanga's program of activities by email, please write to us: [info@pitanga.in](mailto:info@pitanga.in)

*See you at Pitanga, with a smile !  
With love, Andrea*

## QUIET HEALING CENTER



[www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in](http://www.quiethealingcenter.info/quiet@auroville.org.in)

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### **OBA® Basic with Fred**

• Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 October, 8:45am—6:30pm

**Oceanic Bodywork Aqua (OBA®)** is an aquatic bodywork modality given in a warm water pool (ideally 35°C). It combines elements of light movements and stretching, massage and mobilization of joints in connection with breathing and energy work conducted both on the surface and underwater.

During this OBA® Basic course, you'll learn a number of simple movements, both on the surface (with and without cushion and noodle) as well as under water. You will also practice basic techniques and qualities of being (grounding, presence, stillness, movement, attention) while moving another person in water.

You will experience floating other people and being floated on the surface and underwater, thereby creating space for deep relaxation and nurturing body, mind and spirit.

**Prerequisites:** no previous experience required (also not being able to swim!)

### **HEALING TRAUMA**

Saturday October 8, 10:30—12:30, Tibetan Pavilion



When distressing life events happen, the shock affects our emotional wholeness and expresses itself in numerous ways. We cope by closing-off hurt parts of ourselves, or by blaming and criticizing those we feel caused harm, then discover that neither of these actually heal our hurts.

This workshop offers you ways to reflect and move on using Byron Katie's powerful process woven with Qigong, and sound clearing. You choose what you wish to heal, and are free to work within yourself with no expectation to share unless you feel to.

Please bring a pen, and ideally something to lean on. To make sure I have a worksheet printed for you, please WA 8489109804,

*Kaia*

### **BREATHE—THE SOURCE OF LIFE**

Friday, 7 October, 9:30am—12:15pm

With Lakshmi @ Creativity, Hall of Light

**6 Breathing techniques to release Fear, Anger and Anxiety**

Have you ever wondered what you should do when you're feeling anxious, afraid or overwhelmed?

In this workshop you will learn 6 Breathing techniques to make the difference in your daily life. It will cleanse, purify and uplift your body, mind and heart.

- It works in the mental well-being and also addresses different parts of our physical body related to Fear, Anger and Anxiety.
- It works on the kidneys, liver and spleen; breaks up toxins deposited in the body, cleanses the blood and removes blockages & tensions.
- It increases blood flow and oxygen into to the brain stimulating the good mood.
- It is very effective for anger, bad mood and temper

Limited space, reserve your place:

- Lakshmi + 91 8489764602,
- [Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com](mailto:Lakshmiprem369@gmail.com)

## JIVA—YOUR JOURNEY IN HEALING AND TRANSFORMATION



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We offer transformational practices addressing all issues of body, mind, emotion... and soul, for conscious evolution

- Acupuncture, Shiatsu, QiGong, TaijiQuan, Energy work,
- Natural Horsemanship, Horse assisted Therapy, Medical Clowning, Gentle birth and pregnancy,
- Integral Regression Therapy, trauma therapy, advanced classical homeopathy
- Systemic constellation & family constellation, Sound Bath
- Yoga—Hatha, Transformational Yoga, Yoga Therapy, Pranayama, Non- violent communication

### Inner Child Work Webinar

- 20 October, 6—7:30pm

Inner Child Work is an effective therapy modality to address issues of self confidence, relationship problems and recurring reaction patterns which originate from early childhood experiences. The early imprints in the first 7 years usually keep replaying and these can be made aware, as well as healed through a session of 2 hrs in “Inner Child Work”.



Inner Child Work is one of the modalities of “Integral Regression Therapy”, and can create surprising shifts in the clients relationships and professional life.

- Trainer Sigrid Lindemann

Experienced faculty in Integral Regression Therapy, and classical homeopathy (Sensation Method Dr. Sankaran), in Germany and Auroville.

- Webinar 20 October, 6—7:30pm, via Zoom
- [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 9626006961

### Natural Horsemanship

- Individual and group sessions ongoingly

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

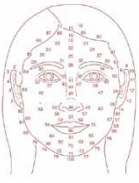


Natural horsemanship improves your self confidence, your trust, your skills in nonverbal communication—and it's just fun time to BE with a sensitive, naturally trained horse! Mirrabelle lives with horses since she was 3 years young. Past 10 years she fulfills her life's dream to bring children, adults and horses together in a healing way, in Auroville, Sharnga Guesthouse. Mirrabelle has studied human and horse psychology, and offers consultancy on all aspects of horse care—hoofs, nutrition, psychology, care, riding and therapy!

- Sessions afternoons 4—6pm or mornings 8—10am

Contact: WA 9626565134, [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com)

## Acupuncture, Qigong, Shiatsu with Andres



Andres Lokutta, is a experienced practitioner in Acupuncture (over 12 years) , and further practices of Chinese Medicines: QiGong energy exercises, and Shiatsu: gentle stretches to increase energy flow.

Please contact us for an appointment via [contact@auroville-jiva.com](mailto:contact@auroville-jiva.com), WA 09626006961

## Our Venue Sharnga Guesthouse

- [www.sharngaguesthouse.in](http://www.sharngaguesthouse.in)

Sharnga Guesthouse is a green oasis, with a huge Banyan Tree, horses, birds, a lively tropical garden, with a small pool, gym and rooms from simple to AC, single to family units. A Yoga Hall, AC lounge with big screen, and the great service and international cuisine make it a perfect spot.

YEP We do offer adventure camps with kids programs, <https://www.facebook.com/YEPAV> parallel with wellness and healing sessions for parents: forest walks, camp fire, visits to various activities in Auroville, Yoga and TaiChi, art sessions, bird watching, etc! WA 09626565134

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<https://serendipity.auroville.org>

## Qi Gong with Lhamo

- Every Tuesday and Thursday  
from 7:30 to 8:30am, drop in class

Qigong can be described as a mind-body-spirit practice that improves one's mental and physical health by integrating posture, movement, breathing technique, self-massage, sound, and focused intent. Specifically, this form of gentle exercise is composed of movements that are repeated a number of times, often stretching the body, increasing fluid movement (blood, synovial and lymph) and building awareness of how the body moves through space.

## Tai Chi with Lhamo

For three weeks Lhamo will offer a Tai Chi Workshop.

- Starting from Monday, 10 October.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 4—5pm.
- Regular Attendance is preferred as there will be a focus on learning a full Tai Chi Form.

This martial art is an ancient Chinese tradition that has evolved over centuries and even though tai chi developed for self-defense, it has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that's now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions. Often described as meditation in motion, tai chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements.

- For more details check with Lhamo: +91 9565524237



## NEWS FROM AUROVILLE LANGUAGE LAB



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

### Tomatis

We are fully booked for Tomatis programs for the next three weeks. We will be open for new bookings from the last week of October.

**ALFRED TOMATIS METHOD**

<i>Balance and Coordination</i> <i>Meniere's Syndrome</i> <i>Vertigo</i>		<i>Learning Disorders</i> <i>Reading &amp; Writing Issues</i> <i>Dyslexia</i>
<i>Autism</i> <i>Hyperactivity</i> <i>Developmental &amp; Language delays</i>		<i>Creativity and Release of Potential</i> <i>Children Teenagers Adults &amp; Seniors</i>
<i>Attention</i> <i>Concentration</i> <i>Memory</i>		<i>Certain Kinds Of Hearing Loss</i>
<i>Lethargy</i> <i>Depression</i>	<i>LEARN LANGUAGES FASTER</i>	<i>Focus &amp; Sense Of Direction In Life</i>
<i>Voice Clarity</i> <i>Singing</i>	<i>Lack Of Sleep</i>	<i>Anxiety</i> <i>Stress</i>

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For more information about the Tomatis program, please have a look at the following links:

- <https://www.aurvillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-method.php>
- <https://www.aurvillelanguagelab.org/tomatis-kids.php>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnpXprTl3m0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeTIG0y-sBMlyy-wZNdZcAng/videos>
- <https://www.listenwell.com/>

## Summer Language Courses at ALL

### New: Spanish with Mila

Our long-time Spanish teacher, Mila, is starting two new batches:

- **Beginner Spanish:** We have filled all our spots for this course. Unless there are drop outs, we cannot take more registrations.

This three-month course is structured on the highly-acclaimed book, "Madrigal's Magic Key to Spanish: A Creative & Proven Approach". Mila has been running this course since many years with tremendous success. The course starts on October 3 with an introductory session on September 28.

- Classes will take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm
- **Intermediate Spanish:** This three-month course is for those who have a basic knowledge of the Spanish language and would like to further advance their skills. The course will start on October 3.
  - Classes will take place Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:45 to 4:45pm

### New: English for Total Beginners with Rupam

Our long-time English instructor, Rupam, is ready to offer a course for total beginners. This course will take you through the very basics of the English language.

- Classes will be organized at the mutual convenience of the students and the teacher. Enquire now to register!



### **New: French with Jean-François**

Jean-François's current courses will conclude soon. He will start new batches in November. We usually fill up spots fairly quickly, so you are advised to register early!

Jean-François is offering three 3-month courses:

- **Beginner French:** This course is for all those wanting to join a French course but finding themselves too busy through the week! Our Beginner French Course is deliberately planned for Saturdays! The classes are highly interactive and are structured around the "French in Action" modules developed by Professor Pierre Capretz of Yale University.
  - This course starts on November 5.  
Classes will take place Saturdays, 2:30 to 4:30pm.
- **French Conversation:** For those of you who know a bit of French, this is the perfect course to get more fluent, expand your vocabulary, and speak without inhibition in a diverse & fun group! Jean-François would explore a range of topics like food, sports, travel, philosophy, news, literature, and more.
  - This course will start on November 3.  
Classes will take place Monday & Thursday afternoons. Exact timings to be fixed later.
- **Beginner French for Teens:** This course is for students between 13 to 16 years of age.
  - The course will start on November 5, and classes will take place Saturdays 11am to 12noon.

### **New: Spoken Tamil with Saravanan**

- The current course will conclude soon. We will start a new batch in November!

Saravanan has been running this interactive and practical-oriented course for the past seven years. The class modules are based on a booklet called "Fun with Tamil", which has been put together with a lot of research and thought. By the end of this course, you would be able to converse in Tamil on day-to-day matters, having achieved a deeper understanding of its sounds, pronouns, conjugations, etc.

- Classes will take place twice weekly. The days & times will be announced shortly.

### **English Conversation with Ramesh**

The last batch for English Conversation with Ramesh concluded recently. We will announce a new batch soon! Stay tuned! Meanwhile, you're welcome to send us a query and reserve your spot for the next batch.

### **Beginner and Pre-Intermediate English with Rupam**

Rupam continues to offer morning English classes. Her classes are a mix of discussion on current topics, and grammar as necessary. You are welcome to try out a class and see if it fits your needs.

- Classes take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:15 to 11:15am. Enquire now to join!

### **Tamil Written and Spoken with Murugesan**

Our teacher, Murugesan, is ready to start a new Beginner Written & Spoken Tamil Course, as soon as we have a minimum of 4-5 students

- Classes will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4pm to 5pm, for 3 months.

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

### **To join or enquire:**

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

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

## Current Schedule of Classes

Language	Level	Time	Day(s) of Classes
English Always Ongoing	Beginner & Pre-Intermediate	10:15am—11:15am	Tuesday & Thursday
	Total Beginners	TBA	TBA
	English Conversation To Start October	TBA	TBA
French	Beginner, Started on 16 July 2022	02:30pm—04:30pm	Saturday
	French Conversation: Intermediate	02:00pm—03:00pm	Monday & Thursday
	French Conversation Pre-Intermediate	03:30pm—04:30pm	
German	A1 Beginner, Started on 16 June 2022	9am—10:30am	Tuesday & Thursday
Hindi	Beginner, Started on 10 September 2022	10:00am—12:00pm	Saturday
Tamil	Spoken Beginner, Started on 15 July	09:30am—10:30am	Tuesday & Friday
	Written & Spoken Beginner, To start October 2022	03:00pm—04:00pm	Tuesday & Thursday
Sanskrit	Beginner, To start October 2022	TBA	TBA
Spanish	Beginner Started 3 October 2022	02:30pm—03:30pm	Monday & Wednesday
	Intermediate Started 3 October 2022	03:45pm—04:45pm	
Japanese	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA
Italian	Beginner To start November 2022	TBA	TBA

## The Language Lab's Opening Hours

Monday—Friday:

9:00am—12:00pm & 2:00pm—5:00pm.

Saturday:

9:00am to 12:00pm.

**Location:** International Zone, after Unity Pavilion & Pump House.

**Phone:** (0413) 2623 661, 4036920/22.

**Email:** [info@aurovillelanguage.org](mailto:info@aurovillelanguage.org)

Find us on    @aurovillelanguagelab  
Auroville Language Lab Tomatis Research Centre

## *The Last Moment*

### PHOTO CIRCLE MEETS AGAIN

Friday, 14 October, at 5pm

Dear photographers, Photo Circle meets again in the Centre d'Art multimedia room, at Citadines.

The Photocircle brings together **Auroville's photographers**. We share our own work, we show the work of global photographers we admire, discuss the history of photography, and share techniques.

Anyone can bring and screen a small selection of images.

**Everybody's welcome.**





**Multi Media Centre Auditorium (MMC, Town Hall)**

- **Reminder:** On Friday, 7 October "Kurmavatara" (The Tortoise, an Incarnation) by Girish Kasaravalli, India, 2011
- **Friday, 14 October, 8:00pm: "Breathless"** (À bout de souffle).

Directed by Jean Luc Godart, France, 1960

**Stars:** Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg, Daniel Boulanger

With the recent passing away of acclaimed film director Jean Luc Godart, and as a tribute to this path breaker, we present "Breathless" (À bout de souffle). The film was Godard's first feature film, which presented Jean Paul Belmondo's breakthrough as an actor. The script was written by no less than François Truffaut, Godard's colleague of this epoch. "Breathless" is an influential example of French New Wave cinema and the movie garnered a lot of attention for its bold visual style, which included its unconventional use of "jump cuts"!

**Synopsis:** Michel is a young guy who is inspired by a character of Humphrey Bogart. After stealing a car in Marseille, Michel shoots and kills a policeman who followed him down a country road. Penniless and on the run from the police, he turns to Patricia, an American student who sells the New York Herald Tribune on the boulevards of Paris and pursues her to come along with him to escape to Italy...

*Original French version with English subtitles.*

Duration: 1h30'

**ECO FILM CLUB**

Every Friday at Sadhana Forest

**Schedule of Events:**

16:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Tour

16:30 Tour of Sadhana Forest

18:00 Free bus from Solar Kitchen to Sadhana Forest for the Eco Film Club

18:30 Eco Film Club begins with "previews" of short Sadhana Forest films

20:00 Dinner is served

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

The bus service is operated by Sadhana Forest. For more information about the bus service please contact Sadhana Forest at 8525038274.

**\*\*Note:** Families and children are welcome! Dinner for children will be served at 19:00:)

**Friday 14 October: How plants communicate**  
2009/ 52 minutes/ Jacques Mitsch

You may not think of plants as particularly chatty or active organisms, but they're not as passive as they might seem. Plants can't run away, so they have to develop other strategies to stay alive, as James Cahill, an environmental plant ecologist at the University of Alberta, explains in "What Plants Talk About," a documentary from the PBS show **Nature**. They've evolved the use of chemicals to communicate with insects and each other in order to thrive. Here are five behaviors that show how active plants can be.





**CINEMA PARADISO**  
**Multimedia Center (MMC) Auditorium**  
Film Program  
10 October 2022 to 16 October 2022

Cinema Paradiso-Multimedia Center is now in operation at 100% seating capacity. Maintaining standard Covid protocols, i.e. temperature check, registration, and Mask (and not scarves) etc. are a must even now. Please come prepared. To organize seminar/program please contact us via email.

We continue to have issues with our projector. It is getting repaired, and we will continue the program with an older alternative. Clearly it is time for us to look for a new one. If you are able to kindly donate at MMC's FS Account for this.

**Indian— Monday 10 October, 8:00 pm:**

**DAAWAT-E-BIRYANI (A feast of biriyani)**

India, 2019, Dir. Aditi Roy w/ Jayant Kripalani, Sauraseni Maitra, Suhasini Mulay, and others, Drama, 89mins, Hindi w/English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG)

Mansoor Ali's and his sister Aafreen are blessed skillful cooks. Mansoor Ali's pal Ronojoy gifts Aafreen an authentic recipe book by the cook of Nawab Wajid Ali Khan. Ronojoy is in love with Aafreen, which of course the family does not accept, and they elope. The story travels 50 years to the scene when Panchali Rehman, granddaughter of Ronojoy and Aafreen, travels to Lucknow to find the biriyani recipe from that book, to fulfill the wish of an ailing Ronojoy. What follow is an emotional journey of a family re-bonding over the recipe of Biryani. *A film to watch!*

**Potpourri—Tuesday 11 October, 8:00 pm:**

**MATCH POINT**

UK-USA, 2005, Dir. Woody Allen w/ Scarlett Johansson, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Emily Mortimer, and others, Drama, 124 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: R

Chris, a recently retired tennis pro from a humble background marries Chloe to get a job with her millionaire father, and soon grows accustomed to enjoying the finer things in life. But he also falls for a struggling actress who happens to be his friend's fiancée. Chris must decide if a dangerous affair with her is worth risking his newfound social status.

**Interesting—Wednesday 12 October, 8:00 pm:**

**GAUGUIN: A DANGEROUS LIFE**

UK, 2019, Writer-Dir. Patricia Wheatley w/ Marcel Tai Gauguin, Mette Gauguin, Dominic West, and others, Documentary, 59 mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: NR (PG-13)

Paul Gauguin's vivid artworks sell for millions. He worked with the Impressionists and had a tempestuous relationship with Vincent van Gogh. He was also a competitive and rapacious man, who left his wife and used his colonial privilege in Polynesia, where he promoted the idea of an unspoiled fantasy Eden in the Pacific, challenging colonial France and the Catholic Church.

**Selection—Thursday 13 October, 8:00 pm:**

**FREIES LAND (Free Country)**

Germany, 2019, Dir. Christian Alvart w/ Trystan Pütter, Felix Kramer, Nora von Waldstätten and others, Thriller/ Remake, 128 mins, German w/ English subtitles, Rated: G

*In collaboration with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan.* A remake of the Spanish film *La isla mínima* plunging two investigators into the troubled waters of a recently reunified Germany. Set in the autumn of 1992, just two years after the official reunification of Germany. The film makes perfect use of the strange aftermath of their situations where the political and personal divide is extreme. People just do not trust strangers!

**International—Saturday, 15 October, 8:00 pm:  
KING RICHARD**

USA, 2021, Dir. Reinaldo Marcus Green w/ Will Smith, Aunjanue Ellis, Jon Bernthal, and others, Biography-Sport, 144mins, English w/ English subtitles, Rated: PG-13

In this award-winning feature, Richard Williams is determined to write his daughters, Venus and Serena, into history. Training on Compton, California's neglected tennis courts, the girls are shaped by their father's unyielding commitment. Their mother's balanced perspective helps them defy all odds. An inspiring story based on the true events.

**Children's Matinee—Sunday, 16 October, 4:30 pm:  
LUCK**



Spain-USA, 2022, Dir. Peggy Holmes w/ Eva Noblezada, Simon Pegg, Jane Fonda, and others, Animation-Adventure, 105 mins, English, Rated: G

18-year-old orphan Sam is about to enter the world and move into her new house. But it's a jungle out there, especially when you are the unluckiest person in the world. As Sam tries to find her feet, a mysterious black cat and a shiny lucky penny lead her to discover the organizations of good luck and bad luck that secretly affect everyday lives.

**Howard Hawks Film Festival @ Ciné-Club**

A versatile director, Hawks explored many genres e.g comedies, dramas, gangster films, science fiction, film noir, war films and westerns. His work has influenced various popular and respected directors such as Martin Scorsese, Robert Altman, Jean-Luc Godard, John Carpenter, and Quentin Tarantino.

**Sunday 16 October, 8:00 pm:  
BRINGING UP BABY**

USA, 1938, Dir. Howard Hawks w/ Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant, and others, Comedy—Drama, 102 mins, English w/ English Subtitles, Rated: PG.

The film has gained acclaim from both critics and audiences for its zany antics and pratfalls, absurd situations and misunderstandings, perfect sense of comic timing, completely screwball cast, series of lunatic and hare-brained misadventures, disasters, light-hearted surprises and romantic comedy.

**Rating codes** we often use are from Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA): G=General Audiences, PG=Parental guidance suggested, PG-13=Parents strongly cautioned, R=Restricted (equivalent to Indian rating: A i.e. for Adults), NR=Film Not rated, Rating awaited, or Rating not available.

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*The Long Read*

**HAS THE SHIP SAILED?**

We try to undo the mess we've created in a focused manner. We roll back the negativities in the next two months, and by Dec. 4th, we mark the remarkable comeback with an optimistic Back-on-track Day, instead of the planned pessimistic Black Day observations.

The metaphorical ship I started my piece with may stay docked, leave, frequent, etc. It shouldn't matter to us, what the Government of India intends, insists, or inspects. If our pursuit is noble, and the passion is spotless, we need not fear any, and can march forward together, towards our collective purpose—City < Human Unity < Conscious Evolution. We've done ourselves a great disservice by painting a humongous monstrous image of the Government and the captain. Let us not lose our larger focus on every frivolous issue. Let us come together to utilize the captain's energy, connections, and abilities to Auroville's advantage. By locking our horns with her, we've simply directed all her focus unto ourselves. Let us become smarter in distracting, diverting, and directing her potential towards something positive for everyone. I am sure she will be more than willing to adapt herself to help Auroville, in every other way too.

In my view, it is up to us individually, and collectively, to sort out our next steps, chart our future trajectory, and decide our destiny. Either we decide ourselves, together. Or, we leave a vacuum, to be filled by the Government, Real Estate Developers, or our own long-time laggards and sluggards. It is up to us to get back in the driving seat and manage the steering wheel. As I see it, we're squabbling to choose the driver, while the vehicle is freewheeling towards unknown territories at some speed.

For this, I appeal to the Universal Township Group (UTG), Be Here Now (BHN), and Creating Auroville Together (CAT) to come together and take the lead, at this all-important juncture. I believe, in the initial phase, CAT can play a crucial and challenging role in bringing the poles together and finding some synthesis and peace for everyone. I am sure, all are equally tired of the hate-mongering. Perhaps, once the tethers are tied back, the opposing factions can work together on auto mode, with little outside help.

We cannot simply pray or leave it upon the chance to find peace in our midst. We must take proactive steps, even baby steps would do, towards unity. Towards that I recommend, we consciously, courageously, and creatively work on critical Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) in the next two months to manage, mitigate and monitor conflicts in our community. Under the aegis of CBMs, we need to focus on 4Cs—1. Communication measures, 2. Clarity (Transparency) measures, 3. Cooperation measures, and 4. Constraint measures.

*(to be continued)*

*Love forever, Lakshay*

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**Auroville TO PONDICHERRY**

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



**Pondicherry TO AUROVILLE**

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

- Monthly Rs.550 (Aurovilians & New comers)
- Rs.100 one way for Aurovilian & New comers
- Rs.150 one way for Guest

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**Ambulance (24/7):** Auroville—9442224680

- PIMS—0413 2656271

**Security (24/7):**

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

**Health:** Health Center—0413 2622123

- Santé—0413 2622803
- Farewell—8903836246

**Mental health 24/7 support:**

- Mattram—9487746051

**India Emergency Response Service (24/7)**

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